

# CLINUVEL

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## FDA relaxes SCENESSE® postmarketing requirement

*Cardiac study no longer needed after regular safety data reviews*

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- cardiac repolarization (“QT”) study removed from U.S. post-authorization requirements
- longitudinal data on SCENESSE® demonstrated good human safety
- SCENESSE® remains the only FDA-approved medication for erythropoietic protoporphyria (EPP)

CLINUVEL PHARMACEUTICALS LTD today announced that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has reviewed the long-term safety profile of SCENESSE® (afamelanotide) and removed a requirement for a post-authorization phase I study on cardiac repolarization (a “QT study”).

### Postmarketing requirements

Most new drugs – new molecular entities – approved by the FDA include strict postmarketing requirements to capture additional data in clinical studies, real world use, or both. Generally, these requirements focus on a drug’s long-term safety profile, but may also be required to address specific safety concerns identified during formal review as part of a structured Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS). QT studies are a common FDA request to evaluate the impact of a new drug on the cardiac repolarization (the QT interval) in healthy volunteers.<sup>1</sup>

Upon granted marketing authorization for SCENESSE® in October 2019, the FDA established a series of postmarketing requirements focused on capturing safety data, including a QT study, but did not require a REMS. CLINUVEL has maintained frequent dialogue with the agency – including compliance with annual reporting requirements and Periodic Adverse Drug Experience Reports – since marketing authorization, providing extensive data on the short- and long-term safety profile in clinical and real-world conditions. The Company received notification that the FDA determined a QT study was no longer needed as it would not provide useful safety information, reflecting the drug’s longer-term safety profile.

SCENESSE® is approved in the U.S.A. for adult patients with the rare metabolic disorder erythropoietic protoporphyria (EPP). It is the only treatment for EPP patients approved by any of the global regulatory agencies with over 20,000 doses administered to EPP patients worldwide.

### Commentary

“There is an active engagement between the FDA and marketing authorization holders for the life span of a product where patient safety is paramount,” said Dr Dennis Wright, CLINUVEL’s Chief Scientific Officer. “Having reliably reported data on SCENESSE® since 2019, we are now seeing the agency relax its approach to postmarketing demands, reflecting the safety profile we see in the clinic.”

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<sup>1</sup> The QT interval refers to the time between heart contraction and relaxation as measured by an electrocardiogram (ECG). Some classes of drugs are known to impact QT time, raising the risk of arrhythmia and other heart conditions.

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

CLINUVEL (ASX: CUV; ADR LEVEL I: 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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