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## INTRODUCTION

#### Certain Definitions

In this annual report, unless the context otherwise requires:

- references to "BioLineRx," "us," "we" and "our" refer to BioLineRx Ltd. (the "Registrant"), an Israeli company, and its consolidated subsidiaries;
- references to "ordinary shares," "our shares" and similar expressions refer to the Registrant's Ordinary Shares, NIS 0.01 nominal (par) value per share;
- references to "ADS" refer to the Registrant's American Depositary Shares;
- references to "dollars," "U.S. dollars" and "\$" are to United States Dollars;
- references to "shekels" and "NIS" are to New Israeli Shekels, the Israeli currency;
- references to the "Companies Law" are to Israel's Companies Law, 5759-1999, as amended; and
- references to the "SEC" are to the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

#### **Forward-Looking Statements**

Some of the statements under the sections entitled "Item 3. Key Information – Risk Factors," "Item 4. Information on the Company," and "Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects" and elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 20-F constitute forward-looking statements. These statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause our actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by terms including "anticipates," "believes," "could," "estimates," "expects," "intends," "may," "plans," "potential," "predicts," "projects," "should," "will," "would," and similar expressions intended to identify forward-looking statements, but these are not the only ways these statements are identified. Forward-looking statements reflect our current views with respect to future events and are based on assumptions and subject to risks and uncertainties. In addition, the section of this Annual Report on Form 20-F entitled "Item 4. Information on the Company" contains information obtained from independent industry and other sources that we have not independently verified. You should not put undue reliance on any forward-looking statements. Unless we are required to do so under U.S. federal securities laws or other applicable laws, we do not intend to update or revise any forward-looking statements. Readers are encouraged to consult the Company's filings made on Form 6-K, which are periodically filed with or furnished to the SEC.

Factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in such forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to:

- the initiation, timing, progress and results of our preclinical studies, clinical trials and other therapeutic candidate development efforts;
- our ability to advance our therapeutic candidates into clinical trials or to successfully complete our preclinical studies or clinical trials;
- our receipt of regulatory approvals for our therapeutic candidates, and the timing of other regulatory filings and approvals;
- the clinical development, commercialization and market acceptance of our therapeutic candidates;
- our ability to establish and maintain corporate collaborations;
- the interpretation of the properties and characteristics of our therapeutic candidates and of the results obtained with our therapeutic candidates in preclinical studies or clinical trials;
- the implementation of our business model and strategic plans for our business and therapeutic candidates;

- the scope of protection we are able to establish and maintain for intellectual property rights covering our therapeutic candidates and our ability to operate our business without infringing the intellectual property rights of others;
- estimates of our expenses, future revenues, capital requirements and our needs for additional financing;
- competitive companies, technologies and our industry; and
- statements as to the impact of the political and security situation in Israel on our business.

## PART I

## ITEM 1. IDENTITY OF DIRECTORS, SENIOR MANAGEMENT AND ADVISERS

Not applicable.

## ITEM 2. OFFER STATISTICS AND EXPECTED TIMETABLE

Not applicable.

## ITEM 3. KEY INFORMATION

## A. Selected Financial Data

The following table sets forth our selected consolidated financial data for the periods ended and as of the dates indicated. The following selected historical consolidated financial data for our company should be read in conjunction with "Item 5. Operational and Financial Review and Prospects" and other information provided elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 20-F and our consolidated financial statements and related notes. The selected consolidated financial data in this section is not intended to replace the consolidated financial statements and is qualified in its entirety thereby.

The selected consolidated statements of operations data for the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011, and the selected consolidated balance sheet data as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, have been derived from our audited consolidated financial statements set forth elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 20-F. The selected consolidated statements of operations data for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009, and the selected consolidated balance sheet data as of December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009, have been derived from our audited consolidated financial statements not included in this Form 20-F.

	rear Ended December 51,						
Consolidated Statements of Operations Data: <sup>(1)</sup>	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	<b>2013</b> <sup>(2)</sup>	
	(in thousands, except share and per share data)						
		`	NIS	,		<b>U.S.</b> \$	
Revenues	63,909	113,160	_	-	_	_	
Cost of revenues	(22,622)	(25,571)	_	_	_	_	
Operating expenses:							
Research and development expenses, net	(90,302)	(54,966)	(42,623)	(64,304)	(44,057)	(12,692)	
Sales and marketing expenses	(3,085)	(4,609)	(3,308)	(3,227)	(4,101)	(1,182)	
General and administrative expenses	(11,182)	(14,875)	(12,722)	(14,026)	(13,225)	(3,810)	
Operating income (loss)	(63,282)	13,139	(58,653)	(81,557)	(61,383)	(17,684)	
Non-operating income, net	_	_	_	3,958	4,191	1,207	
Financial income	3,928	3,056	12,730	8,819	2,600	749	
Financial expenses	(2,164)	(8,755)	(4,263)	(7,490)	(6,846)	(1,972)	
Net income (loss)	(61,518)	7,440	(50,186)	(76,270)	(61,438)	(17,700)	
Net earnings (loss) per ordinary share	(0.63)	0.06	(0.41)	(0.45)	(0.27)	(80.0)	
Number of ordinary shares used in computing							
earnings (loss) per ordinary share	96,693,387	123,512,098	123,587,030	169,404,730	224,885,157	224,885,157	

Our consolidated financial statements included in this annual report were prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board, and reported in NIS.

	As of December 31,					
Consolidated Balance Sheet Data:	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2013 <sup>(2)</sup>
	(in thousands)					
			NIS			U.S.\$
Cash and cash equivalents	105,890	111,746	33,061	68,339	30,888	8,889
Short-term bank deposits	_	28,037	65,782	11,459	32,345	9,139
Accounts receivable	37,750	_	_	-	-	-
Property, plant and equipment, net	4,175	4,509	4,211	3,172	2,471	712
Total assets	159,167	154,613	111,660	90,808	69,469	20,015
Total liabilities	41,230	22,653	25,902	34,879	28,783	8,293
Total shareholders' equity	117,937	131,960	85,758	55,929	40,686	11,722

- (1) Data on diluted loss per share was not presented in the financial statements because the effect of the exercise of the options is either immaterial or is anti-dilutive.
- (2) Calculated using the exchange rate reported by the Bank of Israel for December 31, 2013 at the rate of one U.S. dollar per NIS 3.471.

We report our financial statements in NIS. No representation is made that the NIS amounts referred to in this Annual Report on Form 20-F could have been or could be converted into U.S. dollars at any particular rate or at all.

The following table sets forth information regarding the exchange rates of U.S. dollars per NIS for the periods indicated. Average rates are calculated by using the daily representative rates as reported by the Bank of Israel on the last day of each month during the periods presented.

	NIS per U.S. \$				
Year Ended December 31,	High	Low	Average	Period End	
2013	3.791	3.504	3.611	3.471	
2012	4.084	3.700	3.844	3.733	
2011	3.821	3.363	3.578	3.821	
2010	3.894	3.549	3.730	3.549	
2009	4.256	3.690	3.923	3.775	

The following table sets forth the high and low daily representative rates for the NIS as reported by the Bank of Israel for each of the prior six months.

	NIS per U.S. \$			
Month	High	Low	Average	Period End
March 2014 (through March 14, 2014)	3.496	3.459	3.476	3.471
February 2014	3.549	3.496	3.517	3.496
January 2014	3.507	3.471	3.492	3.498
December 2013	3.530	3.471	3.505	3.471
November 2013	3.569	3.519	3.536	3.523
October 2013	3.567	3.518	3.538	3.519
September 2013	3.632	3.504	3.569	3.537

On March 14, 2014, the closing representative rate was \$1.00 to NIS3.471, as reported by the Bank of Israel.

#### **B.** Capitalization and Indebtedness

Not applicable.

#### C. Reasons for the Offer and Use of Proceeds

Not applicable.

## D. Risk Factors

You should carefully consider the risks we describe below, in addition to the other information set forth elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 20-F, including our consolidated financial statements and the related notes beginning on page F-1, before deciding to invest in our ordinary shares and ADSs. These material risks could adversely impact our results of operations, possibly causing the trading price of our ordinary shares and ADSs to decline, and you could lose all or part of your investment.

## Risks Related to Our Financial Condition and Capital Requirements

We are a clinical stage biopharmaceutical development company with a history of operating losses, expect to incur additional losses in the future and may never be profitable.

We are a clinical stage biopharmaceutical development company that was incorporated in 2003. Since our incorporation, we have been focused on research and development. Our most advanced therapeutic candidates are in clinical development. We, or our licensees, as applicable, will be required to conduct significant additional clinical trials before we or they can seek the regulatory approvals necessary to begin commercial sales of our therapeutic candidates. We have incurred losses since inception, principally as a result of research and development and general administrative expenses in support of our operations. We recorded net losses of approximately NIS 61.4 million in 2013, NIS 76.3 million in 2012 and NIS 50.2 million in 2011. As of December 31, 2013, we had an accumulated deficit of approximately NIS 505.8 million. We anticipate that we will incur significant additional losses as we continue to focus our resources on prioritizing, selecting and advancing our most promising therapeutic candidates. We may never be profitable and we may never achieve significant sustained revenues.

### We cannot ensure investors that our existing cash and investment balances will be sufficient to meet our future capital requirements.

As of December 31, 2013, we held cash and short-term investments of approximately \$18.2 million. In March 2014, we closed an underwritten public offering of our ADSs for gross proceeds of \$24.1 million. We believe that our existing cash and investment balances and other sources of liquidity, not including potential milestone payments under our out-licensing agreement with Bellerophon BCM LLC, or Bellerophon (see "Item 4. Information on the Company — Business Overview — Lead Therapeutic Candidates — BL-1040), will be sufficient to meet our requirements through the end of 2016. We have funded our operations primarily through public and private/direct offerings of our securities and, until recently, grants from the Office of the Chief Scientist of Israel's Ministry of Industry, Trade and Labor, or the OCS. In addition, we have funded our operations through out-licensing arrangements with respect to our therapeutic candidates. The adequacy of our available funds to meet our operating and capital requirements will depend on many factors including: the number, breadth, progress and results of our research, product development and clinical programs; the costs and timing of obtaining regulatory approvals for any of our therapeutic candidates; the terms and conditions of in-licensing and out-licensing therapeutic candidates; and costs incurred in enforcing and defending our patent claims and other intellectual property rights.

While we will continue to explore alternative financing sources, including the possibility of future securities offerings and continued government funding, we cannot be certain that in the future these liquidity sources will be available when needed on commercially reasonable terms or at all, or that our actual cash requirements will not be greater than anticipated. We will also continue to seek to finance our operations through other sources, including out-licensing arrangements for the development and commercialization of our therapeutic candidates or other partnerships or joint ventures. If we are unable to obtain future financing through the methods we describe above or through other means, we may be unable to complete our business objectives and may be unable to continue operations, which would have a material adverse effect on our business and financial condition.

## Our limited operating history makes it difficult to evaluate our business and prospects.

We have a limited operating history and our operations to date have been limited to organizing and staffing our company, conducting product development activities for our therapeutic candidates and performing research and development with respect to our preclinical programs. We have not yet demonstrated an ability to obtain regulatory approval for or to commercialize a therapeutic candidate. Consequently, any predictions about our future performance may not be as accurate as they could be if we had a history of successfully developing and commercializing pharmaceutical products or medical devices.

#### Risks Related to Our Business and Regulatory Matters

If we or our licensees are unable to obtain U.S. and/or foreign regulatory approval for our therapeutic candidates, we will be unable to commercialize our therapeutic candidates.

To date, we have not marketed, distributed or sold an approved product. Currently, we have six clinical-stage therapeutic candidates in development: BL-1040 for the reduction or prevention of ventricular remodeling following an acute myocardial infarction, or AMI; BL-8040 for the treatment of acute myeloid leukemia, or AML, stem cell mobilization and other hematological indications; BL-7010 for the treatment of celiac disease; BL-5010 for the treatment of benign skin lesions; BL-7040 for the treatment of inflammatory bowel disease, or IBD; and BL-8020 for the treatment of the hepatitis C virus, or HCV, as well as other viral indications. Our therapeutic candidates are subject to extensive governmental regulations relating to development, clinical trials, manufacturing and commercialization of drugs and devices. We may not obtain marketing approval for any of our therapeutic candidates in a timely manner or at all. In connection with the clinical trials for BL-1040, BL-8040, BL-7010, BL-5010, BL-7040, BL-8020, and other therapeutic candidates that we are currently developing or may seek to develop in the future, either on our own or through out-licensing arrangements, we face the risk that:

a therapeutic candidate or medical device may not prove safe or efficacious;

- the results with respect to any therapeutic candidate may not confirm the positive results from earlier preclinical studies or clinical trials;
- · the results may not meet the level of statistical significance required by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, or FDA, or other regulatory authorities; and
- the results will justify only limited and/or restrictive uses, including the inclusion of warnings and contraindications, which could significantly limit the marketability and profitability of the therapeutic candidate.

Any delay in obtaining, or the failure to obtain, required regulatory approvals will materially and adversely affect our ability to generate future revenues from a particular therapeutic candidate. Any regulatory approval to market a product may be subject to limitations on the indicated uses for which we may market the product or may impose restrictive conditions of use, including cautionary information, thereby limiting the size of the market for the product. We and our licensees, as applicable, also are, and will be, subject to numerous foreign regulatory requirements that govern the conduct of clinical trials, manufacturing and marketing authorization, pricing and third-party reimbursement. The foreign regulatory approval process includes all of the risks associated with the FDA approval process that we describe above, as well as risks attributable to the satisfaction of foreign requirements. Approval by the FDA does not ensure approval by regulatory authorities outside the United States. Foreign jurisdictions may have different approval processes than those required by the FDA and may impose additional testing requirements for our therapeutic candidates.

### We have no experience selling, marketing or distributing products and no internal capability to do so.

We currently have no sales, marketing or distribution capabilities and no experience in building a sales force or distribution capabilities. To be able to commercialize any of our therapeutic candidates upon approval, if at all, we must either develop internal sales, marketing and distribution capabilities, which will be expensive and time consuming, or enter into out-licensing arrangements with third parties to perform these services.

If we decide to market any of our other therapeutic candidates on our own, we must commit significant financial and managerial resources to develop a marketing and sales force with technical expertise and with supporting distribution capabilities. Factors that may inhibit our efforts to commercialize our products directly and without strategic partners include:

- · our inability to recruit and retain adequate numbers of effective sales and marketing personnel;
- the inability of sales personnel to obtain access to or persuade adequate numbers of physicians to prescribe our therapeutic candidates;
- the lack of complementary products to be offered by sales personnel, which may put us at a competitive disadvantage relative to companies with more
  extensive product lines; and
- · unforeseen costs and expenses associated with creating and sustaining an independent sales and marketing organization.

We may not be successful in recruiting the sales and marketing personnel necessary to sell any of our therapeutic candidates upon approval, if at all, and even if we do build a sales force, it may not be successful in marketing our therapeutic candidates, which would have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

### We depend on out-licensing arrangements to develop, market and commercialize our therapeutic candidates.

We depend on out-licensing arrangements to develop, market and commercialize our therapeutic candidates. We have limited experience in developing, marketing and commercializing therapeutic candidates. Dependence on out-licensing arrangements will subject us to a number of risks, including the risk that:

· we may not be able to control the amount and timing of resources that our licensees devote to our therapeutic candidates;

- · our licensees may experience financial difficulties;
- · our licensees may fail to secure adequate commercial supplies of our therapeutic candidates upon marketing approval, if at all;
- · our future revenues will depend heavily on the efforts of our licensees;
- business combinations or significant changes in a licensee's business strategy may adversely affect the licensee's willingness or ability to complete its obligations under any arrangement with us;
- · a licensee could move forward with a competing therapeutic candidate developed either independently or in collaboration with others, including our competitors; and
- · out-licensing arrangements are often terminated or allowed to expire, which would delay the development and may increase the development costs of our therapeutic candidates.

In 2009, we entered into an exclusive, royalty-bearing worldwide out-licensing arrangement with Bellerophon with respect to BL-1040. Under the arrangement, Bellerophon is obligated to use commercially reasonable efforts to complete clinical development of, and to commercialize, BL-1040 or a product related thereto. In addition, we have co-development collaborations with partners for BL-8020, BL-8030 and BL-9020 whereby such partners have development and commercialization rights in certain territories.

If we or any of our licensees, including Bellerophon and our co-development partners, breach or terminate their agreements with us, or if any of our licensees otherwise fail to conduct their development and commercialization activities in a timely manner or there is a dispute about their obligations, we may need to seek other licensees, or we may have to develop our own internal sales and marketing capability for our therapeutic candidates. Our dependence on our licensees' experience and the rights of our licensees will limit our flexibility in considering alternative out-licensing arrangements for our therapeutic candidates. Any failure to successfully develop these arrangements or failure by our licensees to successfully develop or commercialize any of our therapeutic candidates in a competitive and timely manner, will have a material adverse effect on the commercialization of our therapeutic candidates.

If we are unable to enter into agreements with third parties to develop, market and commercialize our therapeutic candidates, we may not generate product revenue.

We plan to develop, market and commercialize our therapeutic candidates primarily through out-licensing arrangements or, when appropriate, by ourselves. The preclinical and clinical development of our therapeutic candidates, even if undertaken through licensing arrangements with third parties, will require that we expend significant funds and will be subject to the risks of failure inherent in the development of pharmaceutical products. In order to successfully commercialize any of our therapeutic candidates that may be approved in the future by the FDA or other regulatory authorities, we must enter into out-licensing arrangements with third parties to perform these services for us or build internal sales and marketing capabilities. Our ability to commercialize our therapeutic candidates will depend on our ability to:

- · attract suitable licensees on reasonable terms;
- · obtain and maintain necessary intellectual property rights to our therapeutic candidates;
- · where appropriate, enter into arrangements with third parties to manufacture our products, if any, on our behalf; and
- deploy sales and marketing resources effectively or enter into arrangements with third parties to provide these services.

If we are unable to enter into an out-licensing arrangement with respect to BL-8040, BL-7010, BL-7040 or any of our other therapeutic candidates, whether with third parties or independently, our ability to develop a commercially viable product or generate product revenue based on the therapeutic candidate will be adversely affected, and we may not become profitable. We face significant competition in seeking out-licensing arrangements with third parties. We may not be able to negotiate out-licensing arrangements on acceptable terms, if at all. In addition, these out-licensing arrangements may be unsuccessful. If we fail to negotiate and maintain suitable out-licensing arrangements, we may have to limit the size or scope of, or delay, one or more of our development or research programs. If we elect to fund development or research programs independently, we will have to increase our expenditures significantly and will need to obtain additional funding, which may be unavailable or available only on unfavorable terms. We will also need to make significant investments in pharmaceutical product development, marketing, sales and regulatory compliance resources, and we will have to establish or contract for the manufacture of products under applicable regulatory requirements. Any failure to enter into an out-licensing arrangement with respect to the development, marketing and commercialization of any therapeutic candidate, or failure to develop, market and commercialize the therapeutic candidate independently, will have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Modifications to our therapeutic candidates, or to any other therapeutic candidates that we may develop in the future, may require new regulatory clearances or approvals or may require us or our licensees, as applicable, to recall or cease marketing these therapeutic candidates until clearances are obtained.

Modifications to our therapeutic candidates, after they have been approved for marketing, if at all, or to any other pharmaceutical product or medical device that we may develop in the future, may require new regulatory clearance, or approvals, and, if necessitated by a problem with a marketed product, may result in the recall or suspension of marketing of the previously approved and marketed product until clearances or approvals of the modified product are obtained. The FDA requires pharmaceutical products and device manufacturers to initially make and document a determination of whether or not a modification requires a new approval, supplement or clearance. A manufacturer may determine in conformity with applicable regulations and guidelines that a modification may be implemented without pre-clearance by the FDA; however, the FDA can review a manufacturer's decision and may disagree. The FDA may also on its own initiative determine that a new clearance or approval is required. If the FDA requires new clearances or approvals of any pharmaceutical product or medical device for which we or our licensees receive marketing approval, if any, we or our licensees may be required to recall such product and to stop marketing the product as modified, which could require us or our licensees to redesign the product and will have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. In these circumstances, we may be subject to significant enforcement actions

If a manufacturer determines that a modification to an FDA-cleared device could significantly affect the safety or efficacy of the device, would constitute a major change in its intended use, or otherwise requires pre-clearance, the modification may not be implemented without the requisite clearance. We or our licensees may not be able to obtain those additional clearances or approvals for the modifications or additional indications in a timely manner, or at all. For those products sold in the European Union, or EU, we, or our licensees, as applicable, must notify the applicable EU Notified Body, an organization appointed by a member State of the EU either for the approval and monitoring of a manufacturer's quality assurance system or for direct product inspection, if significant changes are made to the product or if there are substantial changes to the quality assurance systems affecting the product. Delays in obtaining required future clearances or approvals would materially and adversely affect our ability to introduce new or enhanced products in a timely manner, which in turn would have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Clinical trials involve a lengthy and expensive process with an uncertain outcome, and results of earlier studies and trials may not be predictive of future trial results.

We have limited experience in conducting and managing the clinical trials necessary to obtain regulatory approvals, including FDA approval. Clinical trials are expensive and complex, can take many years and have uncertain outcomes. We cannot predict whether we or our licensees will encounter problems with any of the completed, ongoing or planned clinical trials that will cause us, our licensees or regulatory authorities to delay or suspend clinical trials, or delay the analysis of data from completed or ongoing clinical trials. We estimate that clinical trials of our most advanced therapeutic candidates will continue for several years, but they may take significantly longer to complete. Failure can occur at any stage of the testing and we may experience numerous unforeseen events during, or as a result of, the clinical trial process that could delay or prevent commercialization of our current or future therapeutic candidates, including but not limited to:

· delays in securing clinical investigators or trial sites for the clinical trials;

- · delays in obtaining institutional review board and other regulatory approvals to commence a clinical trial;
- · slower than anticipated patient recruitment and enrollment;
- · negative or inconclusive results from clinical trials;
- · unforeseen safety issues;
- · uncertain dosing issues;
- · an inability to monitor patients adequately during or after treatment; and
- · problems with investigator or patient compliance with the trial protocols.

A number of companies in the pharmaceutical, medical device and biotechnology industries, including those with greater resources and experience than us, have suffered significant setbacks in advanced clinical trials, even after seeing promising results in earlier clinical trials. Despite the results reported in earlier clinical trials for our therapeutic candidates, we do not know whether any phase 3 or other clinical trials we or our licensees may conduct will demonstrate adequate efficacy and safety to result in regulatory approval to market our therapeutic candidates. If later-stage clinical trials of any therapeutic candidate do not produce favorable results, our ability to obtain regulatory approval for the therapeutic candidate may be adversely impacted, which will have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We rely on third parties to conduct our clinical trials and provide other services, and those third parties may not perform satisfactorily, including by failing to meet established deadlines for the completion of such services.

We do not have the ability to conduct certain preclinical studies and clinical trials independently for our therapeutic candidates, and we rely on third parties, such as contract laboratories, contract research organizations, medical institutions and clinical investigators to conduct these studies and our clinical trials. Our reliance on these third parties limits our control over these activities. The third-party contractors may not assign as great a priority to our clinical development programs or pursue them as diligently as we would if we were undertaking such programs directly. Accordingly, these third-party contractors may not complete activities on schedule, or may not conduct the studies or our clinical trials in accordance with regulatory requirements or with our trial design. If these third parties do not successfully carry out their contractual duties or meet expected deadlines, or if their performance is substandard, we may be required to replace them. Although we believe that there are a number of other third-party contractors that we could engage to continue these activities, replacement of these third parties will result in delays. As a result, our efforts to obtain regulatory approvals for, and to commercialize, our therapeutic candidates may be delayed. The third-party contractors may also have relationships with other commercial entities, some of whom may compete with us. If the third-party contractors assist our competitors, our competitive position may be harmed.

In addition, our ability to bring future products to market depends on the quality and integrity of data that we present to regulatory authorities in order to obtain marketing authorizations. Although we attempt to audit and control the quality of third-party data, we cannot guarantee the authenticity or accuracy of such data, nor can we be certain that such data has not been fraudulently generated. The failure of these third parties to carry out their obligations would materially adversely affect our ability to develop and market new products and implement our strategies.

If our competitors develop and market products that are more effective, safer or less expensive than our current or future therapeutic candidates, our future prospects will be negatively impacted.

The life sciences industry is highly competitive, and we face significant competition from many pharmaceutical, biopharmaceutical and biotechnology companies that are researching and marketing products designed to address the indications for which we are currently developing therapeutic candidates or for which we may develop therapeutic candidates in the future. Specifically, we are aware of several other companies who currently market and/or are in the process of developing products that address AMI, AML, celiac disease, skin lesions, IBD, and HCV and other viral indications.

There are a number of therapies currently in development that aim at preventing ventricular remodeling and subsequent congestive heart failure (CHF), including BioHeart, Inc.'s MyoCell® implantation procedure, Paracor Medical, Inc.'s HeartNet<sup>TM</sup>, LoneStar Heart's Algisyl-VR and NuroVive's Ciclomulsion formulation of cyclosporine that is evaluated for use in treatment of patients suffering from reperfusion injury or given to patients experiencing AMI just before percutaneous coronary intervention.

Approved treatments for AML currently include chemotherapy (Doxorubicin, Cyclophosphamide, Vincristine), radiation therapy and stem cell transplantation. In addition there are a number of potentially competitive compounds under development to treat AML including, among others: AMD 3100 (Mozobil), which is being developed by Genzyme and Sanofi; Dacogen (decitabine), which is being developed by Eisai and Johnson & Johnson; Vidaza (azacitidine), which is being developed by Celgene; Vosaroxin, which is being developed by Sunesis Pharmaceuticals; Midostaurin, which is being developed by Novartis; Quizartinib, which is being developed by Ambit; Volasertib, which is being developed by Boehringer Ingelheim; fludarabine, which is being developed by Sanofi; Uprosertib developed by GSK; PLX-3397 developed by Plexxikon Inc.; Vismodegib developed by Roche and Chugai; Lenalidomide developed by Celgene; erlotinib developed by Roche Astellas and Chugai; Trametinib developed by GSK; Vorinostat developed by Merck and Co.; Selumetinib developed by Astra Zeneca; SGI-110 developed by Astex Pharmaceuticals; filanesib developed by Array Biopharma; OCV-501 developed by Otsuka Pharmaceuticals; Birinapant developed by Tetralogic Pharmaceuticals; Alvocidib developed by Tolero Pharmaceuticals Inc; Pracinostat developed by MEI Pharma; Rigosertib developed by Onconova Therapeutics; and Sapacitabine developed by Cyclacel Pharmaceuticals. Some of these treatments are currently developed for specific AML patient populations and lines of treatment (e.g., AC220 developed by Ambit Biosciences) and not for the entire AML population.

Several compounds are currently under development for celiac disease including larazotide acetate (Alba Therapeutic Corp.), which inhibits the activity of Zonulin; latiglutenase (Alvine Pharmaceuticals Inc.), which is a combination of gluten targeting proteases and endopeptidases. Celiac patients are prescribed a gluten-free diet to relieve their disease symptoms. Nevertheless the symptoms persist in most cases despite the patient's following a gluten-free diet. BL-7010, as well as the treatments specified above, is envisioned to be prescribed to patients who are on a gluten-free diet but still suffer from disease symptoms.

Skin lesions are generally removed using cryotherapy (liquid nitrogen), laser therapy, photodynamic therapy, electrodessication and curettage and several creambased treatments. Picato (Leo Pharma) and Metvix® (Galderma Pharma) are cream-based treatments for skin lesions which have been approved in many countries.

IBD is often treated with currently marketed steroids, immunomodulators and immunomodulatory antibodies. Approved treatments for IBD currently include anti-TNFs, such as Remicade (infliximab, Janssen Biotech, Inc., a Johnson & Johnson company, Merck & Co. and Mitsubishi Tanabe Pharma) Humira (adalimumab, Abbott Laboratories and Eisai Co.), Cimzia (certolizumab, UCB, Inc.) and Simponi (golimumab, Janssen Biotech, Inc., Merck & Co. and Mitsubishi Tanabe Pharma), as well as antibodies inhibiting immune cell migration such as Tysabri (natalizumab, Biogen and Elan) and Vedolizumab (Takeda). In addition there are generic brands of mesalazine, a 5-aminosalicylate, and the recently launched Budesonide MMX (Cosmo Pharmaceuticals, Ferring Pharmaceuticals and Santarus). The first biosimilar version of infliximab was approved for use in Europe in 2013. We are also aware of a number of potentially competitive compounds under development, including, Xeljanz (tofacitinib, Pfizer Inc.), a Jak 1 inhibitor, and Vedolizumab (Takeda, Millenium Pharmaceuticals), a MAdCAM inhibitor /integrin alpha-4/beta-7 antagonist; Ustekinomab (Johnson & Johnson), an anti-IL-12/IL23 mAb and AJM-300 (Ajinomoto), an Integrin alpha-4/beta-7 antagonist.

HCV treatment consists of either a combination of interferon and ribavirin alone or together with a combination of direct anti-viral agents (DAAs) of several classes including NS3/4 protease inhibitors, NS5A inhibitors and NS5B inhibitors. Recently, treatment regimens that do not include interferon have been approved, and treatment regimens without ribavirin are at advanced stages of development. Approved anti-HCV treatments include Sovaldi (sofosbuvir, Gilead Sciences); Olysio (simeprevir, Janssen Therapeutics and Medivir); Victrelis (boceprevir, Merck and Co); and Incivek (telaprevir, Janssen Pharmaceuticals and Vertex Pharmaceuticals). Compounds under development include ledipasvir (Gilead Sciences); faldaprevir and deleobuvir (Boehringer Ingelheim Corp); asunaprevir, daclatasvir and becalbuvir (Bristol Myers Squibb); vaniprevir and elbasvir (Merck and Co.); and ABT-450, ritonavir, dasabuvir and ombitasvir (AbbVie). BL-8020's mechanism of action suggests that it could potentially be suitable for treatment of other viral infections, each of which has numerous competing treatments approved or in advanced stages of development.

### Any therapeutic candidates we may develop in the future are also likely to face competition from other drugs and therapies.

Many of our competitors have significantly greater financial, manufacturing, marketing and drug development resources than we do. Large pharmaceutical companies, in particular, have extensive experience in clinical testing and in obtaining regulatory approvals for drugs. These companies also have significantly greater research and marketing capabilities than we do. If our competitors market products that are more effective, safer or less expensive than our future therapeutic candidates, if any, or that reach the market sooner than our future therapeutic candidates, if any, we may not achieve commercial success.

We expect to rely upon third-party manufacturers to produce therapeutic supplies for phase 3 clinical trials, and commercialization, of our therapeutic candidates. If we manufacture any of our therapeutic candidates in the future, we will be required to incur significant costs and devote significant efforts to establish and maintain manufacturing capabilities.

We currently have laboratories that are compliant with both current good manufacturing practices, or cGMP, and Good Laboratory Practices, or GLP, and allow us to manufacture drug products for our current clinical trials. If we decide to perform any phase 3 clinical trial, or commercialize, any therapeutic candidate on our own, we anticipate that we will rely on third parties to produce the therapeutic supplies. We have limited personnel with experience in drug or medical device manufacturing and we lack the resources and capabilities to manufacture any of our therapeutic candidates on a commercial scale. The manufacture of pharmaceutical products and medical devices requires significant expertise and capital investment, including the development of advanced manufacturing techniques and process controls. Manufacturers of pharmaceutical products and medical devices often encounter difficulties in production, particularly in scaling up initial production. These problems include difficulties with production costs and yields and quality control, including stability of the therapeutic candidate.

We do not currently have any long-term agreements with third party manufacturers for the supply of any of our therapeutic candidates. We believe that our current supply of therapeutic candidates is sufficient to complete our current clinical trials. However, if we require additional supplies of our therapeutic candidates to complete our clinical trials or if we elect to commercialize our products independently, we may be unable to enter into agreements for clinical or commercial supplies, as applicable, with third party manufacturers, or may be unable to do so on acceptable terms. Even if we enter into these agreements, it is likely that the manufacturers of each therapeutic candidate will be single source suppliers to us for a significant period of time.

Reliance on third party manufacturers entails risks to which we would not be subject if we manufactured therapeutic candidates ourselves, including:

- · reliance on the third party for regulatory compliance and quality assurance;
- · limitations on supply availability resulting from capacity and scheduling constraints of the third parties;
- · impact on our reputation in the marketplace if manufacturers of our products, once commercialized, fail to meet customer demands;
- the possible breach of the manufacturing agreement by the third party because of factors beyond our control; and
- the possible termination or nonrenewal of the agreement by the third party, based on its own business priorities, at a time that is costly or inconvenient for us.

The failure of any of our contract manufacturers to maintain high manufacturing standards could result in injury or death of clinical trial participants or patients being treated with our products. Such failure could also result in product liability claims, product recalls, product seizures or withdrawals, delays or failures in testing or delivery, cost overruns or other problems, which would have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

If we are required to manufacture any of our therapeutic candidates in the future in connection with phase 3 clinical trials or for commercialization, we will be required to incur significant costs and devote significant efforts to establish and maintain manufacturing capabilities.

## We and our contract manufacturers are, and will be, subject to FDA and other comparable agency regulations.

We and our contract manufacturers are, and will be, required to adhere to FDA regulations setting forth cGMP for drugs and Quality System Regulations, or QSR, for devices. These regulations cover all aspects of the manufacturing, testing, quality control and recordkeeping relating to our therapeutic candidates. We and our manufacturers may not be able to comply with applicable regulations. We and our manufacturers are and will be subject to unannounced inspections by the FDA, state regulators and similar regulators outside the United States. Our failure, or the failure of our third party manufacturers, to comply with applicable regulations could result in the imposition of sanctions on us, including fines, injunctions, civil penalties, failure of regulatory authorities to grant marketing approval of our therapeutic candidates, delays, suspension or withdrawal of approvals, license revocation, seizures or recalls of our candidates or products, operating restrictions and criminal prosecutions, any of which could significantly and adversely affect regulatory approval and supplies of our therapeutic candidates, and materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

#### We depend on our ability to identify and in-license technologies and therapeutic candidates.

We employ a number of methods to efficiently and effectively identify therapeutic candidates that we believe are likely to achieve commercial success. In addition to our internal research and business developments efforts, we employ a rigorous screening system developed by us. In addition, our Scientific Advisory Board and disease-specific third-party advisors evaluate each therapeutic candidate. However, there can be no assurance that our internal research efforts or our screening system will accurately or consistently select among various therapeutic candidates those that have the highest likelihood to achieve, and which ultimately achieve, commercial success. As a result, we may spend substantial resources developing therapeutic candidates that will not achieve commercial success and we may not advance those therapeutic candidates with the greatest potential for commercial success.

