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NO COMMITMENT, NO CERTIFICATE: LOOSE COMBINATIONS AND THE SPC REGULATION

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In this article, François Pochart, Pierre-Olivier Ally and Mayeul Ottaviani analyse a key issue for pharma innovators: the persistent ineligibility of “loose combinations” for SPC protection.

Recent decisions in France, the UK and Germany all point in the same direction — and the upcoming SPC Regulation reform leaves this gap untouched.

For companies developing combination therapies, the takeaway is clear: anticipating IP and regulatory hurdles is now more critical than ever.

The article breaks down the legal landscape and its strategic implications for market access, lifecycle management and innovation planning.
