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# First dosing commenced for pivotal EMD-RX5 Phase 3 trial

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

**Emyria has commenced first dosing** for the pivotal Phase 3 clinical trial of lead candidate EMD-RX5 - a proprietary, solid capsule formulation of Ultra-Pure CBD targeting registration as one of the first Over-The-Counter CBD medications with Australia's TGA

9 clinical trial sites activated nationwide, trial expected to enrol 300 patients in total

**Over 200 patients now pre-screened**, with rate of patient dosing expected to increase due to significant early engagement and ongoing support from Emerald Clinics.

Multiple comparative advantages to Emyria's over-the-counter registration program:

- EMD-RX5 is a proprietary, solid capsule of Ultra-Pure CBD without THC or impurities
- EMD-RX5 has demonstrated high bioavailability in Phase 1 trials
- Emyria is testing up to 150mg CBD/day the maximum allowable dose for OTC
- Emyria is only company targeting the symptoms of psychological distress a condition affecting 15% of the Australian adult population with no OTC treatment available [1]

**Emyria Limited (ASX: EMD)** (Emyria or the Company), a clinical stage biotech, is pleased to announce that the first patients have been successfully dosed in its Phase 3 clinical trial for EMD-RX5. This marks an important milestone in the development of EMD-RX5 as the first potential over-the-counter (OTC) treatment for the symptoms of psychological distress.

The trial, which is being conducted nationwide across 9 trial sites, is designed to evaluate the safety and efficacy of EMD-RX5 in patients with symptoms of psychological distress such as mild anxiety and stress. The trial is expected to enrol and dose 300 patients in H1, 2023 and, pending clinically significant results, will support a submission to the TGA.

**Emyria's Managing Director, Dr Michael Winlo said:** "An accessible, convenient and effective over-the-counter treatment for psychological distress could have a significant impact on the quality of life and health outcomes for patients, especially those with chronic disease.

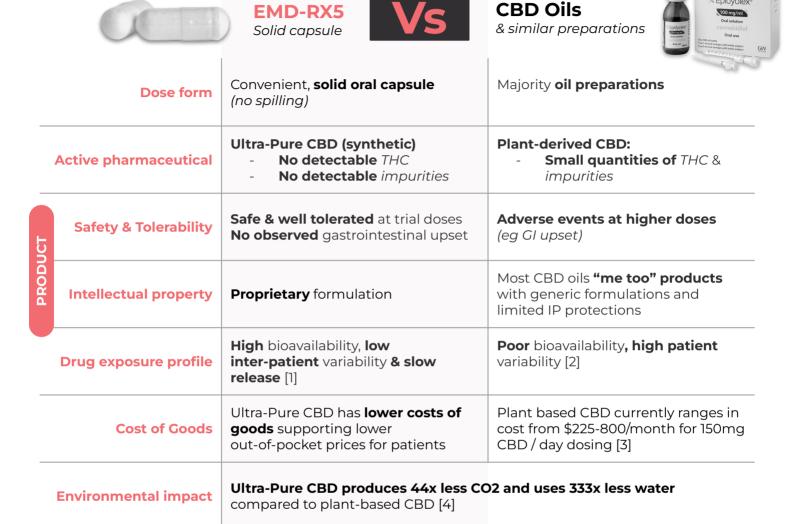
We believe EMD-RX5 represents a significant commercial opportunity as it has been uniquely formulated to meet the registration requirements of multiple global markets,. The need for mental health treatments is large and growing, and an over-the-counter option could support a large segment of the population alongside prescription medication and non-drug therapy."

[1] Australian Institute of Health and Welfare 2018. Australia's health 2018. Australia's health series no. 16. AUS 221.



### **EMD-RX PLATFORM**

## COMPARATIVE ADVANTAGES



FDA-readiness

**Ultra-Pure CBD** has **FDA Drug Master File** therefore suitable for FDA registration [5]

Allows Emyria to reference material to regulator without disclosing contents of formulation

Only one product registered with FDA but needed to achieve "small molecule" (Epidiolex)

FDA moving to regulate CBD industry [6]

Indication selection

**REG STRATEGY** 

Informed by analysis of **Emyria's proprietary Real World Data** (over 8,000 patients)

Most Australian competitors pursuing "sleep disturbance", an indication where clinical endpoints have not been met to date [7] [8]

- 1. See ASX release 25 May 2022
- 2. https://www.tga.gov.au/sites/default/files/review-safety-low-dose-cannabidiol.pdf
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### **KEY PHASE 3 INFORMATION:**

### Study design, product and participant details:

A multi-site, parallel-arm, randomised, double blind, placebo-controlled study to investigate the effect of EMD-RX5 on symptoms of psychological distress in adults with chronic pain.

300 participants aged 18-70 with symptoms of stress and a background of chronic pain will be randomised to one month of treatment with either 50mg EMD-RX5, 150mg EMD-RX5 or matching placebo.

### **Primary endpoint:**

To determine the effect of EMD-RX5 treatment on symptoms of psychological distress in participants with chronic pain through change in self-reported DASS-21 score from baseline to Week 4.

Patient registration: https://trials.evrima.com/stress-anxiety-medical-study



- This release has been approved by the Board of Emyria. -

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### **UPCOMING DRUG DEVELOPMENT MILESTONES**

# Formulation optimisation Phase 1 study Ethics approved for Phase 3 Phase 3 commencement Regulatory submission Commercial strategy Australia Commercial strategy Europe

EMD-RX7 "prescription medicine"	
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**DRUG DEVELOPMENT** 

CLINICAL PROGRAMS

Ultra-Pure cannabinoid delivery platform

# NEW DRUG DISCOVERY PRE-CLINICAL PROGRAM

MDMA-like analogues

MDMA-like drug development	
Continuous creation & screening	$\odot$
First patent family filed	$\bigcirc$
US-focused preclinical program	$\odot$
<b>Metabolic</b> studies	$\odot$
Preclinical assays (multiple animal models)	$\odot$
Human cell line assays	$\bigcirc$
Advanced assay development	
<b>Lead</b> selection	
Phase 1 trials	
Global commercial strategy	

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Commercial strategy **USA** 

**Emyria Limited** is a clinical drug development and care delivery company focused on accelerating drug development and improving patient outcomes in neuroscience and mental health via:

- **Drug Development:** Emyria is developing multiple, proprietary, Ultra-Pure cannabinoid dose forms suitable for registration against multiple indications. Emyria's first dose form, EMD-RX5, is in Phase 3 trials.
- **New Drug Discovery:** Inspired by MDMA, Emyria is developing one of the world's largest libraries of MDMA-like compounds with partner, the University of Western Australia.
- **Proprietary Real-World Data (RWD):** Emyria gathers robust and ethically-sourced data with patients cared for at Emyria's own specialist clinical service (Emerald Clinics). Emyria RWD can help support drug development and care model improvement.

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