



## Scilex Holding Company Announces Pain Medicine News Published Retrospective Claims Data on ZTlido® vs. Lidocaine 5% Patch

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- Patients on ZTlido® had a non-significant change in their baseline opioid use (+3.1%; P=0.146), while those using the 5% patch experienced a significant increase in opioid use from baseline (+42.9%; P<0.001).

PALO ALTO, Calif., Jan. 13, 2025 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Scilex Holding Company (Nasdaq: SCLX, "Scilex" or "Company"), an innovative revenue-generating company focused on acquiring, developing and commercializing non-opioid pain management products for the treatment of acute and chronic pain and, following the formation of its proposed joint venture with IPMC Company, in neurodegenerative and cardiometabolic disease, today announced that Pain Medicine News published retrospective claims data on ZTlido® vs. lidocaine 5% patch.

Pain Medicine News, the premier trade publication in the pain management space, published decreased opioid utilization demonstrated with ZTlido® (lidocaine topical system 1.8%) in the magazine's December edition. The article concluded that retrospective claims data showed that Scilex Pharmaceuticals' flagship product, the branded ZTlido® lidocaine patch, was associated with less use of opioid analgesics in patients with neuropathic pain compared with the 5% lidocaine patch (generic). The researchers looked at claims with a diagnosis of neuropathic pain (postherpetic neuralgia, diabetic peripheral neuropathy or low back pain) in the Optum Claims database from May 1, 2018, to Sept. 30, 2023.

Among the key conclusions were that:

- More patients treated with ZTlido® saw either a decrease or discontinuation of opioid use compared with those treated with the 5% patch (51.9% vs. 45.5%).
- Of all study patients reporting a decrease in opioid use, significantly more in the ZTlido® group experienced a 20% or greater reduction in opioid use, compared with those treated with 5% lidocaine patch (21.3% vs. 13.4%; P=0.0008).
- Patients on ZTlido® had a non-significant change in their baseline opioid use (+3.1%; P=0.146), while those using the 5% patch experienced a significant increase in opioid use from baseline (+42.9%; P<0.001).

This study further affirms the difference between ZTlido®, as a second-generation lidocaine topical system, versus older, conventional lidocaine patches, and highlights the downstream impact conferred by advanced technology and improved adhesion. The full article may be accessed in the print edition of Pain Medicine News or online in the digital edition at this link: [December issue of Pain Medicine News](#)

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### **About Scilex Holding Company**

Scilex Holding Company is an innovative revenue-generating company focused on acquiring, developing and commercializing non-opioid pain management products for the treatment of acute and chronic pain and, following the formation of its proposed joint venture with IPMC Company, in neurodegenerative and cardiometabolic disease. Scilex targets indications with high unmet needs and large market opportunities with non-opioid therapies for the treatment of patients with acute and chronic pain and is dedicated to advancing and improving patient outcomes. Scilex's commercial products include: (i) ZTlido® (lidocaine topical system) 1.8%, a prescription lidocaine topical product approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (the "FDA") for the relief of neuropathic pain associated with postherpetic neuralgia, which is a form of post-shingles nerve pain; (ii) ELYXYB®, a potential first-line treatment and the only FDA-approved, ready-to-use oral solution for the acute treatment of migraine, with or without aura, in adults; and (iii) Gloperba®, the first and only liquid oral version of the anti-gout medicine colchicine indicated for the prophylaxis of painful gout flares in adults.

In addition, Scilex has three product candidates: (i) SP-102 (10 mg, dexamethasone sodium phosphate viscous gel) ("SEMDEXA™" or "SP-102"), a novel, viscous gel formulation of a widely used corticosteroid for epidural injections to treat lumbosacral radicular pain, or sciatica, for which Scilex has completed a Phase 3 study and was granted Fast Track status from the FDA in 2017; (ii) SP-103 (lidocaine topical system) 5.4%, ("SP-103"), a next-generation, triple-strength formulation of ZTlido, for the treatment of acute pain and for which Scilex has recently completed a Phase 2 trial in acute low back pain. SP-103 has been granted Fast Track status from the FDA in low back pain; and (iii) SP-104 (4.5 mg, low-dose naltrexone hydrochloride delayed-release capsules) ("SP-104"), a novel low-dose delayed-release naltrexone hydrochloride being developed for the treatment of fibromyalgia, for which Phase 1 trials were completed in the second quarter of 2022.

Scilex Holding Company is headquartered in Palo Alto, California.

### **About Semnur Pharmaceuticals, Inc.**

Semnur Pharmaceuticals, Inc. ("Semnur") is a clinical-late stage specialty pharmaceutical company focused on the development and commercialization of novel non-opioid pain therapies. Semnur's product candidate, SP-102 (SEMDEXA™), is the first non-opioid novel gel formulation administered epidurally in development for patients with moderate to severe chronic radicular pain/sciatica.

Semnur Pharmaceuticals, Inc. is headquartered in Palo Alto, California.

### **Forward-Looking Statements**

This press release and any statements made for and during any presentation or meeting concerning the matters discussed in this press release contain forward-looking statements related to Scilex and its subsidiaries under the safe harbor provisions of Section 21E of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected. Forward-looking statements include statements regarding Pain Medicine News published retrospective claims data on ZTlido® vs. lidocaine 5% patch.

Risks and uncertainties that could cause Scilex's actual results to differ materially and adversely from those expressed in our forward-looking statements, include, but are not limited to: risks associated with the Board's right to change the Record Date and/or revoke the Dividend; Scilex's ability to consummate a joint venture or any other transaction with IPMC Company and develop and commercialize treatments for obesity, neurodegenerative, cardiometabolic disease; risks associated with the unpredictability of trading markets and whether a market will be established for Scilex's common stock; general economic, political and business conditions; risks related to COVID-19 (and other similar disruptions); the risk that the potential product candidates that Scilex develops may not progress through clinical development or receive required regulatory approvals within expected timelines or at all; risks relating to uncertainty regarding the regulatory pathway for Scilex's product candidates; the risk that Scilex will be unable to successfully market or gain market acceptance of its product candidates; the risk that Scilex's product candidates may not be beneficial to patients or successfully commercialized; the risk that Scilex has overestimated the size of the target patient population, their willingness to try new therapies and the willingness of physicians to prescribe these therapies; risks that the outcome of the trials and studies for SP-102, SP-103 or SP-104 may not be successful or reflect positive outcomes; risks that the prior results of the clinical and investigator-initiated trials of SP-102 (SEMDEXA™), SP-103 or SP-104 may not be replicated; regulatory and intellectual property risks; and other risks and uncertainties indicated from time to time and other risks described in Scilex's most recent periodic reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including Scilex's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2023 and subsequent Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q that the Company has filed or may file with the SEC, including the risk factors set forth in those filings. Investors are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this release, and Scilex undertakes no obligation to update any forward-looking statement in this press release except as may be required by law.

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