An important element of our strategy is maintaining relationships with universities, medical institutions and biotechnology companies in order to in-license potential therapeutic candidates. We may not be able to maintain relationships with these entities and they may elect not to enter into in-licensing agreements with us or to terminate existing agreements. Recently, a number of global pharmaceutical companies have set up operations in Israel, both with and without Israeli government funding, in order to identify and in-license new technologies. The presence of these global companies with significantly greater resources than we have may increase the competition with respect to the in-licensing of promising therapeutic candidates. We may not be able to acquire licenses on commercially reasonable terms, or at all. Failure to license or otherwise acquire necessary technologies could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

If we cannot meet requirements under our in-license agreements, we could lose the rights to our therapeutic candidates, which could have a material adverse effect on our business.

We depend on in-licensing agreements with third parties to maintain the intellectual property rights to certain of our therapeutic candidates. We have in-licensed rights from B.G. Negev Technologies and Applications Ltd., or B.G. Negev Technologies, the technology transfer company of Ben Gurion University, with respect to our BL-1040 therapeutic candidate; from Biokine Therapeutics Ltd., or Biokine, with respect to our BL-8040 therapeutic candidate; from Valorisation-Recherche, Limited Partnership, or Univalor, for our BL-7010 therapeutic candidate; from Innovative Pharmaceutical Concepts, Inc., or IPC, with respect to our BL-5010 therapeutic candidate; and from the Yissum Research Development Company of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem Ltd., or Yissum, with respect to our BL-7040 therapeutic candidate. See "Item 4. Information on the Company — Business Overview — Our Product Pipeline." Our in-license agreements require us to make payments and satisfy performance obligations in order to maintain our rights under these agreements. The royalty rates and revenue sharing payments vary from case to case but generally range from 22% to 29.5% of the consideration we receive from sublicensing the applicable therapeutic candidate. In some instances, we are required to pay a substantially lower percentage (generally less than 5%) if we elect to commercialize the subject therapeutic candidate independently. Due to the relatively advanced stage of development of the compound licensed from Biokine, our license agreement with Biokine provides for royalty payments of between 40-60% of the consideration we receive from sublicensing and between 10-12% of net sales, subject to certain limitations, should we independently sell products. The amount of the royalty for either direct sales or sublicensing is dependent on the aggregate amount of our investment in connection with the Biokine agreement, decreasing as the amount of our investment in the project increases. These in-license agreements last either throughout the life of t

In addition, we are responsible for the cost of filing and prosecuting certain patent applications and maintaining certain issued patents licensed to us. If we do not meet our obligations under our in-license agreements in a timely manner, we could lose the rights to our proprietary technology which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Even if we obtain regulatory approvals, our therapeutic candidates will be subject to ongoing regulatory review and if we fail to comply with continuing U.S. and applicable foreign regulations, we could lose those approvals and our business would be seriously harmed.

Even if products we or our licensees develop receive regulatory approval or clearance, we or our licensees, as applicable, will be subject to ongoing reporting obligations and the products and the manufacturing operations will be subject to continuing regulatory review, including FDA inspections. This ongoing review may result in the withdrawal of a product from the market, the interruption of the manufacturing operations and/or the imposition of labeling and/or marketing limitations. Since many more patients are exposed to drugs and medical devices following their marketing approval, serious but infrequent adverse reactions that were not observed in clinical trials may be observed during the commercial marketing of the product. In addition, the manufacturer and the manufacturing facilities we or our licensees, as applicable, will use to produce any therapeutic candidate will be subject to periodic review and inspection by the FDA and other, similar foreign regulators. Later discovery of previously unknown problems with any product, manufacturer or manufacturing process, or failure to comply with regulatory requirements, may result in actions such as:

- · restrictions on such product, manufacturer or manufacturing process;
- warning letters from the FDA or other regulatory authorities;
- · withdrawal of the product from the market;
- suspension or withdrawal of regulatory approvals;
- · refusal to approve pending applications or supplements to approved applications that we or our licensees submit;
- · voluntary or mandatory recall;
- · fines:
- · refusal to permit the import or export of our products;
- product seizure or detentions;
- · injunctions or the imposition of civil or criminal penalties; or
- · adverse publicity.

If we, or our licensees, suppliers, third party contractors, partners or clinical investigators are slow to adapt, or are unable to adapt, to changes in existing regulatory requirements or the adoption of new regulatory requirements or policies, we or our licensees may lose marketing approval for any of our products, if any of our therapeutic products are approved, resulting in decreased or lost revenue from milestones, product sales or royalties.

#### Our business could suffer if we are unable to attract and retain key employees.

Our success depends upon the continued service and performance of our senior management and other key personnel. The loss of the services of these personnel could delay or prevent the successful completion of our planned clinical trials or the commercialization of our therapeutic candidates or otherwise affect our ability to manage our company effectively and to carry out our business plan. We do not maintain key-man life insurance. Although we have entered into employment agreements with all of the members of our senior management team, members of our senior management team may resign at any time. High demand exists for senior management and other key personnel in the pharmaceutical industry. There can be no assurance that we will be able to continue to retain and attract such personnel.

Our growth and success also depend on our ability to attract and retain additional highly qualified scientific, technical, sales, managerial and finance personnel. We experience intense competition for qualified personnel, and the existence of non-competition agreements between prospective employees and their former employers may prevent us from hiring those individuals or subject us to suit from their former employers. In addition, if we elect to independently commercialize any therapeutic candidate, we will need to expand our marketing and sales capabilities. While we attempt to provide competitive compensation packages to attract and retain key personnel, many of our competitors are likely to have greater resources and more experience than we have, making it difficult for us to compete successfully for key personnel. If we cannot attract and retain sufficiently qualified technical employees on acceptable terms, we may not be able to develop and commercialize competitive products. Further, any failure to effectively integrate new personnel could prevent us from successfully growing our company.

#### **Risks Related to Our Industry**

## Even if our therapeutic candidates receive regulatory approval or do not require regulatory approval, they may not become commercially viable products.

Even if our therapeutic candidates are approved for commercialization, they may not become commercially viable products. For example, if we or our licensees receive regulatory approval to market a product, approval may be subject to limitations on the indicated uses or subject to labeling or marketing restrictions which could materially and adversely affect the marketability and profitability of the product. In addition, a new product may appear promising at an early stage of development or after clinical trials but never reach the market, or it may reach the market but not result in sufficient product sales, if any. A therapeutic candidate may not result in commercial success for various reasons, including:

- difficulty in large-scale manufacturing;
- low market acceptance by physicians, healthcare payors, patients and the medical community as a result of lower demonstrated clinical safety or efficacy compared to other products, prevalence and severity of adverse side effects, or other potential disadvantages relative to alternative treatment methods;
- insufficient or unfavorable levels of reimbursement from government or third-party payors;
- · infringement on proprietary rights of others for which we or our licensees have not received licenses;
- · incompatibility with other therapeutic products;
- other potential advantages of alternative treatment methods;
- · ineffective marketing and distribution support;
- · lack of cost-effectiveness; or
- · timing of market introduction of competitive products.

If we are unable to develop commercially viable products, either on our own or through licensees, our business, results of operations and financial condition will be materially and adversely affected.

### We could be adversely affected if healthcare reform measures substantially change the market for medical care or healthcare coverage in the United States.

The U.S. Congress recently adopted the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, as amended by the Health Care and Education Affordability Reconciliation Act (collectively, the PPACA), important legislation regarding health insurance which may have far-reaching consequences for most health care companies, including biopharmaceutical companies such as ours. Under the new legislation, substantial changes are going to be made to the current system for paying for healthcare in the United States, including changes made in order to extend medical benefits to those who currently lack insurance coverage.

Extending coverage to a large population could substantially change the structure of the health insurance system and the methodology for reimbursing medical services, drugs and devices. These structural changes could entail modifications to the existing system of private payors and government programs (Medicare, Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program), creation of a government-sponsored healthcare insurance source, or some combination of both, as well as other changes. Restructuring the coverage of medical care in the United States could impact the reimbursement for prescribed drugs and biopharmaceuticals, such as those we and our licensees are currently developing. If reimbursement for our approved products, if any, is substantially reduced in the future, or rebate obligations associated with them are substantially increased, our business could be materially and adversely impacted.

Extending medical benefits to those who currently lack coverage will likely result in substantial cost to the U.S. federal government, which may force significant changes to the healthcare system in the United States. Much of the funding for expanded healthcare coverage may be sought through cost savings. While some of these savings may come from realizing greater efficiencies in delivering care, improving the effectiveness of preventive care and enhancing the overall quality of care, much of the cost savings may come from reducing the cost of care.

Cost of care could be reduced by decreasing the level of reimbursement for medical services or products (including those biopharmaceuticals currently being developed by us or our licensees), or by restricting coverage (and, thereby, utilization) of medical services or products. In either case, a reduction in the utilization of, or reimbursement for, any product for which we receive marketing approval in the future could have a materially adverse effect on our financial performance.

The PPACA also requires the medical device industry to subsidize healthcare reform in the form of a 2.3% excise tax on U.S. sales of certain medical devices beginning January 1, 2013 and also includes new regulatory mandates and other measures designed to constrain medical costs, as well as stringent new reporting requirements of financial relationships between device manufacturers and physicians and hospitals.

If third-party payors do not adequately reimburse customers for any of our therapeutic candidates that are approved for marketing, they might not be purchased or used, and our revenues and profits will not develop or increase.

Our revenues and profits will depend heavily upon the availability of adequate reimbursement for the use of our approved candidates, if any, from governmental or other third-party payors, both in the United States and in foreign markets. Reimbursement by a third-party payor may depend upon a number of factors, including the third-party payor's determination that the use of an approved product is:

- · a covered benefit under its health plan;
- safe, effective and medically necessary;
- · appropriate for the specific patient;
- · cost-effective; and
- · neither experimental nor investigational.

Obtaining reimbursement approval for a product from each government or other third-party payor is a time-consuming and costly process that could require us or our licensees to provide supporting scientific, clinical and cost-effectiveness data for the use of our products to each payor. Even when a payor determines that a product is eligible for reimbursement, the payor may impose coverage limitations that preclude payment for some uses that are approved by the FDA or comparable foreign regulatory authorities. Reimbursement rates may vary according to the use of the product and the clinical setting in which it used, may be based on payments allowed for lower-cost products that are already reimbursed, may be incorporated into existing payments for other products or services, and may reflect budgetary constraints and/or imperfections in Medicare, Medicaid or other data used to calculate these rates.

Regardless of the impact of the PPACA on us, the U.S. government, other governments and commercial payors have shown significant interest in pursuing healthcare reform and reducing healthcare costs. Any government-adopted reform measures could cause significant pressure on the pricing of healthcare products and services, including those biopharmaceuticals currently being developed by us or our licensees, in the United States and internationally, as well as the amount of reimbursement available from governmental agencies or other third party payors. The continuing efforts of the U.S. and foreign governments, insurance companies, managed care organizations and other payors to contain or reduce healthcare costs may compromise our ability to set prices at commercially attractive levels for our products that we may develop, which in turn could adversely impact how much or under what circumstances healthcare providers will prescribe or administer our products, if approved. Changes in healthcare policy, such as the creation of broad limits for diagnostic products, could substantially diminish the sale of or inhibit the utilization of diagnostic tests, increase costs, divert management's attention and adversely affect our ability to generate revenues and achieve consistent profitability. This could materially and adversely impact our business by reducing our ability to generate revenue, raise capital, obtain additional collaborators and market our products, if approved.

Further, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, or CMS, frequently change product descriptors, coverage policies, product and service codes, payment methodologies and reimbursement values. Third-party payors often follow Medicare coverage policy and payment limitations in setting their own reimbursement rates, and both CMS and other third-party payors may have sufficient market power to demand significant price reductions.

Our business has a substantial risk of clinical trial and product liability claims. If we are unable to obtain and maintain appropriate levels of insurance, a claim could adversely affect our business.

Our business exposes us to significant potential clinical trial and product liability risks that are inherent in the development, manufacturing and sales and marketing of human therapeutic products. Although we do not currently commercialize any products, claims could be made against us based on the use of our therapeutic candidates in clinical trials. We currently carry life science liability insurance covering general liability with a coverage amount of \$10.0 million per occurrence, products liability with an annual coverage amount of \$5.0 million in the aggregate, and clinical trial insurance with a coverage amount of \$10.0 million in the aggregate. The maximum indemnity for a single occurrence or circumstances under this policy is \$10.0 million. In addition to this policy, we carry excess liability insurance with a coverage amount of \$5.0 million which increases the coverage limit provided by our life science insurance package. However, our insurance may not provide adequate coverage against potential liabilities. Furthermore, clinical trial and product liability insurance is becoming increasingly expensive. As a result, we may be unable to maintain current amounts of insurance coverage or obtain additional or sufficient insurance at a reasonable cost to protect against losses that could have a material adverse effect on us. If a claim is brought against us, we might be required to pay legal and other expenses to defend the claim, as well as damages awards beyond the coverage of our insurance policies resulting from a claim brought successfully against us. Furthermore, whether or not we are ultimately successful in defending any claims, we might be required to direct significant financial and managerial resources to such defense, and adverse publicity is likely to result.

We deal with hazardous materials and must comply with environmental, health and safety laws and regulations, which can be expensive and restrict how we do business.

Our activities and those of our third-party manufacturers on our behalf involve the controlled storage, use and disposal of hazardous materials, including microbial agents, corrosive, explosive and flammable chemicals and other hazardous compounds. We and our manufacturers are subject to U.S. federal, state, local, Israeli and other foreign laws and regulations governing the use, manufacture, storage, handling and disposal of these hazardous materials. Although we believe that our safety procedures for handling and disposing of these materials comply with the standards prescribed by these laws and regulations, we cannot eliminate the risk of accidental contamination or injury from these materials. In addition, if we develop a manufacturing capacity, we may incur substantial costs to comply with environmental regulations and would be subject to the risk of accidental contamination or injury from the use of hazardous materials in our manufacturing process.

In the event of an accident, government authorities may curtail our use of these materials and interrupt our business operations. In addition, we could be liable for any civil damages that result, which may exceed our financial resources and may seriously harm our business. Although our Israeli insurance program covers certain unforeseen sudden pollutions, we do not maintain a separate insurance policy for any of the foregoing types of risks. In addition, although the general liability section of our life sciences policy covers certain unforeseen, sudden environmental issues, pollution in the United States and Canada is excluded from the policy. In the event of environmental discharge or contamination or an accident, we may be held liable for any resulting damages, and any liability could exceed our resources. In addition, we may be subject to liability and may be required to comply with new or existing environmental laws regulating pharmaceuticals or other medical products in the environment.

#### **Risks Related to Intellectual Property**

Our access to most of the intellectual property associated with our therapeutic candidates results from in-license agreements with universities, research institutions and biotechnology companies, the termination of which would prevent us from commercializing the associated therapeutic candidates.

We do not conduct our own initial research with respect to the identification of our therapeutic candidates. Instead, we rely upon research and development work conducted by third parties as the primary source of our therapeutic candidates. As such, we have obtained our rights to the majority of our therapeutic candidates through inlicense agreements entered into with universities, research institutions and biotechnology companies that invent and own the intellectual property underlying our candidates. There is no assurance that such in-licenses or rights will not be terminated or expire due to a material breach of the agreements, such as a failure on our part to achieve certain progress milestones set forth in the terms of the in-licenses or due to the loss of the rights to the underlying intellectual property by any of our licensors. There is no assurance that we will be able to renew or renegotiate an in-licensing agreement on acceptable terms if and when the agreement terminates. We cannot guarantee that any in-license is enforceable or will not be terminated or converted into a non-exclusive license in the future. The termination of any in-license or our inability to enforce our rights under any in-license would materially and adversely affect our ability to commercialize certain of our therapeutic candidates.

We currently have in-licensing agreements relating to our lead therapeutic candidates under clinical development. In January 2005, we in-licensed the rights to BL-1040 under a license agreement with B.G. Negev Technologies. Under the BL-1040 license agreement, we are obligated to use commercially reasonable efforts to develop the licensed technology in accordance with a specified development plan, including meeting certain specified diligence goals. In September 2012, we in-licensed the rights to BL-8040 under a license agreement from Biokine. Under the BL-8040 license agreement, we are obligated to make commercially reasonable, good faith efforts to sublicense or commercialize BL-8040 for fair consideration. In February 2011, we in-licensed the rights to BL-7010 from Univalor. Under the BL-7010 license agreement, we are obligated to use commercially reasonable efforts to develop the licensed technology in accordance with a specified development plan, including meeting certain specified diligence goals. In November 2007, we in-licensed the rights to BL-5010 under a license agreement with IPC. Under the BL-5010 license agreement, we are obligated to use commercially reasonable efforts to develop the licensed technology in accordance with a specified development plan, including meeting certain specified diligence goals. In June 2011, we in-licensed the rights to BL-7040 under a license agreement from Yissum. Under the BL-7040 license agreement, we are responsible for, and are required to exert, reasonable commercial efforts to carry out the development, regulatory, manufacturing, and marketing work necessary to develop and commercialize products under the agreement in accordance with a specified development plan. In January 2012, we in-licensed the rights to BL-8020 under a license agreement from Panmed, Inc., or Panmed, and Genoscience. Under the BL-8020 license agreement, we were obligated to use commercially reasonable efforts to develop and commercialize the licensed technology in accordance with a specified development plan. Due to a number of considerations, including the potential for other viral indications, as well as a reprioritization of our pipeline, and after consultation with the licensors, we agreed with them that as of April 1, 2014, the license agreement would be terminated and that we would enter into a collaboration agreement whereby, among other things, the licensors agreed to take over development of the drug in consideration for 28% of future sublicense receipts by the licensors, and we agreed to supply, at the licensors' request and in consideration for full payment, the drug needed for a clinical trial to be administered by the licensors. Genoscience and Panmed will in the near future be deciding on the direction of the current phase 1/2 study as well as assessing potential additional indications.

Each of the foregoing in-licensing agreements, or the obligation to pay royalties thereunder, will generally remain in effect until the expiration, under the applicable agreement, of all of the licensing, royalty and sublicense revenue obligations to the applicable licensors, determined on a product-by-product and country-by-country basis. We may terminate the BL-1040 in-licensing agreement by providing 60 days' prior written notice to B.G. Negev Technologies. We may terminate the BL-8040 in-licensing agreement upon 90 days' prior written notice to Biokine. We may terminate the BL-7010 in-licensing agreement, the BL-5010 in-licensing agreement or the BL-7040 in-licensing agreement upon 30 days' prior written notice to the respective licensor.

Any party to any of the foregoing in-licensing agreements may terminate the respective agreement for material breach by the other party if the breaching party is unable to cure the breach within an agreed upon period, generally 30 days to 90 days, after receiving written notice of the breach from the non-breaching party. Each of the foregoing in-licensing agreements provide that with respect to any termination for material breach, if the breach is not susceptible to cure within the stated period and the breaching party uses diligent, good faith efforts to cure such breach, the stated period will be extended by an additional 30 days. In addition, either party to one of the foregoing in-licensing agreements may terminate the agreement upon notice to the other upon the occurrence of certain bankruptcy events.

#### Patent protection for our products is important and uncertain.

Our success depends, in part, on our ability, and the ability of our licensees and licensors to obtain patent protection for our therapeutic candidates, maintain the confidentiality of our trade secrets and know how, operate without infringing on the proprietary rights of others and prevent others from infringing our proprietary rights.

We try to protect our proprietary position by, among other things, filing U.S., European, Israeli and other patent applications related to our proprietary products, technologies, inventions and improvements that may be important to the continuing development of our therapeutic candidates. As of December 31, 2013, we owned or exclusively licensed for uses within our field of business 23 patent families that, collectively, contain 60 issued patents, nine allowed patent applications and 85 patent applications relating to our clinical candidates. We are also pursuing patent protection for other drug candidates in our pipeline.

Because the patent position of biopharmaceutical companies involves complex legal and factual questions, we cannot predict the validity and enforceability of patents with certainty. Our issued patents and the issued patents of our licensees or licensors may not provide us with any competitive advantages, or may be held invalid or unenforceable as a result of legal challenges by third parties. Thus, any patents that we own or license from others may not provide any protection against competitors. Our pending patent applications, those we may file in the future or those we may license from third parties may not result in patents being issued. If these patents are issued, they may not provide us with proprietary protection or competitive advantages against competitors with similar technology. The degree of future protection to be afforded by our proprietary rights is uncertain because legal means afford only limited protection and may not adequately protect our rights or permit us to gain or keep our competitive advantage.

Patent rights are territorial; thus, the patent protection we do have will only extend to those countries in which we have issued patents. Even so, the laws of certain countries do not protect our intellectual property rights to the same extent as do the laws of the United States and Israel. For example, the patent laws of China and India are relatively new and are not as developed as are older, more established patent laws of other countries. Competitors may successfully challenge our patents, produce similar drugs or products that do not infringe our patents, or produce drugs in countries where we have not applied for patent protection or that do not respect our patents. Furthermore, it is not possible to know the scope of claims that will be allowed in published applications and it is also not possible to know which claims of granted patents, if any, will be deemed enforceable in a court of law.

Our technology may infringe the rights of third parties. The nature of claims contained in unpublished patent filings around the world is unknown to us and it is not possible to know which countries patent holders may choose for the extension of their filings under the Patent Cooperation Treaty, or other mechanisms. Any infringement by us of the proprietary rights of third parties may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

### If we are unable to protect the confidentiality of our trade secrets or know-how, such proprietary information may be used by others to compete against us.

We rely on a combination of patents, trade secrets, know-how, technology, trademarks and regulatory exclusivity to maintain our competitive position. We generally try to protect trade secrets, know-how and technology by entering into confidentiality or non-disclosure agreements with parties that have access to it, such as our licensees, employees, contractors and consultants. We also enter into agreements that purport to require the disclosure and assignment to us of the rights to the ideas, developments, discoveries and inventions of our employees, advisors, research collaborators, contractors and consultants while we employ or engage them. However, these agreements can be difficult and costly to enforce or may not provide adequate remedies. Any of these parties may breach the confidentiality agreements and willfully or unintentionally disclose our confidential information, or our competitors might learn of the information in some other way. The disclosure to, or independent development by, a competitor of any trade secret, know-how or other technology not protected by a patent could materially adversely affect any competitive advantage we may have over any such competitor.

To the extent that any of our employees, advisors, research collaborators, contractors or consultants independently develop, or use independently developed, intellectual property in connection with any of our projects, disputes may arise as to the proprietary rights to this type of information. If a dispute arises with respect to any proprietary right, enforcement of our rights can be costly and unpredictable and a court may determine that the right belongs to a third party.

Legal proceedings or third-party claims of intellectual property infringement may require us to spend substantial time and money and could prevent us from developing or commercializing products.

The development, manufacture, use, offer for sale, sale or importation of our therapeutic candidates may infringe on the claims of third-party patents. A party might file an infringement action against us. The cost to us of any patent litigation or other proceeding, even if resolved in our favor, could be substantial. Some of our competitors may be able to sustain the costs of such litigation or proceedings more effectively because of their substantially greater financial resources. Uncertainties resulting from the initiation and continuation or defense of a patent litigation or other proceedings could have a material adverse effect on our ability to compete in the marketplace. Patent litigation and other proceedings may also absorb significant management time. Consequently, we are unable to guarantee that we will be able to manufacture, use, offer for sale, sell or import our therapeutic candidates in the event of an infringement action. At present, we are not aware of pending or threatened patent infringement actions against us.

In the event of patent infringement claims, or to avoid potential claims, we may choose or be required to seek a license from a third party and would most likely be required to pay license fees or royalties or both. These licenses may not be available on acceptable terms, or at all. Even if we were able to obtain a license, the rights may be non-exclusive, which could potentially limit our competitive advantage. Ultimately, we could be prevented from commercializing a therapeutic candidate or be forced to cease some aspect of our business operations if, as a result of actual or threatened patent infringement claims, we are unable to enter into licenses on acceptable terms. This inability to enter into licenses could harm our business significantly. At present, we have not received any written demands from third parties that we take a license under their patents nor have we received any notice form a third party accusing us of patent infringement.

Our license agreements with our licensees, including Bellerophon and our co-development partners, contain, and any contract that we enter into with licensees in the future will likely contain, indemnity provisions that obligate us to indemnify the licensee against any losses arising from infringement of third party intellectual property rights. In addition, our in-license agreements contain provisions that obligate us to indemnify the licensors against any damages arising from the development, manufacture and use of products developed on the basis of the in-licensed intellectual property.

### We may be subject to other patent-related litigation or proceedings that could be costly to defend and uncertain in their outcome.

In addition to infringement claims against us, we may in the future become a party to other patent litigation or proceedings, including interference or re-examination proceedings filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office or opposition proceedings in other foreign patent offices regarding intellectual property rights with respect to our products and technology, as well as other disputes regarding intellectual property rights with licensees, licensors or others with whom we have contractual or other business relationships. Post-issuance oppositions are not uncommon and we, our licensee or our licensor will be required to defend these opposition procedures as a matter of course. Opposition procedures may be costly, and there is a risk that we may not prevail.

We may be subject to damages resulting from claims that we or our employees or contractors have wrongfully used or disclosed alleged trade secrets of their former employers.

Many of our employees and contractors were previously employed at universities or other biotechnology or pharmaceutical companies, including our competitors or potential competitors. Although no claims against us are currently pending, we may be subject to claims that we or any employee or contractor has inadvertently or otherwise used or disclosed trade secrets or other proprietary information of his or her former employers. Litigation may be necessary to defend against these claims. If we fail in defending such claims, in addition to paying monetary damages, we may lose valuable intellectual property rights or personnel. A loss of key research personnel or their work product could hamper or prevent our ability to commercialize certain therapeutic candidates, which could severely harm our business, financial condition and results of operations. Even if we are successful in defending against these claims, litigation could result in substantial costs and be a distraction to management.

The intellectual property associated with one of our therapeutic candidates is pledged as security for our obligations associated with the Office of the Chief Scientist of the Israeli Ministry of Industry, Trade and Labor's biotechnology incubator program.

In May 2004, the OCS invited companies to bid to establish and operate OCS-funded biotechnological incubators to provide a physical, organized and professional platform for commercializing biotechnological research and development projects. We submitted a proposal to operate a biotechnological incubator, and our proposal was selected by the OCS. Accordingly, we entered into an incubator agreement with the OCS in January 2005. The agreement was renewed through December 31, 2013, as of which date it expired. There are no projects currently being developed in the framework of the incubator, and we are in the process of terminating its activities.

The funding provided to us under the incubator agreement was in the form of separate loans for each approved project initiated by our incubator. Each loan is subject to repayment out of the revenues generated by that project and the sale or license of technologies thereunder, with interest. If revenues are not achieved with respect to a project, there is no obligation to repay the loan, subject to certain terms and conditions. All assets and intellectual property held by the incubator for development through the incubator program were pledged as security for our obligations under the incubator agreement. In addition, all intellectual property held by the incubator program is subject to restrictions imposed by the OCS with respect to transfer in Israel or abroad of rights to manufacture products based on the intellectual property or of rights to the intellectual property itself, as described more fully under "Item 4. Information on the Company — Business Overview — Government Regulation and Funding — Israeli Government Programs — Office of the Chief Scientist."

#### Risks Related to our Ordinary Shares and ADSs

We may be a passive foreign investment company, or PFIC, for U.S. federal income tax purposes in 2014 or in any subsequent year. There may be negative tax consequences for U.S. taxpayers that are holders of our ordinary shares or our ADSs.

We will be treated as a PFIC for U.S. federal income tax purposes in any taxable year in which either (i) at least 75% of our gross income is "passive income" or (ii) on average at least 50% of our assets by value produce passive income or are held for the production of passive income. Passive income for this purpose generally includes, among other things, certain dividends, interest, royalties, rents and gains from commodities and securities transactions and from the sale or exchange of property that gives rise to passive income. Passive income also includes amounts derived by reason of the temporary investment of funds, including those raised in a public offering. In determining whether a non-U.S. corporation is a PFIC, a proportionate share of the income and assets of each corporation in which it owns, directly or indirectly, at least a 25% interest (by value) is taken into account. We believe that we were a PFIC during certain prior years and, although we have not determined whether we will be a PFIC in 2014, or in any subsequent year, our operating results for any such years may cause us to be a PFIC. If we are a PFIC in 2014, or any subsequent year, and a U.S. shareholder does not make an election to treat us as a "qualified electing fund," or QEF, or make a "mark-to-market" election, then "excess distributions" to a U.S. shareholder, and any gain realized on the sale or other disposition of our ordinary shares or ADSs will be subject to special rules. Under these rules: (i) the excess distribution or gain would be allocated ratably over the U.S. shareholder's holding period for the ordinary shares (or ADSs, as the case may be); (ii) the amount allocated to the current taxable year and any period prior to the first day of the first taxable year in which we were a PFIC would be taxed as ordinary income; and (iii) the amount allocated to each of the other taxable years would be subject to tax at the highest rate of tax in effect for the applicable class of taxpayer for that year, and an interest charge for the deemed deferral benefit would be imposed with respect to the resulting tax attributable to each such other taxable year. In addition, if the U.S. Internal Revenue Service, or the IRS, determines that we are a PFIC for a year with respect to which we have determined that we were not a PFIC, it may be too late for a U.S. shareholder to make a timely QEF or mark-tomarket election. U.S. shareholders who hold our ordinary shares or ADSs during a period when we are a PFIC will be subject to the foregoing rules, even if we cease to be a PFIC in subsequent years, subject to exceptions for U.S. shareholders who made a timely QEF or mark-to-market election. A U.S. shareholder can make a QEF election by completing the relevant portions of and filing IRS Form 8621 in accordance with the instructions thereto. A QEF election generally may not be revoked without the consent of the IRS. Upon request, we will annually furnish U.S. shareholders with information needed in order to complete IRS Form 8621 (which form would be required to be filed with the IRS on an annual basis by the U.S. shareholder) and to make and maintain a valid QEF election for any year in which we or any of our subsidiaries are a PFIC.

#### The market prices of our ordinary shares and ADSs are subject to fluctuation, which could result in substantial losses by our investors.

The stock market in general and the market prices of our Ordinary Shares on the TASE and ADSs on the Nasdaq, in particular, are subject to fluctuation, and changes in these prices may be unrelated to our operating performance. We expect that the market prices of our ordinary shares and ADSs will continue to be subject to wide fluctuations. The market price of our ordinary shares and ADSs are and will be subject to a number of factors, including:

- · announcements of technological innovations or new products by us or others;
- announcements by us of significant acquisitions, strategic partnerships, in-licensing, out-licensing, joint ventures or capital commitments;
- · expiration or terminations of licenses, research contracts or other collaboration agreements;
- · public concern as to the safety of drugs we, our licensees or others develop;
- · general market conditions;
- the volatility of market prices for shares of biotechnology companies generally;
- · success of research and development projects;
- · departure of key personnel;
- · developments concerning intellectual property rights or regulatory approvals;
- · variations in our and our competitors' results of operations;
- · changes in earnings estimates or recommendations by securities analysts, if our ordinary shares or ADSs are covered by analysts;
- statements about the Company made in the financial media or by bloggers on the Internet;
- · changes in government regulations or patent decisions;

- · developments by our licensees; and
- · general market conditions and other factors, including factors unrelated to our operating performance.

These factors and any corresponding price fluctuations may materially and adversely affect the market price of our ordinary shares and result in substantial losses by our investors.

Additionally, market prices for securities of biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies historically have been very volatile. The market for these securities has from time to time experienced significant price and volume fluctuations for reasons unrelated to the operating performance of any one company. In the past, following periods of market volatility, shareholders have often instituted securities class action litigation. If we were involved in securities litigation, it could have a substantial cost and divert resources and attention of management from our business, even if we are successful.

## Future sales of our ordinary shares or ADSs could reduce the market price of our ordinary shares and ADSs.

Substantial sales of our ordinary shares or ADSs, either on the TASE or on the Nasdaq, may cause the market price of our ordinary shares or ADSs to decline. Sales by us or our securityholders of substantial amounts of our ordinary shares or ADSs, or the perception that these sales may occur in the future, could cause a reduction in the market price of our ordinary shares or ADSs.

In February 2012, we issued an aggregate of 5,244,301 of our ADSs for a purchase price of \$2.86 per ADS. Purchasers also received an aggregate of 2,622,157 five-year warrants to purchase ADSs at an exercise price of \$3.57 per ADS.

In September 2012, we signed a purchase agreement for the sale, from time to time, of up to \$15 million of our ADSs to Lincoln Park Capital Fund, LLC, or LPC. During the 36-month term of the purchase agreement, we control the timing and amount of any sales to LPC, if and when we decide, in accordance with the purchase agreement. LPC has no right to require us to sell any ADSs to LPC, but LPC is obligated to make purchases as we direct, subject to certain conditions. The purchase price related to any sales to LPC is based on the prevailing market prices of our ADSs immediately preceding the notice of sale to LPC, without any fixed discount. The agreement may be terminated by us at any time, at our sole discretion, without any cost or penalty. On a cumulative basis through March 14, 2014, we have issued a total of 3,904,211 ADSs to LPC in accordance with the purchase agreement, and there are an additional 294,387 ADSs registered for sale under the agreement that may be issued during the remaining term of the purchase agreement.

In February 2013, we issued 2,666,667 of our ADSs to OrbiMed Israel Partners Limited Partnership, or OrbiMed, for a purchase price of \$3.00 per ADS. OrbiMed also received 1,600,000 five-year warrants to purchase ADSs at an exercise price of \$3.94 per ADS.

The issuance of any additional ordinary shares, any additional ADSs, or any securities that are exercisable for or convertible into our ordinary shares or ADSs, may have an adverse effect on the market price of our ordinary shares and ADSs and will have a dilutive effect on our shareholders.

#### Raising additional capital by issuing securities may cause dilution to existing shareholders.

We may need to raise substantial future capital to continue to complete clinical development and commercialize our products and therapeutic candidates and to conduct the research and development and clinical and regulatory activities necessary to bring our therapeutic candidates to market. Our future capital requirements will depend on many factors, including:

- the failure to obtain regulatory approval or achieve commercial success of our therapeutic candidates, including BL-1040, BL-8040, BL-7010, BL-5010, BL-7040 and BL-8020;
- · our success in effecting out-licensing arrangements with third-parties;
- · our success in establishing other out-licensing arrangements;

- the success of our licensees in selling products that utilize our technologies;
- the results of our preclinical studies and clinical trials for our earlier stage therapeutic candidates, and any decisions to initiate clinical trials if supported by the preclinical results;
- · the costs, timing and outcome of regulatory review of our therapeutic candidates that progress to clinical trials;
- the costs of establishing or acquiring specialty sales, marketing and distribution capabilities, if any of our therapeutic candidates are approved, and we
  decide to commercialize them ourselves;
- the costs of preparing, filing and prosecuting patent applications, maintaining and enforcing our issued patents and defending intellectual property-related claims:
- the extent to which we acquire or invest in businesses, products or technologies and other strategic relationships; and
- the costs of financing unanticipated working capital requirements and responding to competitive pressures.

If we raise additional funds through licensing arrangements with third parties, we may have to relinquish valuable rights to our therapeutic candidates, or grant licenses on terms that are not favorable to us. If we raise additional funds by issuing equity or convertible debt securities, we will reduce the percentage ownership of our then-existing shareholders, and these securities may have rights, preferences or privileges senior to those of our existing shareholders. See also "— Future sales of our ordinary shares or ADSs could reduce the market price of our ordinary shares and ADSs."

