



Helus Pharma Presents New Analyses on HLP003 in Major Depressive Disorder at Psych Congress 2026

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Poster presentations further characterize clinical profile of HLP003 and Phase 3 PARADIGM program evaluating HLP003 as a potential adjunctive treatment for major depressive disorder ("MDD")

NEW YORK and TORONTO, Sept. 21, 2026 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Helus Pharma (Nasdaq: HELP) (Cboe CA: HELP) (the "Company" or "Helus Pharma"), a clinical-stage pharmaceutical company committed to helping minds heal by developing novel serotonergic agonists ("NSAs"), today announced the presentation of four posters evaluating HLP003, an investigational oral deuterated psilocin analog being developed as an adjunctive treatment for MDD, at Psych Congress 2026, September 15–19, 2026, at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Three of the poster presentations build on findings from Helus Pharma's completed Phase 1/2a randomized, double-blind study of HLP003 as a potential adjunctive therapy in participants with MDD. Data presented includes 12-month efficacy results. A trial-in-progress overview of PARADIGM, the ongoing Phase 3 clinical program of HLP003 was also presented.

Poster #1

- **Title:** Effects of HLP003 on MADRS Individual Items and Anhedonia Subscale in Adults With Major Depressive Disorder: Post Hoc Analysis of a Phase 1/2a Study
- **Authors:** Atul R. Mahabeshwarkar, MD; Ken Kramer, PhD; Alexandra Kulikova, PhD; Amir Inamdar, MBBS, DNB (Psych), MFPM
- **Poster Number:**124

Poster #2

- **Title:** Understanding and Assessing the Psychedelic Experience From a Phase 1/2a Study of the Deuterated Psilocin Analog HLP003 in Adults With Major Depressive Disorder
- **Authors:** Atul R. Mahabeshwarkar, MD; Sunita Shinde, MD; Ken Kramer, PhD; Alexandra Kulikova, PhD; Amir Inamdar, MBBS, DNB (Psych), MFPM
- **Poster Number:** 123

Poster #3

- **Title:** Expanded Safety Analysis of the Deuterated Psilocin Analog HLP003 From a Phase 1/2a Study of Adult Participants With Major Depressive Disorder
- **Authors:** Sunita Shinde, MD; Alexandra Kulikova, PhD; Atul Mahabeshwarkar, MD; Ken Kramer, PhD; Amir Inamdar, MBBS, DNB (Psych), MFPM
- **Poster Number:** 122

Poster #4

- **Title:** A Phase 3 Clinical Program Evaluating the Efficacy and Safety of the Deuterated Psilocin Analog HLP003 as an Adjunctive Treatment for Major Depressive Disorder (PARADIGM)
- **Authors:** Amir Inamdar, MBBS, DNB (Psych), MFPM; Annette Massa, PharmD; Ken Kramer, PhD; Heather Prichard, PhD; Sunita Shinde, MD; Atul Mahabeshwarkar, MD
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About Helus Pharma

Helus Pharma, the commercial operating name of Cybin Inc., is a clinical-stage pharmaceutical company committed to helping minds heal by developing proprietary NSAs, synthetic molecules designed to activate serotonin pathways that are believed to

promote neuroplasticity. The Company's proprietary NSAs are intended to address the large unmet need for people who suffer from depression, anxiety, and other mental health conditions.

With class-leading data, Helus Pharma aims to improve the treatment landscape through the introduction of NSAs that aim to provide durable improvements in mental health. Helus Pharma is currently developing HLP003, a proprietary NSA, in Phase 3 clinical development for the adjunctive treatment of MDD that has received Breakthrough Therapy Designation from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and HLP004, also a proprietary NSA in Phase 2 for generalized anxiety disorder. Additionally, Helus Pharma has an extensive research portfolio of investigational NSAs.

The Company operates in Canada, the United States, the United Kingdom, and Ireland. For Company updates and to learn more about Helus Pharma, visit www.helus.com or follow the team on X, LinkedIn, YouTube and Instagram. Helus Pharma™ is a trademark of Helus Pharma Corp.

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These forward-looking statements are based on reasonable assumptions and estimates of management of the Company at the time such statements were made. Actual future results may differ materially as forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties, and other factors which may cause the actual results, performance, or achievements of the Company to materially differ from any future results, performance, or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Such factors, among other things, include: fluctuations in general macroeconomic conditions; fluctuations in securities markets; expectations regarding the size of the NSA market; the ability of the Company to successfully achieve its business objectives; plans for growth; political, social and environmental uncertainties; employee relations; the presence of laws and regulations that may impose restrictions in the markets where the Company operates; implications of disease outbreaks on the Company's operations; and the risk factors set out in each of the Company's management's discussion and analysis for the three months ended June 30, 2026, and the Company's annual information form for the year ended March 31, 2026, which are available under the Company's profile on SEDAR+ at www.sedarplus.ca/ and with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on EDGAR at www.sec.gov/edgar. Although the forward-looking statements contained in this news release are based upon what management of the Company believes, or believed at the time, to be reasonable assumptions, the Company cannot assure shareholders that actual results will be consistent with such forward-looking statements, as there may be other factors that cause results not to be as anticipated, estimated or intended. Readers should not place undue reliance on the forward-looking statements contained in this news release. The Company assumes no obligation to update the forward-looking statements of beliefs, opinions, projections, or other factors, should they change, except as required by law.

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