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## **Sequana Medical Secures Additional Convertible Financing of EUR 6.3 Million from SFPIM and Other Existing Shareholders**

- *Continued strong support from major shareholders*
- *alfapump® US commercial launch remains on track for Q3 2025 through specialty commercial team focused on liver transplant centers*
- *Cash runway extended into Q1 2026 based on expected drawdowns of the initial EUR 20 million commitment under the GEM committed share subscription facility*

**Ghent, Belgium, 27 May 2025 – Sequana Medical NV (Euronext Brussels: SEQUA (the "Company" or "Sequana Medical")),** a pioneer in the treatment of drug-resistant fluid overload in liver disease, heart failure and cancer, announced today that SFPIM (previously known as SFPI-FPIM) and other existing shareholders have invested a further EUR 6.3 million in the 2025 Convertible Loan announced on [18<sup>th</sup> March 2025](#). Together with the previously announced investment from EQT and Partners in Equity, this brings the total of new capital invested in the 2025 Convertible Loan to EUR 10.3 million.

This new investment, together with the Company's existing financial arrangements are expected to extend the Company's cash runway into Q1 2026 based on expected drawdowns of the initial EUR 20 million Capital Commitment of the GEM committed share subscription facility.

The Company confirmed that it remains on track for first US sales of the **alfapump** in Q3 this year through its own specialty salesforce that will target liver transplant centers, and that it remains confident of strong demand based upon very positive feedback from US clinicians. Production of the **alfapump** systems for the launch remains on track and the necessary clinical, logistical and QA/RA arrangements for supporting the launch are underway.

The **alfapump** system is approved by the US FDA for the treatment of recurrent or refractory ascites due to liver cirrhosis. PMA approval was received in December 2024, building upon the FDA breakthrough designation received in 2019. It is the first active implantable medical device in the US that automatically and continuously removes ascites from the abdomen into the bladder, where it is naturally eliminated through urination. To date, over 1,000 **alfapump** systems have been implanted.

**Céline Vaessen, Chief Investment Officer at SFPIM, commented:** *"Since we invested in Sequana Medical at the time of the IPO, we have remained a loyal and supportive investor with the aim to bring the **alfapump** to the patient. We are very pleased with the strong progress the Company has made and are excited to continue supporting the team at this important time. We have high hopes that the company will build a successful commercial team to drive the roll-out of its **alfapump**. Our participation in this financing round further*

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*demonstrates SFPIM's commitment to making a meaningful difference in patients' lives for whom there are hardly any treatment options."*

**Ian Crosbie, Chief Executive Officer of Sequana Medical NV, added:** *"We are very grateful for the strong support from SFPIM and other existing shareholders, complementing the previous investment from EQT and Partners in Equity. With this additional significant investment, together with our existing financial arrangements, we can move forward with confidence for US commercial launch in Q3. Based upon the very positive feedback from US clinicians and particularly our initial launch centers, we are confident that we will be able to demonstrate the tremendous US commercial opportunity for **alfapump** to transform the treatment of recurrent or refractory ascites due to liver cirrhosis."*

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#### **About alfapump in recurrent or refractory ascites due to liver cirrhosis & the POSEIDON study**

Recurrent or refractory ascites is a severe condition characterized by the accumulation of fluid in the abdomen. The current standard treatment involves therapeutic paracentesis, an invasive and burdensome procedure that drains ascites from the abdomen using a large needle over an extended period. The **alfapump** is approved by the US FDA for the treatment of recurrent or refractory ascites due to liver cirrhosis. It is the first active implantable medical device in the US that automatically and continuously removes ascites from the abdomen into the bladder, where it is naturally eliminated through urination. To date, over 1,000 **alfapump** systems have been implanted.

The US market of recurrent and refractory ascites due to liver cirrhosis is forecast to grow by an average of 9% per year, from approximately 70,000 patients in 2025 to 130,000 patients by 2032, primarily driven by the increasing prevalence of NASH / MASH<sup>1</sup>. The total market opportunity for **alfapump** is estimated at over \$2 billion in 2025, and is forecast to reach over \$5 billion by 2035.

