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AstraZeneca	2,883.00p	-0.76%	
Hutchison China Meditech Ltd.	322.50p		+22.62%
FTSE 100	5,399	-0.39%	
FTSE 350	2,838	-0.31%	
FTSE AIM 100	3,036	-0.28%	
FTSE AIM All-Share	678	-0.18%	
FTSE All-Share	2,773	-0.29%	
FTSEurofirst 300	976	-0.07%	
techMARK	1,823	-0.63%	
Pharmaceuticals & Biotechnology	9,765	-1.01%	

LONDON (SHARECAST) - FTSE 100 pharmaceuticals firm AstraZeneca and Hutchison MediPharma (HMP), a research and development company majority-owned by Chi-Med, have entered into a global licensing, co-development, and commercialisation agreement for a cancer treatment drug.

Volitinib (also known as HMPL-504), which was discovered and developed in China, will imminently enter Phase I testing.

Under the terms of the agreement, development costs for Volitinib in China will be shared between the two firms, with HMP continuing to lead the development there.

AstraZeneca, which will lead and pay for the development of the drug for the rest of the world, must now pay \$20m to HMP.

HMP will receive up to a further \$120m, dependent on the successful achievement of clinical development and first sale milestones.

The agreement also contains possible significant future commercial sale milestones and up to double-digit percentage royalties on net sales, the firm said.

"Volitinib represents a highly attractive global opportunity for AstraZeneca as we seek to develop and commercialise novel, targeted cancer therapies," Susan Galbraith, Head of Oncology Innovative Medicines at AstraZeneca, added.