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## **ASX Release**

# Dr John Maher Appointed to SUDA's iNKT Cell Therapy Scientific Advisory Board

**PERTH, AUSTRALIA – 3 September 2021:** SUDA Pharmaceuticals Ltd (ASX: SUD), a biotechnology company focused on developing therapies to treat cancer and conditions that affect the central nervous system, has appointed Dr John Maher to its Scientific Advisory Board for the iNKT cell therapy platform.

Dr Maher is an internationally recognised clinical immunologist, focused on the development of chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) cell therapies. Dr Maher played a key role in the early development of second-generation CAR technology while a visiting fellow at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in the US, an approach that has achieved clinical impact in haematological malignancies and forms the basis for the five FDA approved CART cell therapies. In 2004, Dr Maher established CART cell research at King's College London, where he leads the "CAR Mechanics" group, which is focused on the development of adoptive immunotherapy using CAR engineered and gamma delta T cells. Dr Maher is also a clinically active consultant immunologist within King's Health Partners and Eastbourne Hospital.

Dr Maher is the scientific founder and Chief Scientific Officer of Leucid Bio, a clinical stage cell therapy company with a pipeline of novel CAR T cell therapies developed using its proprietary engine.

SUDA's CEO and MD, Dr Michael Baker, commented "Dr Maher has a tremendous amount of experience in developing cell therapies and unique CARs across the preclinical and clinical settings. We are delighted with his appointment to our Scientific Advisory Board and we look forward to his contributions for the development of our iNKT cell therapy platform."

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#### **About SUDA Pharmaceuticals Ltd**

SUDA Pharmaceuticals Ltd (ASX: SUD) is a biotechnology company focused on developing therapies to treat human disease. SUDA's two focus areas are oncology and conditions that impact the central nervous system. SUDA is developing its invariant natural killer T (iNKT) cell therapy platform from Imperial College London to treat blood cancers. The Company is also developing low-risk oral sprays to reformulate existing pharmaceuticals. The potential benefits of administering drugs through the oral mucosa (i.e. cheeks, tongue, gums and palate) include ease of use, lower dosage, reduced side effects and faster response time. SUDA's product pipeline includes an oral spray for the platelet-lowering drug anagrelide to treat metastatic disease in the background of high platelets, and ZolpiMist™, a first-in-class oral spray of zolpidem tartrate to treat short-term insomnia. ZolpiMist is approved by the FDA and the TGA and is marketed in the USA. SUDA has rights to the product outside of the US and Canada. Other products in development include oral sprays to treat migraine headaches, motion sickness, and drug-resistant epilepsy.

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