

## **ASX ANNOUNCEMENT**

# **Actinogen appoints Andrew Udell as Chief Commercial Officer**

Sydney, 29 October 2024. Actinogen Medical ASX: ACW ("ACW" or "the Company") is pleased to announce the appointment of US-based Mr Andrew (Andy) Udell as Chief Commercial Officer reporting to CEO Dr Steven Gourlay, effective October 15, 2024.

Andy Udell is a commercial leader with demonstrated success taking biotech companies from the clinic through market planning, commercial readiness and full commercial integration and will be a valuable resource for the Company as it continues late-stage clinical development in Alzheimer's disease and depression.

Most recently Mr Udell was President, North America at Calliditas Therapeutics, taking this Swedish biotech through phase 3 trials, market readiness and a successful US product launch. Mr Udell was previously the Vice President Commercial for North America for Neuroderm prior to its acquisition by Mitsubishi Tanabe Pharma. Mr Udell has significant experience working in depression, Parkinson's Disease, and other large central nervous system (CNS) markets.

### Dr Steven Gourlay, Actinogen's CEO and MD, said:

"Actinogen is delighted to have Andy Udell strengthen our executive leadership with his extensive commercial experience as our clinical trial programs advance towards marketing approvals. Andy has comprehensive knowledge, skills and acumen in readying and bringing CNS drugs to market and we welcome him to the executive leadership team."

Mr Udell has a Bachelor of Science degree from Lehigh University and received a Master of Business Administration from the University of Connecticut.

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#### **About Actinogen Medical**

Actinogen Medical (ACW) is an ASX-listed, biotechnology company developing a novel therapy for neurological and neuropsychiatric diseases associated with dysregulated brain cortisol. There is a strong association between cortisol and detrimental changes in the brain, affecting cognitive function, harm to brain cells and long-term cognitive health.

Cognitive function means how a person understands, remembers and thinks clearly. Cognitive functions include memory, attention, reasoning, awareness and decision-making.

Actinogen is currently developing its lead compound, Xanamem, as a promising new therapy for Alzheimer's Disease and Depression and hopes to study Fragile X Syndrome and other neurological and psychiatric diseases in the future. Reducing cortisol inside brain cells could have a positive impact in these and many other diseases. The cognitive dysfunction, behavioural abnormalities, and neuropsychological burden associated with these conditions is debilitating for patients, and there is a substantial unmet medical need for new and improved treatments.

#### **Current Clinical Trials**

The **XanaCIDD Phase 2a depression trial** was a double-blind, six-week proof-of-concept, placebo-controlled, parallel group design trial in 167 patients with moderate, treatment-resistant depression and a degree of baseline cognitive impairment. Participants were evenly randomized to receive Xanamem 10 mg once daily or placebo, in most cases in addition to their existing antidepressant therapy, and effects on cognition and depression were assessed. Trial results were reported in August 2024 and showed clinically and statistically significant benefits on depression symptoms with positive effects on the MADRS scale (a validated scale of depression symptom measurement) and the PGI-S (a valid patient reported assessment of depression severity).

The **XanaMIA Phase 2b Alzheimer's disease trial** is a double-blind, 36-week treatment, placebo-controlled, parallel group design trial in 220 patients with mild to moderate AD and progressive disease, determined by clinical criteria and confirmed by an elevated level of the pTau181 protein biomarker in blood. Patients receive Xanamem 10 mg or placebo, once daily, and its ability to slow progression of Alzheimer's disease is assessed with a variety of endpoints. The primary endpoint of the trial is the internationally-recognized CDR-SB (Clinical Dementia Rating scale – Sum of Boxes). The trial is being conducted in Australia and the US. Initial results from an interim analysis of the first 100 participants are anticipated in mid 2025 and final results mid 2026.

#### **About Xanamem**

Xanamem's novel mechanism of action is to control the level of cortisol in the brain through the inhibition of the cortisol synthesis enzyme, 11β-HSD1, without affecting production of cortisol by the adrenal glands. Xanamem is designed to get into the brain after it is absorbed in the intestines upon swallowing.

Chronically elevated cortisol is associated with progression in Alzheimer's Disease and excess cortisol is known to be toxic to brain cells. Cortisol itself is also associated with depressive symptoms and when targeted via other mechanisms has shown some promise in prior clinical trials. The recent XanaCIDD trial demonstrated clinically and sometimes statistically significant benefits on depressive symptoms.

The Company has studied 11β-HSD1 inhibition by Xanamem in more than 380 volunteers and patients in eight clinical trials. Xanamem has a promising safety profile and has demonstrated clinical activity in patients with depression, patients with biomarker-positive Alzheimer's disease and cognitively normal volunteers. High levels of target engagement in the brain with doses as low as 5 mg daily have been demonstrated in a human PET imaging study.

Xanamem is an investigational product and is not approved for use outside of a clinical trial by the FDA or by any global regulatory authority. Xanamem® is a trademark of Actinogen Medical.

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