#### Risks Associated with the Nasdaq Listing of our ADSs

### Our ordinary shares and our ADSs are traded on different markets and this may result in price variations.

Our ordinary shares have been traded on the TASE since February 2007. Our ADSs have been listed on the Nasdaq Capital Market since July 2011. Trading in our securities on these markets takes place in different currencies (dollars on the Nasdaq Capital Market and NIS on the TASE), and at different times (resulting from different time zones, different trading days and different public holidays in the United States and Israel). The trading prices of our securities on these two markets may differ due to these and other factors. Any decrease in the price of our securities on one of these markets could cause a decrease in the trading price of our securities on the other market.

We have incurred additional increased costs as a result of the listing of our ADSs for trading on the Nasdaq, and we may need to devote substantial resources to address new compliance initiatives and reporting requirements.

As a public company in the United States, we incur additional significant accounting, legal and other expenses as a result of listing our ADSs on the Nasdaq. These include costs associated with corporate governance requirements of the SEC and the Marketplace Rules of the Nasdaq, as well as requirements under Section 404 and other provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, or the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. These rules and regulations have increased our legal and financial compliance costs, introduced new costs such as investor relations, stock exchange listing fees and shareholder reporting, and made some activities more time consuming and costly. Any future changes in the laws and regulations affecting public companies in the United States and Israel, including Section 404 and other provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, the rules and regulations adopted by the SEC and the Marketplace Rules of the Nasdaq, as well as applicable Israeli reporting requirements, for so long as they apply to us, will result in increased costs to us as we respond to such changes. These laws, rules and regulations could make it more difficult or more costly for us to obtain certain types of insurance, including director and officer liability insurance, and we may be forced to accept reduced policy limits and coverage or incur substantially higher costs to obtain the same or similar coverage. The impact of these requirements could also make it more difficult for us to attract and retain qualified persons to serve on our Board of Directors, our board committees or as executive officers.

As a foreign private issuer, we are permitted to follow certain home country corporate governance practices instead of applicable SEC and Nasdaq requirements, which may result in less protection than is accorded to investors under rules applicable to domestic issuers.

As a foreign private issuer, we are permitted to follow certain home country corporate governance practices instead of those otherwise required under the Marketplace Rules of the Nasdaq for domestic issuers. For instance, we may follow home country practice in Israel with regard to, among other things, composition of the Board of Directors, director nomination procedure, composition of the compensation committee, approval of compensation of officers, and quorum at shareholders' meetings. In addition, we will follow our home country law, instead of the Marketplace Rules of the Nasdaq, which require that we obtain shareholder approval for certain dilutive events, such as for the establishment or amendment of certain equity based compensation plans, an issuance that will result in a change of control of the company, certain transactions other than a public offering involving issuances of a 20% or more interest in the company and certain acquisitions of the stock or assets of another company. Following our home country governance practices as opposed to the requirements that would otherwise apply to a United States company listed on the Nasdaq may provide less protection than is accorded to investors under the Marketplace Rules of the Nasdaq applicable to domestic issuers. See "Item 16G — Corporate Governance — Nasdaq Listing Rules and Home Country Practices."

In addition, as a foreign private issuer, we are exempt from the rules and regulations under the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), related to the furnishing and content of proxy statements, and our officers, directors and principal shareholders are exempt from the reporting and short-swing profit recovery provisions contained in Section 16 of the Exchange Act. In addition, we are not required under the Exchange Act to file annual, quarterly and current reports and financial statements with the SEC as frequently or as promptly as domestic companies whose securities are registered under the Exchange Act.

If we are unable to satisfy the requirements of Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act as they apply to a foreign private issuer that is listed on a U.S. exchange, or our internal controls over financial reporting are not effective, the reliability of our financial statements may be questioned and our stock price and ADS price may suffer.

Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act requires companies subject to the reporting requirements of the U.S. securities laws to do a comprehensive evaluation of its and its subsidiaries' internal controls over financial reporting. To comply with this statute, we are required to document and test our internal control procedures, and our management is required to assess and issue a report concerning our internal controls over financial reporting. In addition, our independent registered public accounting firm may be required to issue an opinion on management's assessment of those matters.

The continuous process of strengthening our internal controls and complying with Section 404 is complicated and time-consuming. Furthermore, as our business continues to grow both domestically and internationally, our internal controls will become more complex and will require significantly more resources and attention to ensure our internal controls remain effective overall. During the course of its testing, our management may identify material weaknesses or significant deficiencies, which may not be remedied in a timely manner to meet the deadline imposed by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. If our management cannot favorably assess the effectiveness of our internal controls over financial reporting, or our independent registered public accounting firm identifies material weaknesses in our internal controls, investor confidence in our financial results may weaken, and the market price of our securities may suffer.

#### Risks Related to our Operations in Israel

We conduct our operations in Israel and therefore our results may be adversely affected by political, economic and military instability in Israel and its region.

Our headquarters, all of our operations and some of our suppliers and third party contractors are located in central Israel and our key employees, officers and most of our directors are residents of Israel. Accordingly, political, economic and military conditions in Israel and the surrounding region may directly affect our business. Since the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948, a number of armed conflicts have taken place between Israel and its Arab neighbors. Any hostilities involving Israel or the interruption or curtailment of trade within Israel or between Israel and its trading partners could adversely affect our operations and results of operations and could make it more difficult for us to raise capital. During the summer of 2006, Israel was engaged in an armed conflict with Hezbollah, a Lebanese Islamist Shiite militia group and political party; and during the winter of 2008-2009 and the autumn of 2012, Israel was engaged in armed conflicts with Hamas, a militia group and political party operating in the Gaza Strip. These conflicts involved missile strikes against civilian targets in various parts of Israel, and negatively affected business conditions in Israel. In addition, Israel faces threats from more distant neighbors, in particular Iran. Iran is also believed to have a strong influence among extremist groups in the region, such as Hamas in Gaza, Hezbollah in Lebanon, and various rebel militia groups in Syria. Recent political uprisings and social unrest in various countries in the Middle East and North Africa are affecting the political stability of those countries. This instability may lead to deterioration of the political relationships that exist between Israel and these countries, and has raised concerns regarding security in the region and the potential for armed conflict. These situations may escalate in the future to more violent events which may affect Israel and us. Among other things, this instability may affect the global economy and marketplace through changes in oil and gas prices. Any armed conflicts, terrorist activities or political instability in the region could adversely affect business conditions and could harm our results of operations. For example, any major escalation in hostilities in the region could result in a portion of our employees being called up to perform military duty for an extended period of time. Parties with whom we do business have sometimes declined to travel to Israel during periods of heightened unrest or tension, forcing us to make alternative arrangements when necessary. In addition, the political and security situation in Israel may result in parties with whom we have agreements involving performance in Israel claiming that they are not obligated to perform their commitments under those agreements pursuant to force majeure provisions in the agreements.

Our commercial insurance does not cover losses that may occur as a result of events associated with the security situation in the Middle East. Although the Israeli government currently covers the reinstatement value of direct damages that are caused by terrorist attacks or acts of war, we cannot assure you that this government coverage will be maintained. Any losses or damages incurred by us could have a material adverse effect on our business. Any armed conflicts or political instability in the region would likely negatively affect business conditions and could harm our results of operations.

Further, in the past, the State of Israel and Israeli companies have been subjected to an economic boycott. Several countries still restrict business with the State of Israel and with Israeli companies. These restrictive laws and policies may have an adverse impact on our operating results, financial condition or the expansion of our business.

#### Our operations may be disrupted as a result of the obligation of management or key personnel to perform military service.

Many of our male employees in Israel, including members of our senior management, are obligated to perform one month, and in some cases more, of annual military reserve duty until they reach the age of 40 (or older, for officers or reservists with certain occupations) and, in the event of a military conflict, may be called to active duty. In response to increases in terrorist activity, there have been periods of significant call-ups of military reservists, and recently some of our employees have been called up in connection with armed conflicts. It is possible that there will be military reserve duty call-ups in the future. Our operations could be disrupted by the absence of a significant number of our employees or of one or more of our key employees. Such disruption could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Because a certain portion of our expenses is incurred in currencies other than the NIS, our results of operations may be harmed by currency fluctuations and inflation.

Our reporting and functional currency is the NIS, and we pay a substantial portion of our expenses in NIS. The revenues from our out-licensing and co-development arrangements are payable in U.S. dollars, and we expect our revenues from future licensing arrangements to be denominated in U.S. dollars or in Euros. As a result, we are exposed to the currency fluctuation risks relating to the recording of our revenues in NIS. For example, if the NIS strengthens against either the U.S. dollar or the Euro, our reported revenues in NIS may be lower than anticipated. The Israeli rate of inflation has generally not offset or compounded the effects caused by fluctuations between the NIS and the U.S. dollar or the Euro. To date, we have not engaged in hedging transactions. Although the Israeli rate of inflation has not had a material adverse effect on our financial condition during 2011, 2012 or 2013, we may, in the future, decide to enter into currency hedging transactions to decrease the risk of financial exposure from fluctuations in the exchange rates of the currencies mentioned above in relation to the NIS. These measures, however, may not adequately protect us from material adverse effects.

We have received Israeli government grants and loans for the operation of a biotechnology incubator and for certain research and development expenditures. The terms of these grants and loans may require us to satisfy specified conditions in order to manufacture products and transfer technologies outside of Israel. We may be required to pay penalties in addition to repayment of the grants and loans. Such grants and loans may be terminated or reduced in the future, which would increase our costs

Our research and development efforts, including the operation of our biotechnology incubator, have been financed, in part, through grants and loans that we have received from the OCS. Of our nine current development projects, two were approved for funding by the OCS: BL-1040 and BL-7040. In addition, before we in-licensed BL-8040, Biokine had received funding for the project from the OCS, and as a condition to OCS consent to our in-licensing of BL-8040, we were required to agree to abide by any obligations resulting from such funding. We therefore must comply with the requirements of the Israeli Law for the Encouragement of Industrial Research and Development, 1984, and related regulations, or the Research Law with respect to these projects. As of December 31, 2013, we have received approximately NIS 76.1 million (\$21.9 million) in funding from the OCS, of which approximately NIS 53.7 million (\$15.5 million) was funding provided to our biotechnology incubator. The aggregate funding amount includes funding of approximately NIS 65.6 million (\$18.9 million) for projects that have been terminated, which we will not be required to repay. When know-how, technology or products are developed using OCS grants, the terms of these grants and the Research Law restrict the transfer of that know-how (as well as knowhow that is derived from funded know-how) and the development or manufacture of those products out of Israel without the prior approval of the OCS. Therefore, the discretionary approval of an OCS committee will be required for any transfer to third parties of our therapeutic candidates developed with OCS funding, for the purpose of the commercialization of our product candidates. We received approval in 2009 for the out-licensing of BL-1040 to Bellerophon; however the out-licensing of BL-7040 and BL-8040 to any party outside of Israel will be subject to the prior approval of the OCS. There is no assurance that we will receive the required approvals should we wish to transfer this technology or development out of Israel in the future. Furthermore, the OCS committee may impose certain conditions on any arrangement under which we transfer technology or development out of Israel. Transfers of know-how from OCS funded programs, including our biotechnology incubator, even if approved by the OCS, may be subject to restrictions set forth in the Research Law, and may include payments to the OCS, as described more fully under "Item 4. Information on the Company — Business Overview — Government Regulation and Funding — Israeli Government Programs — Office of the Chief Scientist."

The transfer abroad of the manufacturing of any OCS-supported product or technology is also subject to various conditions, including the payment of increased royalties equal to, in the aggregate, up to 300% of the total grant amounts received in connection with the product or technology, plus interest, depending on the portion of total manufacturing that is performed outside of Israel. Payment of the increased royalties would constitute the repayment amount required with respect to the OCS grants received for the development of the products or technology for which the manufacturing is performed outside of Israel. In addition, any decrease in the percentage of manufacture performed in Israel of any product or technology, as originally declared in the application to the OCS with respect to the product or technology, may require us to notify, or to obtain the approval of, the OCS, and may result in increased royalty payments to the OCS of up to 300% of the total grant amounts received in connection with the product or technology, plus interest, depending on the portion of total manufacturing that is performed outside of Israel. These restrictions may impair our ability to sell our technology assets or to outsource or transfer development or manufacturing activities with respect to any product or technology. These restrictions continue to apply even after we have repaid any grants, in whole or in part, unless otherwise agreed by the designated OCS committee.

We cannot be certain that any approval of the OCS will be obtained on terms that are acceptable to us, or at all. Furthermore, if we undertake a transaction involving the transfer to a non-Israeli entity of technology developed with OCS funding pursuant to a merger or similar transaction, the consideration available to our shareholders may be reduced by the amounts we are required to pay to the OCS. If we fail to comply with the conditions imposed by the OCS, including the payment of royalties with respect to grants received, we may be required to refund any payments previously received, together with interest and penalties, and may be subject to criminal penalties. See "Item 4. Information on the Company — Business Overview — Government Regulation and Funding — Israeli Government Programs — Office of the Chief Scientist."

Provisions of Israeli law may delay, prevent or otherwise impede a merger with, or an acquisition of, our company, which could prevent a change of control, even when the terms of such a transaction are favorable to us and our shareholders.

Israeli corporate law regulates mergers, requires tender offers for acquisitions of shares above specified thresholds, requires special approvals for transactions involving directors, officers or significant shareholders and regulates other matters that may be relevant to these types of transactions. For example, a merger may not be consummated unless at least 50 days have passed from the date that a merger proposal was filed by each merging company with the Israel Registrar of Companies and at least 30 days from the date that the shareholders of both merging companies approved the merger. In addition, a majority of each class of securities of the target company must approve a merger. Moreover, a full tender offer can only be completed if the acquirer receives at least 95% of the issued share capital (provided that a majority of the offerees that do not have a personal interest in such tender offer shall have approved the tender offer, except that if the total votes to reject the tender offer represent less than 2% of the company's issued and outstanding share capital, in the aggregate, approval by a majority of the offerees that do not have a personal interest in such tender offer is not required to complete the tender offer), and the shareholders, including those who indicated their acceptance of the tender offer, may, at any time within six months following the completion of the tender offer, petition the court to alter the consideration for the acquisition (unless the acquirer stipulated in the tender offer that a shareholder that accepts the offer may not seek appraisal rights).

Furthermore, Israeli tax considerations may make potential transactions unappealing to us or to our shareholders whose country of residence does not have a tax treaty with Israel exempting such shareholders from Israeli tax. For example, Israeli tax law does not recognize tax-free share exchanges to the same extent as U.S. tax law. With respect to mergers, Israeli tax law allows for tax deferral in certain circumstances but makes the deferral contingent on the fulfillment of numerous conditions, including a holding period of two years from the date of the transaction during which sales and dispositions of shares of the participating companies are restricted. Moreover, with respect to certain share swap transactions, the tax deferral is limited in time, and when such time expires, the tax becomes payable even if no actual disposition of the shares has occurred.

These and other similar provisions could delay, prevent or impede an acquisition of us or our merger with another company, even if such an acquisition or merger would be beneficial to us or to our shareholders.

We have received Israeli government grants and loans for the operation of a biotechnology incubator and for certain research and development expenditures. The terms of these grants and loans may require us to satisfy specified conditions in order to manufacture products and transfer technologies outside of Israel. We may be required to pay penalties in addition to repayment of the grants and loans. Such grants and loans may be terminated or reduced in the future, which would increase our costs. See "Business — Government Regulation and Funding — Israeli Government Programs."

It may be difficult to enforce a U.S. judgment against us and our officers and directors named in this annual report in Israel or the United States, or to serve process on our officers and directors.

We are incorporated in Israel. All of our executive officers and the majority of our directors reside outside of the United States, and all of our assets and most of the assets of our executive officers and directors are located outside of the United States. Therefore, a judgment obtained against us or any of our executive officers and directors in the United States, including one based on the civil liability provisions of the U.S. federal securities laws, may not be collectible in the United States and may not be enforced by an Israeli court. It also may be difficult for you to effect service of process on these persons in the United States or to assert U.S. securities law claims in original actions instituted in Israel.

Your rights and responsibilities as a shareholder will be governed by Israeli law which may differ in some respects from the rights and responsibilities of shareholders of U.S. companies.

We are incorporated under Israeli law. The rights and responsibilities of the holders of our ordinary shares are governed by our Articles of Association and Israeli law. These rights and responsibilities differ in some respects from the rights and responsibilities of shareholders in typical U.S.-based corporations. In particular, a shareholder of an Israeli company has a duty to act in good faith toward the company and other shareholders and to refrain from abusing its power in the company, including, among other things, in voting at the general meeting of shareholders on matters such as amendments to a company's articles of association, increases in a company's authorized share capital, mergers and acquisitions and interested party transactions requiring shareholder approval. In addition, a shareholder who knows that it possesses the power to determine the outcome of a shareholder vote or to appoint or prevent the appointment of a director or executive officer in the company has a duty of fairness toward the company. There is limited case law available to assist us in understanding the implications of these provisions that govern shareholders' actions. These provisions may be interpreted to impose additional obligations and liabilities on holders of our ordinary shares that are not typically imposed on shareholders of U.S. corporations.

#### ITEM 4. INFORMATION ON THE COMPANY

## A. History and Development of the Company

Our legal and commercial name is BioLineRx Ltd. We are a company limited by shares organized under the laws of the State of Israel. Our principal executive offices are located at 19 Hartum Street, Jerusalem 9777518, Israel, and our telephone number is +972 (2) 548-9100.

We were founded in 2003 by leading institutions in the Israeli life sciences industry, including Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., or Teva. We completed our initial public offering in Israel in February 2007 and our ordinary shares are traded on the TASE under the symbol "BLRX." In July 2011, we listed our ADSs on Nasdaq and they are traded under the symbol "BLRX."

Our capital expenditures for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2012 and 2013 were \$0.3 million, \$0.5 million and \$0.1 million, respectively. Our current capital expenditures involve acquisitions of laboratory equipment, computers and communications equipment.

#### **B.** Business Overview

We are a clinical stage biopharmaceutical development company dedicated to identifying, in-licensing and developing therapeutic candidates that have advantages over currently available therapies or that address unmet medical needs. Our current development pipeline consists of six clinical-stage therapeutic candidates: BL-1040, a novel polymer solution for use in the prevention of ventricular remodeling following an acute myocardial infarction, or AMI; BL-8040, a novel peptide for the treatment of acute myeloid leukemia (AML), stem cell mobilization and other hematological indications; BL-7010, a novel polymer for the treatment of celiac disease; BL-5010, a customized, proprietary, pen-like applicator containing a novel formulation of two acids, which is being developed in Europe as a medical device for the non-surgical removal of benign skin lesions; BL-7040, an oligonucleotide for the treatment of inflammatory bowel disease, or IBD; and BL-8020, an orally available treatment for the hepatitis C virus, or HCV, and other viral indications, with a unique mechanism of action involving the inhibition of virus-induced autophagy in host cells. In addition, we have three therapeutic candidates in the preclinical stages of development. We generate our pipeline by systematically identifying, rigorously validating and in-licensing therapeutic candidates that we believe exhibit a relatively high probability of therapeutic and commercial success. None of our therapeutic candidates have been approved for marketing and, to date, there have been no commercial sales of any of our therapeutic candidates. Our strategy includes commercializing our therapeutic candidates through outlicensing arrangements with biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies. We also evaluate, on a case-by-case basis, co-development and similar arrangements and the commercialization of our therapeutic candidates independently.

Our first therapeutic candidate, BL-1040, is a novel, resorbable polymer solution for use in the reduction or prevention of ventricular remodeling in patients who suffered an AMI. Preventing ventricular remodeling following an AMI may prevent transition to congestive heart failure and/or improve patient survival over the long term. Following an AMI, BL-1040 is administered via intracoronary injection. Upon contact with damaged cardiac tissue, the liquid BL-1040 transitions into a gel within the infarcted cardiac tissue and is believed to form a "scaffold" that supports, retains the shape of and/or enhances the mechanical strength of the heart muscle during the recovery and repair phases following an AMI. The data from our preclinical trials indicate that, by supporting the damaged heart tissue, BL-1040 preserves the normal functioning of the heart, and the data from our clinical trials indicate that BL-1040 should be safe. After consultation by Bellerophon BCM LLC, or Bellerophon, with the FDA, BL-1040 is being developed as a class III medical device under the FDA's pre-marketing approval, or PMA, regulatory pathway. In December 2011, Bellerophon commenced PRESERVATION 1, a CE Mark registration clinical trial of BL-1040 (now called "Bioabsorbable Cardiac Matrix," or BCM). PRESERVATION 1 aims to evaluate the safety and effectiveness of BL-1040 (BCM) for prevention of ventricular remodeling when administered following AMI. The trial is a placebo-controlled, randomized, double-blind, multi-country and multi-center trial with an estimated enrollment of approximately 300 patients. The BCM device is being administered to subjects who had successful percutaneous coronary intervention with stent placement after ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI). There are currently over 75 sites activated for this trial, 13 of which are in the United States.

In 2009, we entered into an out-licensing arrangement with Bellerophon (formerly known as "Ikaria Development Subsidiary One LLC") with regard to BL-1040. In December 2013, Ikaria, Inc. announced a transaction for the sale of its commercial business to Madison Dearborn Partners. In connection with that transaction, Ikaria, Inc. also announced the spin-off of its research business, consisting of three development programs, including BL-1040, to its then existing shareholders, and that the new development company would be pre-funded with approximately \$80 million in cash to continue development of the three development programs. The new development company, of which Bellerophon is a wholly-owned subsidiary, was subsequently named Bellerophon Therapeutics, LLC.

Under our out-licensing arrangement with Bellerophon, Bellerophon is obligated to use commercially reasonable efforts to complete clinical development of, and to commercialize, BL-1040 or a product related thereto. To date, we have received \$17.0 million from Bellerophon, and we are entitled to receive up to an additional \$265.5 million from Bellerophon upon achievement of certain development, regulatory, and commercial milestones. In addition, we are entitled to receive from Bellerophon royalties from net sales of any product developed under the arrangement. We believe that Bellerophon has financial resources sufficient to meet its contractual obligations under its agreement with us.

We are obligated to pay 28% of all net consideration received under this arrangement to B.G. Negev Technologies and Applications Ltd., or B.G. Negev Technologies, the party from which we in-licensed BL-1040 in 2004. We have agreed to pay Ramot at Tel Aviv University Ltd., or Ramot, a portion of the payments we make to B.G. Negev Technologies in connection with the in-license arrangement to satisfy contractual obligations between B.G. Negev Technologies and Ramot with respect to certain intellectual property rights to the licensed technology. We have also agreed to indemnify Ramot and certain of its related parties in connection with our use of the technology we in-licensed from B.G. Negev Technologies.

Our second clinical-stage therapeutic candidate, BL-8040, is a novel, short peptide that functions as a high-affinity antagonist for CXCR4, which we intend to develop for AML, stem cell mobilization and other hematological indications. CXCR4 is a chemokine receptor that is directly involved in tumor progression, angiogenesis (growth of new blood vessels in the tumor), metastasis (spread of tumor to other organs) and cell survival. CXCR4 is over-expressed in more than 70% of human cancers and its over-expression often correlates with poor prognosis. BL-8040 mobilizes cancer cells from the bone marrow and may therefore sensitize these cells to chemo- and bio-based anti-cancer therapy. In addition, BL-8040 has demonstrated a direct anti-cancer effect by inducing apoptosis (cell death). Multiple pre-clinical studies have shown the safety and efficacy of BL-8040. These studies have shown that BL-8040 is efficient, both alone and in combination with, for example, the anti-cancer drug Rituximab, in reducing bone marrow metastasis of lymphoma cells and stimulating lymphoma cell death. BL-8040 also mobilizes stem cells from the bone marrow to the peripheral blood, enabling their collection for subsequent autologous or allogeneic transplantation in cancer patients.

In June 2013, we announced enrollment of the first patient in a Phase 2 trial for BL-8040. The study is being conducted at three sites in the United States, including MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York, and Northwestern University Hospital in Chicago, as well as at five well-known sites in Israel. The study is a multicenter, open-label study under an Investigational New Drug, or IND, approval from the FDA, designed to evaluate the safety and efficacy profile of repeated escalating doses of BL-8040 in adult subjects with relapsed/refractory AML. Early results of this trial show that BL-8040, as a stand-alone therapy and in combination with high-dose Cytarabine (Ara-C), is safe at all doses tested to date, and triggers substantial mobilization of cancer cells from the bone marrow to the peripheral blood, thereby increasing the vulnerability of the cells to chemotherapy treatment. In addition, signs of robust apoptosis of cancer cells were observed following administration of the higher doses tested to date. We also plan to commence a clinical study for the use of BL-8040 in stem cell mobilization in the first half of 2014. Final results for the AML study are expected towards the end of 2014/beginning of 2015, while final results of the stem cell mobilization trial are expected in the second half of 2014.

In August 2013, we announced that BL-8040 has been shown in pre-clinical trials to be effective for the treatment of thrombocytopenia, or reduced platelet production. In September 2013, the FDA granted an Orphan Drug Designation to BL-8040 as a therapeutic for the treatment of AML. In December 2013, we announced the presentation of data at the annual ASH Conference showing that BL-8040 directly inhibits AML cell growth and induces cell death, both in cell cultures and in mice engrafted with human AML cells. In addition, BL-8040 showed the ability to induce mobilization of AML cells from the bone marrow into the blood circulation, thereby enhancing the chemotherapeutic effect of ARA-C (one of the standard-of-care chemotherapies for AML). The data also showed that BL-8040's effects were even more robust in cells harboring the FLT3 mutation, and a synergistic effect was observed when BL-8040 was combined with the FLT3 inhibitor AC220 (Quizartinib). In January 2014, the FDA granted an Orphan Drug Designation to BL-8040 as a treatment for stem cell mobilization.

Our third clinical-stage therapeutic candidate, BL-7010, is a novel, non-absorbable, orally available, high-molecular-weight co-polymer intended for the treatment of celiac disease. It has a high affinity for gliadins, the immunogenic proteins present in gluten that cause an immune response in patients with celiac disease. By sequestering gliadins, BL-7010 effectively masks them from enzymatic degradation and prevents the formation and absorption of immunogenic peptides that trigger the immune system. BL-7010 is excreted with gliadin from the digestive tract, preventing the absorption of gliadin peptides into the blood. This significantly reduces the immune response triggered by gluten. The safety and efficacy of BL-7010 were demonstrated in pre-clinical studies.

In December 2013, we announced enrollment of the first patient in a Phase 1/2 trial for BL-7010 being conducted at Tampere Hospital in Finland. Results are expected in mid-2014. The study is a two-part (single and repeated), double-blind, placebo-controlled, dose escalation study of BL-7010 in up to 32 patients. The primary objective of the study is to assess the safety of single and repeated ascending doses of BL-7010 in well-controlled celiac patients. Secondary objectives include an assessment of the systemic exposure, if any, of BL-7010 in the study patients. In March 2014, we announced that BL-7010 successfully completed the single administration, dose-escalation stage of this study. Based on the positive safety and tolerability results, we will proceed with the repeated administration stage of the study.

Our fourth clinical-stage therapeutic candidate, BL 5010, is a novel, aqueous formulation of two acids for the non-surgical removal of benign skin lesions such as seborrheic keratosis. These two acids have already been approved for use in cosmetics. BL-5010 offers an alternative to painful, invasive and expensive removal treatments including cryotherapy, laser treatment and surgery. Since the treatment is non-invasive, we believe BL-5010 poses minimal infection risk and eliminates the need for anesthesia or bandaging. The formulation is applied topically to the lesion for a few seconds and causes the lesion to gradually dry out and fall off within one to four weeks. BL-5010P is a uniquely designed, disposable, non-invasive, pen-like applicator containing the BL-5010 solution.

In June 2009, we initiated a phase 1/2 clinical trial in 60 patients with seborrheic keratosis in Germany and the Netherlands to assess the safety and efficacy of BL-5010 in completely removing the lesion and to assess the cosmetic outcome of the novel treatment. In addition, the study was designed to assess the feasibility of preserving the cellular structure of skin lesions for subsequent histological exams. The study was completed in September 2010, and positive results were announced in December 2010.

In June 2011, we received European confirmation from the British Standards Institution Notified Body (BSI) in the UK, of the regulatory pathway classification of BL-5010 as a Class 2a medical device; the same classification was received for BL-5010P in April 2013.

In January 2014, we received approval from the German Federal Institute for Drugs and Medical Devices, or BfArM, to commence a pivotal, CE Mark registration trial for BL-5010P in 20 patients with seborrheic keratosis at three sites in Germany. We expect to begin this trial in the first half of 2014 and results are expected in the second half of 2014. We also plan to begin the CE Mark registration process in the second half of 2014. Our future development plans for this product include expansion into additional therapeutic indications, including actinic keratosis and warts. We are also currently engaged in meaningful discussions with potential partners for this asset.

Our fifth clinical-stage therapeutic candidate, BL-7040, is an oligonucleotide being developed for the treatment of inflammatory bowel disease (IBD). The compound had already been the subject of phase 1 safety and pharmacokinetics studies and a phase 2a study examining the efficacy of the compound for the treatment of myasthenia gravis, an autoimmune, neurodegenerative disease. BL-7040 showed a high level of safety and efficacy in those trials. The compound was also found to target the innate inflammatory pathway and, therefore, we decided to develop the compound for the treatment of IBD and other inflammatory diseases.

In April 2013, we announced positive results from a phase 2a proof-of-concept study to evaluate the effectiveness of BL-7040 for the treatment of IBD at five sites in Israel. The study showed that BL-7040 is safe and effective in treating ulcerative colitis, a form of IBD. Sixteen of the 22 patients who were enrolled in the clinical trial completed the full five-week course of treatment and two-week follow-up. The primary clinical endpoint in the study – a 3-point and 30% reduction in the Mayo score between baseline and completion of treatment – was achieved. Fifty percent of patients (8 patients) met the primary endpoint, while the remaining 8 patients demonstrated a stable clinical condition or minor improvement. Additional secondary endpoints in the study were the IBD Quality-of-Life Questionnaire, and the serum CRP and fecal calprotectin measurements. The results of these additional secondary endpoints were not conclusive, although certain positive trends were noted.

In November 2013, we announced additional results from this study showing significant improvement of disease measurements in biopsies taken from inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) patients treated with BL-7040, an orally available drug for treating IBD. The histological and biochemical analyses of inflammation indicators reinforced the initial positive results of the study described above. We are currently discussing this therapeutic candidate with a number of potential co-development partners, as well as planning the next stages of development.

Our sixth clinical-stage therapeutic candidate, BL-8020, is an orally available treatment for the hepatitis C virus, or HCV and other viral indications. BL-8020 acts via a unique mechanism of action, by inhibiting HCV and other virus-induced autophagy, which differs from the mechanism of currently used anti-HCV agents. BL-8020's safety and efficacy were demonstrated in pre-clinical studies that showed that BL-8020, when combined with other anti-HCV agents, has a synergistic effect. In April 2013, we commenced a phase 1/2 clinical trial to evaluate the safety, tolerability and effectiveness of BL-8020 at two sites in France. Due to a number of considerations, including the potential for other viral indications, as well as a re-prioritization of our pipeline, and after consultation with the licensors, we agreed with the licensors, Genoscience and Panmed, that as of April 1, 2014, the license agreement would be terminated and that we would enter into a collaboration agreement. See "— In-Licensing Agreements — BL-8020." Genoscience and Panmed will in the near future be deciding on the direction of the current phase 1/2 study as well as assessing potential additional indications.

As part of our business strategy, we continue to actively source, rigorously evaluate and in-license selected therapeutic candidates. We establish and maintain close relationships with research institutes, academic institutions and biotechnology companies in Israel, including, in some instances, a formal right of first offer for therapeutic compounds in their portfolios. More recently, we have extended our sourcing activities to other countries. Before in-licensing, each therapeutic candidate must pass through our thorough screening process. Our Scientific Advisory Board and disease-specific third-party advisors are active in evaluating each therapeutic candidate. Our approach is consistent with our objective of proceeding only with therapeutic candidates that we believe exhibit a relatively high probability of therapeutic and commercial success. To date, we have screened over 2,000 compounds, presented more than 70 candidates to our Scientific Advisory Board for consideration, initiated development of 44 therapeutic candidates and terminated 35 feasibility programs.

#### **Our Strategy**

Our objective is to be a leader in developing innovative pharmaceutical and biopharmaceutical products. We continuously identify and in-license therapeutic candidates in order to maximize our potential for commercial success. We repeatedly assess compounds by evaluating their efficacy, safety, total estimated development costs, technological novelty, patent status, market potential and approvability. Our approach to evaluating, in-licensing and developing therapeutic candidates allows us to:

- continually build our pipeline of therapeutic candidates;
- advance those therapeutic candidates with the greatest potential;
- quickly identify, and terminate the development of, unattractive therapeutic candidates; and
- avoid dependency on a small number of therapeutic candidates.

Using this approach, we have successfully advanced six therapeutic candidates into clinical development. Specific elements of our current strategy include the following:

- Support the successful development and commercialization of therapeutic candidates that have already been partnered. We currently have four programs at various stages of development in our pipeline that have already been partnered. We meet with each of our partners on at least a quarterly basis to lend our assistance and provide our expertise in their development and commercialization efforts as necessary.
- Commercialize additional therapeutic candidates through out-licensing arrangements or, where appropriate, by ourselves. We intend to commercialize many of our other products through out-licensing arrangements with third parties who may perform any or all of the following tasks: completing development, securing regulatory approvals, manufacturing and/or marketing. If appropriate, we may also enter into co-development and similar arrangements with respect to any therapeutic candidate with third parties or commercialize a therapeutic candidate ourselves.
- **Design development programs that reach critical decisions quickly.** At each step of our screening process for therapeutic candidates, a candidate is subjected to rigorous feasibility testing and potential advancement or termination. We believe our feasibility approach reduces costs and increases the probability of commercial success by eliminating less promising candidates quickly before advancing them into more costly preclinical and clinical programs.
- Use our expertise and proprietary screening methodology to evaluate in-licensing opportunities. In order to review and select among various candidates efficiently and effectively, we employ a rigorous screening system we developed. Our Scientific Advisory Board and disease-specific third-party advisors evaluate each candidate. We intend to in-license a sufficient number of therapeutic candidates to allow us to move a new therapeutic candidate into clinical development every 12 to 24 months.
- Leverage and expand our relationships with research institutes, academic institutions and biotechnology companies, including the specific strategic relationships that we have developed with Israeli research and academic institutions, to identify and in-license promising therapeutic candidates.

  To date, we have successfully in-licensed compounds from many major Israeli universities, as well as from many Israeli hospitals, technology incubators and biotechnology companies. We continue to maintain close contacts with university technology transfer offices, research and development authorities, university faculty, and many biotechnology companies to actively seek out early stage compounds. In addition, we actively source and evaluate non-Israeli compounds.

