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## MEDIA UPDATE

### **Novartis statement regarding competition authority investigation into assertion of a patent**

- *Company confident to clarify legitimacy of its position and fully cooperating with authorities*

**Basel, September 15, 2022** — Novartis today confirms that it has been contacted by the Swiss Competition Commission (COMCO) which has initiated an investigation, in collaboration with the European Commission, into the assertion of a patent in the broader field of dermatology treatments. In connection with this investigation, COMCO representatives visited the company headquarters in Basel.

The opening of an investigation does not imply any finding of wrongdoing or any financial impact. Novartis is fully cooperating with the authorities and is confident to clarify the legitimacy of its position. As this is an ongoing investigation in its early stages, we will not comment further at this point in time.

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