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Mylan NV has announced that it has launched the first bioequivalent alternative to GlaxoSmithKline's Seretide Evohaler (salmeterol xinafoate/fluticasone propionate) under the brand name Sirdupla in the UK.

Sirdupla is a pressurized metered-dose inhaler (pMDI) and is indicated to help treat or prevent symptoms of asthma in adults 18 years of age and older. The product is being manufactured by 3M Drug Delivery Systems.

Mr Rajiv Malik, president, Mylan said, "Mylan is excited to be the first company to offer adult asthma patients in the UK the generic version of Seretide Evohaler, delivering on our mission to increase access to high quality medicine. Sirdupla represents a significant advancement for the company that both strengthens our respiratory portfolio and pipeline and further demonstrates our ability to successfully execute on one of our key strategic growth drivers."

"The launch of Mylan's Sirdupla broadens patient access to an important treatment option and offers a familiar pMDI device experience to UK asthma sufferers. Asthma is a widespread illness in the UK and we are committed to contributing to ease this burden to both patients and the NHS," said Mr Jacek Glinka, Mylan's Europe president.

Sirdupla is a daily maintenance pressurized metered-dose inhaler that offers the same ease of use that patients expect from their asthma therapy. It is available in 125/25 mcg and 250/25 mcg with 120 doses.