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Generic alendronic acid given the OK in the US. Sun Pharmaceutical Industries' Abbreviated New Drug Application for a generic version of alendronic acid has been granted final approval by the US FDA. Based on Merck & Co's Fosamax, alendronic acid is indicated for the treatment and prevention of osteoporosis in postmenopausal women, to increase bone mass in men with osteoporosis, in the treatment of glucocorticoid induced osteoporosis, and in Paget's disease of the bone in men and women. Sun Pharmaceutical Industries' version will be launched shortly and be available in 5mg, 10mg, 35mg and 70mg tablets.

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