

# SCENESSE® in adolescent EPP study

*Treatment prescribed ahead of European study*

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- European label expansion SCENESSE® in adolescents foreseen in 2024
- study of 12 adolescents in EU EPP Expert Centres (CUV052)
- physicians initiated individual prescription for adolescents, treatment costs covered by national insurers
- > 13,500 doses SCENESSE® in EPP: consistent safety profile

CLINUVEL today shared a regulatory update on the European label expansion of SCENESSE® (afamelanotide 16mg) to facilitate treatment of adolescent (12-17 year old) erythropoietic protoporphyria (EPP) patients. Upon scientific review, the European Medicines Agency (EMA) has requested further data from the use of SCENESSE® in adolescent patients to allow the label expansion.

## PAEDIATRIC LABEL EXPANSION

Following a formal application submitted to the EMA in September 2022 to expand the approved indication for SCENESSE® to include the treatment of adolescent EPP patients, CLINUVEL will conduct a post-authorisation study (CUV052). In the study 12 European adolescent patients will be evaluated following one dose of SCENESSE®. Results from the study are expected to be reported to the EMA in 2024.

To date, over 13,500 doses of SCENESSE® have been administered to adult EPP patients, with a consistent safety profile seen over longer time.

## SCENESSE® - CURRENT USE IN ADOLESCENT PATIENTS

Due to a lack of treatment options, clinical experts are increasingly requesting to administer SCENESSE® to adolescent EPP patients. The past year, six adolescent patients have been prescribed the drug, with treatment ongoing. The cost of treatment for all paediatric patients requires prior authorisation from national health insurers to be fully reimbursed.

CLINUVEL and expert physicians are closely monitoring the health of these patients, and reported safety data thus far are similar as those seen from the use of the treatment in adults.

CLINUVEL has received further clinical expert requests to enable adolescent patient treatment and intends to support these requests where appropriate.

## COMMENTARY

*“We see a growing pool of adolescent patients treated under expert supervision, thereby assisting us to expand the database of safety and effectiveness data,” CLINUVEL’s Chief Scientific Officer, Dr Dennis Wright said. “Although, there is a good scientific reason to allow adolescents patients access to SCENESSE® now, the EMA maintains its risk threshold for the drug product notwithstanding its safe use the past two decades.*

*“Once we have obtained additional clinical data, anticipated in 2024, the drug is expected to be available to all adolescent patients, giving them an approved treatment option for the first time.*

*“The convenience of being treated once every two months is reported to be an advantage for adolescent patients. It is estimated that 10% of the total EPP European population are of 12 to 18 years of age,” Dr Wright concluded.*

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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>. Authorised for ASX release by the Board of Directors of CLINUVEL PHARMACEUTICALS LTD.

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