



## **EMTINB™ DEMONSTRATES STRONG POSITIVE RESULTS ACROSS ALL END-POINTS IN MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS ANIMAL STUDY**

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- **Preliminary results for EmtinB™ in a gold standard animal model for Multiple sclerosis demonstrate a strong therapeutic treatment response**
- **EmtinB™ 10mg/kg and 20mg/kg dose groups consistently improved clinical scores from the onset of symptoms and throughout the peak of the disease**
- **EmtinB™ 10mg/kg and 20mg/kg dose groups exhibited increased levels of myelin, the protective sheath that is fundamental to the function and survival of neurons**
- **EmtinB™ reduced a key driver of the chronic inflammatory responses of MS, activated CD3+ T cells**
- **EmtinB™ treatment reduced inflammatory responses of dysfunction support cells (macrophages, microglia, and astrocytes) in the central nervous system.**

NeuroScientific Biopharmaceuticals Ltd (ASX: **NSB**) (“**NeuroScientific**” or “**the company**”), a clinical-stage drug development company, is pleased to announce positive preliminary results of lead drug candidate EmtinB™ in a gold standard animal model of Multiple sclerosis (MS). The study was undertaken by leading contract research partner Biospective, Canada.

The study was conducted in the myelin oligodendrocyte glycoprotein-induced experimental autoimmune encephalomyelitis (MOG-EAE) mouse model, the gold-standard animal model for replicating the inflammatory mechanisms of human MS. The study evaluated EmtinB™ across 4 dose groups (5mg/kg, 10mg/kg, 20mg/kg, and 40mg/kg) with the drug administered daily for a period of 30-days following the onset of initial symptoms in the mice.

### **EMTINB™ TREATMENT IMPROVED CLINICAL SCORES**

Clinical scoring involves a standard system to assess the severity of MS symptoms. Mice treated with 10mg/kg and 20mg/kg doses of EmtinB™ consistently achieved lower clinical scores, indicating reduced disease severity, from the onset of symptoms and through to the peak of the disease in comparison to untreated controls.

### **EMTINB™ TREATMENT REDUCED BIOMARKER INDICATIVE OF NEURONAL DAMAGE**

Neurofilament light chain (NfL) is a biomarker associated with damaged neurons. EmtinB™ treated mice had lower concentrations of NfL in cerebral spinal fluid (CSF) and plasma samples in comparison to untreated controls.

### **EMTINB™ TREATMENT INCREASED MYELIN**

Myelin is important for the efficient function of nerve cells. The destruction of myelin contributes to the onset of neurological dysfunction associated with MS.

Mice treated with 10mg/kg and 20mg/kg consistently exhibited higher levels of myelin in comparison to untreated controls.

## **EMTINB™ TREATMENT REDUCED CHRONIC INFLAMMATORY IMMUNE RESPONSES**

The study assessed a number of markers associated with chronic inflammatory responses of MS. Fundamental to the dysfunctional immune responses of MS in humans, activated T cells (CD3+) penetrate the blood brain barrier and stimulate inflammatory responses of the CNS, activating resident immune defence cells such as microglia and macrophages (Iba-1), and astrocytes (GFAP).<sup>1</sup>

Mice treated with EmtinB™ exhibited lower levels of activated T cells (CD3+), activated microglia and macrophages (Iba-1), and activated astrocytes (GFAP) across all dose groups in comparison to untreated controls.

**NeuroScientific's Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer Matt Liddelow commented:** *"The preliminary results from this study conducted in the gold standard animal model for MS are highly encouraging for the development of EmtinB™ as a treatment for MS, in particular the relapse-remitting type of MS in which inflammation is a key driver of symptoms. In comparison to currently marketed MS therapeutics, EmtinB™ has the potential to be a disease-modifying treatment option for MS patients with a much more tolerable side-effect profile."*

Based on these positive preliminary results, NeuroScientific will progress EmtinB™ into a larger study involving the MOG-EAE mouse model of MS and expects to report a full set of results midway through 2H 2022.

This announcement is authorised by the Board of NeuroScientific Biopharmaceuticals Ltd.

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### **About NeuroScientific Biopharmaceuticals Ltd**

NeuroScientific Biopharmaceuticals Limited (ASX: NSB) is a company developing peptide-based pharmaceutical drugs that target a number of neurodegenerative conditions with high unmet medical demand. The company's product portfolio includes EmtinB™, a therapeutic peptide initially targeting Alzheimer's disease and glaucoma, as well as other Emtin peptides (EmtinAc, EmtinAn, and EmtinBn) which have demonstrated similar therapeutic potential as EmtinB™. For more information, please visit [www.neuroscientific.com](http://www.neuroscientific.com)

### **About EmtinB™**

EmtinB™ is a peptide-based compound that binds to surface-based cell receptors from the LDLR family, activating intracellular signalling pathways that stimulate neuroprotection, neuroregeneration and modulate neuroinflammation. EmtinB™ is modelled on a specific active domain of the complex human protein called Metallothionein-IIA, which is produced as part of the human body's innate immune response to cell injury.

Our preclinical research has established that EmtinB™ is highly specific and selective for its target receptor, safe and well tolerated at high concentrations, and is able to penetrate the blood brain barrier. A series of Phase I clinical studies will be conducted to establish the safety profile of EmtinB™ in humans.

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<sup>1</sup> Balasa, R. et al. 2020 The action of TH17.1 cells on blood brain barrier in multiple sclerosis and experimental autoimmune encephalomyelitis. 81(5): 237-43.