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# **Relmada Therapeutics Inc. Announces First Patient Dosed in Phase 2 Study of REL-1017 in Patients with Major Depressive Disorder**

## **Top-line Data Expected in First Half of 2019**

NEW YORK, June 27, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- Relmada Therapeutics, Inc. (OTCQB: RLMD), a clinical-stage company developing novel therapies for the treatment of central nervous system (CNS) diseases, today announced the dosing of the first patient in the Company's Phase 2 clinical study to evaluate the safety and efficacy of REL-1017 (dextromethadone) as an adjunctive treatment in patients affected by Major Depressive Disorder (MDD) that did not respond to currently marketed antidepressants.



"We are very pleased to have achieved this important milestone in the development of REL-1017 for major depressive disorder" said Dr. Ottavio Vitolo, Relmada Head of R&D and CMO. "REL-1017 is an orally administered NMDA receptor (NMDAR) antagonist, which is active on the NMDAR ketamine binding site and has demonstrated an overall favorable safety profile without ketamine psychotomimetic adverse reactions in two Phase 1 studies. In preclinical studies, REL-1017 showed antidepressant efficacy and effects on neuronal activity similar to that of ketamine. REL-1017 has the potential of becoming the first orally available fast acting agent for the treatment of major depressive disorder and to improve the lives of individuals with depression not responding to standard antidepressant therapies."

"This study will add information on the safety and efficacy of REL-1017 in patients with major depressive disorder. Due to its oral bioavailability, its NMDAR antagonism, and the absence of psychotomimetic effects observed in previous studies, REL-1017 may have the potential to provide fast acting antidepressant activity and to alleviate the symptoms of depressed patients who are not responding to standard therapies," said Professor Maurizio Fava, M.D., Executive Vice Chair, Department of Psychiatry, Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) and Associate Dean for Clinical & Translational Research, Harvard Medical School.

### **About the Phase 2 study of dextromethadone in Treatment Resistant Depression**

This is a Phase 2, multicenter, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, 3-arm study to assess the safety, tolerability and efficacy of multiple oral doses of REL-1017 25 mg and 50 mg as adjunctive therapy in the treatment of patients diagnosed with major depressive

disorder (MDD). Participating subjects are adults with MDD who have experienced an inadequate response to 1 to 3 adequate courses of treatment with an antidepressant medication during the current episode. The study will enroll 60 subjects at approximately 10 sites in the United States. The top line report is expected in the first half of 2019.

### **About dextromethadone (REL 1017)**

Relmada is currently developing dextromethadone as a rapidly acting oral agent for the treatment of depression. Working as an NMDA receptor antagonist and on the same binding site as ketamine but having shown no ketamine psychotomimetics side effects, dextromethadone is fundamentally differentiated from all currently FDA-approved antidepressants, as well as all atypical antipsychotics used adjunctively. In April 2017, the FDA granted Fast Track designation for dextromethadone for the adjunctive treatment of major depressive disorder.

### **About Relmada Therapeutics, Inc.**

Relmada Therapeutics is a clinical-stage, publicly traded biotechnology company developing novel medicines that potentially address areas of high unmet medical need in the treatment of central nervous system (CNS) diseases. The Company has a diversified portfolio of products at various stages of development. Relmada's lead program, dextromethadone (REL-1017), is an N-methyl-D-aspartate (NMDA) receptor antagonist. NMDA receptor antagonists may have potential in the treatment of a range of psychiatric and neurological disorders associated with a variety of cognitive, neurological and behavioral symptoms. For more information, please visit Relmada's website at [www.relmada.com](http://www.relmada.com).

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