Biosimilars vs. Generics

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Biosimilars Not always considered interchangeable with original biologic	Generics Considered as interchangeable substitutes at pharmacy counter
Generally made from living sources	Generally made from chemicals
Require a specialized process to produce	Have a simpler process to copy
Very similar, but not identical, to original biologics	Copy of brand-name drugs
Faster development process using public information from original biologic approval	Faster development process using public information from brand-name drug approval
Usually less expensive than original biologics	Usually less expensive than brand-name drugs