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Dermata Announces Acceptance of Patent Application for Next-Generation Acne Treatment by Australian Patent Office

- This acceptance follows Dermata's U.S. issued patent covering its Spongilla technology combination as a method to topically treat acne -

- Dermata expects to launch a new once-weekly, Over-the-Counter (OTC) pharmaceutical acne kit, incorporating its Spongilla technology, in the middle of 2026 -

- Over 3.3 million people are diagnosed with acne in Australia -

SAN DIEGO, CA, AL / [ACCESS Newswire](#) / October 2, 2025 / [Dermata Therapeutics, Inc.](#) (NASDAQ:DRMA)(NASDAQ:DRMAW) ("Dermata" or the "Company"), a science-driven leader in dermatologic solutions, today announced the Australian Patent Office has accepted Dermata's patent application for its *Spongilla* technology combination as a method for treating acne. The accepted patent application, entitled "Compositions and methods for the treatment of skin conditions," (Australian Patent Application No. 2019419387) continues to strengthen Dermata's global intellectual property portfolio for its *Spongilla* technology combination for the treatment of acne as it follows the Company's issued patent in the U.S. The patent will be automatically issued in mid-January 2026, unless a third party files an opposition within the three months after acceptance has been published.

Dermata's acne kit represents a **new approach to acne treatment** by targeting the underlying acne-driving mechanisms with enhanced precision and effectiveness. Unlike traditional therapies, this invention offers the potential for **improved patient outcomes, reduced side effects, and broader accessibility**, addressing a major unmet need in dermatology.

"This acceptance from the Australian patent office comes at a great time for our company as we embark on our new mission to provide patients with OTC pharmaceutical products that are backed by science," commented Gerry Proehl, Dermata's Chairman, President, and CEO. "With patents now issued in the United States and accepted in Australia, we are well-positioned to expand our development and commercial strategy, advancing toward our mission of providing safe, effective, and innovative solutions for patients worldwide. We believe a once-weekly, topical treatment regimen, with good tolerability, and demonstrated efficacy, like the acne kit we are currently developing, will be a disruptor to the acne market and provide patients with a unique treatment for their stubborn acne," concluded Mr. Proehl.

The acceptance of this patent application marks an important step in the Company's ongoing efforts to **build a robust international patent estate**, protecting its core acne treatment innovations in key markets. Additional patent filings are pending in other jurisdictions, which, if granted, will further solidify the Company's global intellectual property leadership in

dermatology.

About Acne Vulgaris

There are over 3.3 million patients diagnosed with acne in Australia and over 30 million in the U.S., with about 85% of teenagers experiencing some form of acne, and a growing number of individuals suffering from acne well into their 20s, 30s, and 40s. Acne is characterized by areas of scaly red skin, noninflammatory blackheads and whiteheads, inflammatory papules and pustules, and occasionally cysts and scarring, which can present on the face, neck, chest, back, shoulders, and upper arms. While not life-threatening, acne can cause significant trauma for those suffering from it due to social stigmas, substantial risk of permanent facial scarring, lowered self-esteem, and social withdrawal.

About Dermata Therapeutics

Dermata Therapeutics is a scientific leader in dermatology that recently announced a strategic pivot to begin focusing on the development and distribution of OTC pharmaceutical skin treatments. The Company is currently developing a once-weekly acne kit that utilizes an active ingredient from the OTC monograph in combination with the Company's *Spongilla* technology to create a unique treatment option for patients suffering with acne. The Company plans to launch this initial acne kit in the middle of 2026 with additional product candidates planned to follow. Dermata is headquartered in San Diego, California. For more information, please visit <http://www.dermatarx.com/>.

Forward-Looking Statements

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