# **ASX Announcement**

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## **Recruitment commenced for EMD-RX5 Phase 1 Study**

## **Highlights:**

- Participant recruitment, screening and consenting has commenced for Emyria's Phase 1 clinical trial of EMD-RX5; dosing expected by the end of March 2022
- The Phase 1, 2-way cross-over clinical trial of EMD-RX5 will assess the **safety and bioavailability of EMD-RX5 compared to Epidyolex** in 12 healthy human volunteers
  who will receive both cannabinoid treatments; Epidyolex is the only CBD-only
  medicine formally registered with the TGA and the FDA
- EMD-RX5 is a proprietary, highly bioavailable oral formulation of ultra-pure CBD, anticipated to support multiple TGA and FDA registration programs
- EMD-RX5 is initially targeting TGA registration as an over-the-counter (Schedule 3),
   CBD treatment for the symptoms of psychological distress
- The **pivotal Phase 3 study required for registration is expected follow immediately after conclusion of the Phase 1 trial** pending successful ethics approval; since Emyria's extensive and proprietary Real World Data has informed the selection of the target indication, a Phase 2 study is not anticipated to be required

**Emyria Limited (ASX: EMD)** (Emyria or the Company), a clinical stage biotechnology company leveraging real-world patient data to develop treatments for unmet needs, is pleased to announce participant recruitment, screening and consenting has commenced for the EMD-RX5 clinical development program.

**EMD-RX5** is an ultra-pure, highly bioavailable cannabidiol (CBD) capsule with potential to become a registered treatment for multiple indications. EMD-RX5 is the Company's first, proprietary cannabinoid-based medical treatment.

**Emyria is initially seeking registration of EMD-RX5 with the TGA** as a low-dose, Schedule 3, "over-the-counter" CBD treatment for the symptoms of psychological distress.

**Psychological distress is a common mental health problem** affecting ~15% of Australian adults [1] with a rising prevalence. Psychological distress is a state of emotional suffering typically characterised by symptoms of depression and anxiety which often coexists with a wide range of chronic conditions [2]. There is currently no over-the-counter treatment for the relief of short-term symptoms of psychological distress.



**The full, end-to-end EMD-RX5 development program** - encompassing proprietary formulation design, at-scale GMP manufacturing and all clinical trials - has been designed to meet the registration requirements of both the TGA and FDA.

**Recent pharmacokinetic (PK)** studies comparing EMD-RX5 to Epidyolex oil demonstrated that EMD-RX5 had a higher bioavailability profile compared to Epidyolex. (See ASX announcement 15 DEC 2021). Epidyolex is sold by Jazz Pharmaceuticals (NASDAQ: JAZZ) and is the only registered CBD medicine with both the TGA and FDA.

The pivotal Phase 3 clinical trial protocol required for registration has already been developed and, pending successful ethics approval, is expected to commence immediately following the Phase 1 trial.

Analysis of Emyria's extensive and proprietary Real World Data has informed the selection of the target indication for EMD-RX5 and therefore a Phase 2 study is not anticipated to be required for registration. Ongoing analysis of Emyria's Real World Data is also informing adjacent indications for EMD-RX5 and additional dose form opportunities for Emyria's expanding drug product pipeline.

**Emyria's Managing Director, Dr. Michael Winlo said**: "Emyria's first registration program is aimed at developing an over-the-counter, Schedule 3 treatment targeting the symptoms of psychological distress - a growing global mental health concern affecting about 15% of all adults in Australia alone and which currently has no over-the-counter treatment available.

EMD-RX5 also meets the strict requirements for product purity with both the TGA in Australia and the FDA in the USA, and as such, we believe EMD-RX5 has the potential to become a registered treatment in additional markets and for multiple clinical indications.

Since the EMD-RX5 clinical development program was developed with insights from Emyria's growing Real-World Data asset, the Company is able to move quickly from Phase 1 through to a Pivotal Phase 3 clinical trial.

Uniquely amongst cannabidiol registration programs, Emyria's Phase 1 clinical trial will directly compare the bioavailability of EMD-RX5's proprietary formulation to the only successfully registered and reimbursed CBD oil in the global market to date, Epidyolex.

I look forward to providing further updates on EMD-RX5 and our expanding cannabinoid portfolio."

This announcement has been approved and authorised for release by the Managing Director of Emyria Limited.

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## **About Emyria (www.emyria.com)**

Emyria Limited is a clinical stage biotech developing multiple treatments for unmet needs powered by real-world patient data. Emyria's model is aimed at accelerating treatment development and improving patient care.

**Emyria's Treatments** target unmet needs and are focused on obtaining approval from major global regulators. Emyria's drug development programs are informed by insights generated from extensive analysis of **Emyria Data** - deep, ethically-sourced clinical evidence that is gathered with patients across Emyria's independent clinical services (**Emerald Clinics** - www.emeraldclinics.com.au)

**Emyria Data** provides deep treatment insights and is therefore a source of unique IP, strategically designed drug development and personalised care programs.

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