

Form 604

Corporations Act 2001
Section 671B

Notice of change of interests of substantial holder

To: Company Name/Scheme **THE HYDRATION PHARMACEUTICALS COMPANY LIMITED**

ACN/ARSN **620 385 677**

1. Details of substantial holder (1)

Name **Bank of America Corporation and its related bodies corporate (See Appendix C)**

ACN/ARSN (if applicable): **N/A**

There was a change in the interests of the substantial holder on **10 May 2024**

The previous notice was given to the company on **27 March 2024**

The previous notice was dated **25 March 2024**

2. Previous and present voting power

The total number of votes attached to all the voting shares in the company or voting interests in the scheme that the substantial holder or an associate (2) had a relevant interest (3) in when last required, and when now required, to give a substantial holding notice to the company or scheme, are as follows:

Class of securities (4)	Previous Notice		Present Notice	
	Person's Votes	Voting Power (5)	Person's Votes	Voting Power (5)
Ordinary	26,483,004	9.99%	26,483,004	8.69%

3. Changes in relevant interests

Particulars of each change in, or change in the nature of, a relevant interest of the substantial holder or an associate in voting securities of the company or scheme, since the substantial holder was last required to give a substantial holding notice to the company or scheme are as follows:

Date of change	Person whose relevant interest changed	Nature of Change (6)	Consideration given in relation to change (7)	Class and Number of securities affected	Person's votes affected
Please see Annexure A.					

4. Present relevant interests

Particulars of each relevant interest of the substantial holder in voting securities after the change are as follows:

Holder of relevant interest	Registered holder of securities	Person entitled to be registered holder (8)	Nature of relevant interest (6)	Class and number of securities	Person's votes
Merrill Lynch Markets (Australia) Pty. Limited	Merrill Lynch (Australia) Nominees Pty Ltd	Merrill Lynch Markets (Australia) Pty. Limited	Borrowing of securities pursuant to Prime Brokerage Agreement (see Appendix B), with power to control the voting and/or disposal of borrowed securities.	Ordinary 26,483,004	26,483,004

5. Changes in association

The persons who have become associates (2) of, ceased to be associates of, or have changed the nature of their association (9) with, the substantial holder in relation to voting interests in the company or scheme are as follows:

Name and ACN/ ARSN (if applicable)	Nature of association
N/A	N/A

6. Addresses

The addresses of persons named in this form are as follows:

Name	Address
Bank of America Corporation	100 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, North Carolina, 28255, USA
Merrill Lynch (Australia) Nominees Pty Ltd	Level 19, 120 Collins St, Melbourne Vic 3000, Australia
Merrill Lynch Markets (Australia) Pty. Limited	Level 34, Governor Phillip Tower, 1 Farrer Place, Sydney NSW 2000, Australia
Merrill Lynch International	2 King Edward Street, London, England, EC1A 1HQ, United Kingdom
BofA Securities Europe SA	51 rue La Boétie, 75008, Paris, France

SIGNATURE

Print Name: Kelvin Kwok

Capacity: Authorised signatory

Sign Here: 

Date: 14 May 2024

Appendix A

Date of change	Person whose relevant interest changed	Nature of change (6)	Consideration (7)	Class and Number of securities securities affected		Person's votes affected
05/10/2024	Merrill Lynch Markets (Australia) Pty. Limited	There was a dilution of percentage interest as a result of the increase in total issued shares on 10 May 2024. The substantial holder did not acquire or dispose of any shares on 10 May 2024.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Appendix B-1: Prescribed information

Type of agreement	International Prime Brokerage Agreement
Parties to agreement	Merrill Lynch International and Virtu Financial Asia Pty Ltd
Holder of voting rights	Securities borrower. Securities lender may instruct the registered holder to vote on securities.
Are there any restrictions on voting rights?	No
If yes, detail	N/A
Scheduled return date (if any)	On recall of the securities loan by the securities lender.
Does the borrower have the right to return early?	Yes
If yes, detail	Securities borrower will have right to return assets at any time.
Does the lender have the right to recall early?	Yes
If yes, detail	Securities lender will have right to recall assets at any time.
Will the securities be returned on settlement?	Yes
If yes, detail any exceptions	N/A

Appendix B-2: Prescribed information

Type of agreement	International Prime Brokerage Agreement
Parties to agreement	BofA Securities Europe SA and Ssw-Trading Gmbh
Holder of voting rights	Securities borrower. Securities lender may instruct the registered holder to vote on securities.
Are there any restrictions on voting rights?	No
If yes, detail	N/A
Scheduled return date (if any)	On recall of the securities loan by the securities lender.
Does the borrower have the right to return early?	Yes
If yes, detail	Securities borrower will have right to return assets at any time.
Does the lender have the right to recall early?	Yes
If yes, detail	Securities lender will have right to recall assets at any time.
Will the securities be returned on settlement?	Yes
If yes, detail any exceptions	N/A

Appendix B-3: Prescribed information

Type of agreement	International Prime Brokerage Agreement
Parties to agreement	Merrill Lynch International and Regal Funds Management Pty Limited As Trustee For Regal Emerging Companies Fund III
Holder of voting rights	Securities borrower. Securities lender may instruct the registered holder to vote on securities.
Are there any restrictions on voting rights?	No
If yes, detail	N/A
Scheduled return date (if any)	On recall of the securities loan by the securities lender.
Does the borrower have the right to return early?	Yes
If yes, detail	Securities borrower will have right to return assets at any time.
Does the lender have the right to recall early?	Yes
If yes, detail	Securities lender will have right to recall assets at any time.
Will the securities be returned on settlement?	Yes
If yes, detail any exceptions	N/A

Appendix B-4: Prescribed information

Type of agreement	International Prime Brokerage Agreement
Parties to agreement	Merrill Lynch International and Regal Funds Management Pty Limited As Trustee Of Regal Emerging Companies Opportunities Fund
Holder of voting rights	Securities borrower. Securities lender may instruct the registered holder to vote on securities.
Are there any restrictions on voting rights?	No
If yes, detail	N/A
Scheduled return date (if any)	On recall of the securities loan by the securities lender.
Does the borrower have the right to return early?	Yes
If yes, detail	Securities borrower will have right to return assets at any time.
Does the lender have the right to recall early?	Yes
If yes, detail	Securities lender will have right to recall assets at any time.
Will the securities be returned on settlement?	Yes
If yes, detail any exceptions	N/A

Appendix C

Related bodies corporate	Incorporated	ACN/Registration/Incorporation Number
Merrill Lynch Markets (Australia) Pty. Limited	Australia	075587816
Merrill Lynch (Australasia) Pty. Ltd	Australia	075923894
Bank of America Global Holdings, LLC	United States	5169939
BofAML Jersey Holdings Limited	Jersey	115831
NB Holdings Corporation	United States	2361372
Bank of America Corporation	United States	N/A628