

## Sun Pharma initiates Ph 2 trial of plaque psoriasis drug

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Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Limited has announced that it has initiated Phase 2 clinical trial for SCD-044 (a novel, orally bioavailable sphingosine-1-phosphate (S1P) receptor 1 agonist) in patients with moderate to severe plaque psoriasis.

The Phase 2 study is a randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled study to assess the efficacy and safety of SCD-044 in the treatment of moderate to severe plaque psoriasis. The study will enroll approximately 240 subjects and topline results are expected in 2022.

SCD-044 is also being evaluated in other autoimmune disorders and Phase 2 studies for other indications like atopic dermatitis, are also expected to be initiated soon.

In May-2020, Sun Pharma entered into a worldwide in-licensing agreement with Sun Pharma Advanced Research Company Ltd. (SPARC) for the development and commercialisation of SCD-044, which is being evaluated as a potential oral treatment for psoriasis, atopic dermatitis and other auto-immune disorders.