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# Hetero Pharma Unit IX API Facility Received Six Form 483 Observations Serious Observations Will Impact Formulation Business Too

Hetero Labs' Nakkapalli API manufacturing facility in Andhra Pradesh was inspected by the USFDA between September 19 and September 26, results in a Form 483 that lists six major compliance lapses. The inspection flagged serious violations.

This inspection uncovered widening gaps in Hetero's quality systems. Finished APIs meant for the US market were dispatched to an external warehouse without proper documentation. Inspectors also identified an **unregistered testing laboratory** and an unregistered warehouse operating outside the approved premises.

Given the seriousness of USFDA observations, a severe and widespread action is highly likely which may result in an Import Alert.

- The reviewed list includes 24 APIs manufactured at Unit IX, of which 16 are antiretroviral (ARV) drugs—key for HIV/AIDS treatment regimens. The site plays a critical role in the company's global supply chain.
- Remaining APIs serve diverse therapeutic segments, including cardiovascular, neurological, and psychiatric indications.
- We analysed the impact of Unit IX (APIs) on Hetero's US formulation business, assuming that Hetero is fully dependent upon the APIs from Unit IX for the manufacture of its related generic formulations. In light of that, Unit IX indirectly impacts 20 products (12 ARV and 8 non ARVs).
- In terms of revenues, the formulation products (dependant on Unit IX APIs) represent a sizeable portion of Hetero's own US formulation sales.
- Of all the formulation products, 12 products hold more than 25% market share. Of the 12 products, 2 products have sales of more than \$5m which may likely result in shortages in the US if supply gets disrupted.
- In addition to the US, Hetero also supplies ARV products to the African countries. A
  significant part of that revenue is generated through purchases by the African countries
  funded by the US government and requiring USFDA approval for each product. In other
  words, the impact of Unit IX could also be seen on generic ARV business to African markets –
  though we are unaware about its market share.







### **TABLE 1: API MANUFACTURE AT HETERO'S UNIT IX FACILITY**

ANTIRETROVIRAL (ARV)							
1. Abacavir sulfate	1. Abacavir sulfate						
Premium Content							
Total ARVs: 16							

NON-ANTIRETROVIRAL
(NON -ARV)

1. Atorvastatin calcium
(lipid-lowering)

Premium Content

Total Non ARVs: 8

Source: Hetero company reports

Total API manufactured at Hetero's Unit IX facility = 24







#### TABLE 2: LIST OF HETERO'S FORMULATIONS RELATED TO APIS FROM UNIT IX

	ANTIRETROVIRAL (ARV)							
	ANDA ApplNo	Generic Name	API					
1	091560 & 201107	ABACAVIR ABACAVIR SULFATE SULFATE						
2								
3								
4								
5								
6	_	Premium Content						
7								
8	_		_					
9								
10								
11								
12								
13		Larch Delta Advisors						

	NON-ANTIRETROVIRAL (NON -ARV)								
	ANDA ApplNo	Generic Name	API						
1	214344	ATORVASTATIN CALCIUM	ATORVASTATIN CALCIUM						
2									
3									
4		Premium Content							
5									
6									
7									

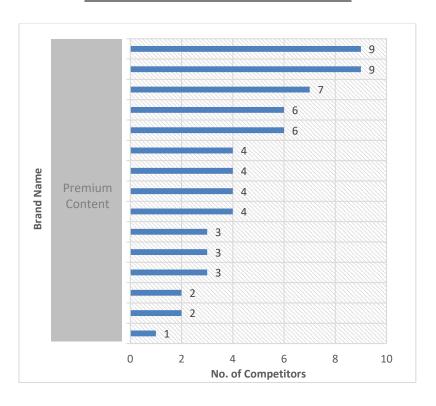
Source: - GenUS, Research Delta Advisors



