



## R&D rebate strengthens cash position

### Highlights

- **Australian Government R&D Tax Incentive scheme funds**
- **\$2.8 million refund received**
- **Support for Sofra™ technology platform**

**Sydney, 27 February 2026:** Innovative biotech company **Noxopharm Limited (ASX:NOX)** has received a \$2,806,583.03 rebate under the Australian Government's Research and Development Tax Incentive scheme for expenditure during FY 2025.

Noxopharm CEO Dr Gisela Mautner said: "We have made substantial progress over the past 12 months, and this R&D rebate helps strengthen our cash position as we continue to build upon the success of our HERACLES clinical trial and develop our Sofra™ drug candidates.

"We are now laying the groundwork for our next-phase clinical trials, as well as looking to deepen existing external stakeholder collaborations and develop new ones following the [recent publication](#) in *Nature Immunology* of the groundbreaking science underlying the Sofra platform.

"Cutaneous lupus (CLE) is our first shot on goal before we move into other chronic inflammatory diseases. It is an incurable chronic disease, meaning that patients would potentially need to use SOF-SKN on an ongoing basis to help relieve their symptoms. The global CLE market is worth more than US\$3.3 billion and is expected to grow significantly over the coming years."

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### About the Sofra technology platform

Developed from a [breakthrough discovery](#) in the immune system, Sofra comprises a novel class of drugs targeting inflammatory and autoimmune diseases, as well as RNA therapeutics and vaccines.

[Sofra technology](#) has potential applications in a wide range of diseases related to the immune system such as rheumatoid arthritis, lupus and diabetes, as well as other diseases like cancer.

The global autoimmune disease therapeutics market was worth US\$163.2 billion in 2024 and is expected to reach US\$219.6 billion by 2035, while the worldwide immuno-oncology market was US\$43 billion in 2023 and is projected to hit US\$284 billion by 2033.

The proprietary platform is based on short nucleic acid sequences, the building blocks of DNA or RNA, known as oligonucleotides. These act on specific immune sensors to regulate inflammation at its source, reducing or stimulating it to control the disease.

Further information and animations: [SOF-SKN](#) / [SOF-VAC](#)



## About Noxopharm

Noxopharm Limited (ASX:NOX) is a clinical-stage Australian biotech company discovering and developing novel treatments for cancer and inflammation, including a pioneering technology to improve the safety profile of a wide range of mRNA medicines.

The company utilises specialist in-house capabilities and strategic partnerships with leading researchers to build a growing pipeline of new proprietary drugs based on two technology platforms – Sofra™ (inflammation, autoimmunity, mRNA drug enhancement, and oncology) and Chroma™ (oncology).

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*Dr Gisela Mautner, CEO and Managing Director of Noxopharm, has approved the release of this document to the market on behalf of the Board of Directors.*

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