

# Nxera Pharma to Receive US\$4.8 Million in Milestone Payments Following Centessa's Initiation of Clinical Development of ORX142, a Novel Orexin Receptor 2 (OX2R) Agonist

**Tokyo, Japan and Cambridge, UK, 4 July 2025** – Nxera Pharma Co., Ltd. ("Nxera" or "the Company"; TSE 4565) today announces that it will receive US\$4.8 million in milestone payments from Centessa Pharmaceuticals pursuant to its research collaboration with Centessa. The milestones were achieved as Centessa initiated clinical development of ORX142, its second novel orexin receptor 2 (OX2R) agonist following the recent clearance of an Investigational New Drug (IND) application by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for a Phase 1 clinical study of ORX142 in healthy volunteers. ([click here](#)).

ORX142 is an investigational, novel, highly potent and selective OX2R agonist being developed by Centessa for the treatment of select neurological and neurodegenerative disorders.

Of the milestone receipt, US\$1.8 million associated with the clearance of the IND will be recognized as revenue in the second quarter of 2025, and US\$3.0 million associated with the initiation of clinical development will be recognized as revenue in the third quarter of 2025.

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## About Nxera Pharma

Nxera Pharma is a technology powered biopharma company in pursuit of new specialty medicines to improve the lives of patients with unmet needs in Japan and globally.

We have built an agile, new-generation commercial business in Japan to develop and commercialize innovative medicines, including several launched products, to address this high value, large and growing market and those in the broader APAC region.

Behind that, and powered by our unique NxWave™ discovery platform, we are advancing an extensive pipeline of over 30 active programs from discovery through to late clinical stage internally and in partnership with leading pharma and biotech companies. This pipeline of potentially first- and best-in-class candidates is focused on addressing major unmet needs in some of the fastest-growing areas of medicine across neurology/neuropsychiatry, metabolic diseases and immunology and inflammation.

Nxera employs approximately 400 talented people at key locations in Tokyo and Osaka (Japan), London and

Cambridge (UK), Basel (Switzerland) and Seoul (South Korea) and is listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange (ticker: 4565).

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