## **Our Product Pipeline**

The table below summarizes our current pipeline of therapeutic candidates, as well as the target indication and status of each candidate:



# **Lead Therapeutic Candidates**

## BL-1040

BL-1040 is a novel, resorbable polymer solution being developed to reduce or prevent the ventricular remodeling that may occur in patients that suffered an AMI. AMIs result from an occlusion in the coronary artery and affect the left ventricle of the heart, or the LV. Patients with severe injury to the LV may be at risk for developing harmful changes in the size, shape and function of the LV, or ventricular remodeling, that may lead to congestive heart failure (CHF). In the clinical trial, BL-1040 is deployed via the coronary artery and settles into the damaged heart muscle. The liquid BL-1040 transforms into a gel within the infarcted cardiac tissue and is believed to form a "scaffold" that supports, retains the shape of and/or enhances the mechanical strength of the heart muscle during recovery, which we believe prevents the pathological enlargement of the ventricle following an AMI. By supporting the damaged heart tissue during the natural healing process, we expect that BL-1040 will reduce or prevent the progressive ventricle enlargement that often follows AMIs. After discussions between Bellerophon and the FDA, BL-1040 is being developed as a class III medical device, specifically under the PMA pathway in the United States. There can be no assurance, however, that the FDA or comparable foreign agencies will not determine that BL-1040 needs to be assessed as a drug instead of a medical device.

BL-1040 is being developed to treat patients that suffered an AMI and are at a high risk to develop significant ventricular remodeling. Based on our review of data regarding the incidence of myocardial infarctions in the United States, we believe that 20% of AMI patients may progress to heart failure due to ventricular remodeling. Prevention of ventricular remodeling may prevent transition to CHF and/or improve patient survival over the long term.

We believe that BL-1040 is a novel, safe and non-surgical treatment for patients who suffered heart attacks and are at risk for ventricular remodeling and CHF. We believe that the transformation of BL-1040 into a gel is a result of the polymer chains' interaction with elevated levels of calcium ions present at the injury site. As the heart heals, we believe that there is a natural decrease in the calcium concentration causing the BL-1040 gel to transform back to liquid form and then be excreted naturally from the body within six weeks of injection. The data from our preclinical studies indicate that treatment with BL-1040 preserves the normal functioning of the heart.

We obtained a worldwide, exclusive license for BL-1040 from B.G. Negev Technologies to research, develop, market and sell BL-1040 and are required to pay B.G. Negev Technologies 28% of the revenues we receive as consideration in connection with any sublicensing, co-marketing or co-promotion, or a permitted assignment, of BL-1040, which includes the revenues we have received, and expect to receive, under our out-licensing agreement with Bellerophon. See "— In Licensing Agreements — BL 1040." We have agreed to pay Ramot a portion of the payments we make to B.G. Negev Technologies in connection with the in-license arrangement to satisfy contractual obligations between B.G. Negev Technologies and Ramot with respect to certain intellectual property rights to the licensed technology. We have also agreed to indemnify Ramot and certain of its related parties in connection with our use of the technology we in-licensed from B.G. Negev Technologies.

Acute Myocardial Infarction. AMI is a leading cause of mortality and morbidity among both men and women. According to the publication entitled "Morbidity and Mortality: 2012 Chart Book on Cardiovascular, Lung and Blood Diseases," made available by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute of the U.S. National Institutes of Health, the annual occurrence of AMI cases in the United Stated is estimated at 1,255,000. AMI is caused by a severe narrowing of coronary arteries, known as atherosclerotic occlusion, often exacerbated by the formation of clots. The narrowing and/or blockage in the coronary artery disrupts the blood supply to cardiac tissue, resulting in extensive cell death that constitutes the AMI. As a result, the affected region of the heart muscle is generally replaced by scar tissue over a six-to eight-week period. The scarred region often dilates progressively in the days and months following an AMI, leading to abnormalities in heart chamber shape, size and functional capacity as described in an article by Paul W.M. Fedak published in 2005 in the journal Cardiovascular Pathology. Those surviving the acute phase of an AMI (i.e., the first 30 days) are at greater risk for sudden death due to arrhythmias and progressive congestive heart failure. There are a number of different approaches to prevent ventricular remodeling that have been, or currently are, the subject of preclinical and clinical trials. Certain medications, including ACE inhibitors and beta-blockers have been shown to reduce ventricular remodeling. Despite the wide use of these medications, based on our review of data regarding patients with large anterior infarcts, at least 20% of those patients may progress to heart failure due to ventricular remodeling and a subsequent reduction in ejection fraction, or the fraction of blood pumped out of a ventricle with each heartbeat.

Development and Commercialization Arrangement. In 2009, we entered into a licensing arrangement with Bellerophon, pursuant to which we granted Bellerophon an exclusive, worldwide license to develop, manufacture and commercialize BL-1040 for use in the prevention, mitigation and treatment of injury to the myocardial tissue of the heart. In December 2013, Ikaria, Inc. announced a transaction for the sale of its commercial business to Madison Dearborn Partners. In connection with that transaction, Ikaria, Inc. also announced the spin-off of its research business, consisting of three development programs, including BL-1040, to its then existing shareholders, and that the new development company would be pre-funded with approximately \$80 million in cash to continue development of the three development programs.

Bellerophon is obligated to use commercially reasonable efforts to complete clinical development of, and to commercialize, BL-1040 or a product related thereto. We were responsible for the costs of the completed phase 1/2 trial. Ikaria (and now Bellerophon) is responsible for the costs associated with conducting all other development and regulatory activities of BL-1040, including those costs relating to the completion of its clinical development, the conduct and funding of its commercialization and the prosecution and maintenance of patents. We have received \$17.0 million from Bellerophon and we are entitled to receive up to an additional \$265.5 million from Bellerophon upon achievement of certain development, regulatory, and commercial milestones. In addition, we are entitled to receive from Bellerophon royalties from net sales of any product developed under the agreement ranging from 11% to 15%, depending on net sales levels achieved by Bellerophon, and its affiliates and sublicensees. However, if Bellerophon is required to obtain a license from a third party in order to exercise its rights under the agreement with Bellerophon, the royalty we receive on net sales may be less than 11%.

Clinical and Preclinical Results. We commenced a pilot phase 1/2 multi-center open label study of BL-1040 in March 2009. The study was designed to assess the safety and feasibility of BL-1040 in patients following an AMI. The trial was conducted at nine sites in Germany and Belgium and was completed in January 2010. In the trial, 27 patients were successfully treated with BL-1040 with no device-related clinically significant complications including arrhythmia, further elevations in cardiac enzymes or occlusions. In February 2010, we received the final assessment of the Independent Safety Monitoring Board, or ISMB. The ISMB's conclusions, relating to the 27 patients who participated in the study and completed a six-month follow-up period, indicated no safety signals and that it would be appropriate to continue clinical development of the device. The FDA must approve an investigational drug exemption (IDE) for BL-1040 before human clinical trials of BL-1040 can be conducted in the United States.

After consultation by Bellerophon with the FDA, BL-1040 is being developed as a class III medical device under the FDA's pre-marketing approval, or PMA, regulatory pathway. In December 2011, Bellerophon commenced PRESERVATION 1, a CE Mark registration clinical trial of BL-1040 (BCM), outside of the United States. The purpose of PRESERVATION 1 is to evaluate the safety and effectiveness of BL-1040 (BCM) for prevention of ventricular remodeling when administered following AMI. The trial is a placebo-controlled, randomized, double-blind, multi-country and multi-center trial with an estimated enrollment of approximately 300 patients. The BCM device is being administered to subjects who had successful percutaneous coronary intervention with stent placement after STEMI. There are currently over 75 sites activated for this trial, 13 of which are in the United States.

Prior to initiating the pilot phase 1/2 study, we evaluated BL-1040 in preclinical safety, biocompatibility, and efficacy studies. We interpreted the safety and biocompatibility studies to demonstrate that the anticipated human dosages are not expected to produce significant local or systemic toxicity. Preclinical efficacy studies in rat, dog and pig models of AMI showed that BL-1040 administered immediately following an AMI and up to seven days after the AMI may provide long-term protection to the heart tissue by preventing progressive LV dilation.

#### BL-8040

BL-8040 is a novel, short peptide that functions as a high-affinity antagonist for CXCR4, which we intend to develop for AML, stem cell mobilization and other hematological indications. CXCR4 is a chemokine receptor that is directly involved in tumor progression, angiogenesis, metastasis and cell survival. CXCR4 is over-expressed in more than 70% of human cancers and its over-expression often correlates with poor prognosis. We in-licensed BL-8040 from Biokine in September 2012.

Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML). AML is a cancer of the myeloid line of blood cells, characterized by the rapid growth of abnormal white blood cells that accumulate in the bone marrow and interfere with the production of normal blood cells. Approximately 250,000 adults throughout the world are diagnosed annually with AML. Despite considerable efforts in the development of therapy for AML, prognosis for the disease is very poor and less than 25% of patients survive five years after disease onset. Current treatments for AML include chemotherapy (Doxorubicin, Arsenic dioxide, Cyclophosphamide, Vincristine), radiation therapy and stem cell transplantation.

Stem Cell Mobilization. High-dose chemotherapy followed by stem cell transplantation has become an established treatment modality for a variety of hematologic malignancies, including multiple myeloma, as well as various forms of lymphoma and leukemia. Stem cells are mobilized from the bone marrow using granulocyte colony-stimulating factor, or G-CSF, harvested from the peripheral blood by apheresis, and infused to the patient after chemotherapy. This type of treatment often replaces the use of traditional bone marrow transplantation, because the stem cells are easier to collect and the treatment allows for a quicker recovery time and fewer complications.

Regulatory Approvals. In September 2013, the FDA granted an Orphan Drug Designation to BL-8040 as a therapeutic for the treatment of AML. In January 2014, the FDA granted an Orphan Drug Designation to BL-8040 for use, in combination with G-CSF, in mobilizing human stem cells from the bone marrow to the peripheral blood for collection for autologous or allogeneic (donor-based) transplantation. Orphan Drug Designation is granted to therapeutics intended to treat rare diseases that affect not more than 200,000 people in the United States. Orphan Drug Designation entitles the sponsor to a seven-year marketing exclusivity period and clinical protocol assistance with the FDA, as well as federal grants and tax credits.

*Preclinical Results.* In vitro and in vivo data show that BL-8040 binds CXCR4 at the low nanomolar range (1-2.5nM) and occupies it for prolonged periods of time (>24h). These studies have shown that BL-8040 mobilizes cancer cells from the bone marrow and may therefore sensitize these cells to chemo- and bio-based anti-cancer therapy. In addition, BL-8040 directly induces apoptosis of cancer cells. BL-8040 was efficient, both alone and in combination with, for example, the anti-cancer drug Rituximab, in reducing bone marrow metastasis of lymphoma cells and stimulating lymphoma cell death.

In August 2013, we announced that BL-8040 has been shown in pre-clinical trials to be effective for the treatment of thrombocytopenia, or reduced platelet production.

In December 2013, we announced the presentation of data at the annual ASH Conference showing that BL-8040 directly inhibits AML cell growth and induces cell death, both in cell cultures and in mice engrafted with human AML cells. In addition, BL-8040 showed the ability to induce mobilization of AML cells from the bone marrow into the blood circulation, thereby enhancing the chemotherapeutic effect of ARA-C (one of the standard-of-care chemotherapies for AML). The data also showed that BL-8040's effects were even more robust in cells harboring the FLT3 mutation, and a synergistic effect was observed when BL-8040 was combined with the FLT3 inhibitor AC220 (Quizartinib).

## Clinical Trials.

In a Phase 1/2, open-label, dose escalation, safety and efficacy clinical trial in 18 multiple myeloma patients, BL-8040 demonstrated an excellent safety profile at all doses tested and was highly effective in combination with G-CSF, in the mobilization of hematopoietic stem cells and white blood cells from the bone marrow to the peripheral blood.

In June 2013, we announced enrollment of the first patient in a Phase 2 trial for BL-8040. The study is being conducted at three sites in the United States, including MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York, and Northwestern University Hospital in Chicago, as well as at five well-known sites in Israel. The study is a multicenter, open-label study under an IND, designed to evaluate the safety and efficacy profile of repeated escalating doses of BL-8040 in adult subjects with relapsed/refractory AML. Through December 2013, eight patients had been enrolled in the study, out of a total expected enrollment of up to 50 patients at eight clinical sites in the United States and Israel. The primary endpoints of the study are the safety and tolerability of the drug. Secondary endpoints include the pharmacokinetic profile of the drug and an efficacy evaluation, indicated by the extent of mobilization of cancer cells from the bone marrow to the peripheral blood, the level of cancer cell death (apoptosis) and clinical responses. The study is also designed in a way that will enable the investigators to evaluate the capabilities of BL-8040 in mobilizing cancer cells from the bone marrow to the peripheral blood, and in inducing their cell death. Early results of this trial show that BL-8040, as a stand-alone therapy and in combination with high-dose Cytarabine (Ara-C), is safe at all doses tested to date, and triggers substantial mobilization of cancer cells from the bone marrow to the peripheral blood, thereby increasing the vulnerability of the cells to chemotherapy treatment. In addition, signs of robust apoptosis of cancer cells were observed following administration of the higher doses tested to date. The study has not yet reached the highest planned doses, suggesting that a strengthening of BL-8040's effects may be observed in future dosing cohorts.

Eight patients had been enrolled in the study through December 2013, out of a total expected enrollment of up to 50 patients at eight clinical sites in the United States and Israel. The study is comprised of two parts – the current dose escalation phase and a subsequent expansion phase at the highest tolerated dose found during the escalation phase. During the dose escalation phase, trial participants are recruited in cohorts of three patients at a time, and the dose is increased for each subsequent cohort depending on the safety and tolerability results of the previous cohort. To date, there have been no serious adverse events related to BL-8040, while the primary adverse event has been a minor and transient reaction at the injection site. The BL-8040 dosing level of the current study cohort is 1 mg/kg, with the highest planned study dose being 1.5 mg/kg.

In January 2014, we announced that we had filed the necessary regulatory submissions to commence a Phase 1 trial for BL-8040 as a novel treatment for the mobilization of stem cells from the bone marrow to the peripheral blood circulation. The regulatory submissions were filed with the Institutional Review Board of the Hadassah Medical Center in Jerusalem, Israel, and the study is expected to commence during the second quarter of 2014. The trial will be divided into two parts. Part 1 is a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled dose escalation study exploring the safety and tolerability of escalating repeated doses of BL-8040 in healthy volunteers. Secondary objectives include assessment of the efficacy of BL-8040 in mobilizing stem cells as a stand-alone therapy, as well as monitoring the pharmacokinetic profile of the drug. Part 2 is an open-label study designed to assess BL-8040's stem cell mobilization capacity, as well as the yield of cells collected by leukapheresis. Secondary endpoints of the study include evaluation of the viability and biological activity of cells mobilized by BL-8040 and collected by leukapheresis.

We expect to receive the final results of the AML trial towards the end of 2014/beginning of 2015, and the final results of the stem cell mobilization trial in the second half of 2014.

#### BL-7010

BL-7010 is a novel, non-absorbable, orally available, high-molecular-weight co-polymer intended for the treatment of celiac disease. It has a high affinity for gliadins, the immunogenic proteins present in gluten that cause an immune response in patients with celiac disease. By sequestering gliadins, BL-7010 effectively masks them from enzymatic degradation and prevents the formation of immunogenic peptides that trigger the immune system. BL-7010 is excreted with gliadin from the digestive tract, preventing the formation and absorption of gliadin peptides into the blood. This significantly reduces the immune response triggered by gluten. We in-licensed the exclusive, worldwide rights to develop, market and sell BL-7010 from Valorisation-Recherche, Limited Partnership, or Univalor in February 2011.

Celiac Disease. Celiac disease is a chronic, autoimmune, inflammatory disease of the small intestine characterized by damage to the lining of the small intestine and typically leads to dyspepsia, malabsorption and a variety of other symptoms. It occurs in genetically predisposed individuals and is caused by an immunological reaction to gluten, found in wheat, barley and rye. Estimates suggest that 1% of the world's population is affected by celiac disease, and prevalence is expected to increase dramatically with improved diagnosis and awareness of the disease. According to a Datamonitor report from 2009, the celiac market is projected to reach \$8 billion by 2019. There are currently no treatments approved for celiac disease and the only treatment option is a life-long, strict, gluten-free diet, which is difficult to maintain both due to food contamination with gluten, as well as eating habits in a social setting.

*Preclinical Results.* BL-7010 was evaluated in preclinical safety and efficacy studies. Safety data available include a 14-day rat toxicity study and a biocompatibility package of studies. BL-7010 was found to have no toxic effects in the rat toxicity study conducted at a dose range of 1000 mg/kg to 3,000 mg/kg body weight/day by oral gavage. In addition, BL-7010 was found to have no mutagenic activity, to have no local irritation effect in the GI and is not considered to be a sensitizer.

BL-7010 was evaluated in well-validated murine models of celiac disease (transgenic mice carrying the human DQ8 gene). It was found that BL-7010 significantly reduced the damage to the small intestine and the immune response triggered by gluten or gliadin.

In preclinical pharmacokinetics studies, it was found that BL-7010 is not absorbed systemically and is excreted in the feces, hence presenting a very good safety profile. It was also found that BL-7010 interacts specifically with gliadin, and does not interact with tested vitamins and digestive enzymes. This high specificity suggests that BL-7010 will not have an effect on the absorption of nutrients and on the digestive process.

Clinical Study. In December 2013, we announced enrollment of the first patient in a Phase 1/2 trial for BL-7010. The patient was enrolled at Tampere Hospital in Finland. Results are expected in mid-2014. The study is a two-part (single and repeated), double-blind, placebo-controlled, dose escalation study of BL-7010 in up to 32 patients. The primary objective of the study is to assess the safety of single and repeated ascending doses of BL-7010 in well-controlled celiac patients. Secondary objectives include an assessment of the systemic exposure, if any, of BL-7010 in the study patients. In March 2014, we announced that BL-7010 successfully completed the single administration, dose-escalation stage of this study. No serious adverse events were reported and there were no dose-limiting safety issues. Based on these positive safety and tolerability results, we will proceed with the repeated administration stage of the study.

# Other Clinical Therapeutic Candidates

#### BL-5010

BL-5010 comprises a customized, proprietary, pen-like applicator containing a novel formulation of two acids, which is being developed for the non-surgical removal of skin lesions. Other formulations of the components of BL-5010 have already been approved for use in cosmetics. If approved, BL-5010 would be a convenient alternative to painful, invasive and expensive removal treatments for skin lesions, including cryotherapy, laser treatment and surgery, and may allow for histological examination. Since treatment with BL-5010 is non-invasive, we believe BL-5010 poses minimal infection risk, and requires no anesthesia or bandaging. BL-5010 is applied topically on a skin lesion for a few minutes with the pen-like applicator and causes the lesion to gradually dry out and fall off within one to four weeks. BL-5010 is a disposable, non-invasive, pen-like applicator containing the BL-5010 solution. We in-licensed the exclusive, worldwide rights to develop, market and sell BL-5010 from IPC in November 2007.

In June 2011, we received European confirmation from the BSI in the UK of the regulatory pathway classification of BL-5010 as a Class 2a medical device; the same classification was received for BL-5010P in April 2013. Our future development plans for this product include expansion into additional therapeutic indications, including actinic keratosis and warts. We are also currently engaged in meaningful discussions with potential partners for this asset.

Skin Lesions. Clinically diagnosed skin lesions, or a growth or patch of skin that does not resemble the area surrounding it, are very common and often constitute a cosmetic and functional annoyance. Moles and warts are examples of skin lesions. Seborrheic keratosis, or SK is a very common, benign skin lesion that commonly appears during adult life. Patients with SK often request treatment due to symptoms of itching and irritation, or due to cosmetic reasons. Such lesions can be painful and also tend to become injured and sometimes bleed and/or become infected. Actinic keratosis, AK, is a pre-cancerous skin condition that appears as a dry, scaly, sometimes hyperkeratotic lesion caused by prolonged and repeated sun exposure. AK is the most common pre-cancerous skin lesion and treatment of AK is the most frequent dermatologic procedure performed in out-patient clinics. Currently, skin lesions that are not suspected to be malignant are treated by methods such as cryotherapy, laser therapy, or electro-cauterization. Such treatments often lead to complications that include pain, bleeding and discharge, as well as infection, blistering and hematoma. These complications commonly necessitate the application of localized antibiotics as well as bandaging, are liable to cause further discomfort to the individual treated, and the healing process is liable to be slow and prolonged, and may lead to scarring. Furthermore, cryotherapy, laser therapy, and electro-cauterization destroy the treated skin region, making histopathological diagnosis of the skin lesions impossible. Surgery is used when histological examination of skin lesions is required. Surgery has to be conducted under sterile conditions and requires anesthesia. Furthermore, the cosmetic outcome of surgical removal is generally undesirable. The total AK and SK market is estimated at over \$500 million worldwide.

Clinical Results. In June 2009, we initiated a phase 1/2 clinical trial in 60 patients with SK in Germany and the Netherlands to assess the safety and efficacy of BL-5010 in completely removing the lesion and to assess the cosmetic outcome of the novel treatment. In addition, the study was designed to assess the feasibility of preserving the cellular structure of skin lesions for subsequent histological exams. The study was completed in September 2010, and positive results were announced in December, 2010. The results of the trial show that for 96.7% of patients, the treated lesion fell off within 30 days of a single application of BL-5010. The results also showed that BL-5010 has a good safety profile, as no persistent irreversible adverse effects were observed at the treated site. None of the patients reported moderate or severe drug-related adverse events. Mild adverse events reported included skin and subcutaneous tissue disorders (n=5, 8.3%) and general and administration site disorders (n=2, 3.3%). Pruritus was the only drug-related adverse event reported by more than two patients (n=4, 6.7%). In addition, investigators and patients participating in the trial reported that they were very satisfied with the cosmetic outcome of the treatment in the majority of cases (investigators regarded the outcome as "good" or "excellent" 180 days following treatment in 94.6% of cases, and patients in 84% of cases). In addition, histological examination of treated lesions indicate BL-5010's efficacy in preserving the cellular structure of treated lesions.

Clinical Trial. In January 2014, we received approval from the German Federal Institute for Drugs and Medical Devices, or BfArM, to commence a pivotal, CE Mark registration trial for BL-5010P, for the non-surgical removal of benign skin lesions. The primary objective of the single-arm, open-label, pivotal bridging study is to assess the efficacy of a single application of BL-5010 in the removal of SK lesions. We expect to enroll up to 20 patients at up to three leading sites in Germany. The primary study endpoint is the complete lesion removal rate at days 30, 90 and 180 after treatment. Secondary objectives include safety and tolerability, assessment of cosmetic outcomes by both patients and investigators, and the ability to preserve the treated SK lesions for histopathological diagnosis, which is a key differentiator for BL-5010P. We expect to begin this trial in the first half of 2014 and results are expected in the second half of 2014. We also plan to begin the CE Mark registration process in the second half of 2014.

#### BL-7040

BL-7040 is a novel oligonucleotide which we are developing for the treatment of IBD. It is an orally-available, synthetic oligonucleotide consisting of a sequence of nucleic acids, the building blocks of genetic material such as DNA, with unique dual activity. It has a specific agonist effect on a receptor involved in the immune system and inflammatory reactions called Toll-Like Receptor 9 (TLR-9). It also acts as a specific suppressor of acetylcholinesterase, a key enzyme involved in neurological pathways.

We in-licensed the exclusive, worldwide rights to develop, and/or sell BL-7040 from Yissum in June 2011. Yissum had previously out-licensed the compound to Ester Neurosciences who performed phase 1 safety and pharmacokinetics studies and a phase 2a study examining the efficacy of the compound for the treatment of myasthenia gravis, an autoimmune, neurodegenerative disease. The compound was also found to target the innate inflammatory pathway and, therefore, we decided to develop the compound for the treatment of IBD and other inflammatory diseases.

Inflammatory Bowel Disease. IBD, including Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis, is a chronic inflammatory gastrointestinal disease characterized by chronic inflammatory conditions, abdominal pain, intestinal hemorrhaging, reduced nutritional uptake, bloating and alteration of bowel habits. According to Datamonitor, in 2009 there were estimated to be 890,000 people with Crohn's disease, over half of them in the United States, and there are estimated to be 1.4 million cases of ulcerative colitis in the seven major markets. There are several specific treatment options available to treat IBD and many of the treatments are either insufficiently effective, very expensive or have serious side effects. IBD is a chronic autoimmune disease and none of the available treatments brings about a full cure. It is expected that through his/her lifetime an IBD patient will go through several rounds of treatment with an increased level of intensity and associated risk. Deferring treatment with corticosteroids, immunomodulators and surgery as much as possible is a primary treatment goal for physicians treating IBD. Approved treatments include steroids, which treat inflammation, and immunomodulators, which have an effect on the immune system. Many patients are referred to surgical treatment due to lack of efficacy by pharmacological agents. Biologics, which are therapeutics that are created by biologic processes rather than chemical synthesis, especially anti-TNFs (tumor necrosis factor - a protein actively involved in the inflammatory process), have become critical induction and maintenance agents. Remicade (infliximab), a treatment marketed by Janssen Biotech, Inc., a Johnson & Johnson company, Merck & Co. and Mitsubishi Tanabe Pharma, is the first approved anti-TNF for the treatment of IBD and is considered the gold standard of treatment. However, it is administered by IV, has a black box warning for serious infections and cancer and, like other biologics, is very expensive. Another approved treatment for IBD is Humira (adali

Clinical and Preclinical Results. In March 2012, we commenced a phase 2a proof-of-concept study of BL-7040 to evaluate the effectiveness of BL-7040 for the treatment of IBD. Our phase 2a trial was an open-label study to evaluate the efficacy, pharmacodynamics, safety and tolerability of oral BL-7040 in 22 patients with moderately active ulcerative colitis, a type of IBD. Patients were treated for up to five weeks with BL-7040: 12mg/day for up to three weeks followed by 40mg/day for two additional weeks. The clinical trial was carried out at five sites in Israel: Sourasky Medical Center (Ichilov Hospital) in Tel Aviv; Hadassah Medical Center in Jerusalem; Shaare Zedek Medical Center in Jerusalem; Rambam Medical Center in Haifa; and Soroka Medical Center in Beer Sheva.

In April 2013, we announced positive results from this study. Sixteen of the 22 patients who were enrolled in the clinical trial completed the full five-week course of treatment and two-week follow-up. The primary clinical endpoint in the study – a 3-point and 30% reduction in the Mayo score between baseline and completion of treatment – was achieved. Fifty percent of patients (8 patients) met the primary endpoint, while the remaining 8 patients demonstrated a stable clinical condition or minor improvement. Fifty-six percent of patients (9 patients) demonstrated decreases of at least 1 point in the rectal-bleeding sub-score and 69% (11 patients) had rectal-bleeding sub-scores of  $\leq 1$  (in 6 of the 11 patients, no rectal bleeding was seen at all). Fifty percent of the patients completing study treatment also met certain secondary endpoints, such as a partial Mayo score reduction and mucosal healing evaluated by endoscopy sub-score measurements. Additional secondary endpoints in the study were the IBD Quality-of-Life Questionnaire, and the serum CRP and fecal calprotectin measurements. The results of these additional secondary endpoints were not conclusive, although certain positive trends were noted. BL-7040 was highly safe and well tolerated by the study participants, with a very low incidence of drug related, mild-to-moderate adverse events (AEs), as well as one serious adverse event (SAE) not related to the treatment. Both patients and investigators were very satisfied with the safety and tolerability profile of the treatment and, in particular, emphasized the ease of oral administration.

In November 2013, we announced additional results from this study showing significant improvement of disease measurements in biopsies taken from IBD patients treated with BL-7040. The histological and biochemical analyses of inflammation indicators reinforced the initial positive results of the study described above.

In order to perform the histological and biochemical analyses, biopsies were taken from trial participants before and after treatment. Biopsies from each time point were collected and randomly assigned to either a histological evaluation or to an assessment for levels of cytokines, considered as pro-inflammatory bio-markers. All analyses were performed in a blinded manner.

The histological results show that neutrophil levels were significantly reduced (p=0.002) in patients treated with BL-7040. Neutrophils are the major cellular participant in acute inflammation, and their presence in the colon mucosa is believed to play a key role in causing tissue damage and clinical symptoms in IBD patients. Neutrophil levels are known to decrease when a patient's clinical condition improves. In this respect, all patients whose neutrophil levels were reduced also showed a clinical improvement as assessed by their Mayo score, the gold standard for assessing ulcerative colitis therapy.

An additional measure of disease severity is the level of the pro-inflammatory cytokine, interleukin 6 (IL-6). IL-6 is the predominant cytokine found in inflamed areas in ulcerative colitis patients, and its concentration correlates with the Mayo endoscopic score for disease severity. IL-6 levels were also significantly reduced (p=0.046) in patients treated with BL-7040, and most patients with reduced cytokine levels showed clinical improvement.

The phase 2a study conducted by Ester Neurosciences was a multi-national, multi-center, cross-over, double-blind study to compare the efficacy of three doses of BL-7040 (10, 20 and 40 mg). A total of 31 patients with a clinical diagnosis of Myasthenia Gravis (MG) according to the MG Foundation of America (MGFA) classification were enrolled in the study. The efficacy of the three doses of BL-7040 given orally once daily for one week was evaluated using changes in the Quantitative Myasthenia Gravis Test (QMG), a grading system used in the comparative analysis of therapeutic interventions for MG, between baseline and end of treatment. The improvements observed in patients at the end of each week for each dose level of BL-7040 were clinically and statistically significant compared to the baseline for that week. All three doses resulted in an improvement in the severity of the MG symptoms and appear superior to Mestinon, the current first line treatment for MG, with no adverse events reported.

The phase 1b study conducted by Ester Neurosciences was an open label study to evaluate the safety and efficacy of escalating doses of BL-7040 administered orally to patients with MG. A total of 16 patients participated in the study. During the first day of treatment, each patient received 10 mcg/kg, 50 mcg/kg and 150 mcg/kg. During days two through four, patients received a daily dose of 500 mcg/kg. All of the patients completed the treatment and no major adverse events related to the study drug were reported.

Prior to initiating the clinical trials, BL-7040 was evaluated in preclinical safety and efficacy studies. Safety data available includes: acute single dose in mice, single and repeated dose in rats, repeated dose in monkeys by oral and IV administration, genetic toxicity and safety pharmacology studies. BL-7040 was found to have no mutagenic or clastogenic potential. BL-7040 was also found to have no toxic effects in any of the studies conducted at a dose range of 150mg/kg to 1,000mg/kg body weight/day by oral gavage or 500 mcg/kg-200 mg/kg body weight/day by IV administration in rodents and monkeys.

BL-7040 was evaluated in a well-validated murine model of IBD (TNBS (2,4,6-trinitrobenzenesulfonic acid)-induced IBD). It was found that BL-7040's therapeutic effect was similar to dexamethasone, a common routine steroidal treatment for human colitis. BL-7040 induced a statistically significantly decrease in the severity of the colitis (a decrease of about 80%). Other studies have demonstrated the specific agonistic effect of BL-7040 on TLR-9.

#### BL-8020

BL-8020 is a proprietary fixed-dose combination treatment composed of Ribavirin and Hydroxychloroquine, or HCQ. Efficacy results in replicon assays, as well as in ex-vivo infected human liver samples, showed a time and dose-dependent inhibitory effect of BL-8020 on HCV replication and infectivity. In addition, a synergistic effect with other anti-HCV agents was observed in these models. This effect on other therapies is likely to increase their potency and reduce the numerous adverse effects often associated with these drugs by reducing their effective doses. BL-8020 targets the infected host cells and inhibits HCV induced autophagy in the host. This unique mechanism of action differentiates BL-8020 from other currently used anti-HCV agents in its potential pan genotypic activity and high genetic barrier to resistance (low susceptibility for drug-resistant mutations to be developed by the virus). BL-8020 may also have an effect on other viral indications, such as dengue fever, and may be developed for such indications in the future.

Hepatitis C. Hepatitis C infection is a blood-borne infection of the liver caused by the hepatitis C virus (HCV) which becomes chronic in about 85% of cases. According to a 2011 report from Decision Resources, about 180 million people worldwide are chronically infected with HCV. In addition, HCV infection is the leading cause of liver transplantation and is a risk factor for liver cancer. The global hepatitis market was estimated at \$6 billion in 2011 and is forecasted to grow to \$20 billion by the end of the decade.

*Preclinical Results.* BL-8020's safety and efficacy have been demonstrated in a number of pre-clinical studies. These studies have shown that BL-8020 has a synergistic effect with other anti-HCV agents that is likely to increase their potency and reduce the numerous adverse effects often associated with these drugs by enabling utilization of lower dosages.

Clinical Trial. In April 2013, we commenced a Phase 1/2 trial for BL-8020 in France. The study is an open-label trial to evaluate the efficacy, safety and tolerability of BL-8020 in patients infected with HCV. It is being conducted at two clinical sites in France and is intended up to 32 HCV-infected patients of any genotype who have previously failed or relapsed following treatment with the standard-of-care. The primary endpoint of the study is to evaluate the effect of a 16-week combination therapy with Ribavirin and HCQ. The study is specifically designed to allow intra-subject analysis, in order to determine the extent to which HCQ enhances Ribavirin's antiviral activity. Due to a number of considerations, including the potential for other viral indications, as well as a re-prioritization of our pipeline, and after consultation with the licensors, we agreed with them that as of April 1, 2014, the license agreement would be terminated and that we would enter into a collaboration agreement whereby, among other things, the licensors agreed to take over development of the drug in consideration for 28% of future sublicense receipts by the licensors, and we agreed to supply, at the licensors' request and in consideration for full payment, the drug needed for a clinical trial to be administered by the licensors. See "— In-Licensing Agreements — BL-8020."

Genoscience and Panmed will in the near future be deciding on the direction of the current phase 1/2 study as well as assessing potential additional indications.

**Termination of BL-1020.** BL-1020 was an orally administered antipsychotic for the treatment of schizophrenia. We in-licensed the worldwide, exclusive rights to research, develop and commercialize BL-1020 from Bar Ilan Research and Development and Ramot. In June 2011, we commenced the phase 2/3 CLARITY clinical trial with respect to BL-1020. The CLARITY trial was designed to be a randomized, double-blind trial to examine both acute (6 weeks) and long-term (24 weeks) cognitive and antipsychotic efficacy, safety and tolerability of BL-1020 on patients with acute schizophrenia.

In March 2013, we announced the discontinuation of the Phase 2/3 CLARITY trial of BL-1020 after the results from an interim analysis indicated that the trial would not meet the pre-specified primary efficacy endpoint. The interim analysis included data on 230 subjects, of which 168 were evaluable for analysis on the primary (sixweek) cognitive endpoint. The analysis indicated insufficient efficacy of BL-1020, in comparison to Risperidone, relative to the cognitive primary and secondary (12-week and 24-week) endpoints. We then performed a complete analysis of the un-blinded study data on all enrolled patients in order to ascertain whether there could be potential for the product. No such potential was determined, and therefore in March 2014, the project was terminated.

