## Novartis stresses commitment to developing thalassemia drugs

Marking the International Day of Thalassemia on May 8, the Egyptian Thalassemia Association (ETA) held its 20th international conference in Cairo in collaboration with Novartis Pharmaceuticals. Scientists from seven Arab and African countries, the UK and the US were invited to discuss thalassemia prevention, advanced treatments and gene therapy, as well as how to expand scientific perspectives and develop policies to improve thalassemia patient care.