



# Clementia Initiates Phase 1 Clinical Trial of Palovarotene Eye Drop Formulation in Healthy Volunteers

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## Data from Study Expected in Q1 2019

MONTREAL, Oct. 02, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [Clementia Pharmaceuticals Inc.](#) (NASDAQ: CMTA), a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company innovating treatments for people with ultra-rare bone disorders and other diseases, today announced the initiation of a Phase 1 clinical trial evaluating an eye drop formulation of palovarotene in healthy volunteers. Palovarotene, an RAR $\gamma$  agonist, is Clementia's lead product candidate and is also being developed as an oral therapy for the treatment of patients with ultra-rare bone disorders, including fibrodysplasia ossificans progressiva (FOP) and multiple osteochondromas (MO).

"We are very excited to initiate our third clinical development program, an eye drop formulation of palovarotene, beginning with this Phase 1 study in healthy volunteers," said Clarissa Desjardins, Ph.D., president and chief executive officer of Clementia. "Palovarotene has been shown to exert multiple effects in various tissues, including anti-fibrotic effects in ocular tissues. Our preclinical work has indicated that an eye drop formulation of palovarotene may potentially increase tear production and decrease corneal damage, and we look forward to advancing this program in human studies."

This study will evaluate the safety, tolerability, and pharmacokinetic (PK) profile of single and multiple ascending doses of palovarotene ophthalmic solution in healthy volunteers. Data from this trial are expected in the first quarter of 2019. Clementia will utilize the data obtained in this study to inform the design of a proof of concept efficacy trial evaluating palovarotene in dry eye disease, which is expected to begin in 2019.

### About Clementia Pharmaceuticals Inc.

Clementia is a clinical-stage company innovating treatments for people with ultra-rare bone disorders and other diseases with high medical need. The company's lead product candidate, palovarotene, a novel RAR $\gamma$  agonist, is currently being evaluated in the Phase 3 MOVE Trial to treat fibrodysplasia ossificans progressiva (FOP) and in the Phase 2 MO-Ped Trial to treat multiple osteochondromas (MO, also known as multiple hereditary exostoses/MHE). In addition, Clementia has commenced a Phase 1 trial for an ocular formulation of palovarotene for the potential treatment of dry eye disease and is also investigating other conditions that may benefit from RAR $\gamma$  therapy. For more information, please visit [www.clementiapharma.com](http://www.clementiapharma.com) and connect with us on Twitter @ClementiaPharma.

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The logo for Clementia Pharmaceuticals Inc. features the word "clementia" in a lowercase, sans-serif font. Above the letter "i" in "clementia", there is a small graphic consisting of several blue dots of varying sizes arranged in a cluster.

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