

# Aurobindo, Lupin being sued on generics plans

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MULTINATIONAL 'drugmakers Pfizer and Forest Laboratories have filed lawsuits against Indian generic company Aurobindo, as it wants to manufacture copy-cat versions of drugs of which they have patents. Not just Aurobindo, Lupin too is in a similar legal tangle.

Both the companies filed the case at the district court of Delaware, saying that Aurobindo has filed an abbreviated new drug application (Anda) to make the generic version of their brand Tygacil-Tygecycline, an anti-bacterial injectible.

The drug is used to treat patients with complicated skin infections, intra-abdominal infections and community-ac-



quired bacterial pneumonia.

Pfizer holds two patents - 828 and 995 - referring to the methods of preparation of the drug. In a similar case, Forest too has dragged Aurobindo to the courts for violation of patent 703 issued initially in 1991 for its drug Namenda.

The medicine with memantine hydrochloride as ingredient treats moderate to severe Alzheimer's-type dementia.

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