

# CLINUVEL

## ASX ANNOUNCEMENT

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### **Health Canada validates SCENESSE® New Drug Submission**

Canadian marketing authorization decision expected Q4 2025

CLINUVEL's New Drug Submission (NDS) to Health Canada, seeking approval for its novel photoprotective therapy SCENESSE® (afamelanotide) for the prevention of phototoxicity in adult patients with erythropoietic protoporphyria (EPP), has been validated and accepted for review ahead of Health Canada's target validation window.

The SCENESSE® NDS is now subject to review by Health Canada's Health Products and Food Branch (HPFB), which sets a 300-day target to complete its evaluation and issue a decision on marketing authorization.

#### **Commentary**

"Prompt validation of the NDS – in less than the 55-day validation and screening period – reflects the diligence of our regulatory team in compiling a comprehensive dossier to meet the demands of the Canadian authorities," CLINUVEL's Chief Scientific Officer, Dr Dennis Wright said.

"The 300-day review process is an active one, with interactions expected between CLINUVEL and Health Canada over the coming months. This team's success in achieving marketing authorizations in Europe, the USA, Australia and Israel places us in an optimal position to be able address any questions on safety, efficacy and quality that may arise, with the ultimate goal of facilitating access to SCENESSE® for all EPP patients who demand treatment," Dr Wright said.

#### **SCENESSE® in North America**

CLINUVEL launched SCENESSE® in the USA in 2020 following approval from the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for EPP in 2019. Since 2023, Canadian patients have received SCENESSE® treatment under a Special Access Program (SAP), with insurance coverage supporting treatment access. A formal marketing authorisation from Health Canada is expected to enable wider treatment access in Canada, where an estimated 280 EPP patients reside. There is currently no approved treatment for EPP in Canada.

To facilitate patient treatment with SCENESSE® across North America, CLINUVEL has established a network of trained and accredited Specialty Centers, with 89 Centers now established, including four in Canada.

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#### **About CLINUVEL PHARMACEUTICALS LIMITED**

CLINUVEL (ASX: CUV; ADR LEVEL 1: CLVLY; Börse Frankfurt: UR9) is a global specialty pharmaceutical group focused on developing and commercialising treatments for patients with genetic, metabolic, systemic, and life-threatening, acute disorders, as well as healthcare solutions for specialised populations. As pioneers in photomedicine and the family of melanocortin peptides, CLINUVEL's research and development has led to innovative treatments for patient populations with a clinical need for systemic photoprotection, assisted DNA repair, repigmentation and acute or life-threatening conditions who lack alternatives.

CLINUVEL's lead therapy, SCENESSE® (afamelanotide 16mg), is approved for commercial distribution in Europe, the USA, Israel, and Australia as the world's first systemic photoprotective drug for the prevention of phototoxicity (anaphylactoid reactions and burns) in

adult patients with erythropoietic protoporphyria (EPP). Headquartered in Melbourne, Australia, CLINUVEL has operations in Europe, Singapore, and the USA. For more information, please go to <https://www.clinuvel.com>.

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#### **Forward-Looking Statements**

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