## Therapeutic Candidates in Preclinical Development

The table below sets forth the development status of our preclinical stage therapeutic candidates and the indications for which they are being developed.

Therapeutic Candidate	Description	Indication	Status	In-Licensing Source
BL-8030	Small molecule	Hepatitis C	Preclinical studies; in collaboration with CTTQ for China and Hong Kong	Genoscience and RFS Pharma
BL-9010	Bi-specific antibody	Severe allergies/asthma	Preclinical studies	Yissum and University of Genoa, Italy
BL-9020	Monoclonal antibody	Type 1 Diabetes	Preclinical studies; in collaboration with JHL Biotech for China and Southeast Asia	Yissum, B.G. Negev Technologies and Hadasit Ltd.

## **Product Development Approach**

We seek to develop a pipeline of promising therapeutic candidates that exhibit distinct advantages over currently available therapies or address unmet medical needs. Our resources are focused on advancing our therapeutic candidates through development and toward commercialization. Our current drug development pipeline consists of nine therapeutic candidates with an additional two therapeutic candidates in our EDP pipeline, a program primarily funded by one of our shareholders to support a portion of our early feasibility work on therapeutic candidates. See "Item 7. Related Party Transactions — Early Development Program Agreement."

We have established relationships with various universities, academic and research institutions and biotechnology companies that permit us to identify and select compounds at a very early stage of development. Initially, we focused on Israeli institutions as the primary source of our therapeutic candidates. In Israel, we established close relationships with the Technion – Israel Institute of Technology, or Technion, Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Tel Aviv University, Bar Ilan University and the Weizmann Institute. These relationships include, in some instances, a formal right of first offer for therapeutic compounds in their portfolios. More recently, we have begun to source therapeutic candidate opportunities worldwide. Although our focus since inception has been on identifying development stage therapeutic candidates, we have begun evaluating pre-clinical and clinical candidates in order to introduce therapeutic candidates with a greater potential for clinical success to our pipeline.

Once we identify a candidate, it enters our internal evaluation system and undergoes our rigorous selection process. We employ internal research efforts to evaluate candidates. We evaluate each compound's potential for success by looking at the candidate's efficacy, safety, total estimated development costs, technological novelty, patent status, market potential and approvability. Following evaluation and diligence, each therapeutic candidate is evaluated by our Scientific Advisory Board and by disease-specific advisors for external scientific review. Following a Scientific Advisory Board meeting, the compound is referred to either the EDP or more advanced feasibility testing. Candidates that have successfully progressed through our EDP will generally be subject to a shorter feasibility period once the compound is introduced to our pipeline as fewer studies will be required. At each step of the process, a therapeutic candidate is subjected to critical evaluation and potential termination. Our approach is consistent with our objective of proceeding only with therapeutic candidates that we believe exhibit a relatively high probability of therapeutic and commercial success. To date, we estimate we have screened over 2,000 compounds, and we have introduced more than 70 candidates to our Scientific Advisory Board for consideration, initiated development of 44 therapeutic candidates and terminated 35 feasibility programs.

Once we approve a development-stage compound, we in-license the candidate and any related technology and our drug development team and project managers identify, define and oversee the necessary steps to development and commercialization. The initial feasibility phase of development is critical to our approach. We design experiments that challenge the identified weaknesses of a compound, verify initial data by utilizing third-party contract research organizations and test the compound in models that more accurately mimic human disease.

Our development approach focuses on identifying and following what we believe will be successful pathways to commercialization. Our team has the expertise to move our candidates through all phases of preclinical and clinical development. Our staff includes professionals with extensive experience in drug development, chemistry, manufacturing and controls, or CMC, preclinical experimentation, clinical development, regulatory affairs and business development. We perform all of our development activities in our good laboratory practices, or GLP, grade chemistry laboratory or outsource these activities to contract research organizations, or CROs, that meet applicable regulatory standards. Following the generation of sufficient preclinical data, applications to regulatory authorities for the initiation of clinical trials are submitted. Phase 1 and 2 clinical trials are then conducted to demonstrate clinical proof of safety and efficacy. Following this stage of development we seek either to sublicense the therapeutic candidate to a pharmaceutical partner or, in certain circumstances, we may elect to complete development by ourselves. To the extent we in-license later stage compounds, we may eliminate certain of these development efforts.

## **Out-Licensing Agreement with Bellerophon**

In 2009, we entered into a licensing arrangement with Bellerophon, pursuant to which we granted Bellerophon an exclusive, worldwide license to develop, manufacture and commercialize BL-1040 for use in the prevention, mitigation and treatment of injury to the myocardial tissue of the heart. Bellerophon is obligated to use commercially reasonable efforts to complete clinical development of, and to commercialize, BL-1040 or a product related thereto. We were responsible for the costs of the completed phase 1/2 studies. Bellerophon is responsible for the costs associated with conducting all other development and regulatory activities of BL-1040, including those costs relating to the completion of its clinical development, the conduct and funding of its commercialization and the prosecution and maintenance of patents.

Pursuant to the agreement, Bellerophon paid us an initial up-front payment equal to \$7.0 million on the effective date of the agreement and in April 2010 paid us a milestone payment of \$10.0 million. We are entitled to receive up to an additional \$265.5 million from Bellerophon upon achievement of certain development, regulatory, and commercial milestones. In addition, we are entitled to receive from Bellerophon royalties from net sales of any product developed under the agreement ranging from 11% to 15%, depending on net sales levels achieved by Bellerophon or its sublicensees, as applicable. However, if Bellerophon is required to obtain a license from a third party in order to exercise its rights under the agreement with us, the royalty we receive on net sales may be less than 11%. We must pay 28% of all net consideration we receive from Bellerophon to B.G. Negev Technologies, the institution from which we initially in-licensed the development rights to BL-1040. See "— In-Licensing Agreements — BL-1040." Certain payments we may receive from Bellerophon in the future, if at all, may be subject to a 15% withholding tax in the United States. We believe that we may be able to get a refund of withholding taxes paid in connection with future payments from the U.S. government but there can be no assurance that we will be able to get such a refund. In addition, we may be able to use U.S. taxes withheld from future payments as credits against Israeli corporate income tax, when we have income, if at all, but there can be no assurance that we will be able to realize the credits. Payments to B.G. Negev Technologies are to be made from the net amounts received from Bellerophon (i.e., net of the withholding taxes). We have agreed to pay Ramot a portion of the payments we make to B.G. Negev Technologies in connection with the in-license arrangement to satisfy contractual obligations between B.G. Negev Technologies and Ramot with respect to certain intellectual property rights to the licensed technology.

Bellerophon has the right to sublicense BL-1040 in arm's-length transactions consistent with the terms and conditions of the license and commercialization agreement. If Bellerophon receives an upfront payment under a sublicense, Bellerophon is required to pay us 10% of such payment. We have the option to manufacture at least 20% of BL-1040 products pursuant to the terms of a supply agreement to be negotiated in good faith, provided this option is exercised six months prior to the date Bellerophon intends to file for regulatory approval for BL-1040 in the United States.

Bellerophon bears the costs of the worldwide prosecution and maintenance of the patents for BL-1040. We have the right to intervene and maintain our patents in any country where Bellerophon declines to file or prosecute those patents, or if it does not take actions necessary to avoid abandonment of those patents.

Our agreement with Bellerophon expires on a product-by-product basis and a country-by-country basis on the date royalties are no longer payable in connection with the product in a given country. Either party may terminate the agreement by providing 90 days' written notice of a material breach of the agreement by the other party if the breaching party does not cure the breach during that time. In addition, Bellerophon may terminate the agreement upon 60 days' prior written notice if Bellerophon determines, in its sole judgment, that the results of the development program under the agreement do not warrant further development of products under the agreement.

#### Other Out-licensing/Collaboration Agreements

#### **CTTQ**

In June 2013, we signed an out-licensing agreement with Jiangsu Chia-tai Tianqing Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd., or CTTQ, the leading Chinese pharmaceutical company in the liver disease therapeutic area, granting CTTQ exclusive rights to develop, manufacture and commercialize BL-8030, an orally available treatment for HCV, in China and Hong Kong, or the CTTQ Territory. We have retained the right to develop and commercialize BL-8030 in other parts of the world. Both parties are obligated to carry out in collaboration their allotted activities regarding the development of BL-8030 (including full access to data generated by the other party), and CTTQ is obligated to use commercially reasonable efforts to commercialize BL-8030 in the CTTQ Territory. CTTQ is responsible for the costs associated with development and regulatory activities of BL-8030 in its territory, including those costs relating to the completion of the clinical development of BL-8030, the conduct and funding of commercialization and the prosecution and maintenance of patents.

CTTQ has paid us a small upfront license fee and is obligated to pay us future development, regulatory and commercialization milestones, for a total potential deal value of approximately \$30 million. In addition, we have the right to receive high single-digit royalties on future sales of the drug. We must pay a portion of all net consideration we receive from CTTQ to RFS Pharma, LLC and Genoscience, the companies from which we initially in-licensed the development rights to BL-8030.

CTTQ has the right to sublicense BL-8030 in the CTTQ Territory in arm's-length transactions consistent with the terms and conditions of the license agreement.

Our agreement with CTTQ expires upon the cessation of all commercialization of BL-8030 in the CTTQ Territory. Either party may terminate the agreement by providing 30 days' written notice of a material breach of the agreement by the other party if the breaching party does not cure the breach during that time. In addition, CTTQ may terminate the agreement (a) without cause upon 90 days' prior written notice (subject, in certain cases, to payment of compensation to us) and (b) upon 30 days' prior written notice in the event of any significant adverse clinical events or other adverse toxicity, safety or efficacy data relating to a product.

#### JHL

In January 2014, we signed a collaboration agreement with JHL Biotech, or JHL, a biopharmaceutical company that develops, manufactures, and commercializes biologic medicines, pursuant to which we will collaborate with JHL in the development and commercialization of BL-9020, a novel monoclonal antibody for the treatment of Type 1 diabetes. JHL will be responsible for all process development and manufacturing of BL-9020 during its pre-clinical and clinical development stages, and we will be responsible for all pre-clinical development of BL-9020. Responsibility for clinical development of BL-9020 will be shared by the parties on a regional basis. Under the terms of the agreement, JHL will have global manufacturing rights to BL-9020, along with development and commercialization rights in China and Southeast Asia, or the JHL Territory, and we will have development and commercialization rights in the rest of the world. In all development and manufacturing of BL-9020, JHL will adhere to FDA guidelines and regulations. Each party will have rights to all development and regulatory data generated under the agreement in order to commercialize BL-9020 in its respective territory.

Each party will be entitled to single-digit royalties on the sale of BL-9020 in the other party's respective territory. We must pay 16% of all net consideration we receive from JHL to Yissum, B.G. Negev Technologies and Hadasit Medical Research Services and Development Ltd., the companies from which we initially in-licensed the development rights to BL-9020. See "— In-Licensing Agreements — BL-9020." In addition, we are required to pay 12% of all net consideration we receive as a result of the out-licensing of BL-8030, including without limitation the net consideration we receive from JHL, to a party that is assisting us in the initial development of BL-8030.

JHL has the right to sublicense BL-9020 in the JHL Territory in arm's-length transactions consistent with the terms and conditions of the license agreement.

Our agreement with JHL expires upon the later of the date on which JHL reasonably expects no additional sales of product in the JHL Territory or the date on which on which we reasonably expect that we will no longer receive additional sublicensing consideration or net sales. Either party may terminate the agreement by providing either 30 or 60 days' written notice (depending on which provision of the agreement has been breached) of a material breach of the agreement by the other party if the breaching party does not cure the breach during that time.

## **In-Licensing Agreements**

We have in-licensed and intend to continue to in-license development, production and marketing rights from selected research and academic institutions in order to capitalize on the capabilities and technology developed by these entities. We also seek to obtain technologies that complement and expand our existing technology base by entering into license agreements with pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies. When entering into in-license agreements, we generally seek to obtain unrestricted sublicense rights consistent with our primarily partner-driven strategy. We are generally obligated under these agreements to diligently pursue product development, make development milestone payments, pay royalties on any product sales and make payments upon the grant of sublicense rights. We generally insist on the right to terminate any in-license for convenience upon prior written notice to the licensor.

The scope of payments we are required to make under our in-licensing agreements is comprised of various components that are paid commensurate with the progressive development and commercialization of our drug products.

Our in-licensing agreements generally provide for the following types of payments:

- Revenue sharing payments. These are payments to be made to licensors with respect to revenue we receive from sub-licensing to third parties for further
  development and commercialization of our drug products. These payments are generally fixed at a percentage of the total revenues we earn from these
  sublicenses.
- **Milestone payments**. These payments are generally linked to the successful achievement of milestones in the development and approval of drugs, such phases 1, 2 and 3 of clinical trials and approvals of new drug applications, or NDAs.
- Royalty payments. To the extent we elect to complete the development, licensing and marketing of a therapeutic candidate, we are generally required to pay our licensors royalties on the sales of the end drug product. These royalty payments are generally based on the net revenue from these sales. In certain instances, the rate of the royalty payments decrease upon the expiration of the drug's underlying patent and its transition into a generic drug. Certain of our agreements provide that if a licensed drug product is developed and sold through a different corporate entity, the licensors may elect to receive shares in such company instead of a portion of the royalties.
- Additional payments. In addition to the above payments, certain of our in-license agreements provide for a one-time or periodic payment that is not linked to milestones. Periodic payments may be paid until the commercialization of the product, either by direct sales or sublicenses to third parties. Other agreements provide for the continuation of these payments even following the commercialization of the licensed drug product.

The royalty and revenue sharing rates we agree to pay in our in-licensing agreements vary from case to case but in most cases range from 22% to 29.5% of the consideration we receive from sublicensing the applicable therapeutic candidate. We are required to pay a substantially lower percentage, generally less than 5%, if we elect to commercialize the subject therapeutic candidate independently. In addition, milestone payments are not generally payable if revenue-sharing from an out-licensing transaction is greater than any relevant payments due under our in-licensing agreements.

The following are descriptions of our in-licensing agreements associated with our therapeutic candidates under clinical development. In addition to the in-licensing agreements discussed herein, we have entered into other in-licensing arrangements in connection with our therapeutic candidates in the advanced preclinical, feasibility and EDP stages.

## BL-1040

In January 2005, we in-licensed the rights to BL-1040 under a license agreement with B.G. Negev Technologies. Under the agreement, B.G. Negev Technologies granted us an exclusive, worldwide, sublicensable license to develop, manufacture, market and sell certain technology relating to injectable alginate biomaterials and the uses thereof. Upon execution of the agreement, we were obligated to make an initial payment and to make annual payments equal to \$30,000, subject to certain conditions. To date we have paid \$700,000 under the BL-1040 in-license agreement, to cover the initial fee and annual fees. We are obligated to make a low, single digit royalty payment on net sales, subject to certain limitations if we manufacture and sell products developed under the agreement on our own. We also have the right to grant sublicenses for the licensed technology and are required to pay B.G. Negev Technologies a payment of 28% of the net revenues (after giving effect to withholding taxes and other deductions) we receive as consideration in connection with any sublicensing, co-marketing or co-promotion, or a permitted assignment, of BL-1040, which includes those under our licensing agreement with Bellerophon. We have agreed to pay Ramot a portion of the payments we make to B.G. Negev Technologies in connection with the in-license arrangement to satisfy contractual obligations between B.G. Negev Technologies and Ramot with respect to certain intellectual property rights to the licensed technology. We have also agreed to indemnify Ramot and certain of its related parties in connection with our use of the technology we in-licensed from B.G. Negev Technologies.

Under the license agreement, we are obligated to use commercially reasonable efforts to develop the licensed technology in accordance with a specified development plan. We have paid to B.G. Negev Technologies initial payments and are required to pay an annual license fee, subject to certain exceptions. In addition, we are required to make a one-time milestone payment upon the achievement of specified milestones. We are required to make certain royalty payments on the net sales of the licensed technology, subject to certain limitations. Our royalty payment obligations are payable on a product-by-product and country-by-country basis, for the period that a valid patent on the licensed technology remains in force in such country, subject to certain exceptions for abandonment.

The license agreement remains in effect until the expiration of all of our royalty and sublicense revenue obligations to B.G. Negev Technologies, determined on a product-by-product and country-by-country basis. We may terminate the license agreement for any reason on 60 days' prior written notice to B.G. Negev Technologies. Either party may terminate the agreement for material breach by the other party if the breaching party is unable to cure the breach within 60 days after receiving written notice of the breach from the non-breaching party. With respect to any termination for material breach, if the breach is not susceptible to cure within the stated period and the breaching party uses diligent, good faith efforts to cure such breach, the stated period will be extended by an additional 30 days. In addition, either party may terminate the agreement upon the occurrence of certain bankruptcy events.

Termination of the agreement will result in a loss of all of our rights to the licensed technology, which will revert to B.G. Negev Technologies. In addition, any sublicense of the licensed technology will terminate provided that, upon termination, at the request of the sublicensee, B.G. Negev Technologies is required to enter into a license agreement with the sublicensee on substantially the same terms as those contained in the sublicense agreement.

We have the first right to prepare, file, prosecute and maintain any patent applications and patents, in respect of the licensed technology and any part thereof, at our expense. We are required to consult with B.G. Negev Technologies regarding patent prosecution and patent maintenance. In addition, we have the right to take action in the prosecution, prevention, or termination of any patent infringement of the licensed technology. We are responsible for the expenses of any patent infringement suit that we bring, including the expenses incurred by B.G. Negev Technologies in connection with such suits. We are entitled to reimbursement from any sums recovered in such suit or in the settlement thereof for all costs and expenses involved in the prosecution of any such suit. After such reimbursement, if any funds remain, we and B.G. Negev Technologies are each entitled to a certain percentage of any remaining sums.

## BL-8040

In September 2012, we in-licensed the rights to BL-8040 under a license agreement with Biokine. Pursuant to the agreement, Biokine granted us an exclusive, worldwide, sublicensable license to develop, manufacture, market and sell certain technology relating to a short peptide that functions as a high affinity antagonist for CXCR4 and the uses thereof.

There were no upfront payments due under the agreement. We are obligated to pay a monthly development fee for certain development services that Biokine has committed to provide to us under the agreement, as follows:

- during the initial 12-month period following execution of the agreement; \$100,000 per month;
- after the initial 12-month period and continuing until the earlier of (i) completion of the clinical trials contemplated under the agreement or (ii) grant of a sublicense, as follows: \$65,000 per month for the following 12 months, \$60,000 per month for the next six months and \$50,000 per month thereafter until the earlier of the completion of the two clinical trials contemplated by the parties or the grant of a sublicense pursuant to the agreement

We are responsible for paying all development costs incurred by the parties in carrying out the development plan.

The agreement contemplates two non-comparative clinical trials studying the effects of BL-8040 on two types of cancer. If both clinical trials contemplated under the agreement are completed within a given period, we are obligated to pay Biokine a bonus of \$250,000. This is the sole milestone payment due under the agreement.

Should we independently develop manufacture and sell products (excluding sublicensing) containing the licensed technology, we are obligated to make royalty payments of between 10-12% of net sales, subject to certain limitations.

The agreement also grants us the right to grant sublicenses for the licensed technology. In such event, we are required to pay Biokine a royalty payment of between 40-60% of the amounts we receive as consideration in connection with any sublicensing, development, manufacture, marketing, distribution or sale of the licensed technology. The amount of the royalty for either direct sales or sublicensing is dependent on the aggregate amount of our investment in connection with the agreement, decreasing as the amount of our investment in the project increases.

Before we in-licensed BL-8040, Biokine had received funding for the project from the OCS, and as a condition to OCS giving its consent to our in-licensing of BL-8040, we were required to agree to abide by any obligations resulting from such funding. However, if we become legally required to make payments to the OCS in respect of grants made to Biokine, we have the right to offset the full amount of such grants from any payments otherwise due to Biokine as sublicensing royalties as described above.

We are obligated under the agreement with Biokine to make commercially reasonable good faith efforts to sublicense or commercialize BL-8040 for fair consideration. If we do not fulfill this obligation within 24 months after completion of the development plan, all of the rights and responsibilities with respect to commercialization of the licensed technology will revert to Biokine, and our obligation to pay royalties for sales of any licensed products or sublicensing as described above will revert to Biokine.

We have the first right to prepare, file, prosecute and maintain any patent applications and patents, in respect of the licensed technology and any part thereof, at our expense, provided that we are required to consult with Biokine regarding patent prosecution and patent maintenance. In addition, we have the right to take action in the prosecution, prevention, or termination of any patent infringement of the Licensed Technology. We are responsible for all the expenses of any patent infringement suit that we bring, including any expenses incurred by Biokine in connection with such suits, with such expenses reimbursable from any sums recovered in such suit or in the settlement thereof for. After such reimbursement, if any funds remain, both we and Biokine are each entitled to a certain percentage of any remaining sums.

The agreement will remain in full effect until the expiration of all of our royalty and sublicense revenue obligations to Biokine, determined on a product-by-product and country-by-country basis. We may terminate the agreement for any reason on 90 days' prior written notice to Biokine. Either party may terminate the agreement for a material breach by the other party if the breaching party is unable to cure the breach within 30 days after receiving written notice of the breach from the non-breaching party. With respect to any termination for a material breach, if the breach is not susceptible to cure within the stated period and the breaching party uses diligent, good faith efforts to cure such breach, the stated period will be extended by an additional 30 days. In addition, either party may terminate the agreement upon the occurrence of certain bankruptcy events.

Termination of the agreement will result in a loss of all of our rights to the drug and the licensed technology, which will revert to Biokine. In addition, any sublicense of ours will terminate provided that, upon such termination and at the request of the sublicensee, Biokine will be required to enter into a separate license agreement with the sublicensee on substantially the same terms as those contained in the applicable sublicense agreement.

## BL-7010

In February 2011, we in-licensed the rights to BL-7010 under a license agreement with Univalor, the technology transfer office for the University of Montreal. Under the agreement, Univalor granted us an exclusive, worldwide, sublicensable license to research, have researched, develop, have developed, manufacture, have manufactured, use, market, distribute, offer for sale, sell, have sold, export and import products that comprise, contain or incorporate a certain invention relating to polymeric binders for celiac disease and/or provide services relating thereto. Notwithstanding the exclusive license, the University of Montreal retained the right to use the licensed invention and patents for academic (i.e., non-commercial) research and teaching purposes. Under the agreement, we are required to use commercially reasonable efforts to carry out the development work necessary to develop products under the agreement in accordance with a specified development plan.

According to the terms of the agreement, we paid Univalor CAD 75,000 as reimbursement for a portion of all past documented patents costs relating to the registration and maintenance of the licensed patents. In addition, we paid Univalor a non-refundable license issue fee in the amount of CAD 25,000. On each anniversary of the execution of the agreement, we have paid an annual, non-refundable license maintenance fee of CAD 25,000 and will continue to pay such annual maintenance fee until such time as we become obligated to pay minimum annual royalties after the first commercial sale made by us, our affiliates or our sublicensees. These minimum annual royalties will be in the amount of CAD 50,000 on January 1 following the first anniversary of the first commercial sale and the amount of CAD 150,000 on January 1 following the second anniversary of the first commercial sale and on January 1 of every succeeding calendar year. If we manufacture and/or sell in any way products under the license, we are obligated to pay Univalor royalties in the amount of 3.5% of net sales made in a country where there is no Licensed Patent. The minimum annual royalties are fully creditable against actual royalties due. The agreement obligates us to pay milestone payments on the occurrence of each of the following: enrollment of the first patient in the first Phase II clinical trial relating to the products; enrollment of the first patient in the first Phase III clinical trial relating to the products; the first filing of a new drug application (NDA) or equivalent for the products; and receipt of a first regulatory approval from any relevant registration authority (e.g. FDA, TPD or EMEA) for the products. If we grant sublicenses of our rights under the license, we are required to pay Univalor a payment of either 22% or 25% of the consideration we receive in connection with the grant of a sublicense or option to obtain a sublicense, subject to certain criteria. Royalties are payable under the agreement beginning with the first commercia

Either we or Univalor may terminate the agreement immediately upon written notice to the other relating to bankruptcy and insolvency matters, upon 60 days' written notice of a material breach if such breach is not cured. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a party is entitled to an extra 30 days to cure a breach if the breach is not capable of cure during the stated period if the breaching party uses diligent good faith efforts to cure the breach. Termination of the agreement will result in the termination of the license and, accordingly, the licensed invention and all rights included therein will revert to Univalor. All sublicenses under the agreement are required to provide that, upon termination of the license the sublicense shall terminate; provided that as long as the sublicensee is not in breach of the sublicense agreement at such time to the extent that we would have the right to terminate the sublicense, Univalor will be required to act in one of the two following ways: either (a) take over the sublicense; or (b) enter into a new agreement with the sublicensee on substantially the same terms as those contained in the existing sublicense agreement.

We have the first right to prepare, file, prosecute and maintain any patent applications and patents in respect of the licensed invention and any part thereof, at our expense, subject to certain conditions. We are required to make all the reasonable efforts necessary to obtain and maintain patent protection of the licensed technology in at least the following countries: Canada, the United States, France, Italy and Belgium. We have the right, but not the obligation, to take action in the prosecution, prevention or termination of any infringement of patents licensed under the agreement. We are responsible for the expenses of any patent infringement suit that we bring, including the expenses incurred by Univalor in connection with such suits. We are entitled to reimbursement from any awards or settlements recovered in such suit or in the settlement thereof for all costs and expenses involved in the prosecution of any such suit. If we elect not to pursue any action in connection with infringement, Univalor may elect to do so. In such event, Univalor will be responsible for the expenses of any patent infringement suit that it brings, including the expenses incurred by Univalor in connection with such suits and be entitled to reimbursement from any awards or settlements recovered in such suit or in the settlement thereof for all costs and expenses involved in the prosecution of any such suit.

#### BL-5010

In November 2007, we in-licensed the rights to develop and commercialize BL-5010 under a license agreement with IPC. Under the agreement, IPC granted us an exclusive, worldwide, sublicensable license to develop, manufacture, market and sell certain technology relating to an acid-based formulation for the non-surgical removal of skin lesions and the uses thereof. We are obligated to use commercially reasonable efforts to develop the licensed technology in accordance with a specified development plan, including meeting certain specified diligence goals. We were required to pay to IPC a license fee amounting to \$400,000, which we have paid in full. We are also required to make low, single digit royalty payments on the net sales of the licensed technology if we manufacture and sell it on our own, subject to certain limitations. Our royalty payment obligations are payable on a product-by-product and country-by-country basis, until the last to expire of any patent included within the licensed technology in such country. We also have the right to grant sublicenses for the licensed technology and are required to pay IPC a payment, within our standard range of sublicense receipt consideration, based on the revenues we receive as consideration in connection with any sublicensing, development, manufacture, marketing, distribution or sale of the licensed technology.

The license agreement remains in effect until the expiration of all of our license, royalty and sublicense revenue obligations to IPC, determined on a product-by-product and country-by-country basis, unless we terminate the license agreement earlier. We may terminate the license agreement for any reason on 30 days' prior written notice. We may also terminate the license agreement upon 60 days' prior written notice to IPC for scientific, regulatory or medical reasons which, as determined by our Scientific Advisory Board, would prevent us from continuing the development of the licensed technology pursuant to the development plan. Either party may terminate the agreement for material breach if the breach is not cured within 30 days after written notice from the non-breaching party. If the breach is not susceptible to cure within the stated period and the breaching party uses diligent, good faith efforts to cure such breach, the stated period will be extended by an additional 30 days. In addition, either party may terminate the agreement upon the occurrence of certain bankruptcy events.

Termination of the agreement will result in a loss of all of our rights to the licensed technology, which will revert to IPC. In addition, any sublicense of the licensed technology will terminate provided that, upon termination, at the request of the sublicensee, IPC is required to enter into a license agreement with the sublicensee on substantially the same terms as those contained in the sublicense agreement.

We have the first right to prepare, file, prosecute and maintain any patent applications and patents, in respect of the licensed technology and any part thereof, at our expense, provided that such patent applications and patents are registered in the name of IPC. We are required to make all future payments necessary to prosecute and maintain all patent applications and/or patents in respect of the licensed technology. We are required to consult with IPC regarding the preparation, filing and prosecution of all patent applications, and the maintenance of all patents included within the licensed patents. In addition, we have the right to take action in the prosecution, prevention, or termination of any patent infringement of the licensed patents. We are responsible for the expenses of any patent infringement suit that we bring, including the expenses incurred by IPC in connection with such suits. We are entitled to reimbursement from any sums recovered in such suit for all costs and expenses involved in the prosecution of any such suit. After such reimbursement, we and IPC are each entitled to a certain percentage of any remaining sums.

#### BL-7040

In June 2011, we in-licensed the rights to BL-7040 under a license agreement with Yissum. Under the agreement, Yissum granted us an exclusive, worldwide, sublicensable license to develop, have developed, manufacture, have manufactured, use, market, distribute, export, import and/or sell products and/or processes that comprise, contain or incorporate certain technology relating to a novel oligonucleotide. Notwithstanding the exclusive license, Yissum and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem retained the right to make non-commercial, academic use of the technology at the Hebrew University, including academic research sponsored by third parties that does not conflict or interfere with the license. In addition, Yissum may grant licenses to third party academic or research institutions for non-commercial, academic research and teaching purposes provided that any results from such efforts shall be the sole property of Yissum and exclusively licensed to us under the agreement. Under the license agreement, we are responsible for, and are required to exert, reasonable commercial efforts to carry out the development, regulatory, manufacturing and marketing work necessary to develop and commercialize products under the agreement in accordance with a specified development plan.

Upon execution of the agreement, we were obligated to make a \$30,000 initial payment to Yissum for all previous documented expenses and costs directly incurred by Yissum relating to the registration and maintenance of the licensed patents. We are obligated under the agreement to pay license fees as follows: \$150,000 upon completion of the dosing of the last patient to be enrolled in the first phase II clinical trial with respect to a product under the agreement; and \$450,000 upon enrollment of the first patient in a phase III clinical trial of a product under the agreement. We are obligated to make a 4.5% royalty payment on net sales of products, subject to certain limitations, if we manufacture and sell products developed under the agreement on our own. These royalties are reduced to 2% with respect to sales in any country after the expiration in such country of the last to expire patent with a valid claim. If we grant sublicenses of our rights in the licensed technology, we are required to pay Yissum a payment of either 28% or 29.5% of the consideration we receive in connection with the grant of a sublicense or option to obtain a sublicense, subject to certain criteria. In any event, however, the consideration that we are required to actually pay to Yissum as a result of royalties or other sales related consideration that we receive from sublicenses shall not be less than 3.5% of the net sales which form the basis for computation of the royalties paid to us by such sublicensees. In addition, if we sublicense or assign the rights to the licensed technology and/or development results under the agreement to a company-owned entity established for the sole purpose of commercializing and developing the licensed technology and the development results, Yissum may elect to receive 12.5% of the entity's ordinary shares and reduced royalties and sublicense equal to 1.875% and 12.5%, respectively.

In addition, we are required, upon the completion of the development of any product under the agreement, to use commercially reasonable efforts to maximize net sales of the product on a regular and consistent basis.

Royalties are payable under the agreement beginning upon the first commercial sale of a product under the agreement and expiring on a country-by-country basis on the occurrence of the later of (a) the expiration in such country of the last-to-expire patent with a valid claim and (b) the elapse of 15 years from the date of the first commercial sale of a product under the agreement in the country. Either we or Yissum may terminate the agreement immediately upon written notice to the other relating to bankruptcy and insolvency matters, upon 60 days' written notice of a material breach if such breach is not cured, and upon 90 days with notice of a non-material breach, is such breach is not cured. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a party is entitled to an extra 30 days to cure a breach if the breach is not capable of cure during the stated period if the breaching party uses diligent good faith efforts to cure the breach. In addition, Yissum may terminate the agreement (a) immediately if an attachment is made over our assets and/or execution proceedings are taken against us and are not set aside within 60 days of the date of attachment or proceedings, as applicable and (b) if we fail to pay, in full, the research fee under a related sponsored research agreement upon 30 days' notice, subject to certain exceptions. We may terminate the license agreement for any reason on 30 days' prior written notice to Yissum.

Termination of the agreement will result in the termination of the license and, accordingly, the licensed technology and all rights included therein will revert to Yissum. All sublicenses under the agreement are required to provide that, upon termination of the license, in whole or in part, that is, with respect to any country, the sublicense shall terminate; provided that as long as the sublicensee is not in breach of the sublicense agreement at such time to the extent that we would have the right to terminate the sublicense, Yissum will be required to act in one of the two following ways: either (a) enter into a new agreement with the sublicensee upon substantially the same terms as the sublicense as long as the terms are amended such that Yissum is not subject to any obligation or liability which are not included in, or in greater scope than, Yissum's obligations or liabilities under the license agreement; or (b) require the sublicensee to enter into a new license agreement on substantially the same terms and conditions as those contained in the license agreement.

We have the first right to prepare, file, prosecute and maintain any patent applications and patents in respect of the licensed technology and any part thereof, at our expense, subject to certain conditions. We are required to file each licensed patent application at least in the United States, Europe and Japan. We are also required to take action, in reasonable commercial circumstances and after consultation with patent counsel, in the prosecution, prevention or termination of any infringement of patents licensed under the agreement. We are responsible for the expenses of any patent infringement suit that we bring, including the expenses incurred by Yissum in connection with such suits. We are entitled to reimbursement from any awards or settlements recovered in such suit or in the settlement thereof for all costs and expenses involved in the prosecution of any such suit. If we elect not to pursue any action in connection with infringement and Yissum in good faith disagrees with us that it is in the mutual best interest of both parties not to pursue any such action, then, at our election, we may either allow Yissum to pursue such actions, at Yissum's expense, or pay Yissum the royalties that Yissum would otherwise receive from us attributable to lost sales resulting from such alleged infringement.

#### BL-8020

In January 2012, we in-licensed the rights to BL-8020 under a license agreement with Panmed and Genoscience. Under the agreement, the licensors granted us an exclusive, worldwide, sublicensable license to research, have researched, develop, have developed, manufacture, have manufactured, use, market, distribute, offer for sale, sell, have sold, export and import certain technology relating to the use of HCQ for the treatment of HCV. Under the license agreement, we are obligated to use commercially reasonable efforts to develop the licensed technology in accordance with a specified development plan. In accordance with this obligation, in April 2013, we commenced a Phase 1/2 trial for BL-8020 in France. Due to a number of considerations, including the potential for other viral indications, as well as a re-prioritization of our pipeline, and after consultation with the licensors, we agreed with them that as of April 1, 2014, the license agreement would be terminated and that we would enter into a collaboration agreement whereby, among other things, the licensors agreed to take over development of the drug in consideration for 28% of future sublicense receipts by the licensors, and we agreed to supply, at the licensors' request and in consideration for full payment, the drug needed for a clinical trial to be administered by the licensors. Genoscience and Panmed will in the near future be deciding on the direction of the current phase 1/2 study as well as assessing potential additional indications.

