

ASX Announcement

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Avecho to present at NWR Virtual Healthcare Conference

Melbourne, Australia, 13 March 2025: Avecho Biotechnology Limited (ASX: AVE) ("Avecho" or the "Company") is pleased to announce that it will present at the NWR Virtual Healthcare Conference. The Company has recently secured a major licensing agreement with Sandoz AG for the Australian commercial rights to its lead asset, a proprietary cannabidiol product currently in a pivotal Phase III clinical trial.

CEO Dr Paul Gavin will present at 1:00pm AEDT on Wednesday 19 March 2025.

The presentation will offer investors an opportunity to gain deeper insights into the deal with Sandoz, highlighting its significance for Avecho's pivotal Phase III clinical trial and the subsequent commercial potential of CBD as a pharmaceutical treatment for sleep disorders.

Shareholders, investors and interested parties are encouraged to register to attend the presentation at the following link: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_9W-a_xNTBK3I-ObN6iVvg</u>.

A recording will be available at the above link shortly after the conclusion of the live session, and the replay will also be available via the Company's website and social media channels.

Questions can be submitted on the day or sent in advance to <u>matt@nwrcommunications.com.au</u>.

For more information please visit: https://nwrcommunications.com/healthconf.

For enquiries, please contact

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This announcement has been authorised by the Board of Directors of Avecho Biotechnology Limited.

About Avecho

Avecho Biotechnology Limited develops and commercialises innovative Human and Animal Health products using its proprietary drug delivery system called Tocopheryl Phosphate Mixture (TPM[®]). TPM[®] is derived from Vitamin E using unique, proprietary and patented processes and is proven to enhance the solubility and oral, dermal and transdermal absorption of drugs and nutrients.

Avecho's lead asset is a proprietary cannabidiol ("CBD") TPM soft-gel capsule demonstrated to increase CBD absorption. The CBD soft-gel capsule is currently undergoing Phase III clinical development for the treatment of insomnia.

See more here - avecho.com.au



About Insomnia

Insomnia is a sleep disorder defined as dissatisfaction with sleep quantity or quality associated with difficulty initiating sleep, difficulty maintaining sleep and the inability to return to sleep on awakening. It can manifest as a primary indication or be symptom of other disorders, including anxiety and depression. Chronic insomnia is the most prevalent manifestation, characterised by insomnia symptoms occurring at least three nights per week and for at least three months. Consequences of insomnia include daytime sleepiness, poor memory function, decline in concentration with negative impacts on social and work activities. Approximately 10-30% of the global population have symptoms of insomnia, with 10-15% classified as chronic¹. Based on the current global population, up to 237M people are affected by insomnia, with the sleep economy and sleep aids market estimated to reach US\$950Bn by 2032^2 . In Australia, as many as ~60% of the population have at least some symptoms of insomnia with a total cost to the Australian economy estimated to be A\$19.1 billion³. In August 2023, the Australian Government issued a statement indicating that sleep health should be considered a national priority as important as fitness and nutrition⁴.

About Avecho's Phase III Trial Program

The Company is currently conducting a pivotal (Phase III), multi-centre, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled clinical trial evaluating the efficacy and safety of CBD TPM soft-gel capsules in adults for use in the reduction of insomnia severity. The trial is the largest of its kind testing cannabidiol, taking place at multiple sites around Australia. Aided by advice from international sleep and regulatory experts, the trial has been designed to meet the requirements of the Australian Therapeutic Goods Administration ("TGA"), US Food and Drug Agency and the European Medicines Agency. Trial Participants will be randomly assigned to one of three groups to receive nightly doses of either 75mg or 150mg of CBD, or a placebo for eight weeks. Participants will use validated questionnaires and daily sleep diaries over the course of the study to record the duration and quality of their sleep.

Further information about the study can be found at ClinicalTrials.gov (Study Identifier: NCT05840822)

A successful Phase III trial is Avecho's final clinical step in support of a submission to the TGA for pharmaceutical registration of the CBD TPM soft-gel capsule for the management of insomnia. This opportunity is particularly significant in Australia, where regulatory changes in 2020 allow for over-thecounter sales of CBD products direct from pharmacy without a prescription, provided they gain appropriate approvals. Avecho has an opportunity to be the first in this area as no other Phase III CBD trials in Australia have succeeded. Initial projections estimated the Australian over-the-counter CBD market would grow to over US\$125M per annum².

¹ https://www.thegoodbody.com/insomnia-statistics/

² https://finance.yahoo.com/news/sleep-economy-sleep-aids-market-133100851.html

³ https://www.deloitte.com/au/en/services/economics/analysis/rise-try-to-shine.html

⁴ https://www.health.gov.au/sites/default/files/2023-08/bedtime-reading-inquiry-into-sleep-health-awareness-in-australia.pdf