



GRAZAX® approved in Europe for treatment of children

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Authorities in 27 European countries have approved ALK's tablet-based vaccine against grass pollen allergy, GRAZAX®, for treatment of children and adolescents (5 - 17 years old) suffering from grass pollen induced hay fever.

The approval of GRAZAX® for children is a major milestone in the development of tablet-based allergy vaccines as it makes causal allergy treatment available to an important patient segment.

Today, most children suffering from grass pollen allergy are only treated with symptom-relieving medications, such as oral antihistamines or nasal steroids, which treat the symptoms but not the cause of the disease. GRAZAX® is the first allergy tablet to treat the underlying cause of grass pollen allergy with documented persistent effect after completion of treatment. GRAZAX® is now also the first allergy tablet of its kind to be approved for treatment of children.

In September 2006, GRAZAX® was approved in Europe for adult patients.

This announcement does not change ALK's financial outlook for 2008.

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