# **Intellectual Property**

Our success depends in part on our ability to obtain and maintain proprietary protection for our therapeutic candidates, technology and know-how, to operate without infringing the proprietary rights of others and to prevent others from infringing our proprietary rights. Our policy is to seek to protect our proprietary position by, among other methods, filing U.S. and foreign patent applications related to our proprietary technology, inventions and improvements that are important to the development of our business. We also rely on trade secrets, know-how and continuing technological innovation to develop and maintain our proprietary position.

#### **Patents**

As of March 14, 2014, we oned or exclusively licensed for uses within our field of business 17 patent families that collectively contain over 43 issued patents, 7 allowed patent applications and over 43 pending patent applications relating to the five clinical candidates listed below. We are also pursuing patent protection for other drug candidates in our pipeline. Patents related to our therapeutic candidates may provide future competitive advantages by providing exclusivity related to the composition of matter, formulation, and method of administration of the applicable compounds and could materially improve the value of our therapeutic candidates. The patent positions for our five therapeutic candidates are described below and include both issued patents and pending patent applications we exclusively license. We vigorously defend our intellectual property to preserve our rights and gain the benefit of our investment.

- With respect to BL-1040, we have an exclusive license to a patent family directed to the BL-1040 composition and methods of its use for the treatment of myocardial infarction. Patents of this family have been granted or received notice of allowance in the United States, India, China, Australia, Mexico and South Korea. Additional member patent applications are pending in Israel, Europe, Japan, Canada and South Korea. The U.S. composition of matter patent will expire in 2029, plus any applicable patent term extension, and the U.S. method of treatment patent will expire in 2024. A broad method of manufacturing patent is issued and expires in 2025.
- With respect to BL-8040, we have an exclusive license to two patent families that cover the molecule that is the active ingredient of our proprietary drug. Patents and patent applications of these families have been granted or are pending in the United States, Europe, Japan and Canada. The patents and any patents to issue in the future based on pending patent applications in these families will expire in 2023 (in the United States) and 2021 (in other countries), plus any applicable patent term extension. In addition, we have an exclusive license to seven other patent families pending worldwide directed to the use of BL-8040 for the treatment of certain types of cancer, thrombocytopenia and immunotherapy. Furthermore, we have Orphan Drug status for both AML and stem cell mobilization, as well as exclusivity protection afforded to BL-8040 as a new chemical entity, or NCE.
- With respect to BL-7010, we have an exclusive license to a patent family directed to the BL-7010 composition and its use for the treatment of celiac disease. Patents and patent applications of this family have been granted or are pending in the United States, Israel, Europe, Japan, Canada, Brazil, China, India, Mexico, Russia and Australia. The issued patents and any patents to issue in the future based on pending patent applications in this family will expire in October 2026, with a possibility of up to five years of patent-term extension.
- With respect to BL-5010, we have an exclusive license to a patent family directed to the BL-5010 composition and its use for the removal and preservation of skin lesions. Patents and patent applications corresponding to the international patent application have been granted or are pending in the United States, Israel and Europe. The issued patents and any patents to issue in the future based on pending patent applications in these families will expire at the end of 2021. In addition, we have an exclusive license to a provisional patent application directed to a novel applicator uniquely configured for applying the BL-5010 composition to targeted skin tissue safely and effectively. Patents to issue in the future based on this provisional patent application will expire in 2034.
- With respect to BL-7040, we have an exclusive license to a patent family that covers the molecule that is the active ingredient of our proprietary drug. Patents and patent applications corresponding to the international patent application have been granted or are pending in the United States, Israel, Europe, Japan, Canada, New Zealand and India. The patents and any patents to issue in the future based on pending patent applications in this family will expire in 2021, plus any applicable patent term extension. We also have an exclusive license to a patent family claiming the use of BL-7040 for the treatment of inflammatory diseases such as IBD. Patents and patent applications corresponding to the international patent application are pending in the United States, Europe and Japan. The patents and any patents to issue in the future based on pending patent applications in this family will expire in 2023. In addition, we have exclusivity protection afforded to BL-7040 as an NCE.

The patent positions of companies like ours are generally uncertain and involve complex legal and factual questions. Our ability to maintain and solidify our proprietary position for our technology will depend on our success in obtaining effective claims and enforcing those claims once granted. We do not know whether any of our patent applications or those patent applications that we license will result in the issuance of any patents. Our issued patents and those that may issue in the future, or those licensed to us, may be challenged, narrowed, circumvented or found to be invalid or unenforceable, which could limit our ability to stop competitors from marketing related products or the length of term of patent protection that we may have for our products. Neither we nor our licensors can be certain that we were the first to invent the inventions claimed in our owned or licensed patents or patent applications. In addition, our competitors may independently develop similar technologies or duplicate any technology developed by us, and the rights granted under any issued patents may not provide us with any meaningful competitive advantages against these competitors. Furthermore, because of the extensive time required for development, testing and regulatory review of a potential product, it is possible that, before any of our products can be commercialized, any related patent may expire or remain in force for only a short period following commercialization, thereby reducing any advantage of the patent.

#### Trade Secrets

We may rely, in some circumstances, on trade secrets to protect our technology. However, trade secrets can be difficult to protect. We seek to protect our proprietary technology and processes, in part, by confidentiality agreements and assignment of invention agreements with our employees, consultants, scientific advisors and contractors. We also seek to preserve the integrity and confidentiality of our data and trade secrets by maintaining physical security of our premises and physical and electronic security of our information technology systems. While we have confidence in these individuals, organizations and systems, such agreements or security measures may be breached, and we may not have adequate remedies for any breach. In addition, our trade secrets may otherwise become known or be independently discovered by competitors.

## Scientific Advisory Board

Our Scientific Advisory Board, which consists of a number of leading scientists and physicians, plays an active role in the evaluation of in-licensing opportunities, the development of our pipeline, and in the rejection of in-licensing opportunities that do not meet our licensing criteria. We also seek advice from our Scientific Advisory Board on scientific and medical matters generally. Our Scientific Advisory Board meets approximately every six weeks to, among other things:

- screen all potential in-licensing and current therapeutic candidates;
- · oversee our research and development programs; and
- address specific scientific and technical issues relevant to our business.

The following table sets forth information for our Scientific Advisory Board members.

Name	Position/Institutional Affiliation
J. Aaron Ciechanover, M.D., Ph.D.	Professor Ciechanover is a Distinguished University Professor in the Faculty of Medicine of the Technion. He is a recipient of many prizes, among them the Nobel Prize in Chemistry (2004), the Israel Prize in Biological Research (2003) and the Albert Lasker Award for Basic Medical research (2000). He is a member of numerous learned societies, among them the Israeli Academy of Sciences and Humanities, the National Academy of Sciences and the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies (U.S.) (Foreign Member).
Aliza Eshkol, Ph.D.	Dr. Eshkol is an independent scientific advisor for pharmaceutical development. She retired as Vice President for Scientific Affairs, Serono International SA, Geneva, Switzerland. Dr. Eshkol is a member of several national and international professional societies.
Gianni Gromo, M.D., Ph.D.	Dr. Gromo is the founder of Gromo Consulting, whose focus is primarily on R&D strategies for discovering new medicines, as well as a partner at Versant Ventures, a leading global health care venture capital firm. Until November 2012, Dr. Gromo headed various R&D units at F. Hoffmann-La Roche Ltd., mainly in the areas of metabolic, renal and vascular diseases. His last position at the company was as head of the R&D organization in China.
David Ladkani, M.D.	Dr. Ladkani has held roles of increasing responsibility in R&D, business development and medical affairs at senior levels for 32 years at Teva. His most recent position at Teva has been Vice President Research, Scientific Affairs. Dr. Ladkani is the recipient of the Rothschild Award for innovation and is widely published in the field of multiple sclerosis treatments.

Yaakov Naparstek, M.D. Professor Naparstek is the Senior Deputy Director General for Research & Academic affairs in the Hadassah Medical Organization. His main research interests are in the field of autoimmunity, systemic lupus erythematosus, autoimmune arthritis and inflammatory bowel diseases.

Moshe Phillip, M.D. Professor Phillip is the Chairman of our Scientific Advisory Board and has been a member since 2004. From 2004 through December 2013, Prof. Phillip was our Vice President of Medical Affairs and Senior Clinical Advisor. Prof. Phillip is the Director of the Institute for

Endocrinology and Diabetes of the Israel National Center for Childhood Diabetes at Schneider Children's Medical Center of Israel and the Vice

Dean for Research and Development at the Sackler School of Medical Education at Tel Aviv University.

Itamar Shalit, M.D. Professor Shalit is Associate Professor in Pediatrics, Sackler Faculty of Medicine, Tel-Aviv University. In addition, he is founder, consultant and board member of NasVax Ltd., an Israeli biotechnology company; a board member of Mor Institute for Medical Information; a board member

of Migal – Galilee Research Institute; CEO of The Galilee Bio-Medical Research Administration; and delegate of the Israeli Ministry of Health

to the European SAB of Infect-Era.

Yosef Yarden, Ph.D. Professor Yarden is the head of the Signal Transduction and Growth Factors Laboratory of the Weizmann Institute of Science. He is member of

the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities and President of the Federation of the Israel Societies of Experimental Biology (FISEB). Among his many awards, in the last three years he received the Susan G. Komen for the Cure® Brinker Award for Scientific Distinction in Basic

Research, and the Ernst W. Bertner Memorial Award of the MD Anderson Cancer Center.

## Manufacturing

Our laboratories, which are located in our headquarters in Jerusalem, Israel, are compliant with both current good manufacturing practices, or cGMP, and Good Laboratory Practices, or GLP, and allow us to manufacture drug products for our current clinical trials. The suppliers of the drug substances used for our current clinical trials have the necessary approvals as well. See "— Property, Plant and Equipment." If we decide to perform any phase 3 clinical trial with respect to, or commercialize, any therapeutic candidate on our own, we anticipate that we will rely on third parties to produce the therapeutic supplies. We have limited personnel with experience in drug or medical device manufacturing and we lack the resources and capabilities to manufacture any of our therapeutic candidates on a commercial scale.

Under our out-licensing agreement with Bellerophon with regard to BL-1040, we have the option to manufacture at least 20% of BL-1040 products pursuant to the terms of a supply agreement to be negotiated in good faith with Bellerophon. See "— Out-Licensing Agreement with Bellerophon." There can be no assurance that our therapeutic candidates, if approved, can be manufactured in sufficient commercial quantities, in compliance with regulatory requirements and at an acceptable cost. Under our collaboration agreement with Panmed and Genoscience with regard to BL-8020, we have agreed to supply, at the licensors' request, the drug needed for a clinical trial to be administered by the licensors, subject to the parties agreeing to commercially reasonable supply terms. We and our contract manufacturers are, and will be, subject to extensive governmental regulation in connection with the manufacture of any pharmaceutical products or medical devices. We and our contract manufacturers must ensure that all of the processes, methods and equipment are compliant with cGMP, for drugs or QSR for devices on an ongoing basis, mandated by the FDA and other regulatory authorities, and conduct extensive audits of vendors, contract laboratories and suppliers.

### **Contract Research Organizations**

We outsource certain preclinical and clinical development activities to contract research organizations, or CROs, which meet FDA or European Medicines Agency regulatory standards. We create and implement the drug development plans and, during the preclinical and clinical phases of development, manage the CROs according to the specific requirements of the therapeutic candidate under development.

### Competition

The pharmaceutical, medical device and biotechnology industries are intensely competitive. Several of our therapeutic candidates, if commercialized, would compete with existing drugs and therapies. In addition, there are many pharmaceutical companies, biotechnology companies, medical device companies public and private universities, government agencies and research organizations actively engaged in research and development of products targeting the same markets as our therapeutic candidates. Many of these organizations have substantially greater financial, technical, manufacturing and marketing resources than we have. Our competitors may also be able to use alternative technologies that do not infringe upon our patents to formulate the active materials in our therapeutic candidates. They may, therefore, bring to market products that are able to compete with our candidates, or other products that we may develop in the future.

#### BL-1040

We are not aware of any marketed products for the prevention of ventricular remodeling following an AMI that, like BL-1040, are injectable and form a protective scaffold that supports the heart muscle during recovery and repair. If approved, BL-1040 will face competition from a number of therapies aimed at preventing ventricular remodeling and subsequent congestive heart failure (CHF) in different ways. Other treatments for ventricular remodeling include BioHeart, Inc.'s MyoCell® implantation procedure, Paracor Medical, Inc.'s HeartNet<sup>TM</sup> and LoneStar Heart's Algisyl-VR. These devices are indicated for different patient populations than BL-1040 and require surgery. For example, CorCap<sup>TM</sup> is indicated for patients already suffering from congestive heart failure and requires surgery to apply the device. In addition, NuroVive's Ciclomulsion formulation of cyclosporine is a drug evaluated for use in treatment of patients suffering from reperfusion injury or given to patients experiencing AMI just before percutaneous coronary intervention, and can therefore partially compete with BL-1040.

#### BL-8040

If approved, BL-8040 will compete with currently approved treatments for AML that include chemotherapy (Doxorubicin, Cyclophosphamide, Vincristine), radiation therapy and stem cell transplantation. In addition there are a number of potentially competitive compounds under development to treat AML including, among others: AMD 3100 (Mozobil), which is being developed by Genzyme and Sanofi; Dacogen (decitabine), which is being developed by Eisai and Johnson & Johnson; Vidaza (azacitidine), which is being developed by Celgene; Vosaroxin, which is being developed by Sunesis Pharmaceuticals; Midostaurin, which is being developed by Novartis; Quizartinib, which is being developed by Ambit; Volasertib, which is being developed by Boehringer Ingelheim; fludarabine, which is being developed by Sanofi; Uprosertib developed by GSK; PLX-3397 developed by Plexxikon Inc.; Vismodegib developed by Roche and Chugai; Lenalidomide developed by Celgene; erlotinib developed by Roche Astellas and Chugai; Trametinib developed by GSK; Vorinostat developed by Merck and Co.; Selumetinib developed by Astra Zeneca; SGI-110 developed by Astex Pharmaceuticals; filanesib developed by Array Biopharma; OCV-501 developed by Otsuka Pharmaceuticals; Birinapant developed by Tetralogic Pharmaceuticals; Alvocidib developed by Tolero Pharmaceuticals Inc; Pracinostat developed by MEI Pharma; Rigosertib developed by Onconova Therapeutics; and Sapacitabine developed by Cyclacel Pharmaceuticals. Some of these treatments are currently developed for specific AML patient populations and lines of treatments and not for the entire AML population. It should be noted that because cancer treatment in general and AML treatment in particular rely on the administration of combinations of drugs to achieve the greatest therapeutic activity, the treatments detailed above are in most cases not envisioned to be mutually exclusive with BL-8040.

# BL-7010

If approved, BL-7010 will compete with other products for treatment of celiac disease that are currently undergoing development such as larazotide acetate (Alba Therapeutic Corp.), which inhibits the activity of Zonulin; latiglutenase (Alvine Pharmaceuticals Inc.), which is a combination of gluten targeting proteases and endopeptidases. Celiac patients are prescribed a gluten-free diet to relieve their disease symptoms. Nevertheless the symptoms persist in most cases despite the patient's following a gluten-free diet. BL-7010, as well as the treatments specified above, is envisioned to be prescribed to patients who are on a gluten-free diet but still suffer from disease symptoms.

#### BL-5010

If approved, BL-5010 will compete with a variety of approved destructive and non-destructive treatments for skin lesions. Surgery is currently the most common approved non-destructive treatment for skin lesions but is invasive and painful, and generally results in cosmetically undesirable outcomes. Destructive treatments are associated with pain. Destructive treatments include cryotherapy, laser therapy, electrodessication, curettage and several cream-based treatments including Imiquimod, Disclofenac sodium, 5-Fluorouracil, Picato (Leo Pharma) and Metvix® (Galderma Pharma. Picato involves repeated administrations for 2-3 days. Metvix involves exposure of the skin lesion to red light after the application of the cream. Both have been approved in many countries. BL-5010 requires a single application and does not require the use of any equipment. We are not aware of any marketed products or procedures for the preservation of skin lesions besides surgical removal.

#### BL-7040

If approved, BL-7040 will compete with currently marketed steroids, immunomodulators and immunomodulatory antibodies. Approved treatments for IBD currently include anti-TNFs, such as Remicade (infliximab, Janssen Biotech, Inc., a Johnson & Johnson company, Merck & Co. and Mitsubishi Tanabe Pharma) Humira (adalimumab, Abbott Laboratories and Eisai Co.), Cimzia (certolizumab, UCB, Inc.) and Simponi (golimumab, Janssen Biotech, Inc., Merck & Co. and Mitsubishi Tanabe Pharma), as well as antibodies inhibiting immune cell migration such as Tysabri (natalizumab, Biogen and Elan) and Vedolizumab (Takeda). In addition there are generic brands of mesalazine, a 5-aminosalicylate, and the recently launched Budesonide MMX (Cosmo Pharmaceuticals, Ferring Pharmaceuticals and Santarus). The first biosimilar version of infliximab was approved for use in Europe in 2013. We are also aware of a number of potentially competitive compounds under development, including, Xeljanz (tofacitinib, Pfizer Inc.), a Jak 1 inhibitor, and Vedolizumab (Takeda, Millenium Pharmaceuticals), a MAdCAM inhibitor /integrin alpha-4/beta-7 antagonist; Ustekinomab (Johnson & Johnson), an anti-IL-12/IL23 mAb and AJM-300 (Ajinomoto), an Integrin alpha-4/beta-7 antagonist.

#### BL-8020

HCV treatment consists of either a combination of interferon and ribavirin alone or together with a combination of direct anti-viral agents (DAAs) of several classes including NS3/4 protease inhibitors, NS5A inhibitors and NS5B inhibitors. Recently, treatment regimens that do not include interferon have been approved, and treatment regimens without ribavirin are at advanced stages of development. If approved, BL-8020 will compete with currently approved anti-HCV treatments that include Sovaldi (sofosbuvir, Gilead Sciences); Olysio (simeprevir, Janssen Therapeutics and Medivir); Victrelis (boceprevir, Merck and Co); and Incivek (telaprevir, Janssen Pharmaceuticals and Vertex Pharmaceuticals). Compounds under development include ledipasvir (Gilead Sciences); faldaprevir and deleobuvir (Boehringer Ingelheim Corp); asunaprevir, daclatasvir and becalbuvir (Bristol Myers Squibb); vaniprevir and elbasvir (Merck and Co.); and ABT-450, ritonavir, dasabuvir and ombitasvir (AbbVie). BL-8020's mechanism of action suggests that it could potentially be suitable for treatment of other virological infections, each of which has numerous competing treatments approved or in advanced stages of development.

#### **Insurance**

We maintain insurance for our offices and laboratory in Israel. This insurance covers approximately \$3.8 million of equipment, consumables and lease improvements against risk of fire, lightning, natural perils and burglary (the latter coverage limited to \$250,000), and \$1.5 million of consequential damages (covering fixed damages and extra expenses). For our clinical trial activities, we carry life science liability insurance covering general liability with a coverage amount of \$10.0 million per occurrence, product liability with an annual coverage amount of \$5.0 million in the aggregate, and clinical trial insurance with a coverage amount of \$10.0 million in the aggregate. The maximum indemnity for a single occurrence or circumstances under this policy is \$10.0 million. In addition to this policy, we carry excess liability insurance with a coverage amount of \$5.0 million which increases the coverage limit provided by our life science insurance package. In addition, we maintain the following insurance: employer liability with coverage of approximately \$10.0 million; third party liability with coverage of approximately \$5.0 million; all risk coverage of approximately \$2.0 million for electronic and mechanical equipment; and directors and officers' liability with coverage of \$20.0 million.

We procure cargo marine coverage when we ship substances for our clinical studies. Such insurance is customized to the special requirements of the applicable shipment, such as temperature and/or climate sensitivity. If required, we insure the substances to the extent they are stored in central depots and at clinical sites.

We believe that the amounts of our insurance policies are adequate and customary for a business of our kind. However, because of the nature of our business, we cannot assure you that we will be able to maintain insurance on a commercially reasonable basis or at all, or that any future claims will not exceed our insurance coverage.

#### **Environmental Matters**

We are subject to various environmental, health and safety laws and regulations, including those governing air emissions, water and wastewater discharges, noise emissions, the use, management and disposal of hazardous, radioactive and biological materials and wastes and the cleanup of contaminated sites. We believe that our business, operations and facilities are being operated in compliance in all material respects with applicable environmental and health and safety laws and regulations. Based on information currently available to us, we do not expect environmental costs and contingencies to have a material adverse effect on us. The operation of our facilities, however, entails risks in these areas. Significant expenditures could be required in the future if we are required to comply with new or more stringent environmental or health and safety laws, regulations or requirements. See "Business — Government Regulation and Funding — Israel Ministry of Environment — Toxin Permit."

## **Government Regulation and Funding**

We operate in a highly controlled regulatory environment. Stringent regulations establish requirements relating to analytical, toxicological and clinical standards and protocols in respect of the testing of pharmaceuticals and medical devices. Regulations also cover research, development, manufacturing and reporting procedures, both pre- and post-approval. In many markets, especially in Europe, marketing and pricing strategies are subject to national legislation or administrative practices that include requirements to demonstrate not only the quality, safety and efficacy of a new product, but also its cost-effectiveness relating to other treatment options. Failure to comply with regulations can result in stringent sanctions, including product recalls, withdrawal of approvals, seizure of products and criminal prosecution.

Before obtaining regulatory approvals for the commercial sale of our therapeutic candidates, we or our licensees must demonstrate through preclinical studies and clinical trials that our therapeutic candidates are safe and effective. Historically, the results from preclinical studies and early clinical trials often have not accurately predicted results of later clinical trials. In addition, a number of pharmaceutical products have shown promising results in early clinical trials but subsequently failed to establish sufficient safety and efficacy results to obtain necessary regulatory approvals. We have incurred and will continue to incur substantial expense for, and devote a significant amount of time to, preclinical studies and clinical trials. Many factors can delay the commencement and rate of completion of clinical trials, including the inability to recruit patients at the expected rate, the inability to follow patients adequately after treatment, the failure to manufacture sufficient quantities of materials used for clinical trials, and the emergence of unforeseen safety issues and governmental and regulatory delays. If a therapeutic candidate fails to demonstrate safety and efficacy in clinical trials, this failure may delay development of other therapeutic candidates and hinder our ability to conduct related preclinical studies and clinical trials. Additionally, as a result of these failures, we may also be unable to find additional licensees or obtain additional financing.

Governmental authorities in all major markets require that a new pharmaceutical product or medical device be approved or exempted from approval before it is marketed, and have established high standards for technical appraisal, which can result in an expensive and lengthy approval process. The time to obtain approval varies by country. In the past, it generally took from six months to four years from the application date, depending upon the quality of the results produced, the degree of control exercised by the regulatory authority, the efficiency of the review procedure and the nature of the product. Some products are never approved. In recent years, there has been a trend towards shorter regulatory review times in the United States as well as certain European countries, despite increased regulation and higher quality, safety and efficacy standards.

Historically, different requirements by different countries' regulatory authorities have influenced the submission of applications. However, the past 10 years have shown a gradual trend toward harmonization of drug and medical device approval standards, starting in individual territories in Europe and then in the EU as a whole, in Japan, and in the United States under the aegis of the International Conference on Harmonization, or ICH. In many cases, compliance with ICH standards can help avoid duplication of non-clinical and clinical trials and enable companies to use the same basis for submissions to each of the respective regulatory authorities. The adoption of the Common Technical Document format by the ICH has greatly facilitated use of a single regulatory submission for seeking approval in the ICH regions and certain other countries such as Canada and Australia.

Summaries of the United States, EU and Israeli regulatory processes follow below.

#### **United States**

In the United States, drugs are subject to rigorous regulation by the FDA. The U.S. Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, or FDCA, and other federal and state statutes and regulations govern, among other things, the research, development, testing, manufacture, storage, record-keeping, packaging, labeling, adverse event reporting, advertising, promotion, marketing, distribution and import and export of pharmaceutical products. Failure to comply with applicable regulatory requirements may subject us to a variety of administrative or judicially imposed sanctions and/or prevent us from obtaining or maintaining required approvals or to market drugs. Failure to comply with the applicable U.S. requirements may subject us to stringent administrative or judicial sanctions, such as agency refusal to approve pending applications, warning letters, product recalls, product seizures, total or partial suspension of production or distribution, injunctions or criminal prosecution.

Unless a drug is exempt from the NDA process, the steps required before a drug may be marketed in the United States include:

- preclinical laboratory tests, animal studies and formulation studies;
- submission to the FDA of a request for an investigational new drug, or IND, to conduct human clinical testing;
- adequate and well controlled clinical trials to determine the safety and efficacy of the drug for each indication;
- submission to the FDA of an NDA;
- a potential public hearing of an outside advisory committee to discuss the application;
- satisfactory completion of an FDA inspection of the manufacturing facility or facilities at which the drug is manufactured; and
- FDA review and approval of the NDA.

Preclinical studies include laboratory evaluation of product chemistry, toxicity and formulation, as well as animal studies. For studies conducted in the United States, and certain studies carried out outside the United States, we submit the results of the preclinical studies, together with manufacturing information and analytical results, to the FDA as part of an IND, which must become effective before we may commence human clinical trials. An IND will automatically become effective 30 days after receipt by the FDA, unless before that time the FDA raises concerns or questions about issues such as the conduct of the trials as outlined in the IND. In such a case, the IND sponsor and the FDA must resolve any outstanding FDA concerns or questions before clinical trials can proceed. Submission of an IND does not always result in the FDA allowing clinical trials to commence and the FDA may halt a clinical trial if unexpected safety issues surface or the study is not being conducted in compliance with applicable requirements.

The FDA may refuse to accept an IND for review if applicable regulatory requirements are not met. Moreover, the FDA may delay or prevent the start of clinical trials if the manufacturing of the test drugs fails to meet cGMP requirements or the clinical trials are not adequately designed. Such government regulation may delay or prevent the study and marketing of potential products for a considerable time period and may impose costly procedures upon a manufacturer's activities. In addition, the FDA may, at any time, impose a clinical hold on ongoing clinical trials. If the FDA imposes a clinical hold, clinical trials cannot continue without FDA authorization and then only under terms authorized by the FDA.

Success in early-stage clinical trials does not assure success in later-stage clinical trials. Results obtained from clinical activities are not always conclusive and may be susceptible to varying interpretations that could delay, limit or prevent regulatory approval. Even if a therapeutic candidate receives regulatory approval, later discovery of previously unknown problems with a product may result in restrictions on the product or even withdrawal of marketing approval for the product.

## Clinical Trials

Clinical trials involve the administration of the investigational drug to people under the supervision of qualified investigators. We conduct clinical trials under protocols detailing the trial objectives, the parameters to be used in monitoring safety, and the effectiveness criteria to be evaluated. We must submit each protocol to the FDA as part of the IND.

We conduct clinical trials typically in three sequential phases, but the phases may overlap or be combined. An institutional review board, or IRB, must review and approve each trial before it can begin. Phase 1 includes the initial administration of a tested drug to a small number of humans. These trials are closely monitored and may be conducted in patients, but are usually conducted in healthy volunteer subjects. These trials are designed to determine the metabolic and pharmacologic actions of the drug in humans and the side effects associated with increasing doses as well as, if possible, to gain early evidence on effectiveness. Phase 2 usually involves trials in a limited patient population to evaluate dosage tolerance and appropriate dosage, identify possible adverse effects and safety risks and preliminarily evaluate the efficacy of the drug for specific indications. Phase 3 trials are large trials used to further evaluate clinical efficacy and test further for safety by using the drug in its final form in an expanded patient population. There can be no assurance that we or our licensees will successfully complete phase 1, phase 2 or phase 3 testing with respect to any therapeutic candidate within any specified period of time, if at all. Furthermore, clinical trials may be suspended at any time on various grounds, including a finding that the subjects or patients are being exposed to an unacceptable health risk. We and our licensees perform preclinical and clinical testing outside of the United States. The acceptability of the results of our preclinical and clinical testing by the FDA will be dependent upon adherence to applicable U.S. and foreign standards and requirements, including good laboratory practices, or GLP, Good Clinical Practices, or GCP, and the Declaration of Helsinki for protection of human subjects. Additionally, the FDA may require at least one pivotal clinical study to be conducted in the United States, in order to take into account medical practice and ethnic diversity in the United St

#### NDAs and BLAs

After successful completion of the required clinical testing, an NDA, or in the case of certain biological products a Biological Product Application, or BLA, is prepared and submitted to the FDA. FDA approval of the NDA or BLA is required before product marketing may begin in the United States. The NDA/BLA must include the preclinical and clinical testing results and a compilation of detailed information relating to the product's pharmacology, toxicology, chemistry, manufacture and manufacturing controls. In certain cases, an application for marketing approval may include information regarding the safety and efficacy of a proposed drug that comes from trials not conducted by, or for, the applicant and for which trials the applicant has not obtained a specific right to reference. Such an application, known as a 505(b)(2) NDA, is permitted for new drug products that incorporate previously approved active ingredients, even if the proposed new drug incorporates an approved active ingredient in a novel formulation or for a new indication. A 505(b)(2) type application is not available for drugs subject to BLAs. As interpreted by the FDA, Section 505(b)(2) also permits the FDA to rely for such approvals on literature or on a finding by the FDA of safety and/or efficacy for a previously approved drug product. Under this interpretation, a 505(b)(2) NDA for changes to a previously approved drug product may rely on the FDA's finding of safety and efficacy of the previously approved product coupled with new clinical data and information needed by the FDA to support the change. NDAs submitted under 505(b)(2) are potentially subject to patent and non-patent exclusivity provisions which can block effective approval of the 505(b)(2) application until the applicable exclusivities have expired, which in the case of patents may be several years. The cost of preparing and submitting an NDA may be substantial. Under U.S. federal law, the submission of NDAs, including 505(b)(2) NDAs, is generally subject to substantial application u

The FDA has 60 days from its receipt of an NDA to determine whether the application will be accepted for filing based on the FDA threshold determination that the NDA is sufficiently complete to permit substantive review. Once the submission is accepted for filing, the FDA begins an in-depth review of the NDA. Under U.S. federal law, the FDA has agreed to certain performance goals in the review of NDAs. Most such applications for non-priority drug products are to be reviewed within 10 months. The review process may be significantly extended by FDA requests for additional information or clarification. The FDA may also refer applications to an advisory committee, typically a panel that includes clinicians and other experts, for review, evaluation and a recommendation as to whether the application should be approved. This often, but not exclusively, occurs for novel drug products or drug products that present difficult questions of safety or efficacy. The FDA is not bound by the recommendation of an advisory committee.

Before approving an application, the FDA typically will inspect the facility or facilities where the product is manufactured. The FDA will not approve the application unless the FDA determines that the product is manufactured in substantial compliance with GMPs. If the FDA determines that the NDA or BLA is supported by adequate data and information, the FDA may issue an approval letter, or, in some cases, when the FDA desires some additional data or information an approvable letter. An approvable letter generally contains a statement of specific conditions that must be met to secure final approval of the application. Upon compliance with the conditions stated in the approvable letter, the FDA will typically issue an approval letter. An approval letter authorizes commercial marketing of the drug with specific prescribing information for specific indications. As a condition of approval, the FDA may require additional trials or post-approval testing and surveillance to monitor the drug's safety or efficacy, the adoption of risk evaluation and mitigation strategies, and may impose other conditions, including labeling and marketing restrictions on the use of the drug, which can materially affect its potential market and profitability. Once granted, product approvals may be withdrawn if compliance with regulatory standards for manufacturing and quality control are not maintained or if additional safety problems are identified following initial marketing.

If the FDA's evaluation of the NDA or BLA submission or manufacturing processes and facilities is not favorable, the FDA may refuse to approve the NDA or BLA and may issue a not approvable letter. The not approvable letter outlines major deficiencies in the submission and often requires substantial additional testing or information for the FDA to reconsider the application. Even with submission of this additional information, the FDA ultimately may decide that the application does not satisfy the regulatory criteria for approval.

The Pediatric Research Equity Act, or PREA, requires NDAs (or NDA supplements) for a new active ingredient, new indication, new dosage form, new dosing regimen or new route of administration to contain results assessing the safety and efficacy for the claimed indication in all relevant pediatric subpopulations. Data to support dosing and administration also must be provided for each pediatric subpopulation for which the drug is safe and effective. The FDA may grant deferrals for the submission of results or full or partial waivers from the PREA requirements (for example, if the product is ready for approval in adults before pediatric studies are complete, if additional safety data is needed, among others).

## **Post-Marketing Requirements**

Once an NDA or BLA is approved, the drug sponsor will be subject to certain post-approval requirements, including requirements for adverse event reporting, submission of periodic reports, manufacturing, labeling, packaging, advertising, promotion, distribution, record-keeping and other requirements. For example, the approval may be subject to limitations on the uses for which the product may be marketed or conditions of approval, or contain requirements for costly post-marketing testing and surveillance to monitor the safety or efficacy of the product or require the adoption of risk evaluation and mitigation strategies. In addition, the FDA requires the reporting of any adverse effects observed after the approval or marketing of a therapeutic candidate and such events could result in limitations on the use of such approved product or its withdrawal from the marketplace. Also, some types of changes to the approved product, such as manufacturing changes and labeling claims, are subject to further FDA review and approval. Additionally, the FDA strictly regulates the promotional claims that may be made about prescription drug products. In particular, the FDA requires substantiation of any claims of superiority of one product over another including, in many cases, requirements that such claims be proven by adequate and well controlled head-to-head clinical trials. To the extent that market acceptance of our therapeutic candidates may depend on their superiority over existing products, any restriction on our ability to advertise or otherwise promote claims of superiority, or any requirements to conduct additional expensive clinical trials to provide proof of such claims, could negatively affect the sales of our therapeutic candidates and our costs.

### **Generic Competition**

Once an NDA, including a 505(b)(2) NDA, is approved, the product covered thereby becomes a "listed drug" which can, in turn, be cited by potential competitors in support of approval of an ANDA, which relies on bioequivalence studies that compare the generic drug to a reference listed drug to support approval. Currently, ANDAs are not eligible for drugs covered by BLAs. Specifically, a generic drug that is the subject of an ANDA must be bioequivalent and have the same active ingredient(s), route of administration, dosage form, and strength, as well as the same labeling, with certain exceptions, as the listed drug. If the FDA deems that any of these requirements are not met, additional results may be necessary to seek approval.

ANDA applicants do not have to conduct extensive clinical trials to prove the safety or efficacy of the drug product. Rather, they are required to show that their drug is pharmaceutically equivalent to the innovator's drug and also conduct "bioequivalence" testing to show that the rate and extent by which the ANDA applicant's drug is absorbed does not differ significantly from the innovator product. Bioequivalence tests are typically in vivo studies in humans but they are smaller and less costly than the types of phase 3 trials required to obtain initial approval of a new drug. Drugs approved in this way are commonly referred to as "generic equivalents" to the listed drug, are listed as such by the FDA, and can often be substituted by pharmacists under prescriptions written for the original listed drug.

