

Zydus granted Orphan Drug Designation by the USFDA for ZYIL1 in treatment of patients with Cryopyrin Associated Periodic Syndrome (CAPS)

- *Orphan drug designation by USFDA for ZYIL1, provides eligibility for certain development incentives, including tax credits for qualified clinical testing, prescription drug user fee exemptions and seven-year marketing exclusivity upon FDA approval.*

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Zydus Lifesciences Ltd. (formerly known as Cadila Healthcare Ltd.), a discovery-driven, global lifesciences company today announced that the United States Food and Drug Administration (USFDA) has granted ‘Orphan Drug Designation’ (ODD) to ZYIL1, for treatment of patients with Cryopyrin Associated Periodic Syndrome (CAPS). The FDA's Office of Orphan Drug Products grants orphan status to support development of medicines for the treatment of rare diseases that affect fewer than 200,000 people in the United States.

ZYIL1 is a novel oral small molecule NLRP3 inhibitor which has demonstrated CSF penetration in non-human primates. In September 2022, Zydus had announced positive Phase 2 proof-of-concept (POC) study in CAPS patients, and publication of Phase 1 study results in Clinical Pharmacology in Drug Development, supporting the advancement of ZYIL1 into pivotal clinical trials in CAPS patients.

Mr. Pankaj R. Patel, Chairman, Zydus Lifesciences Ltd., said, “This Orphan Drug Designation from the USFDA underlines the urgent need to develop ZYIL1 to address this rare and critical chronic inflammatory condition CAPS, a high unmet medical need. ZYIL1 demonstrated Phase 2 proof-of-concept in CAPS patients showing rapid clinical improvement as early as day 3 which sustained till the end of the treatment, in addition to the improvement in inflammatory markers like Serum Amyloid A (SAA), CRP, IL-6. There were no Serious Adverse Events (SAE's) observed.”

CAPS is a rare, life-long auto-inflammatory condition, caused by NLRP3 activating mutations and is classified under orphan diseases. The chronic inflammation due to IL-1beta release in CAPS patients leads to urticaria-like rash, fever, arthralgia, and increased risk of amyloidosis. CAPS patients also experience multiple neurological complications like sensorineural hearing loss, migraine, headache, aseptic meningitis and myalgia. Bone deformities and neurological impairment have been reported in Neonatal Onset Multisystem Inflammatory Disease (NOMID), the most severe form of CAPS.



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Reference:

1. ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: **NCT04972188** A Phase I, Prospective, Open Label, Multiple Dose Study of ZYIL1 Administered Via Oral Route to Investigate The Safety, Tolerability, Pharmacokinetics And Pharmacodynamics In Healthy Adult Subjects
2. ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: **NCT04731324** A Phase 1, Prospective Open Label, Single Dose, Single Arm Study of ZYIL1 Administered Via Oral Route to Investigate the Safety, Tolerability, Pharmacokinetics and Pharmacodynamics in Healthy Adult Human Subjects
3. ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: **NCT05186051** A Phase 2a, Prospective, Open-Label Study to Evaluate the Safety, Tolerability, Pharmacokinetics and Pharmacodynamics of ZYIL1 in Subjects With Cryopyrin Associated Periodic Syndromes (CAPS)
4. [Safety, Tolerability, Pharmacokinetics and Pharmacodynamics of the Oral NLRP3 Inflammasome Inhibitor ZYIL1: First-in-human Phase 1 studies \(Single Ascending Dose and Multiple Ascending Dose\)](#), *Clinical Pharmacology in Drug Development*, 2022. DOI: [10.1002/cpdd.1162](https://doi.org/10.1002/cpdd.1162)

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