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FDA APPROVES GILEAD AIDS DRUG FOR HEPATITIS B

Abstract

On Monday, Gilead Sciences Inc. announced that the Food and Drug Administration has approved its HIV drug Viread (tenofovir) as a treatment for hepatitis B. The approval was based on two clinical trials demonstrating that Viread is more effective than Hepsera in fighting liver inflammation and scarring caused by chronic hepatitis B infection, the biotech company said. Chronic hepatitis B is a major cause of liver cancer, and many of the people who have the infection have not been diagnosed. Viread is also an approved treatment for chronic hepatitis B in Europe, Turkey, Australia, and New Zealand, Gilead said.

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