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# Can-Fite: EMA Gives Green Light for Piclidenoson Pivotal Phase III Clinical Trial for Psoriasis Treatment

## *The Pivotal Study is Aimed to Support a Marketing Authorization Application*

PETACH TIKVA, Israel,--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- [Can-Fite BioPharma Ltd.](#) (NYSE American: CANF) (TASE: CANF), a biotechnology company advancing a pipeline of proprietary small molecule drugs that address inflammatory, cancer and liver diseases, today announced that it received a positive opinion from the Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use (CHMP) of the European Medicines Agency (EMA) with respect to the submission of a registration plan for a pivotal Phase III clinical trial for the treatment of moderate to severe psoriasis. The pivotal Phase III study and the safety of the 3 mg twice daily dose of Piclidenoson are accepted by the agency.

The Company intends to initiate a prospective double-blind, placebo-controlled and randomized clinical trial with its lead product Piclidenoson aimed at demonstrating clinical safety and efficacy for the treatment of moderate to severe psoriasis sufficient to support a marketing authorization application.

The agency also commented on the registration plan submitted by the Company relating to the chemistry, manufacturing, and controls (CMC), nonclinical data, and clinical pharmacology data. Can-Fite is currently submitting a comparable data package to the US Food and Drug Administration.

Can-Fite recently reported topline results from its Phase III COMFORT™ study which met its primary endpoint with statistically significant improvement over placebo in psoriasis patients and an excellent safety profile for Piclidenoson.

“Piclidenoson’s oral dosage and excellent safety record combined with its progressive effectiveness over time make it ideally suited for the treatment of psoriasis, a chronic disease. Should this market registration study produce positive results similar to our COMFORT study, we believe Piclidenoson will be well positioned in a very large market which needs more safe and effective oral drug options,” stated Can-Fite CEO Dr. Prina Fishman.

### **About Can-Fite BioPharma Ltd.**

Can-Fite BioPharma Ltd. (NYSE American: CANF) (TASE: CANF) is an advanced clinical stage drug development Company with a platform technology that is designed to address multi-billion dollar markets in the treatment of cancer, liver, and inflammatory disease. The Company's lead drug candidate, Piclidenoson recently reported topline results in a Phase III trial for psoriasis. Can-Fite's liver drug, Namodenoson, is being evaluated in a Phase IIb trial for the treatment of non-alcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH), and enrollment is expected to commence in a Phase III trial for hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC), the most common form of liver cancer. Namodenoson has been granted Orphan Drug Designation in the U.S. and

Europe and Fast Track Designation as a second line treatment for HCC by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Namodenoson has also shown proof of concept to potentially treat other cancers including colon, prostate, and melanoma. CF602, the Company's third drug candidate, has shown efficacy in the treatment of erectile dysfunction. These drugs have an excellent safety profile with experience in over 1,500 patients in clinical studies to date. For more information please visit: [www.can-fite.com](http://www.can-fite.com).

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