With respect to NDAs, U.S. federal law provides for a period of three years of non-patent market exclusivity following the approval of a listed drug that contains previously approved active ingredients but is approved in a new dosage, dosage form, route of administration or combination, or for a new use, the approval of which was required to be supported by new clinical trials, other than bioavailability studies, conducted by or for the sponsor. During this three-year period the FDA cannot grant effective approval of an ANDA or a 505(b)(2) NDA for the same conditions of approval under which the NDA was approved.

U.S. federal law also provides a period of five years following approval of a new chemical entity that is a drug containing no previously approved active ingredients, during which ANDAs for generic versions of such drugs, as well as 505(b)(2) NDAs, cannot be submitted unless the submission contains a certification that the listed patent is invalid or will not be infringed, in which case the submission may be made four years following the original product approval. If an ANDA or 505(b)(2) NDA applicant certifies that it believes one or more listed patents is invalid or not infringed, it is required to provide notice of its filing to the NDA sponsor and the patent holder. If the patent holder or exclusive patent licensee then initiates a suit for patent infringement against the ANDA or 505(b)(2) NDA sponsor within 45 days of receipt of the notice, the FDA cannot grant effective approval of the ANDA or 505(b)(2) NDA until either 30 months have passed or there has been a court decision holding that the patents in question are invalid or not infringed. If an infringement action is not brought within 45 days, the ANDA or 505(b)(2) NDA applicant may bring a declaratory judgment action to determine patent issues prior to marketing. If the ANDA or 505(b)(2) NDA applicant certifies as to the date on which the listed patents will expire, then the FDA cannot grant effective approval of the ANDA or 505(b)(2) NDA until those patents expire. The first ANDA(s) submitting substantially complete application(s) certifying that listed patents for a particular product are invalid or not infringed may qualify for a period of 180 days of marketing exclusivity, starting from the date of the first commercial marketing of the drug by the applicant, during which subsequently submitted ANDAs cannot be granted effective approval. The first ANDA applicant can forfeit its exclusivity under certain circumstances; for example, if it fails to market its product or meet other regulatory requirements within specified time periods.

From time to time, including presently, legislation is drafted and introduced in the U.S. Congress that could significantly change the statutory provisions governing the approval, manufacturing and marketing of drug products. In addition, FDA regulations and guidance are often revised or reinterpreted by the agency in ways that may significantly affect our business and our therapeutic candidates. It is impossible to predict whether legislative changes will be enacted, or FDA regulations, guidance or interpretations changed, or what the impact of such changes, if any, may be.

#### FDA Approval or Clearance of Medical Devices

In the United States, medical devices are subject to varying degrees of regulatory control and are classified in one of three classes depending on the controls the FDA determines necessary to reasonably ensure their safety and efficacy:

- Class I: general controls, such as labeling and adherence to Quality System Regulations, or QSRs;
- Class II: general controls, pre-market notification (510(k)), and specific controls such as performance standards, patient registries, and postmarket surveillance; and
- Class III: general controls and approval of a PMA.

A PMA application must provide a demonstration of safety and effectiveness, which generally requires extensive preclinical and clinical trial data. Information about the device and its components, device design, manufacturing and labeling, among other information, must also be included in the PMA. As part of the PMA review, the FDA will typically inspect the manufacturer's facilities for compliance with QSR requirements, which govern testing, control, documentation and other aspects of quality assurance with respect to manufacturing. During the review period, an FDA advisory committee, typically a panel of clinicians, is likely to be convened to review the application and recommend to the FDA whether, or upon what conditions, the device should be approved. The FDA is not bound by the advisory panel decision, but the FDA often follows the panel's recommendation. If the FDA finds the information satisfactory, it will approve the PMA. The PMA can include post-approval conditions including, among other things, restrictions on labeling, promotion, sale and distribution, or requirements to do additional clinical studies post-approval. Even after approval of a PMA, a new PMA or PMA supplement is required to authorize certain modifications to the device, its labeling or its manufacturing process. Supplements to a PMA often require the submission of the same type of information required for an original PMA, except that the supplement is generally limited to that information needed to support the proposed change from the product covered by the original PMA. During the review of a PMA, the FDA may request more information or additional studies and may decide that the indications for which we seek approval or clearance should be limited.

If human clinical trials of a medical device are required and the device presents a significant risk, the sponsor of the trial must file an investigational device exemption, or IDE, application prior to commencing human clinical trials. The IDE application must be supported by data, typically including the results of animal and/or laboratory testing. If the IDE application is approved by the FDA and one or more institutional review boards, human clinical trials may begin at a specific number of investigational sites with a specific number of patients, as approved by the FDA. If the device presents a non-significant risk to the patient, a sponsor may begin the clinical trial after obtaining approval for the trial by one or more institutional review boards without separate approval from the FDA. Submission of an IDE does not give assurance that the FDA will approve the IDE and, if it is approved, the FDA may determine that the data derived from the trials do not support the safety and effectiveness of the device or warrant the continuation of clinical trials. An IDE supplement must be submitted to, and approved by, the FDA before a sponsor or investigator may make a change to the investigational plan that may affect its scientific soundness, study indication or the rights, safety or welfare of human subjects. The trial also must comply with the FDA's IDE regulations and informed consent must be obtained from each subject.

### **European Economic Area**

A medicinal product may only be placed on the market in the European Economic Area, or EEA, composed of the 27 EU member states, plus Norway, Iceland and Lichtenstein, when a marketing authorization has been issued by the competent authority of a member state pursuant to Directive 2001/83/EC, as amended, or an authorization has been granted under the centralized procedure in accordance with Regulation (EC) No. 726/2004 or its predecessor, Regulation 2309/93. There are essentially three EU procedures created under prevailing European pharmaceutical legislation that, if successfully completed, allow an applicant to place a medicinal product on the market in the EEA.

# Centralized Procedure

Regulation 726/2004/EC now governs the centralized procedure when a marketing authorization is granted by the European Commission, acting in its capacity as the European Licensing Authority on the advice of the European Medicines Agency, or EMA. That authorization is valid throughout the entire EEA and directly or (as to Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein) indirectly allows the applicant to place the product on the market in all member states of the EEA. The EMA is the administrative body responsible for coordinating the existing scientific resources available in the member states for evaluation, supervision and pharmacovigilance of medicinal products. Certain medicinal products, as described in the Annex to Regulation 726/2004, must be authorized centrally. These are products that are developed by means of a biotechnological process in accordance with Paragraph 1 to the Annex to the Regulation or veterinary products designed to promote animal growth or increase yield in accordance with Paragraph 2. The mandatory centralized procedure is applicable to: (a) medicinal products for human use containing a new active substance for which the therapeutic indication is the treatment of acquired immune deficiency syndrome, or AIDS, cancer, neurodegenerative disorder or diabetes;. (b) autoimmune diseases and other immune dysfunctions and viral diseases; all medicinal products that are designated as orphan medicinal products pursuant to Regulation 141/2000; and (c) advanced therapy medicinal products, such as gene therapy, tissue engineered and somatic cell therapy products. An applicant may also opt for assessment through the centralized procedure if it can show that the medicinal product constitutes a significant therapeutic, scientific or technical innovation or that the granting of authorization centrally is in the interests of patients at the EU level. For each application submitted to the EMA for scientific assessment, the EMA is required to ensure that the opinion of the Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use, or CHMP, is given within 210 days after receipt of a valid application. If the opinion is positive, the EMA is required to send the opinion to the European Commission, which is responsible for preparing the decision granting a marketing authorization. If the initial opinion of the CHMP is negative, the applicant is afforded an opportunity to seek a re-examination of the opinion. The CHMP is required to re-examine its opinion within 60 days following receipt of the request by the applicant. A refusal of a centralized marketing authorization constitutes a prohibition on placing the given medicinal product on the market in the EU.

Mutual Recognition and Decentralized Procedures. With the exception of products that are authorized centrally, the competent authorizes of the member states are responsible for granting marketing authorizations for medicinal products placed on their markets. If the applicant for a marketing authorization intends to market the same medicinal product in more than one member state, the applicant may seek an authorization progressively in the EU under the mutual recognition or decentralized procedure. Mutual recognition is used if the medicinal product has already been authorized in a member state. In this case, the holder of this marketing authorization requests the member state where the authorization has been granted to act as reference member state by preparing an updated assessment report that is then used to facilitate mutual recognition of the existing authorization in the other member states in which approval is sought (the so-called concerned member state(s)) in accordance with Article 28 of Directive 2001/83/EC. The reference member state must prepare an updated assessment report within 90 days of receipt of a valid application. This report together with the approved Summary of Product Characteristics, or SmPC (which sets out the conditions of use of the product), and a labeling and package leaflet are sent to the concerned member states for their consideration. The concerned member states are required to approve the assessment report, the SmPC and the labeling and package leaflet within 90 days of receipt of these documents. The total procedural time is 180 days.

The decentralized procedure is used in cases where the medicinal product has not received a marketing authorization in the EU at the time of application. The applicant requests a member state of its choice to act as reference member state to prepare an assessment report that is then used to facilitate agreement with the concerned member states and the grant of a national marketing authorization in all of these member states. In this procedure, the reference member state must prepare, for consideration by the concerned member states, the draft assessment report, a draft SmPC and a draft of the labeling and package leaflet within 120 days after receipt of a valid application. As in the case of mutual recognition, the concerned member states are required to approve these documents within 90 days of their receipt. In both procedures, national marketing authorizations shall be granted within 30 days after acknowledgement of the agreement.

For both mutual recognition and decentralized procedures, if a concerned member state objects to the grant of a marketing authorization on the grounds of a potential serious risk to public health, it may raise a reasoned objection with the reference member state. The points of disagreement are in the first instance referred to the Coordination Group on Mutual Recognition and Decentralized Procedures, or CMD, to reach an agreement within 60 days of the communication of the points of disagreement. If member states fail to reach an agreement, then the matter is referred to the EMA's scientific committee and CHMP for arbitration. The CHMP is required to deliver a reasoned opinion within 60 days of the date on which the matter is referred. The scientific opinion adopted by the CHMP forms the basis for a binding European Commission decision

Irrespective of whether the medicinal product is assessed centrally, de-centrally or through a process of mutual recognition, the medicinal product must be manufactured in accordance with the principles of good manufacturing practice as set out in Directive 2003/94/EC and Volume 4 of the "Rules Governing Medicinal Products in the European Community." Moreover, EU law requires the clinical results in support of clinical safety and efficacy to be based upon clinical trials conducted in the EU in compliance with the requirements of Directive 2001/20/EC, which implements good clinical practice in the conduct of clinical trials on medicinal products for human use. Clinical trials conducted outside the EU and used to support applications for marketing within the EU must have been conducted in a way consistent with the principles set out in Directive 2001/20/EC. The conduct of a clinical trial in the EU requires, pursuant to Directive 2001/20/EC, authorization by the relevant national competent authority where a trial takes place, and an ethics committee to have issued a favorable opinion in relation to the arrangements for the trial. It also requires that the sponsor of the trial, or a person authorized to act on his behalf in relation to the trial, be established in the EU.

There are various types of applications for marketing authorizations. The legal basis for all types of application is set out in Directive 2001/83/EC and in Regulation (EC) No726/2004.

Full Applications. A full application is one that is made under any of the EU procedures described above and "stands alone" in the sense that it contains all of the particulars and information required by Article 8(3) of Directive 2001/83 (as amended) to allow the competent authority to assess the quality, safety and efficacy of the product and in particular the balance between benefit and risk. Article 8(3)(1) in particular refers to the need to present the results of the applicant's research on (1) pharmaceutical (physical-chemical, biological or microbiological) tests, (2) preclinical (toxicological and pharmacological) studies and (3) clinical trials in humans. The nature of these tests, studies and trials is explained in more detail in Annex I to Directive 2001/83/EC, as amended. Full applications would be required for products containing new active substances not previously approved by the competent authority, but may also be made for other products.

Abridged Applications. Article 10 of Directive 2001/83/EC contains exemptions from the requirement that the applicant provide the results of its own preclinical and clinical research. There are three regulatory routes for an applicant to seek an exemption from providing such results, namely (1) cross-referral to an innovator's results without consent of the innovator (used for generic medicines or similar biological medicinal products as well as for new fixed combination products), (2) well established use according to published literature and (3) consent to refer to an existing dossier of research results filed by a previous applicant.

### Cross-referral to Innovator's Data

Articles 10(1) and 10(2)(b) of Directive 2001/83/EC provide the legal basis for an applicant to seek a marketing authorization on the basis that its product is a generic medicinal product (a copy) of a reference medicinal product that has already been authorized, in accordance with EU provisions. A reference product is, in principle, an original product granted an authorization on the basis of a full dossier of particulars and information. This is the main exemption used by generic manufacturers for obtaining a marketing authorization for a copy product. The generic applicant is not required to provide the results of preclinical studies and of clinical trials if its product meets the definition of a generic medicinal product and the applicable regulatory results protection period for the results submitted by the innovator has expired. A generic medicinal product is defined as a medicinal product:

- having the same qualitative and quantitative composition in active substance as the reference medicinal product;
- having the same pharmaceutical form as the reference medicinal product; and
- whose bioequivalence with the reference medicinal product has been demonstrated by appropriate bioavailability studies.

Applications in respect of a generic medicinal product cannot be made before the expiry of the protection period. For applications made after either October 30 or November 20, 2005 (depending on the approval route used), Regulation 726/2004 and amendments to Directive 2001/83/EC provide for a harmonized protection period regardless of the approval route utilized. The harmonized protection period is in total 10 years, including eight years of research data protection and two years of marketing protection. The effect is that the originator's results can be the subject of a cross-referral application after eight years, but any resulting authorization cannot be exploited for a further two years. The rationale of this procedure is not that the competent authority does not have before it relevant tests and trials upon which to assess the efficacy and safety of the generic product, but that the relevant particulars can, if the research data protection period has expired, be found on the originator's file and used for assessment of the generic medicinal product. The 10-year protection period can be extended to 11 years where, in the first eight years post-authorization, the holder of the authorization obtains approval for a new indication assessed as offering a significant clinical benefit in comparison with existing products.

If the copy product does not meet the definition of a generic medicinal product or if certain types of changes occur in the active substance(s) or in the therapeutic indications, strength, pharmaceutical form or route of administration in relation to the reference medicinal product, Article 10(3) of Directive 2001/83/EC provides that the results of the appropriate preclinical studies or clinical trials must be provided by the applicant.

## Well-established Medicinal Use

Under Article 10a of Directive 2001/83/EC, an applicant may, in substitution for the results of its own preclinical and clinical research, present detailed references to published literature demonstrating that the active substance(s) of a product have a well-established medicinal use within the EU with recognized efficacy and an acceptable level of safety. The applicant is entitled to refer to a variety of different types of literature, including reports of clinical trials with the same active substance(s) and epidemiological studies that indicate that the constituents of the product have an acceptable safety/efficacy profile for a particular indication. However, use of the published literature exemption is restricted by stating that in no circumstances will constituents be treated as having a well-established use if they have been used for less than 10 years from the first systematic and documented use of the substance as a medicinal product in the EU. Even after 10 years' systematic use, the threshold for well-established medicinal use might not be met. European pharmaceutical law requires the competent authorities to consider the period over which a substance has been used, the amount of patient use of the substance, the degree of scientific interest in the use of the substance (as reflected in the scientific literature) and the coherence (consistency) of all the scientific assessments made in the literature. For this reason, different substances may reach the threshold for well-established use after different periods, but the minimum period is 10 years. If the applicant seeks approval of an entirely new therapeutic use compared with that to which the published literature refers, additional preclinical and/or clinical results would have to be provided.

## Informed Consent

Under Article 10c of Directive 2001/83/EC, following the grant of a marketing authorization the holder of such authorization may consent to a competent authority utilizing the pharmaceutical, preclinical and clinical documentation that it submitted to obtain approval for a medicinal product to assess a subsequent application relating to a medicinal product possessing the same qualitative and quantitative composition with respect to the active substances and the same pharmaceutical form.

#### Law Relating to Pediatric Research

Regulation (EC) 1901/2006 (as amended by Regulation (EC) 1902/2006) was adopted on December 12, 2006. This Regulation governs the development of medicinal products for human use in order to meet the specific therapeutic needs of the pediatric population. It requires any application for marketing authorization made after July 26, 2008 in respect of a product not authorized in the EU on January 26, 2007 (the time the Regulation entered into force), to include studies in children conducted in accordance with a pediatric investigation plan agreed to by the relevant European authorities, unless the product is subject to an agreed waiver or deferral. Waivers can be granted in certain circumstances where pediatric studies are not required or desirable. Deferrals can be granted in certain circumstances where the initiation or completion of pediatric studies should be deferred until appropriate studies in adults have been performed. Moreover, this regulation imposes the same obligation from January 26, 2009 on an applicant seeking approval of a new indication, pharmaceutical form or route of administration for a product already authorized and still protected by a supplementary protection certificate granted under Regulation (EEC) 1768/92 or by a patent that qualifies for the granting of such a supplementary protection certificate. The pediatric Regulation 1901/2006 also provides, subject to certain conditions, a reward for performing such pediatric studies, regardless of whether the pediatric results provided resulted in the grant of a pediatric indication. This reward comes in the form of an extension of six months to the supplementary protection certificate granted in respect of the product, unless the product is subject to orphan drug designation, in which case the 10-year market exclusivity period for such orphan products is extended to 12 years. Where the product is no longer covered by a patent or supplementary protection certificate, the applicant may make a separate application for a Pediatric Use Marketing Auth

In June 2013, the European Commission published a **report on the first five years of implementation of the Regulation.** The report concludes that pediatric development has become a more integral part of the overall development of medicinal products in the EU, with the Regulation working as a major catalyst to improve the situation for young patients

## **Post-authorization Obligations**

An authorization to market a medicinal product in the EU carries with it an obligation to comply with many post-authorization regulations relating to the marketing and other activities of authorization holders. These include requirements relating to adverse event reporting and other pharmacovigilance requirements, advertising, packaging and labeling, patient package leaflets, distribution and wholesale dealing. The regulations frequently operate within a criminal law framework and failure to comply with the requirements may not only affect the authorization, but also can lead to financial and other sanctions levied on the company in question and responsible officers.

## **Approval of Medical Devices**

In the EEA there is a consolidated system for the authorization of medical devices as provided for in the Medical Device Directive 93/42/EEC as amended by Directive 93/68/EEC on CE marking. The European Union requires that manufacturers of medical devices obtain the right to affix the CE mark to their products, which shows that the device has a Declaration of Conformity, before selling them in European Union member countries. The CE mark is an international symbol of adherence to quality assurance standards and compliance with applicable European medical device directives. In order to obtain the right to affix the CE mark to products, a manufacturer must obtain certification that its processes meet certain European quality standards, which vary according to the nature of the device. Compliance with the Medical Device Directive, as certified by a recognized European Notified Body, permits the manufacturer to affix the CE mark on its products and commercially distribute those products throughout the European Union without further conformance tests being required in other member states.

### Israel

## Israel Ministry of the Environment — Toxin Permit

In accordance with the Israeli Dangerous Substances Law - 1993, the Ministry of the Environment is required to grant a permit in order to use toxic materials. Because we utilize toxic materials in the course of operation of our laboratories, we were required to apply for a permit to use these materials. Our current toxin permit will remain in effect until January 2015.

# Clinical Testing in Israel

In order to conduct clinical testing on humans in Israel, special authorization must first be obtained from the ethics committee and general manager of the institution in which the clinical studies are scheduled to be conducted, as required under the Guidelines for Clinical Trials in Human Subjects implemented pursuant to the Israeli Public Health Regulations (Clinical Trials in Human Subjects), as amended from time to time, and other applicable legislation. These regulations require authorization by the institutional ethics committee and general manager as well as from the Israeli Ministry of Health, except in certain circumstances, and in the case of genetic trials, special fertility trials and complex clinical trials, an additional authorization of the Ministry of Health's overseeing ethics committee. The institutional ethics committee must, among other things, evaluate the anticipated benefits that are likely to be derived from the project to determine if it justifies the risks and inconvenience to be inflicted on the human subjects, and the committee must ensure that adequate protection exists for the rights and safety of the participants as well as the accuracy of the information gathered in the course of the clinical testing. Since we intend to perform a portion of the clinical studies on certain of our therapeutic candidates in Israel, we will be required to obtain authorization from the ethics committee and general manager of each institution in which we intend to conduct our clinical trials, and in most cases, from the Israeli Ministry of Health.

## Other Countries

In addition to regulations in the United States, the EU and Israel, we are subject to a variety of other regulations governing clinical trials and commercial sales and distribution of drugs in other countries. Whether or not our products receive approval from the FDA, approval of such products must be obtained by the comparable regulatory authorities of countries other than the United States before we can commence clinical trials or marketing of the product in those countries. The approval process varies from country to country, and the time may be longer or shorter than that required for FDA approval. The requirements governing the conduct of clinical trials and product licensing vary greatly from country to country.

#### Related Matters

From time to time, legislation is drafted, introduced and passed in governmental bodies that could significantly change the statutory provisions governing the approval, manufacturing and marketing of products regulated by the FDA or EMA and other applicable regulatory bodies to which we are subject. In addition, regulations and guidance are often revised or reinterpreted by the national agency in ways that may significantly affect our business and our therapeutic candidates. It is impossible to predict whether such legislative changes will be enacted, whether FDA or EMA regulations, guidance or interpretations will change, or what the impact of such changes, if any, may be. We may need to adapt our business and therapeutic candidates and products to changes that occur in the future.

#### **Israeli Government Programs**

## Israel Office of the Chief Scientist

Research and Development Grants. A number of our therapeutic products have been financed, in part, through funding from the OCS in accordance with the Israeli Law for the Encouragement of Industrial Research and Development, 1984 and related regulations, or the Research Law. As of December 31, 2013 we received approximately NIS 76.1 million (\$21.9 million) million in aggregate funding from the OCS, which amount includes approximately NIS 22.4 million (\$6.5 million) of funding for particular projects, and approximately NIS 53.7 million (\$15.5 million) of funding in the framework of our biotechnology incubator. The aggregate funding amount includes approximately NIS 65.6 (\$18.9 million) of funding received in connection with terminated programs. We are not required to repay funding for terminated programs. Under the Research Law and the terms of the grants, royalties on the revenues derived from sales of products developed with the support of the OCS are payable to the Israeli government, generally at the rate of 3% during the first three years of repayment, 4% during the subsequent three years and 5% from the seventh year onwards, although these terms are different if receive the OCS approval for the transfer the manufacture or to transfer the rights to manufacture our products developed with OCS grants outside of Israel. The obligation to make these payments terminates upon repayment of the amount of the received grants as adjusted for fluctuation in the U.S. dollar/shekel exchange rate, plus interest and any additional amounts as described below. However, we may be required to pay an increased total amount of royalties (possibly up to 300% of the grant amounts plus interest) if we receive approval to manufacture or to transfer the rights to manufacture our products developed with OCS grants outside of Israel, depending on the portion of total manufacturing that is performed outside of Israel, as further described below. The amounts received bear interest equal to the 12-month London Interbank Offered Rate appl

Pursuant to the Research Law, recipients of funding from the OCS are prohibited from manufacturing products developed using OCS grants or derived from technology developed with OCS grants outside of the State of Israel and from transferring rights to manufacture such products outside of Israel. However, the OCS may, in special cases, approve the transfer of manufacture or of manufacturing rights of a product developed in an approved program or which results therefrom, outside of Israel. If we were to receive approval to manufacture or to transfer the rights to manufacture our products developed with OCS grants outside of Israel, we would be required to pay an increased total amount of royalties (possibly up to 300% of the grant amounts plus interest), depending on the portion of total manufacturing that is performed outside of Israel. In addition, the royalty rate applicable to us could possibly increase. Such increased royalties constitute the total repayment amount required in connection with the transfer of manufacturing rights of OCS funded products outside Israel. The Research Law does enable companies to seek prior approval for conducting manufacturing activities outside of Israel without being subject to increased royalties (but resulting in a lower grant amount); however, the OCS rarely grants such prior approval.

In addition, under the Research Law, we are prohibited from transferring our OCS financed technologies, technologies derived therefrom and related intellectual property rights outside of Israel except under limited circumstances and only with the approval of the OCS and upon making a payment to the OCS. We may not receive the required approvals for any proposed transfer and, if received, we may be required to pay the OCS an amount calculated in accordance with the applicable formula set out in the Research Law. The scope of the support received, the royalties that we may have already paid to the OCS, the amount of time that has elapsed between the date on which the technology was transferred and the date on which the OCS grants were received and the sale price and the form of transaction will be taken into account in order to calculate the amount of the payment to the OCS. The repayment amount is now subject to a maximum limit calculated in accordance with a formula set forth in regulations enacted during 2012. In addition, approval of the transfer of technology to residents of Israel is required, and may be granted in specific circumstances, only if the recipient agrees to abide by the provisions of applicable laws, including the restrictions on the transfer of know-how and the obligation to pay royalties. No assurances can be made that approval to any such transfer, if requested, will be granted.

The State of Israel does not own intellectual property rights in technology developed with OCS funding and there is no restriction on the export of products manufactured using technology developed with OCS funding. The technology is, however, subject to transfer of technology and manufacturing rights restrictions as described above. For a description of such restrictions, please see "Item 3. Risk Factors — Risks Relating to Our Operations in Israel."

Biotechnology Incubator Program. In 2001, the OCS launched a biotechnology incubator program for advancing Israel's biotechnology industry. The program was significantly changed by the OCS in May 2004, pursuant to which the OCS invited companies to submit proposals to establish and operate OCS-funded biotechnology incubators to provide a physical, organized and professional platform for commercializing biotechnological research and development projects. We submitted a proposal to operate a biotechnology incubator, and our proposal was accepted by the OCS. Accordingly, we entered into the incubator agreement with the OCS in January 2005. The initial agreement was scheduled to expire on December 31, 2010 but at the end of 2010, the OCS agreed to renew the agreement for an additional two years, with an option to renew for another one-year period at the same terms and conditions, subject to OCS approval. In 2012, the OCS approved our exercise of the option to extend the incubator agreement for the final one-year period through December 31, 2013, as of which date the agreement expired. We formed BIJ L.P. to act as the incubator entity. Our whollyowned subsidiary, BIJ Ltd., is the general partner of BIJ L.P., also referred to as the incubator, and owns 1% of BIJ L.P.'s partnership interests, while BioLineRx is a limited partner of BIJ L.P. and owns the remaining 99% of BIJ L.P.'s partnership interests. In light of the expiry of the incubator agreement and in order to streamline our operations, we decided to transfer all the employees, activities and assets from the incubator to BioLineRx Ltd., and are currently in the process of winding down the incubator.

As of December 31, 2013, we received approximately \$ 15.5 million from the OCS under the incubator agreement to fund 23 different development projects, 22 of which have terminated. Of our nine current development projects, BL-1040 is the only project that has been funded under the incubator agreement.

## Israel Ministry of Health

Israel's Ministry of Health, which regulates medical testing, has adopted protocols that correspond, generally, to those of the FDA and the European Medicines Agency, making it comparatively straightforward for studies conducted in Israel to satisfy FDA and the European Medicines Agency requirements, thereby enabling medical technologies subjected to clinical trials in Israel to reach U.S. and EU commercial markets in an expedited fashion. Many members of Israel's medical community have earned international prestige in their chosen fields of expertise and routinely collaborate, teach and lecture at leading medical centers throughout the world. Israel also has free trade agreements with the United States and the EU.

### C. Organizational Structure

Our corporate structure consists of BioLineRx and three wholly-owned entities: BioLine Innovations Jerusalem Limited Partnership, or BIJ L.P.; BioLine Innovations Jerusalem Ltd., or BIJ Ltd.; and BioLineRx USA Inc. BIJ Ltd. and BIJ L.P. were engaged in the operation of our biotechnology incubator. Our incubator agreement with the OCS expired at the end of 2013. As a result, we decided to transfer all the employees, activities and assets from the incubator to BioLineRx Ltd., and are currently in the process of winding down the incubator. See "Item 10. Additional Information — Material Contracts — Incubator Agreement." BioLineRx USA Inc. has been inactive since the beginning of 2011, as a result of a decision by our Board of Directors to transfer all business development functions back to Israel, in order to reorganize our business development efforts and administer such efforts from our headquarters.

#### D. Property, Plant, and Equipment

We are headquartered in Jerusalem, Israel. We lease one facility pursuant to a lease agreement with Caps-Pharma Ltd. that expires on December 15, 2014, with an option to renew through December 2016. The Jerusalem headquarters consists of approximately 1,700 square meters of space and lease payments are approximately \$21,600 per month. This facility houses both our administrative and research operations and our central laboratory. The central laboratory consists of approximately 600 square meters and includes an analytical chemistry laboratory, a formulation laboratory and a tissue culture laboratory. Our central laboratory is compliant with both cGMP and GLP, which allows us to manufacture therapeutic supplies for our current clinical trials. We are currently outfitting a section of the central laboratory as a Class 1000 Clean Room for the synthesis of compounds that require a clean environment for development. All of our employees are based in this facility.

### ITEM 4A. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS

None.

#### ITEM 5. OPERATING AND FINANCIAL REVIEW AND PROSPECTS

You should read the following discussion of our financial condition and results of operations in conjunction with the financial statements and the notes thereto included elsewhere in this annual report. The following discussion contains forward-looking statements that reflect our plans, estimates and beliefs. Our actual results could differ materially from those discussed in the forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause or contribute to these differences include those discussed below and elsewhere in this annual report, particularly those in "Item 3. Key Information — Risk Factors." U.S. dollar amounts herein (other than amounts that were originally receivable or payable in dollars) have been translated for the convenience of the reader from the original NIS amounts at the representative rate of exchange as of December 31, 2013 (\$1 = NIS 3.471). The dollar amounts presented should not be construed as representing amounts that are receivable or payable in dollars or convertible into dollars, unless otherwise indicated.

We are a clinical stage biopharmaceutical development company dedicated to identifying, in-licensing and developing therapeutic candidates that have advantages over currently available therapies or address unmet medical needs. Our current development pipeline consists of six clinical therapeutic candidates: BL-1040, BL-8040, BL-7010, BL-7040 and BL-8020. In addition, we have three therapeutic candidates in pre-clinical development. We generate our pipeline by systematically identifying, rigorously validating and in-licensing therapeutic candidates that we believe exhibit a relatively high probability of therapeutic and commercial success. Until December 31, 2013, we also operated, with substantial financial support of the Office of the Chief Scientist of the Israeli Ministry of Trade and Industry (OCS), a biotechnology incubator to evaluate therapeutic candidates. As of December 31, 2013, we received approximately NIS 53.7million (\$15.5) million in funding from the OCS to operate the incubator, which does not include NIS 22.4 million (\$6.5 million) in funding we have received from the OCS outside of the incubator agreement as of that date. Such amounts include aggregate funding of approximately NIS 65.6 million (\$18.9 million) for terminated programs. We are not required to repay funds received for terminated programs. Our strategy includes commercializing our therapeutic candidates through out-licensing arrangements with biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies and evaluating, on a case by case basis, the commercialization of our therapeutic candidates independently.

The following is a description of our six clinical therapeutic candidates:

- BL-1040 is a novel, resorbable polymer solution for use in the prevention of ventricular remodeling that may occur in patients who have suffered an acute myocardial infarction, or AMI. BL-1040 is being developed as a medical device. In March 2010, we announced encouraging results from a phase 1/2 clinical trial. We have entered into an exclusive, worldwide, royalty-bearing out-licensing arrangement with Bellerophon with respect to the development, manufacture and commercialization of BL-1040. In December 2011, Bellerophon commenced PRESERVATION I, a CE Mark registration clinical trial of BL-1040 (initially called IK-5001, and now called "Bioabsorbable Cardiac Matrix" device, or BCM device). There are currently over 75 sites activated for this trial, 13 of which are in the U.S.
- BL-8040 is a novel, short peptide that functions as a high-affinity antagonist for CXCR4, which we intend to develop for acute myeloid leukemia, or AML, stem cell mobilization and other hematological indications. In June 2013, we commenced a phase 2 trial for the treatment of AML, which is currently being conducted at three world-leading cancer research centers in the U.S. and at five premier sites in Israel. In August 2013, we announced that BL-8040 has been shown in pre-clinical trials to be effective for the treatment of thrombocytopenia, or reduced platelet production. In September 2013, the U.S. Food & Drug Administration, or FDA, granted an Orphan Drug Designation to BL-8040 as a therapeutic for the treatment of AML; and in January 2014, the FDA granted an Orphan Drug Designation to BL-8040 as a treatment for stem cell mobilization.

- BL-7010 is a novel, non-absorbable, orally available, high-molecular-weight co-polymer intended for the treatment of celiac disease. In December 2013, we announced the enrollment of the first patient in a Phase 1/2 trial for BL-7010 being conducted at Tampere Hospital in Finland. Results are expected in mid-2014. In March 2014, we announced that BL-7010 successfully completed the single administration, dose-escalation stage of this study. Based on the positive safety and tolerability results, we will proceed with the repeated administration stage of the study.
- BL-5010 comprises a customized, proprietary pen-like applicator (BL-5010) containing a novel formulation of two acids, which is being developed for the non-surgical removal of skin lesions. In December 2010, we announced positive results from a phase 1/2 clinical trial of BL-5010. We have received European confirmation from the British Standards Institution Notified Body in the UK of the regulatory pathway classification of both BL-5010 and BL-5010P as a Class 2a medical device. We are planning to commence a pivotal CE-Mark registration trial for European approval in the first half of 2014 and expect to have results in the second half of 2014. In January 2014, we received the necessary regulatory approval to commence the trial. Our future development plans for this product include expansion into additional therapeutic indications, including actinic keratosis and warts. We are also currently engaged in meaningful discussions with potential partners for this asset.
- BL-7040 is an orally available synthetic oligonucleotide which we are developing for the treatment of inflammatory bowel disease, or IBD. In April 2013, we announced positive results from a phase 2a proof-of-concept study to evaluate the effectiveness of BL-7040 for the treatment of IBD at five sites in Israel. In November 2013, we announced additional results from this study showing significant improvement of disease measurements in biopsies taken from IBD patients treated with BL-7040. We are currently discussing this therapeutic candidate with a number of potential co-development partners, as well as planning the next stages of development.
- BL-8020 is an orally available treatment for the hepatitis C virus, or HCV, with a unique mechanism of action involving the inhibition of HCV-induced autophagy in host cells. In April 2013, we commenced a phase 1/2 clinical trial to evaluate the safety, tolerability and effectiveness of BL-8020 at two sites in France. In January 2014, we entered into a collaboration agreement whereby, among other things, the licensors agreed to take over the development of the drug and we agreed to supply, at the licensors' request, the drug needed for a clinical trial to be administered by the licensors.

