

**MESOBLAST’S RYONCIL® IS THE FIRST U.S. FDA-APPROVED MESENCHYMAL STROMAL CELL (MSC) THERAPY**

- *RYONCIL (remestemcel-L) is the first MSC product approved by FDA for any indication.*
- *RYONCIL is the first FDA-approved therapy for children aged 2 months and older, including adolescents and teenagers, with steroid-refractory acute graft versus host disease (SR-aGvHD), a life-threatening condition with high mortality rates.*
- *In a single-arm, multi-center, Phase 3 trial of children with SR-aGvHD, 89% of whom had high severity Grade C or Grade D disease, 70% achieved an overall response by Day 28 of treatment with RYONCIL, a measure that predicts survival in aGVHD.*
- *RYONCIL’S immunomodulatory effects, including inhibition of T cell activation and secretion of pro-inflammatory cytokines, position the therapy for potential other indications in diseases with excessive inflammation.*

**Melbourne, Australia; December 19 and New York, USA; December 18, 2024:** Mesoblast Limited (ASX:MSB; Nasdaq:MESO), global leader in allogeneic cellular medicines for inflammatory diseases, today announced the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved Ryoncil® (remestemcel-L) as the first mesenchymal stromal cell (MSC) therapy in the United States. RYONCIL is the only MSC therapy approved in the U.S. for any indication, and the only approved therapy for steroid-refractory acute graft versus host disease (SR-aGvHD) in children 2 months and older, including adolescents and teenagers.

Transplant physician Dr Joanne Kurtzberg, the Jerome Harris Distinguished Professor of Pediatrics and Professor of Pathology, and Director, Marcus Center for Cellular Cures at Duke University Medical Center (DUMC), said: “Steroid-refractory acute graft versus host disease is a devastating condition with an extremely poor prognosis. From today we are able to offer RYONCIL, the first FDA-approved treatment which will be life saving for so many children and will have a great impact on their families.”

Annually in the United States approximately 10,000 patients undergo an allogeneic bone marrow transplant, 1,500 of whom are children. Approximately 50% develop aGvHD and almost half of those do not respond to steroids, the recognized first-line treatment.<sup>1-5</sup> In a single-arm multi-center Phase 3 trial of children with SR-aGvHD, 89% of whom had high severity Grade C or Grade D disease, 70% achieved an overall response by Day 28 of treatment with RYONCIL, a measure that predicts survival in aGVHD. RYONCIL treatment was not discontinued or interrupted in any patient for any laboratory abnormality, and the full course was completed without interruption in more than 85% of patients. The full Phase 3 clinical study results are available in *Biology of Blood and Marrow Transplantation*.<sup>6</sup>

“We are very pleased that the FDA has granted approval of RYONCIL® and are proud of the company’s commitment to the GVHD community in bringing this important new treatment to children and families with no other acceptable options,” said Dr. Silviu Itescu, Chief Executive of Mesoblast. “With RYONCIL approval by FDA, Mesoblast has demonstrated the ability to bring the first MSC product to market. We will continue to work closely with FDA to obtain approval of our other late-stage products, including REVASCOR® for cardiovascular diseases and rexlemestrocil-L for inflammatory pain indications, as well as expanding the indications for RYONCIL in both children and adults with inflammatory conditions.”

RYONCIL will be available in the United States at transplant centers and other treating hospitals.

The FDA’s approval press release is available [here](#).

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### **What is RYONCIL (remestemcel-L)**

RYONCIL is an allogeneic bone marrow-derived mesenchymal stromal cell (MSC) therapy indicated for the treatment of steroid-refractory acute graft versus host disease (SR-aGvHD) in pediatric patients 2 months of age and older.

The recommended dosage of RYONCIL is  $2 \times 10^6$  MSC /kg body weight per intravenous infusion given twice per week for 4 consecutive weeks. Response is assessed 28  $\pm$  2 days after the first dose and further treatment administered as appropriate.

### **Important Safety Information**

**Contraindications:** Known hypersensitivity to dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) or porcine and bovine proteins.

**Adverse reactions:** Serious adverse reactions included pyrexia (9%), respiratory failure (9%), pneumatosis intestinalis (7%) and staphylococcal bacteremia infection (<5%). Adverse reactions of Grade 3 occurring in  $\geq 10\%$  of patients were viral infectious disorders (15%), bacterial infectious disorders (19%), and infections pathogen unspecified (15%). No grade 4 or 5 adverse reactions occurred in the study. Eight patients had discontinuation of RYONCIL treatment due to the following: acute infusion reactions (n=3), hypotension (n=1), gastroenteritis (n=1), and death (n=3).

You may report side effects to the FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 or [www.fda.gov/medwatch](http://www.fda.gov/medwatch). You may also report side effects to Mesoblast at toll-free phone #1-844-889-MESO (6376)

Please see the RYONCIL full Prescribing Information for additional Important Safety Information.

### **About Mesoblast**

Mesoblast (the Company) is a world leader in developing allogeneic (off-the-shelf) cellular medicines for the treatment of severe and life-threatening inflammatory conditions. The therapies from the Company's proprietary mesenchymal lineage cell therapy technology platform respond to severe inflammation by releasing anti-inflammatory factors that counter and modulate multiple effector arms of the immune system, resulting in significant reduction of the damaging inflammatory process.

Mesoblast's RYONCIL® (remestemcel-L) for the treatment of steroid-refractory acute graft versus host disease (SR-aGvHD) in children 2 months and older is the first FDA-approved mesenchymal stromal cell (MSC) therapy.

Mesoblast is committed to developing additional cell therapies for distinct indications based on its remestemcel-L and rexlemestrocel-L allogeneic stromal cell technology platforms. RYONCIL is being developed for additional inflammatory diseases including SR-aGvHD in adults and biologic-resistant inflammatory bowel disease. Rexlemestrocel-L is being developed for heart failure and chronic low back pain. The Company has established commercial partnerships in Japan, Europe and China.

**About Mesoblast intellectual property:** Mesoblast has a strong and extensive global intellectual property portfolio, with over 1,000 granted patents or patent applications covering mesenchymal stromal cell compositions of matter, methods of manufacturing and indications. These granted patents and patent applications provide commercial protection extending through to at least 2041 in all major markets.

**About Mesoblast manufacturing:** The Company's proprietary manufacturing processes yield industrial-scale, cryopreserved, off-the-shelf, cellular medicines. These cell therapies, with defined pharmaceutical release criteria, are planned to be readily available to patients worldwide.

Mesoblast has locations in Australia, the United States and Singapore and is listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (MSB) and on the Nasdaq (MESO). For more information, please see [www.mesoblast.com](http://www.mesoblast.com), LinkedIn: Mesoblast Limited and Twitter: @Mesoblast

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