

## Press Release

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# Nicox partners with Laboratorios Grin to bring ZERVIAE™ to Mexico

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**Nicox SA** (Euronext Paris: FR0013018124, COX), an international ophthalmology company, today announced the signature of an exclusive license agreement with **Laboratorios Grin**, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Lupin Limited, for the registration and commercialization of ZERVIAE™ (cetirizine ophthalmic solution), 0.24% for the treatment of ocular itching associated with allergic conjunctivitis in Mexico. Grin is a Mexican specialty pharmaceutical company engaged in the development, manufacturing and commercialization of branded ophthalmic products.

**Gavin Spencer, Chief Business Officer of Nicox, said:** *“With this licensing deal we welcome the first Latin American partner to our ZERVIAE collaboration portfolio, showing the continued worldwide interest by specialist ophthalmic companies in new entrants in the allergic conjunctivitis space. Laboratorios Grin are leaders in ophthalmology in Mexico, with over 60 years of experience in this field, and so are the ideal partner for Nicox to commercialize our ZERVIAE in this market. With in-house manufacturing and regulatory capabilities, Laboratorios Grin will be able to manage all aspects of the process to approve ZERVIAE, relying on the U.S. filing to support their regulatory submission.”*

Grin is granted rights to develop and commercialize cetirizine ophthalmic solution, 0.24% in Mexico. Nicox will receive an undisclosed license fee and potential milestone payments linked to regulatory approval and sales, and is eligible to receive double digit royalties on net sales of ZERVIAE. Grin will be responsible, at its own cost, for the development, manufacturing and the commercialization of ZERVIAE in Mexico.

**Luis Guillermo Cortés, VP and Managing Director Laboratorios Grin, said:** *“We are thrilled to partner with Nicox for ZERVIAE and to bring to Mexico state-of-the-art innovation for patients suffering from allergic conjunctivitis. By leveraging our strong commercial and manufacturing capabilities, we hope to improve the quality of life of many patients affected with this medical condition”.*

### About ZERVIAE

ZERVIAE™ (cetirizine ophthalmic solution), 0.24% is a novel formulation of cetirizine developed and approved for the first time for topical application in the eye for the treatment of ocular itching associated with allergic conjunctivitis. Cetirizine, the active ingredient in ZYRTEC®, is a second-generation antihistamine (H1 receptor antagonist) that binds competitively to histamine receptor sites. Cetirizine, in approved oral formulations, has a well-characterized systemic efficacy and safety profile with worldwide exposure resulting from 20 years of oral use. ZERVIAE was developed by Nicox as the first and only formulation of cetirizine for topical application in the eye.

ZERVIAE, commercialized in the United States since March 2020 by Eyevance Pharmaceuticals, Nicox’s exclusive U.S. licensee, is also licensed exclusively to Ocumension Therapeutics in the Chinese and certain Southeast Asian markets, Samil Pharmaceutical in South Korea and ITROM Pharmaceutical Group for Gulf and Arab Markets.

### About Allergic Conjunctivitis

Allergic conjunctivitis occurs when an allergic reaction causes conjunctivitis. Conjunctivitis is an inflammation of the thin layer of tissue that lines the outside of the white surface of the eye and the inner surface of the eyelids. It may affect one or both eyes. The signs and symptoms may include eye redness, excessive watering, itchy burning eyes, discharge, blurred vision and increased sensitivity to light.

## About Laboratorios Grin

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A wholly owned affiliate of Lupin, present in Mexico for over 50 years, Laboratorios Grin is focused on developing, manufacturing and distributing world-class medicines, and a leader in the ophthalmology segment, primarily in the therapeutic areas of allergic conjunctivitis, dry eye, glaucoma and post-cataract recovery, among others.

## About Lupin Limited

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Lupin is an innovation-led transnational pharmaceutical company headquartered in Mumbai, India. The Company develops and commercializes a wide range of branded and generic formulations, biotechnology products and APIs in over 100 markets in the U.S., India, South Africa and across Asia Pacific (APAC), Latin America (LATAM), Europe and Middle-East regions. The Company enjoys leadership position in the cardiovascular, anti-diabetic, and respiratory segments and has significant presence in the anti-infective, gastro-intestinal (GI), central nervous system (CNS) and women's health areas. Lupin is the third largest pharmaceutical company in the U.S. by prescriptions. For the nine months ended December 31, 2020, the Company invested 9.8% of its revenues on research and development. Lupin has 15 manufacturing sites, 7 research centers, more than 20,000 professionals working globally, and has been consistently recognized as a 'Great Place to Work' in the Biotechnology & Pharmaceuticals sector.

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## About Nicox

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Nicox S.A. is an international ophthalmology company developing innovative solutions to help maintain vision and improve ocular health. Nicox's lead program in clinical development is NCX 470, a novel nitric oxide-donating prostaglandin analog, for lowering intraocular pressure in patients with glaucoma. The company is also developing NCX 4251, a proprietary formulation of fluticasone, for acute exacerbations of blepharitis. Nicox generates revenue from VYZULTA® in glaucoma, licensed exclusively worldwide to Bausch + Lomb, and ZERVIAE® in allergic conjunctivitis, licensed in multiple geographies, including to Eyevance Pharmaceuticals, LLC, in the U.S. and Ocumension Therapeutics in the Chinese and in the majority of Southeast Asian markets.

Nicox is headquartered in Sophia Antipolis, France, is listed on Euronext Paris (Compartment B: Mid Caps; Ticker symbol: COX) and is part of the CAC Healthcare, CAC Pharma & Bio and Next 150 indexes.

For more information on Nicox, its products or pipeline, please visit: [www.nicox.com](http://www.nicox.com).

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Risks factors which are likely to have a material effect on Nicox's business are presented in the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter of the '*Document d'enregistrement universel, rapport financier annuel et rapport de gestion 2020*' filed with the French *Autorité des Marchés Financiers* (AMF) on March 1, 2021 which is available on Nicox's website ([www.nicox.com](http://www.nicox.com)).

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