

## COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT

# SCENESSE<sup>®</sup> continued in Germany

German insurance funds reimburse standard of care for EPP patients

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CLINUVEL today announced that it has entered a second agreement with the German National Association of Statutory Health Insurance Funds (GKV-Spitzenverband or GKV-SV) for the ongoing treatment and reimbursement of SCENESSE<sup>®</sup> (afamelanotide 16mg) in adult erythropoietic protoporphyria (EPP) patients. SCENESSE<sup>®</sup> is the only approved treatment for adult EPP patients in Europe.

## GERMAN NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATUTORY HEALTH INSURANCE FUNDS (GKV-SV)

As CLINUVEL sought to obtain reimbursement for SCENESSE<sup>®</sup> in Germany in 2016, an escalation to the German Court of Arbitration was required in 2017 for a legal opinion to be issued confirming the benefits of the first-inclass treatment and its fair clinical value.

Due to a fixed review period imposed in 2016 by the German Federal Joint Committee (G-BA), renewed negotiations were mandated between G-BA, GKV-SV and the Company. During the past 19 months the SCENESSE® treatment was once again reviewed, and the GKV-SV acknowledged its full benefit demonstrated during clinical trials and real-world conditions, as well as its value. The terms and conditions, as well as the duration of the commercial agreement are kept confidential under statutory obligations.

## EPP TREATMENT CONTINUATION IN GERMANY

Approximately 90% of the German population benefits from healthcare coverage through statutory health insurers, represented by GKV-SV. The remaining 10% of the German population is either covered by private insurance (PKV) or enjoys complementary insurance.

Pharmaceutical companies seeking market access in Germany are subjected to various assessments through a number of authorities (IQWiG<sup>1</sup>, G-BA and GKV-SV), obligating multiple rounds of negotiation about clinical benefits, economic value, national budget impact, and pricing of the proposed medicinal therapy. Agreements with GKV-SV are the final step to enabling or continuing market access for approved therapies in Germany.

"In 2017, I stated that CLINUVEL wishes to set an example in the industry by maintaining a consistent, transparent, and equitable approach to insurers and government agencies throughout Europe," CLINUVEL's Director of Global Operations, Mr Lachlan Hay said. "We publicly stated a European strategy to distribution and market access over the past five years, and this has lent credibility to our approach, and follow up of patients. The agreement reached with GKV today is a direct result of the Company's strategy.

"After lengthy and hard-fought discussions, we are very content that physicians and patients are now reassured of continued drug supply in Germany. I must thank the GKV-SV management for the trust they have placed in our team," Mr Hay said.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> the German Institute for Quality and Efficiency in Health Care.

#### TREATMENT OF ERYTHROPOIETIC PROTOPORPHYRIA IN GERMANY

EPP is an inherited metabolic disorder causing absolute intolerance to visible and ultraviolet light, affecting 1:140,000 individuals in Europe. When exposed to light, EPP patients experience debilitating phototoxicity: anaphylactoid reactions accompanied by a deep burning sensation as the capillaries in the deeper layers of the skin are damaged or destroyed leading to wounds and scarring. EPP has a marked impact upon patient quality of life, forcing many patients to lead a nocturnal existence and withdraw from society.

CLINUVEL developed SCENESSE® as the first ever treatment for EPP, and the drug is the only approved therapy for the disorder. Since its launch in June 2016, SCENESSE® has been established as the standard of care for German EPP patients. Administered every two months as a subcutaneous injectable implant, SCENESSE® reduces the incidence and severity of phototoxic reactions and has been shown to improve patients' quality of life.

European EPP Expert Centres are responsible for multidisciplinary patient treatment and care in Germany. Patients are encouraged to enrol in a post-authorisation safety study (PASS) to capture long-term safety and effectiveness outcomes. Based on data collected in the PASS to date, over 94% of European EPP patients who commence treatment with SCENESSE® continue year-on-year and the safety profile of the product has been maintained.

#### About SCENESSE®

SCENESSE® (afamelanotide 16mg) is approved in the European Union and Australia as an orphan medicinal product for the prevention of phototoxicity in adult patients with erythropoietic protoporphyria (EPP). SCENESSE® is approved in the USA to increase "pain- free" light exposure in adult EPP patients with a history of phototoxicity. Information on the product can be found on CLINUVEL's website at www.clinuvel.com.

#### About CLINUVEL PHARMACEUTICALS LIMITED

CLINUVEL PHARMACEUTICALS LTD (ASX: CUV; LEVEL 1 ADR: CLVLY; XETRA-DAX: UR9) is a global and diversified biopharmaceutical company focused on developing and commercialising treatments for patients with genetic, metabolic, systemic, and life-threatening, acute disorders, as well as healthcare solutions for the general population. As pioneers in photomedicine and understanding the interaction of light and human biology, CLINUVEL's research and development has led to innovative treatments for patient populations with a clinical need for systemic photoprotection, DNA repair and acute or life-threatening conditions. These patient groups range in size from 5,000 to 45 million worldwide. CLINUVEL's lead compound, SCENESSE® (afamelanotide 16mg), was approved by the European Commission in 2014, the US Food and Drug Administration in 2019 and the Australian Therapeutic Goods Administration in 2020 as the world's first systemic photoprotective drug for the prevention of phototoxicity (anaphylactoid reactions and burns) in adult patients with erythropoietic protoporphyria (EPP). More information on EPP can be found at https://www.epp.care. 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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