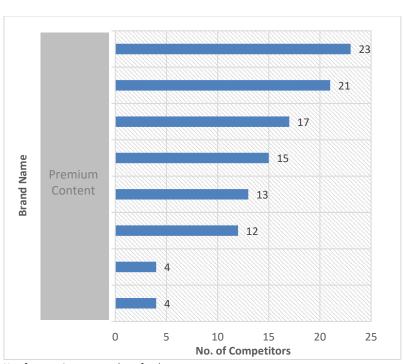




**CHART 1.1: GENERIC COMPETITION IN ARVS** 



**CHART 1.2: GENERIC COMPETION IN NON ARVS** 

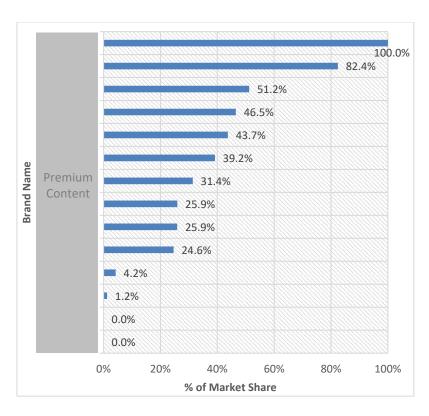


No of competitors counted as of today Source: - GenUS, Research Delta Advisors

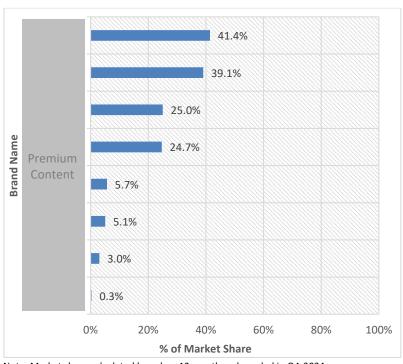




**CHART 2.1: ARV PRODUCT MARKET SHARE** 



**CHART 2.2: NON-ARV PRODUCT MARKET SHARE** 



Note: Market share calculated based on 12 months sale ended in Q4-2024

Source: - GenUS, Research Delta Advisors





# **Detailed Analyses**







### **TABLE 1: LIST OF ANTIRETROVIRAL (ARV) PRODUCTS**

Sr. No.	ANDA ApplNo	Generic Name	Brand Name	Dosage Form	ANDA Owner	Other Gx competitors	Manufacturing Facility	Complexity	Sales CY24 (IN USD MN)	% of Hetero's US Sales	Hetero's Market Share
1	201806	EMTRICITABINE; TENOFOVIR DISOPROXIL FUMARATE	TRUVADA	TABLET; ORAL	HETERO	3	1) Hetero, Unit III, Hyderabad	-	1.79	0.38%	4.2%
2											
3											
4	_										_
5											
6		Duo no i uno Constant							_		
7											
8		Premium Content									
9											
10											
11											
12											
13											
14	_								_		
15											
								Total			

Source: - GenUS, Research Delta Advisors Note: Sales as per Medicaid Drug Rebate Program

Market share based on total revenue of therapeutically equivalent NDA and ANDAs







### **TABLE 1: LIST OF NON-ANTIRETROVIRAL (ARV) PRODUCTS**

Sr. No.	ANDA ApplNo	Generic Name	Brand Name	Dosage Form	ANDA Owner	Other Gx competitors	Manufacturing Facility	Complexity	Sales CY24 (IN USD MN)	% of Hetero's US Sales	Hetero's Market Share
1	090515	LEVETIRACETAM	KEPPRA	TABLET; ORAL	HETERO	17	1) Hetero, Unit III, Hyderabad 2) Hetero, Kolar, Karnataka 3) Annora Pharma, Sangareddy		34.59	7.39%	41.4%
2											
3											
4		Premium Content									
5											
6									_		
7								_			
8											

Source: - GenUS, Research Delta Advisors Note: Sales as per Medicaid Drug Rebate Program

Market share based on total revenue of therapeutically equivalent NDA and ANDAs







## TABLE 3: INSPECTION HISTORY OF UNIT IX

Inspection End Date	Inspection Classification
11-08-2022	Voluntary Action Indicated (VAI)
05-14-2019	Official Action Indicated (OAI)
08-18-2017	Voluntary Action Indicated (VAI)
09-29-2014	Voluntary Action Indicated (VAI)
12-15-2011	No Action Indicated (NAI)

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