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# **Decision Cover Letter**

#### Decision of the licensing authority to:

accept change(s) to the agreed paediatric investigation plan and to the deferral.

MHRA-101342-PIP01-24-M02

## **Scope of the Application**

#### Active Substance(s)

ESKETAMINE HYDROCHLORIDE

#### Condition(s)

Treatment of major depressive disorder

**Pharmaceutical Form(s)** 

Nasal spray, solution

**Route(s) of Administration** 

INTRANASAL USE

Name / Corporate name of the PIP applicant

Janssen-Cilag Limited

# **Basis for the Decision**

Pursuant to the Human Medicines Regulations 2012, Janssen-Cilag Limited submitted to the licensing authority on 28/02/2025 13:26 GMT an application for a Modification

The procedure started on 22/04/2025 09:30 BST

1. The licensing authority, having assessed the application in accordance with the Human Medicines Regulations 2012, decides, as set out in the appended summary report:

to accept change(s) to the agreed paediatric investigation plan and to the deferral.

2. The measures and timelines of the paediatric investigation plan are set out in the Annex I.

This decision is forwarded to the applicant, together with its annex and appendix.



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# **Final Decision Letter**

MHRA-101342-PIP01-24-M02

Of 07/05/2025 09:31 BST

On the adopted decision for ESKETAMINE HYDROCHLORIDE (MHRA-101342-PIP01-24-M02) in accordance with the Human Medicines Regulations 2012.

The licensing authority, in accordance with the Human Medicines Regulations 2012, has adopted this decision:

Agreement on modification of a paediatric investigation plan (including modification of a waiver or deferral included in that paediatric investigation plan).

This decision applies to a Modification for ESKETAMINE HYDROCHLORIDE, Nasal spray, solution, INTRANASAL USE .

This decision is addressed to Janssen-Cilag Limited, 50-100 Holmers Farm Way, Buckinghamshire, High Wycombe, UNITED KINGDOM, HP12 4EG

# ANNEX I

1. Waiver

#### **1.1 Condition:**

Treatment of major depressive disorder The waiver applies / applied to: Paediatric Subset(s): The paediatric population from birth to less than 7 years of age. Pharmaceutical form(s): Nasal spray, solution Route(s) of administration: INTRANASAL USE Reason for granting waiver: On the grounds the disease or condition for which the specific medicinal product is intended does not occur in the specified paediatric subset(s). Paediatric Subset(s): The paediatric population from 7 years to less than 12 years of age. Pharmaceutical form(s): Nasal spray, solution Route(s) of administration: INTRANASAL USE Reason for granting waiver: On the grounds the specific medicinal product is intended does not occur in the specified paediatric subset(s). Paediatric Subset(s): The paediatric population from 7 years to less than 12 years of age. Pharmaceutical form(s): Nasal spray, solution Route(s) of administration: INTRANASAL USE Reason for granting waiver: On the grounds the specific medicinal product is likely to be unsafe.

#### 2. Paediatric Investigation Plan:

#### 2.1 Condition(s):

Treatment of major depressive disorder.

## **2.2 Indication(s) targeted by the PIP:**

Treatment of major depressive disorder (MDD) in adolescent patients with acute suicidal ideation or behaviour.

## **2.3** Subset(s) of the paediatric population concerned by the paediatric development:

The paediatric population from 12 years to less than 18 years of age.

## **2.4 Pharmaceutical Form(s):**

Nasal spray, solution

# 2.5 Studies:

Study Type	Number of Studies	Study Description
Quality Measures	0	Not applicable.
Non-Clinical Studies	1	Study 1 (TOX13050) Neurotoxicity
		study in juvenile rats to explore
		potential brain injury.
Clinical Studies	2	Study 2 (ESKETINSUI2002)
		Double-blind, double-dummy,
		randomised dose-response study
		to evaluate the efficacy and
		safety of intranasal esketamine
		compared with psychoactive
		placebo in adolescents with major
		depressive disorder assessed to be
		at imminent risk for suicide, with
		an initial 8-week post-treatment
		follow-up as part of a full 6-month
		posttreatment follow-up. Study 3
		(54135419SUI3003) Double-blind,
		double-dummy, randomised study
		to evaluate the efficacy and safety of
		intranasal esketamine compared with
		psychoactive placebo in adolescents
		with major depressive disorder
		assessed to be at imminent risk for
		suicide, with an initial 8-week post-
		treatment follow-up as part of a full
		6-month post-treatment follow-up.
		Study 4 (54135419SUI3004) This

Extrapolation, Modeling & Simulation Studies	1	study was deleted during procedure MHRA-1010342-PIP01-24-M02. Study 5 Population PK modelling and simulation study to identify possible covariates that have an influence on esketamine exposure after intranasal administration and to support dose selection for
		adolescents.
Other Studies	0	Not applicable.
Other Measures	0	Not applicable.

# 3. Follow-up, completion and deferral of a PIP:

Concerns on potential long term safety and efficacy issues in relation to paediatric use:	No
Date of completion of the paediatric investigation plan:	31/12/2030
Deferral of one or more studies contained in the paediatric investigation plan:	Yes