The FDA's approval of the PMA is based on the successful execution of Sequana Medical's pivotal POSEIDON study, a landmark study across 18 centers in the US and Canada with a total of 69 patients implanted with the **alfapump**. The primary effectiveness endpoints at six months post-implantation in the Pivotal Cohort<sup>2</sup> exceeded the predefined thresholds with statistical significance, and primary safety endpoint data was in line with expectations<sup>3</sup>. Data at 12 months post-implantation continued to show a strong and durable clinical profile,

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<sup>1</sup> Based on US and Canada market assessment conducted by highly experienced international consulting group

<sup>2</sup> The Pivotal Cohort is used for the primary effectiveness endpoints and consists of 40 patients implanted with the **alfapump**

<sup>3</sup> Data reported in press release of [25 October 2022](#)

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virtually eliminating the need for therapeutic paracentesis and delivering an improvement in quality of life (as defined by subjective physical health (assessed by SF-36 PCS) and ascites symptoms (assessed by Ascites Q))<sup>4</sup>. At AASLD's The Liver Meeting in November 2024, key POSEIDON investigators reported that the **alfapump** virtually eliminated the need for large volume paracentesis at 24 months, with overall survival of 62%<sup>5</sup>.

The POSEIDON manuscript published in the American Journal of Gastroenterology in January 2025 concluded "the results from the literature indicate that the overall survival of patients with the **alfapump** was not worse as compared to TIPS and was higher than reported for standard of care (LVP)<sup>6</sup>".

Data from the patient preference study and a matched cohort analysis of the NACSELD-III registry with the POSEIDON Pivotal Cohort indicated that US patients have a strong preference for the **alfapump** vs standard paracentesis procedures and that the safety profile of the **alfapump** is comparable to standard of care<sup>7</sup>.

**About Sequana Medical**

Sequana Medical NV is a pioneer in treating fluid overload, a serious and frequent clinical complication in patients with liver disease, heart failure and cancer. This causes major medical issues including increased mortality, repeated hospitalizations, severe pain, difficulty breathing and restricted mobility. Although diuretics are standard of care, they become ineffective, intolerable or exacerbate the problem in many patients. There are limited effective treatment options, resulting in poor clinical outcomes, high costs and a major impact on their quality of life. Sequana Medical is seeking to provide innovative treatment options for this large and growing "diuretic resistant" patient population. **alfapump**<sup>®</sup> and **DSR**<sup>®</sup> are Sequana Medical's proprietary platforms that work with the body to treat diuretic-resistant fluid overload, and are intended to deliver major clinical and quality of life benefits for patients, while reducing costs for healthcare systems.

The Company received US FDA approval for the **alfapump** System for the treatment of recurrent or refractory ascites due to liver cirrhosis in December 2024, following the grant of FDA Breakthrough Device Designation in 2019. Sequana Medical intends to start US commercialisation early in the second half of 2025 through a small specialty salesforce that it will establish to target the 90 US liver transplant centers that perform 95% of liver transplants.

Results of the Company's RED DESERT and SAHARA proof-of-concept studies in heart failure published in European Journal of Heart Failure in April 2024 support DSR's mechanism of action as breaking the vicious cycle of cardiorenal syndrome. All three patients from the non-randomized cohort of MOJAVE, a US randomized controlled multi-center Phase 1/2a clinical study, have been successfully treated with DSR, resulting in a dramatic improvement in diuretic response and virtual elimination of loop diuretic requirements<sup>8</sup>.

<sup>4</sup> Data reported in press release of [19 October 2023](#)

<sup>5</sup> Based upon the pivotal cohort of the POSEIDON study, data reported in press release of [18 November 2024](#)

<sup>6</sup> The Effects of **alfapump** on Ascites Control and Quality of Life in Patients with Cirrhosis and Recurrent or Refractory Ascites" *American Journal of Gastroenterology*

<sup>7</sup> Data reported in press release of [19 October 2023](#); Patient Preference study conducted by RTI Health Solutions, and matched cohort analysis presented by Dr. Bajaj at EASL Congress 2024.

<sup>8</sup> Data reported in press release of [March 25, 2024](#); mean increase of 326% in six-hour urinary sodium excretion at 3 months follow up vs baseline, and 95% reduction of loop diuretics over same period

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**Important Safety Information:** For important safety information regarding the **alfapump**<sup>®</sup> system, see <https://www.sequanamedical.com/wp-content/uploads/ISI.pdf>.

The **alfapump**<sup>®</sup> System is currently not approved in Canada.

DSR<sup>®</sup> therapy is still in development and is currently not approved in any country. The safety and effectiveness of DSR<sup>®</sup> therapy has not been established.

Note: **alfapump**<sup>®</sup> and DSR<sup>®</sup> are registered trademarks.

**Forward-looking statements**

*This press release may contain predictions, estimates or other information that might be considered forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance. These forward-looking statements represent the current judgment of Sequana Medical on what the future holds, and are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially. Sequana Medical expressly disclaims any obligation or undertaking to release any updates or revisions to any forward-looking statements in this press release, except if specifically required to do so by law or regulation. You should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements, which reflect the opinions of Sequana Medical only as of the date of this press release.*