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CSU treatment evolves beyond anti-IgE biologics as novel drugs, biosimilars, and oral therapies reshape the competitive landscape

AUSTIN, TX, UNITED STATES, May 28, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The chronic spontaneous urticaria (CSU) space is witnessing a pivotal transformation. Long recognized as a frustrating and poorly understood skin condition, CSU is now at the center of a therapeutic renaissance, fueled by cutting-edge biologics, advanced small molecules,

Chronic Spontaneous Urticaria (CSU) – Pipeline Analysis*					
Sponsor	Intervention	Stage	MoA	RoA	Modality
Novartis	Remibrutinib	Pre-registration (US/EU/China)	BTK inhibitor	Oral	Small Molecule
Sanofi/Regeneron	Dupilumab	Pre-registration (EU)	IL4 x IL13 mAb	sc	Monoclonal Antibody
Kashiv BioSciences	ADL-018 (Omalizumab biosimilar)	Pre-registration (UK)	Anti-IgE mAb	sc	Monoclonal Antibody (Biosim
Teva	TEV-45779 (Omalizumab biosimilar)	Phase III	Anti-IgE mAb	sc	Monoclonal Antibody (Biosim
Hangzhou Highlightll Pharmaceutical	TLL-018	Phase III	Dual JAK1/TYK2 inhibitor	Oral	Small Molecule
Taizhou Mabtech Pharmaceutical	CMAB007 (Omalizumab alpha)	Phase III	Anti-IgE mAb	sc	Monoclonal Antibody
Celldex	Barzolvolimab	Phase III	KIT Antagonist mAb	sc	Monoclonal Antibody
Evommune	EV0756	Phase II	MRGPRX2 Antagonist	Oral	Small Molecule
Longbio Pharma	LP-003	Phase II	Anti-IgE mAb	sc	Small Molecule
Sanofi	Ritzabrutinib	Phase II	BTK inhibitor	Oral	Small Molecule
Jemincare	JYB1904 (RPT904)	Phase II	Anti-IgE mAb	sc	Monoclonal Antibody
Taiho Pharmaceutical	TAS5315	Phase II	BTK inhibitor	Oral	Small Molecule
Incyte	Povorcitinib	Phase II	JAKA1 inhibitor	Oral	Small Molecule
InflaRx	INF904	Phase II	C5aR inhibitor	Oral	Small Molecule
Blueprint Medicines Corporation	BLU-808	Phase II (Plan)	Wild-type KIT inhibitor	Oral	Small Molecule
Jasper Therapeutics	Briquilimab	Phase I/II	KIT inhibitor	sc	Monoclonal Antibody

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and a sharpened industry focus on targeting non-responders and refractory cases.

CSU is characterized by the sudden, recurrent appearance of hives, angioedema, or both, persisting for six weeks or more-often without any identifiable external trigger. Affecting nearly



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their prime years, most commonly between the ages of 20 and 40. While some experience symptoms for just a few years, others endure fluctuating episodes over a decade or more. Women are disproportionately affected, with incidence rates nearly double that of men.

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This previously underserved market is now drawing heightened interest from global pharmaceutical leaders, driven by significant unmet needs and a growing patient base. Traditional antihistamines and the widely used anti-IgE biologic, omalizumab (Xolair), have been

foundational treatments-but their limitations are increasingly apparent. A substantial subset of patients remain symptomatic despite these therapies, highlighting the urgent demand for more personalized, effective, and convenient options.

A Therapeutic Landscape in Motion

Approved therapies for CSU have evolved beyond antihistamines and Xolair, which remains the gold standard due to its robust real-world data and clinician trust. However, the competitive pressure is intensifying. A new wave of therapies is being designed to fill critical gaps, offering hope to patients who have historically had few alternatives.

Sanofi and Regeneron's Dupixent (dupilumab), already a blockbuster in other atopic diseases, is now being positioned for biologic-refractory CSU. With its mechanism targeting IL-4 and IL-13, it has demonstrated promise in addressing type 2 inflammation that plays a role in certain CSU patients.

Meanwhile, Novartis is preparing to introduce Remibrutinib, a BTK inhibitor that represents a new class of oral small molecules in CSU. Designed specifically for antihistamine-refractory cases, this candidate could be a game-changer for patients seeking alternatives to injectables. And it doesn't stop there. Biotech innovators are developing therapies that target other key pathways in CSU pathogenesis, such as mast cell activation, JAK1/TYK2 inhibition, and the KIT receptor. Candidates like Barzolvolimab (Celldex), TLL-018 (Hangzhou Highlightll), and CMAB007 (Taizhou Mabtech) bring novel mechanisms of action that aim to redefine how CSU is managed across varying patient profiles.

Biosimilars: Disruption with Access and Affordability

The rise of biosimilars in the anti-IgE space is reshaping market dynamics. Players like Celltrion (OMLYCLO), Kashiv BioSciences (ADL-018), and Teva (TEV-45779) are introducing cost-effective versions of omalizumab, promising broader patient access without compromising efficacy. These products, many in advanced stages of regulatory approval, are likely to erode market share from branded biologics and increase pricing pressure across the board.

This biosimilar wave is not merely a cost play. With proven interchangeability, favorable safety profiles, and growing physician confidence, they are expected to become integral components of treatment protocols, especially in cost-sensitive markets.

Strategic Differentiation: The New Standard for Emerging Therapies

Emerging CSU therapies must meet a higher bar than ever before. Speed of action, durability of response, convenience, and safety have become non-negotiable for success. According to analysts tracking the market, the most competitive agents will be those that can:

- Deliver rapid relief (within 1-2 weeks)
- Sustain remission over six months or more
- Offer convenient oral or monthly dosing
- Demonstrate efficacy in biologic non-responders
- Maintain a clean safety profile with minimal immunosuppression
- Target novel mechanisms beyond the conventional IgE and IL-4/13 pathways

• Additionally, the rise of companion diagnostics and biomarker-driven personalization is expected to further optimize outcomes. By identifying likely responders in advance, developers can strengthen their value proposition to both clinicians and payers, accelerating adoption.

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The Competitive Pulse

While Xolair continues to dominate with over a decade of physician loyalty and strong efficacy data, it now faces formidable competition. Dupixent and Remibrutinib are positioning themselves as high-efficacy alternatives, especially for patients not well controlled with current options. Meanwhile, first-in-class agents like Barzolvolimab are targeting mast cell pathways with the potential to establish entirely new treatment paradigms.

Companies across North America, Europe, and Asia are racing to secure regulatory approvals, with several candidates in pre-registration phases in major markets like the U.S., EU, China, and the UK. This global expansion is expected to significantly widen the therapeutic footprint of CSU treatments over the next three years.

Looking Ahead: Innovation Meets Opportunity

The CSU market is entering a golden age of therapeutic innovation. As more targeted and differentiated agents reach commercialization, the outlook for patients is becoming increasingly hopeful. What was once a chronic, often invisible struggle is now drawing the attention of toptier drug developers, regulatory bodies, and clinicians alike.

The convergence of scientific discovery, commercial opportunity, and patient need is setting the stage for a transformative era in CSU management. Whether through best-in-class biologics, next-generation small molecules, or cost-effective biosimilars, the market is well-positioned for sustained growth and disruption.

Final Word

Chronic Spontaneous Urticaria is no longer an orphaned disease in the shadows. As the market evolves beyond anti-IgE monoclonals, new entrants with novel mechanisms and compelling value propositions are unlocking the next growth frontier. For stakeholders across the pharmaceutical value chain-developers, investors, clinicians, and patients-the CSU space has never been more dynamic or full of promise.

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