



## **Centessa Pharmaceuticals Appoints One of the World's Leading Drug Developers, Antoine Yver, M.D., M.Sc., as Chief Medical Officer**

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**CAMBRIDGE, Mass. & LONDON, May 10, 2021** – Centessa Pharmaceuticals (“Centessa”) today announced that Antoine Yver, M.D., M.Sc., has been appointed as Chief Medical Officer. Dr. Yver is one of the world's leading drug developers with more than 30 years of global experience in the pharmaceutical industry.

“We are absolutely thrilled to welcome Antoine to our team as CMO,” said Saurabh Saha, M.D., Ph.D., Chief Executive Officer of Centessa. “Antoine is a true industry leader with significant experience and success as a drug developer, having developed some of the most impactful oncology drugs in the world. I look forward to partnering with him as we advance our portfolio of preclinical programs into the clinic and progress our four assets currently in clinical development.”

“I am delighted to be joining Centessa, a differentiated company with a unique operating model,” said Dr. Yver. “Centessa’s asset-centric model exemplifies the very best practices that I have experienced and implemented in the industry. I am honored to be working with such a talented leadership team and exceptional Board and look forward to helping establish this bold new R&D enterprise while we strive to bring important new medicines to patients.”

Dr. Yver brings more than 30 years of global experience in the pharmaceutical industry to Centessa and has played a pivotal role in the development and approvals of 11 different drugs, including Tagrisso®, Lynparza®, and Enhertu®. He led the development of Tagrisso® in 2 years 7 months from first human dose to U.S. approval and its rapid deployment to all other major regions, which was the fastest ever for an anti-cancer drug. Dr. Yver joins the company from Daiichi Sankyo, where he served as Executive Vice President and Global Head, R&D Oncology, and Chair of the Cancer Enterprise. Previously, Dr. Yver was with AstraZeneca, most recently serving as Senior Vice President, Global Medicine Head, Oncology, and Global Medicines Development China Lead. Earlier, he held various clinical development roles at Schering-Plough/Merck, Johnson & Johnson, Aventis Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Rhône-Poulenc Rorer, Inc, Applied Immune Sciences, Inc, and Chugai-RP. Dr. Yver is a pediatric oncologist and holds an M.D. from Université Paris-Saclay.

### **About Centessa Pharmaceuticals**

Centessa Pharmaceuticals Limited is a next-generation biopharmaceutical company that aims to reshape the traditional drug development process. The company applies an asset-centric R&D model at scale to advance a portfolio of programs led by industry-leading teams. Each program is developed by one of ten Centessa subsidiaries and supported by centralized infrastructure and the Centessa management team. For more information, visit [www.centessa.com](http://www.centessa.com).

### **Forward Looking Statements**

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