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Bayer Receives FDA Approval for Stivarga

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Bayer announced that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved Stivarga® (regorafenib) tablets for the second-line treatment of patients with hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) who have been previously treated with Nexavar® (sorafenib). Stivarga is the first and only treatment to demonstrate significant improvement in overall survival in second-line HCC patients.

Stivarga is an oral inhibitor of multiple kinases involved in normal cellular functioning and in pathological processes such as oncogenesis, tumor angiogenesis, metastasis and tumor immunity.

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Additional regulatory filings for Stivarga in HCC are under review in countries around the world, including the EU, Japan and China. Decisions in the EU and Japan are expected later in this year.