

## **VIRALEZE™ launched in Hong Kong and Macau**

**Melbourne, Australia; 21 November 2022: Starpharma** (ASX: SPL, OTCQX: SPHRY) today announces that VIRALEZE™ nasal spray has now launched online in Hong Kong and Macau, with launch in leading pharmacies to occur this week. This announcement follows the recently signed distribution agreement with Hengan Pharmacare Company Limited, a subsidiary of Hengan Group (HKSE:1044.HK) (see [company announcement](#) dated 21 October 2022).

For the Hong Kong and Macau markets, VIRALEZE™ will carry Hengan's local brand which is also used for their COVID-19 related products, such as face masks and rapid antigen tests. The product will be supported with extensive traditional and digital marketing activities by Hengan Group.

Hengan Pharmacare Company Limited Managing Director Ms. Wong Pui Wai, Nancy commented, "We are excited to launch VIRALEZE™ in Hong Kong and Macau, bringing this innovative product to consumers."

Dr Jackie Fairley, Starpharma CEO, said "We are delighted to see our new partner, Hengan Group, launch VIRALEZE™ in Hong Kong and Macau so quickly and through leading pharmacies and online channels."

### **Hengan Group**

Hengan Group is engaged in the manufacture, distribution and sales of products, including personal care, face masks and hygiene products, in Hong Kong, Macau, the People's Republic of China and certain overseas markets. Hengan Group has an extensive distribution network, which includes leading pharmacy chains in Hong Kong and Macau.

### **VIRALEZE™ Nasal Spray**

VIRALEZE™ is a nasal spray that physically traps and blocks cold/respiratory viruses in the nasal cavity. VIRALEZE™ is applied in the nose where it forms a physical moisture barrier between viruses and the nasal mucous membrane that traps and blocks virus.

VIRALEZE™ is registered as a medical device in more than 30 countries and is available in certain markets online. Product claims may differ by market. Starpharma markets VIRALEZE™ via commercial arrangements in countries in Europe, Asia, and the Middle East. VIRALEZE™ is not approved for use or supply in Australia.

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Starpharma Holdings Limited (ASX:SPL, OTCQX:SPHRY) is a global biopharmaceutical company and a world leader in the development of new pharmaceutical and medical products based on proprietary polymers called dendrimers, with programs for DEP® drug delivery, respiratory viruses and VivaGel®.

Starpharma's proprietary drug delivery platform technology, DEP®, is being used to improve pharmaceuticals, to reduce toxicities and enhance their performance. There are numerous internal and partnered programs underway to develop DEP® versions of existing drugs, particularly in the area of anti-cancer therapies.

DEP® partnerships include oncology programs with AstraZeneca, with MSD in the area of Antibody Drug Conjugates (ADCs), with Chase Sun in the area of anti-infectives and other world leading pharmaceutical companies. Partnered DEP® programs have the potential to generate significant future milestones and royalties.

Starpharma has developed VIRALEZE™, an antiviral nasal spray that is registered in a number of countries, including in Europe and the UK. VIRALEZE™ is not approved for use or supply in Australia. SPL7013 is also utilised in the following products - VivaGel® condom and VivaGel® BV. VivaGel® products have been licensed in >160 countries and are registered in >45 countries, including the UK, Europe, Japan, Southeast Asia, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand.

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