In 2009, we entered into an exclusive, worldwide, royalty-bearing licensing arrangement with Bellerophon. Under the agreement, we granted Bellerophon an exclusive, worldwide license to develop, manufacture and commercialize BL-1040 for use in the prevention, mitigation and treatment of injuries to the myocardial tissue of the heart. Under the arrangement, Bellerophon is obligated to use commercially reasonable efforts to complete clinical development of, and to commercialize, BL-1040 or products related thereto. We received an upfront payment of \$7.0 million upon the execution of the license agreement. Upon successful completion of the phase 1/2 clinical trial, Bellerophon paid us a milestone payment of \$10.0 million in March 2010, and we are entitled to receive additional milestone and royalty payments upon the occurrence of certain events.

In June 2013, we signed an out-licensing agreement with CTTQ, the leading Chinese pharmaceutical company in the liver disease therapeutic area, for the development and commercialization of BL-8030, an orally available treatment for HCV. Under the terms of the agreement, we granted CTTQ exclusive rights to develop, manufacture and commercialize BL-8030 in China and Hong Kong. CTTQ paid us a small upfront license fee, and is obligated to pay future development, regulatory and commercialization milestones, for a total potential deal value of approximately \$30 million. In addition, we have the right to receive high single-digit royalties on future sales of the drug. We have retained the right to develop and commercialize BL-8030 in other parts of the world.

In January 2014, we signed a collaboration agreement with JHL Biotech, or JHL, a biopharmaceutical company that develops, manufactures, and commercializes biologic medicines, pursuant to which we will collaborate with JHL in the development and commercialization of BL-9020, a novel monoclonal antibody in the preclinical development stage for the treatment of Type 1 diabetes. JHL Biotech will be responsible for all process development and manufacturing of BL-9020 during its pre-clinical and clinical development stages, and we will be responsible for all pre-clinical development of BL-9020. JHL will have global manufacturing rights to BL-9020, along with development and commercialization rights in China and Southeast Asia, and we will have development and commercialization rights in the rest of the world. In all development and manufacturing of BL-9020, JHL will adhere to FDA guidelines and regulations. Each party will have rights to all development and regulatory data generated under the agreement in order to commercialize BL-9020 in its respective territory. Each party will also be entitled to single-digit royalties on the sale of BL-9020 in the other party's respective territory.

### **History of Losses**

Since inception in 2003, we have generated significant losses in connection with our research and development, including the clinical development of BL-1020. As of December 31, 2013, we had an accumulated deficit of NIS 505.8 million. Although we have previously recognized revenues in connection with our out-licensing arrangement with Bellerophon for BL-1040 and our former out-licensing arrangement with Cypress Bioscience for BL-1020, we may continue to generate losses in connection with the research and development activities relating to our pipeline of therapeutic candidates. Such research and development activities are budgeted to expand over time and will require further resources if we are to be successful. As a result, we may continue to incur operating losses, which may be substantial over the next several years, and we may need to obtain additional funds to further pursue our research and development programs.

We have funded our operations primarily through the sale of equity securities (both in public and private offerings), funding received from the OCS, payments received under the licensing arrangements with Bellerophon and Cypress Bioscience, and interest earned on investments. We expect to continue to fund our operations over the next several years through our existing cash resources, potential future milestone payments that we expect to receive from Bellerophon, potential future upfront or milestone payments that we may receive from out-licensing transactions for our other therapeutic candidates, interest earned on our investments and additional capital to be raised through public or private equity offerings or debt financings. As of December 31, 2013, we held approximately \$18.2 million of cash, cash equivalents and short-term bank deposits, based on the exchange rate reported by the Bank of Israel as of December 31, 2013. In March 2014, we completed an underwritten public offering for gross proceeds of approximately \$24.1 million. See "— Liquidity and Capital Resources."

## Revenues

Our revenues to date have been generated primarily from milestone payments under our licensing arrangement with Bellerophon and the amounts we received from Cypress Bioscience. We entered into a license and collaboration agreement with Bellerophon in 2009, in respect of which Bellerophon paid us an up-front payment of \$7.0 million. In addition, upon successful completion of the phase 1/2 clinical trial, Bellerophon paid us a milestone payment of \$10.0 million, which was subject to a 15% withholding tax in the United States. We received a full refund of the tax withheld from the U.S. Internal Revenue Service in the third quarter of 2011. In June 2010, we entered into a license agreement with Cypress Bioscience. Under the terms of the license agreement, we received an upfront fee of \$30.0 million. The license agreement with Cypress Bioscience was terminated, effective as of May 31, 2011.

Under the terms of our agreement with Bellerophon, in addition to the payments mentioned above, the maximum future development-related payments to which we are entitled is \$115.5 million. We are also entitled to maximum commercialization milestone payments of \$150.0 million, subject to the terms and conditions of the license agreement. Certain payments we have received from Bellerophon have been subject to a 15% withholding tax in the United States, and certain payments we may receive in the future, if at all, may also be subject to a 15% withholding tax in the United States. Receipt of any milestone payment under the Bellerophon agreement depends on many factors, some of which are beyond our control. We cannot assure you that we will receive any of these future payments. We believe that we may be entitled to a refund of withholding taxes paid in connection with future payments from the U.S. government but there can be no assurance that we will be able to obtain such a refund. In addition, we may be able to use U.S. taxes withheld from future payments to us as credits against Israeli corporate income tax when we have income, if at all, but there can be no assurance that we will be able to realize the credits. Our payments to our in-licensors are to be made from the net consideration received from our out-licensees.

We expect our revenues for the next several years to be derived primarily from payments under our current out-licensing and other collaboration arrangements, including future royalties on product sales. Furthermore, we may receive payments under future out-licensing and collaboration agreements.

# **Research and Development**

Our research and development expenses consist primarily of salaries and related personnel expenses, fees paid to external service providers, up-front and milestone payments under our license agreements, patent-related legal fees, costs of preclinical studies and clinical trials, drug and laboratory supplies and costs for facilities and equipment. We primarily use external service providers to manufacture our product candidates for clinical trials and for the majority of our preclinical and clinical development work. We charge all research and development expenses to operations as they are incurred. We expect our research and development expense to remain our primary expense in the near future as we continue to develop our therapeutic candidates.

The following table identifies our current major research and development projects:

Project	Status	Expected or Recent Near Term Milestone			
BL-1040	CE registration pivotal trial (conducted by Bellerophon)	PRESERVATION 1 study results expected in 2014			
BL-8040	Phase 2 study for AML; regulatory submission made for phase 1 study in stem cell mobilization	Commencement of phase 1 study for stem cell mobilization in first half of 2014; final results of phase 1 study for stem cell mobilization in second half of 2014; final results of phase 2 AML study towards end of 2014/beginning of 2015			
BL-7010	Phase 1/2 study	Results expected mid-2014; randomized, controlled efficacy study expected to commence by end of 2014			
BL-5010	Completed phase 1/2 pilot study; received regulatory approval for pivotal CE Mark registration trial	Commencement of pivotal CE Mark registration trial in first half of 2014; results expected in second half of 2014			
BL-7040	Phase 2 trial completed	Potential co-development collaboration or licensing transaction; additional pre-clinical development to support further clinical studies			
BL-8020	Phase 1/2 study (collaboration with Genoscience and Panmed)	Decision by Genoscience and Panmed on direction of current study and indication, as well as determination of potential additional indications			

In addition to the projects set forth above, we have three projects that are in the preclinical stages of development. Such projects have significantly lower costs due to their stage of development. See "Item 4. Information on the Company — Business Overview — Therapeutic Candidates in Preclinical Development."

Prior to 2013, we recorded costs for each development project on a "direct cost" basis only. Direct costs, which include contract research organization expenses, consulting expenses, patent expenses, materials, and other, similar expenses, were recorded to the project for which such expenses are incurred. However, salary and overhead costs, including, but not limited to, salary expenses (including salaries for research and development personnel), facilities, depreciation, and stock-based compensation, were shared among all of our projects and were not recorded on a project-by-project basis. We did not allocate direct salaries to projects due to the fact that our project managers were generally involved in several projects at different stages of development, and the related salary expense was not significant to the overall cost of the applicable projects. In addition, indirect labor costs relating to our departments that support the research and development process, such as chemistry, manufacturing and controls (CMC), pre-clinical analysis, laboratory testing and initial drug sample production, as well as rent and other administrative overhead costs, were shared by many different projects and were never considered by management to be of significance in its decision-making process with respect to any specific project. Accordingly, such costs were not specifically allocated to individual projects. Beginning in 2013, as the result of a decision to reduce the total number of development projects in our pipeline, along with the fact that the number of more advanced clinical projects in our pipeline has increased on a proportionate basis, we decided to record costs for each development project on a "full cost" basis. Accordingly, beginning in 2013, costs for each development project included salary and overhead costs, as well as direct costs.

Set forth below is a summary of the costs allocated to our main projects on an individual basis, as well as the costs allocated to our less significant projects on an aggregate basis, for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2012 and 2013, and on an aggregate basis since project inception. Certain of such costs are covered by OCS funding, although OCS funds received have not been deducted from the project costs in the table.

	Year E	Total Costs Since Project		
	2011	2012	2013	Inception
		(U.S. \$ in tho		
BL-1040	3	_	_	10,227
BL-8040	_	723	3,910	4,633
BL-7010	274	560	1,905	2,739
BL-5010	94	132	251	2,387
BL-7040	465	500	650	1,615
BL-8020	_	794	918	1,712
BL-1020	2,765	7,448	3,328	54,886
Other projects	3,454	2,569	201	31,439
Total project costs <sup>(1)</sup>	7,055	12,726	11,163	109,638

1) Does not include indirect project costs and overhead for years prior to 2013, including payroll and related expenses (including stock-based compensation), facilities, depreciation and impairment of intellectual property, which are included in total research and development expenses in our financial statements for such years

The costs and expenses of our projects have been partially financed by funds we have received from the OCS. Such funds are deducted from the related research and development expenses as the costs are incurred. For additional information regarding the OCS funding process, see "Government Regulation and Funding — Israeli Government Programs." There can be no assurance that we will continue to receive funds from the OCS in amounts sufficient to fund our operations, if at all. In addition, under our licensing agreement with Bellerophon, Bellerophon is responsible for the costs associated with conducting all future development activities for BL-1040. See "Item 4. Information on the Company — Business Overview —Out-Licensing Agreement with Bellerophon."

From our inception through December 31, 2013, we have incurred research and development expense of approximately NIS 558.2 million (\$160.9 million). We expect that a large percentage of our research and development expense in the future will be incurred in support of our current and future preclinical and clinical development projects. Due to the inherently unpredictable nature of preclinical and clinical development processes and given the early stage of our preclinical product development projects, we are unable to estimate with any certainty the costs we will incur in the continued development of the therapeutic candidates in our pipeline for potential commercialization. Clinical development timelines, the probability of success and development costs can differ materially from expectations. We expect to continue to test our product candidates in preclinical studies for toxicology, safety and efficacy, and to conduct additional clinical trials for each product candidate. If we are not able to enter into an out-licensing arrangement with respect to any therapeutic candidate prior to the commencement of later stage clinical trials, we may fund the trials for the therapeutic candidate ourselves.

While we are currently focused on advancing each of our product development projects, our future research and development expenses will depend on the clinical success of each therapeutic candidate, as well as ongoing assessments of each therapeutic candidate's commercial potential. In addition, we cannot forecast with any degree of certainty which therapeutic candidates may be subject to future out-licensing arrangements, when such out-licensing arrangements will be secured, if at all, and to what degree such arrangements would affect our development plans and capital requirements. See "Item 3. Key Information — Risk Factors — If we or our licensees are unable to obtain U.S. and/or foreign regulatory approval for our therapeutic candidates, we will be unable to commercialize our therapeutic candidates."

As we obtain results from clinical trials, we may elect to discontinue or delay clinical trials for certain therapeutic candidates or projects in order to focus our resources on more promising therapeutic candidates or projects. Completion of clinical trials by us or our licensees may take several years or more, but the length of time generally varies according to the type, complexity, novelty and intended use of a therapeutic candidate.

The cost of clinical trials may vary significantly over the life of a project as a result of differences arising during clinical development, including, among others:

- the number of sites included in the clinical trials;
- the length of time required to enroll suitable patients;
- the number of patients that participate in the clinical trials;
- the duration of patient follow-up;
- whether the patients require hospitalization or can be treated on an out-patient basis;
- the development stage of the therapeutic candidate; and
- the efficacy and safety profile of the therapeutic candidate.

We expect our research and development expenses to remain our most significant cost as we continue the advancement of our clinical trials and preclinical product development projects and place significant emphasis on in-licensing new product candidates. The lengthy process of completing clinical trials and seeking regulatory approval for our product candidates requires expenditure of substantial resources. Any failure or delay in completing clinical trials, or in obtaining regulatory approvals, could cause a delay in generating product revenue and cause our research and development expenses to increase and, in turn, have a material adverse effect on our operations. Due to the factors set forth above, we are not able to estimate with any certainty when we would recognize any net cash inflows from our projects.

#### Sales and Marketing Expenses

Sales and marketing expenses consist primarily of compensation for employees in business development and marketing functions. Other significant sales and marketing costs include costs for marketing and communication materials, professional fees for outside market research and consulting, legal services related to partnering transactions and travel costs.

### **General and Administrative Expenses**

General and administrative expenses consist primarily of compensation for employees in executive and operational functions, including accounting, finance, legal, investor relations, information technology and human resources. Other significant general and administration costs include facilities costs, professional fees for outside accounting and legal services, travel costs, insurance premiums and depreciation.

# Non-Operating Expense and Income

Non-operating expense and income includes fair-value adjustments of derivative liabilities on account of the warrants issued in the private and direct placements which we conducted in 2012 and 2013. These fair-value adjustments are highly influenced by our share price at each period end (revaluation date). Non-operating expense and income also includes the pro-rata share of issuance expenses from the private and direct placements related to the warrants. In addition, non-operating expense and income includes the initial commitment and finder's fees, as well as other one-time expenses, associated with the initial set-up of the share purchase agreement with LPC and an at-the-market equity offering sales agreement with Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated. The at-the-market equity offering sales agreement was terminated in March 2014

### Financial Expense and Income

Financial expense and income consist of interest earned on our cash, cash equivalents and short-term bank deposits; bank fees and other transactional costs; and expense or income resulting from fluctuations of the dollar and other currencies, in which a portion of our assets and liabilities are denominated, against the NIS (our functional currency).

#### **Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates**

We describe our significant accounting policies more fully in Note 2 to our consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2013. We believe that the accounting policies below are critical for one to fully understand and evaluate our financial condition and results of operations.

The discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations is based on our financial statements, which we prepare in accordance with IFRS. The preparation of these financial statements requires us to make estimates using assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, as well as the reported revenues and expenses during the reporting periods. On an ongoing basis, we evaluate such estimates, including those described in greater detail below. We base our estimates on historical experience and on various assumptions that we believe are reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which impact the carrying value of our assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results will differ from these estimates and such differences may be significant.

### **Functional Currency**

The currency of the primary economic environment in which our operations are conducted is the NIS. As we have not recorded significant recurring revenues since our inception, we consider the currency of the primary economic environment to be the currency in which we expend cash. A significant portion of our expenses and capital expenditures are incurred in NIS, and a significant portion of our financing has been provided in NIS.

### **Revenue Recognition**

We recognize revenues in accordance with International Accounting Standard No. 18, or IAS 18. Under IAS 18, revenues incurred in connection with the outlicensing of our patents and other intellectual property are recognized when all of the following criteria have been met as of the applicable balance sheet date:

- we have transferred to the licensee the significant risks and rewards of the rights to the patents and intellectual property;
- we do not retain either the continuing managerial involvement to the degree usually associated with ownership or the effective control over the patents and intellectual property;
- we can reliably measure the amount of revenue to be recognized;
- it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to us; and
- we can reliably measure the costs incurred or to be incurred in respect of the out-licensing.

We recognize revenues incurred in connection with the rendering of services by reference to the stage of completion of the transaction at the balance sheet date, if and when the outcome of the transaction can be estimated reliably.

We recognize revenues from royalties on an accrual basis when they become probable in accordance with the substance of the relevant agreement.

# **Accrued Expenses**

We are required to estimate accrued expenses as part of our process of preparing financial statements. This process involves estimating the level of service performed on our behalf and the associated cost incurred in instances where we have not been invoiced or otherwise notified of actual costs. Examples of areas in which subjective judgments may be required include costs associated with services provided by contract organizations for preclinical development, clinical trials and manufacturing of clinical materials. We account for expenses associated with these external services by determining the total cost of a given study based on the terms of the related contract. We accrue for costs incurred as the services are being provided by monitoring the status of the trials and the invoices received from our external service providers. In the case of clinical trials, the estimated cost normally relates to the projected costs of treating the patients in our trials, which we recognize over the estimated term of the trial according to the number of patients enrolled in the trial on an ongoing basis, beginning with patient enrollment. As actual costs become known to us, we adjust our accruals.

#### Investments in Financial Assets

The primary objective of our investment activities is to preserve principal while maximizing the income that we receive from our investments without significantly increasing risk and loss. Our investments are exposed to market risk due to fluctuations in interest rates, which may affect our interest income and the fair market value of our investments. We manage this exposure by performing ongoing evaluations of our investments. Due to the short-term maturities of our investments to date, their carrying value has always approximated their fair value.

A financial asset is classified in this category if our management has designated it as a financial asset upon initial recognition, because it is managed and its performance is evaluated on a fair-value basis in accordance with a documented risk management or investment strategy. Our investment policy with regard to excess cash, as adopted by our Board of Directors, is composed of the following objectives: (i) preserving investment principal; (ii) providing liquidity; and (iii) providing optimum yields pursuant to the policy guidelines and market conditions. The policy provides detailed guidelines as to the securities and other financial instruments in which we are allowed to invest. In addition, in order to maintain liquidity, investments are structured to provide flexibility to liquidate at least 50% of all investments within 15 business days. Information about these assets, including details of the portfolio and income earned, is provided internally on a quarterly basis to our key management personnel and on a semi-annual basis to the Investment Monitoring Committee of our Board of Directors. Any divergence from this investment policy requires approval from our Board of Directors.

### **Government Participation in Research and Development Expenses**

We have received research and development funding from the State of Israel through the OCS, both in the form of loans extended to our biotechnology incubator, as well as in the form of grants. As described in Item 4. Business Overview — Government Regulation and Funding — Israel Government Programs — Israel Office of the Chief Scientist, the activities of our biotechnology incubator have been terminated; however, we may still be eligible for funding from the OCS in the form of grants. In accordance with the OCS programs, we are entitled to specific funding with respect to a development project only after we incur development costs related to the project. Such funding qualifies as "forgivable loans" in accordance with IAS 20, "Accounting for Government Grants and Disclosure of Government Assistance," since it is repayable only if we generate revenues related to the underlying project.

In accordance with IAS 20, we account for each forgivable loan as a liability unless it is more likely than not that we will meet the terms of forgiveness of the loan, in which case the forgivable loan is accounted for as a government grant and carried to income as a reduction of the research and development expenses. Upon the initiation of any project for which we have received a loan, we consider it more likely than not that the project will not reach the revenue-generating stage during the entire development phase of the project when determining the accounting treatment of the related loan. Our determination is based on the high risk nature of pharmaceutical development generally and specifically on our strategy of initializing projects in early stages of development. Therefore, we record a liability in respect of forgivable loans on a project only when it becomes probable that we will repay the loan.

Liabilities to the OCS in respect of out-licensing transactions are generally discussed and negotiated with the OCS, due to the fact that such licensing transactions do not fit into the standard development funding model contemplated by the Israeli Research and Development Law. In June 2010, we received a notification regarding the payment due in connection with the BL-1040 project, which we have paid in full. Accordingly, we have no further liabilities to the OCS with respect to BL-1040.

### **Stock-based Compensation**

We account for stock-based compensation arrangements in accordance with the provisions of IFRS 2. IFRS 2 requires companies to recognize stock compensation expense for awards of equity instruments based on the grant-date fair value of those awards (with limited exceptions). The cost is recognized as compensation expense over the life of the instruments, based upon the grant-date fair value of the equity or liability instruments issued. The fair value of our option grants is computed as of the grant date based on the Black-Scholes model, using the standard parameters established in that model including estimates relating to volatility of our stock, risk-free interest rates, estimated life of the equity instruments issued and the market price of our stock. As our ordinary shares are publicly traded on the TASE, we do not need to estimate their fair market value. Rather, we use the actual closing market price of our ordinary shares on the date of grant, as reported by the TASE.

### Warrants

In December 2009, we issued Series 2 Warrants exercisable for 7,528,946 ordinary shares. The Series 2 Warrants had a fixed exercise price and were classified as shareholders' equity. All Series 2 warrants expired in December 2011 without exercise.

In connection with the private placement of approximately 5.25 million of our ADSs in February 2012, we issued warrants to purchase approximately 2.6 million of our ADSs at an exercise price of \$3.57, subject to typical adjustments. The warrants are exercisable for a period of five years from the date of issuance. Since the exercise price was not deemed to be fixed, the warrants are not qualified for classification as an equity instrument and have therefore been classified as a non-current financial liability.

In connection with the direct placement to Orbimed of approximately 2.67 million of our ADSs in February 2013, we issued warrants to purchase 1.6 million of our ADSs at an exercise price of \$3.94, subject to typical adjustments. The warrants are exercisable for a period of five years from the date of issuance. Since the exercise price was not deemed to be fixed, the warrants are not qualified for classification as an equity instrument and have therefore been classified as a non-current financial liability

# **Recent Accounting Changes and Pronouncements**

We adopted the following standard for the first time for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2013:

IFRS 13, "Fair Value Measurement." This standard aims to improve consistency and reduce complexity by providing a precise definition of fair value and a single source of fair value measurement and disclosure requirements for use across IFRSs. The requirements, which are largely aligned between IFRSs and U.S. GAAP, do not extend the use of fair value accounting, but rather provide guidance on how it should be applied where its use is already required or permitted by other standards within IFRSs.

A number of new standards and amendments to standards and interpretations are effective for annual periods beginning after January 1, 2013, and have not been applied in preparing these consolidated financial statements. None of these is expected to have a significant effect on our consolidated financial statements, except the following set out below, for which the impact has not been fully assessed.

IFRS 9, "Financial instruments." This standard addresses the classification, measurement and recognition of financial assets and financial liabilities. IFRS 9 was issued in November 2009 and October 2010. It replaces the parts of IAS 39 that relate to the classification and measurement of financial instruments. IFRS 9 requires financial assets to be classified into two measurement categories: those measured at fair value and those measured at amortized cost. The determination is made at initial recognition. The classification depends on the entity's business model for managing its financial instruments and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the instrument. For financial liabilities, the standard retains most of the IAS 39 requirements. The main change is that, in cases where the fair value option is taken for financial liabilities, the part of a fair value change due to an entity's own credit risk is recorded in other comprehensive income rather than the income statement, unless this creates an accounting mismatch. The Company has not yet assessed the full impact of IFRS 9.

#### **Results of Operations -- Overview**

#### Revenues

We did not record any revenues for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2012 and 2013.

# Cost of revenues

We did not record any cost of revenues for the years ended December 31, 2011, 2012 and 2013.

#### Research and development expenses

At December 31, 2010, our drug development pipeline consisted of 10 therapeutic candidates. During 2011, we added six new compounds to our pipeline and discontinued the development of one compound from the pipeline, so that our drug development pipeline as of December 31, 2011 consisted of 15 therapeutic candidates. During 2012, we added four new compounds to our pipeline and discontinued the development of five compounds from the pipeline, so that our drug development pipeline as of December 31, 2012 consisted of 14 therapeutic candidates. During 2013, we added two new compounds to our pipeline and discontinued the development of six additional compounds from the pipeline, so that our drug development pipeline as of December 31, 2013 consisted of 10 therapeutic candidates. Subsequent to December 31, 2013, we discontinued the development on additional compound from the pipeline, so that our drug development pipeline as of the date of this report consists of nine therapeutic candidates.

# Comparison of the Year Ended December 31, 2013 to the Year Ended December 31, 2012

### Research and development expenses

Research and development expenses for the year ended December 31, 2013 were NIS 44.1 million (\$12.7 million), a decrease of NIS 20.2 million (\$5.8 million), or 31%, compared to NIS 64.3 million (\$18.5 million) for the year ended December 31, 2012. Without regard to a NIS 6.0 million one-time reversal of amounts previously accrued to the OCS in respect of BL-1020, research and development expenses decreased by NIS 14.2 million (\$4.1 million). The decrease resulted primarily from lower expenses in 2013 associated with BL-1020, due to termination of the CLARITY clinical trial in March 2013, which was partially offset by a ramp-up in spending on other clinical-stage projects introduced during 2011 and 2012.

#### Sales and marketing expenses

Sales and marketing expenses for the year ended December 31, 2013 were NIS 4.1 million (\$1.2 million), an increase of NIS 0.9 million (\$0.3 million), or 28%, compared to NIS 3.2 million (\$0.9 million) for the year ended December 31, 2012. The increase resulted primarily from increased business development activities, as well as professional services incurred in connection with the collaboration agreement signed with JHL Biotech.

#### General and administrative expenses

General and administrative expenses for the year ended December 31, 2013 were NIS 13.2 million (\$3.8 million), a decrease of NIS 0.8 million (\$0.2 million) or 6%, compared to NIS 14.0 million (\$4.0 million) for the year ended December 31, 2012. The small decrease resulted primarily from one-time expenses for professional services incurred in 2012.

# Non-operating income (expense), net

We recognized net non-operating income of NIS 4.2 million (\$1.2 million) for the year ended December, 2013, an increase of NIS 0.2 million (\$0.1 million), compared to net non-operating income of NIS 4.0 million (\$1.1 million) for the year ended December 31, 2012. Non-operating income for both periods primarily relates to fair-value adjustments of liabilities on account of warrants. These fair-value adjustments were highly influenced by our share price at each period end (revaluation date).

# Financial income (expense), net

We recognized net financial expenses of NIS 4.2 million (\$1.2 million) for the year ended December 31, 2013, a change of NIS 5.5 million (\$1.6 million), compared to net financial income of NIS 1.3 million (\$0.4 million) for the year ended December 31, 2012. Net financial income and expenses result primarily from changes in the average exchange rate of the dollar in relation to the NIS during the respective periods, which have a direct effect on our net assets denominated in dollars.

### Comparison of the Year Ended December 31, 2012 to the Year Ended December 31, 2011

### Research and development expenses

Research and development expenses for the year ended December 31, 2012 were NIS 64.3 million, an increase of NIS 21.7 million, or 51%, compared to NIS 42.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2011. The increase resulted primarily from significantly higher expenses in 2012 associated with the CLARITY clinical trial in respect of BL-1020, which commenced at the end of June 2011 and was still in its initial ramp-up stages during the third and fourth quarters of 2011, as well as a ramp-up in spending on other clinical-stage projects introduced during the second half of 2011 and in 2012.

### Sales and marketing expenses

Sales and marketing expenses for the year ended December 31, 2012 were NIS 3.2 million, a negligible decrease compared to NIS 3.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2011. We invested additional resources in our overall business development efforts in 2012, which were primarily offset by savings from efficiencies realized this year due to the reorganization of our business development team, as well as professional services incurred last year related to the reacquisition of the rights to BL-1020 from Cypress Bioscience.

#### General and administrative expenses

General and administrative expenses for the year ended December 31, 2012 were NIS 14.0 million, an increase of NIS 1.3 million or 10%, compared to NIS 12.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2011. The increase resulted primarily from professional fees and other expenses associated with being a listed company on Nasdaq for a full year in 2012 compared to only five months in 2011, as well as an increase in excise taxes recorded in 2012 in respect of certain non-deductible expenses

### Non-operating income (expense), net

Non-operating income, net, for the year ended December 31, 2012 consists of a NIS 7.3 million fair-value adjustment of derivative liabilities on account of the warrants issued in the private placement which we conducted in February 2012, offset by issuance expenses in the amount of NIS 1.2 million from the private placement related to the warrants, as well as the initial commitment and finder's fees and other one-time expenses in the aggregate amount of NIS 2.1 million associated with the LPC share purchase agreement.

### Financial income (expense), net

We recognized net financial income of NIS 1.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2012, a decrease of NIS 7.2 million, compared to net financial income of NIS 8.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2011. Net financial income for both years results primarily from changes in the average exchange rate of the dollar in relation to the NIS, which were much more pronounced in 2011 than in 2012, and had a positive effect on our net assets denominated in dollars.

### **Quarterly Results of Operations**

The following tables show our unaudited quarterly statements of operations for the periods indicated. We have prepared this quarterly information on a basis consistent with our audited consolidated financial statements and we believe it includes all adjustments, consisting of normal recurring adjustments necessary for a fair presentation of the information shown. Operating results for any quarter are not necessarily indicative of results for a full fiscal year.

	Three Months Ended							
	March 31	June 30	Sept. 30	Dec. 31	March 31	June 30	Sept. 30	Dec. 31
	2012				2013			
	'			(in thousand	s of NIS)			
Consolidated Statements of Operations								
Sales and marketing expenses	(766)	(948)	(912)	(601)	(771)	(1,063)	(731)	(1,536)
Research and development	(1.4.655)	(16.000)	(15.040)	(45 504)	(10, 140)	(42.005)	(0.100)	(4.225)
expenses, net	(14,675)	(16,000)	(15,848)	(17,781)	(19,443)	(12,087)	(8,190)	(4,337)
General and administrative								
	(3,525)	(2,956)	(2,834)	(4,711)	(3,522)	(3,604)	(2,663)	(3,436)
expenses								
Operating income (loss)	(18,966)	(19,904)	(19,594)	(23,093)	(23,736)	(16,754)	(11,584)	(9,309)
Non-operating income			(0.400)					/= a=a;
(expenses), net	2,819	2,712	(3,180)	1,607	12,262	1,579	(4,627)	(5,023)
Financial income, net	446	6,050	1,827	496	663	1,320	501	116
Financial expenses, net	(2,231)	(172)	(1,649)	(3,438)	(2,029)	(1,713)	(1,956)	(1,148)
Net income (loss)	(17,932)	(11,314)	(22,596)	(24,428)	(12,840)	(15,568)	(17,666)	(15,364)

Our quarterly revenues and operating results of operations have varied in the past and can be expected to vary in the future due to numerous factors. We believe that period-to-period comparisons of our operating results are not necessarily meaningful and should not be relied upon as indications of future performance.

## **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

Since inception, we have funded our operations primarily through public and private offerings of our equity securities, grants and loans from the OCS, and payments received under our strategic licensing arrangements. At December 31, 2013, we held approximately NIS 63.2 million (\$18.2 million) in cash, cash equivalents and short-term bank deposits. In March 2014, we closed an underwritten public offering of our ADSs for gross proceeds of \$24.1 million. We have invested substantially all of our available cash funds in short-term bank deposits.

In February 2013, we completed a direct placement to a leading healthcare investor, OrbiMed Israel Partners Limited Partnership, an affiliate of OrbiMed Advisors LLC. The placement consisted of 2,666,667 ADSs and warrants to purchase an additional 1,600,000 ADSs, at a unit price of \$3.00. The warrants have an exercise price of \$3.94 per ADS and are exercisable for a term of five years. The offering raised a total of \$8,000,000, with net proceeds of approximately \$7,700,000, after deducting fees and expenses.

Pursuant to the share purchase agreement with LPC signed in September 2012, we may sell, from time to time, and at our discretion, up to \$15 million of our ADSs to LPC during the 36-month term of the purchase agreement. From the effective date of the purchase agreement through March 14, 2014, we have sold an aggregate of approximately \$9.5 million of our ADSs to LPC, leaving an available balance under the facility of approximately \$5.5 million.

Net cash used in operating activities was NIS 70.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2013, NIS 75.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2012, and NIS 42.7 for the year ended December 31, 2011. The NIS 4.6 million (\$1.3 million) decrease in net cash used in operating activities during 2013 resulted primarily from the decrease in research and development spending.

Net cash used in investing activities for the year ended December 31, 2013 was NIS 19.8 million, compared to net cash provided by investing activities of NIS 51.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2012 and net cash used in investing activities of NIS 37.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2011. The changes in cash flows from investing activities relate primarily to investments in, and maturities of, short-term bank deposits and other investments during the respective periods.

Net cash provided by financing activities for the year ended December 31, 2013 was NIS 55.2 million, compared to net cash provided by financing activities of NIS 58.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2012 and insignificant amounts of cash flows related to financing activities for the year ended December 31, 2011. The cash flows from financing activities in 2013 reflect the direct placement to OrbiMed completed in February 2013, as well as funding under the share purchase agreement with LPC. The cash flows from financing activities in 2012 reflect the private placement completed in February 2012.

Developing drugs, conducting clinical trials and commercializing products is expensive and we will need to raise substantial additional funds to achieve our strategic objectives. Although we believe our existing cash and other resources will be sufficient to fund our projected cash requirements through the end of 2014, we will require significant additional financing in the future to fund our operations. Additional financing may not be available on acceptable terms, if at all. Our future capital requirements will depend on many factors, including:

- the progress and costs of our preclinical studies, clinical trials and other research and development activities;
- the scope, prioritization and number of our clinical trials and other research and development programs;
- the amount of revenues we receive under our collaboration or licensing arrangements;
- the costs of the development and expansion of our operational infrastructure;
- the costs and timing of obtaining regulatory approval of our therapeutic candidates;
- the ability of our collaborators to achieve development milestones, marketing approval and other events or developments under our collaboration agreements:
- the costs of filing, prosecuting, enforcing and defending patent claims and other intellectual property rights;
- the costs and timing of securing manufacturing arrangements for clinical or commercial production;
- the costs of establishing sales and marketing capabilities or contracting with third parties to provide these capabilities for us;
- the costs of acquiring or undertaking development and commercialization efforts for any future product candidates;
- the magnitude of our general and administrative expenses;
- any cost that we may incur under current and future licensing arrangements relating to our therapeutic candidates; and
- payments to the OCS.

Until we can generate significant continuing revenues, we expect to satisfy our future cash needs through payments received under our collaborations, debt or equity financings, or by out-licensing other product candidates. We cannot be certain that additional funding will be available to us on acceptable terms, or at all.

If funds are not available, we may be required to delay, reduce the scope of, or eliminate one or more of our research or development programs or our commercialization efforts.

# **Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

Since inception, we have not entered into any transactions with unconsolidated entities whereby we have financial guarantees, subordinated retained interests, derivative instruments or other contingent arrangements that expose us to material continuing risks, contingent liabilities, or any other obligations under a variable interest in an unconsolidated entity that provides us with financing, liquidity, market risk or credit risk support.

# **Contractual Obligations**

The following table summarizes our significant contractual obligations at December 31, 2013:

	Less than				More than
	Total	1 year	1-3 years	3-5 years	5 years
		(in thousands of NIS)			
Car leasing obligations	1,076	604	472	_	_
Premises leasing obligations	826	826	_	_	_
Purchase commitments	5,081	5,081			
Total	6,983	6,511	472		

The foregoing table does not include our in-licensing agreements. Under our in-licensing agreements, we are obligated to make certain payments to our licensors upon the achievement of agreed upon milestones. We are unable at this time to estimate the actual amount or timing of the costs we will incur in the future under these agreements; however, we do not expect any material milestones to be achieved within the next 12 months. If all of the milestones are achieved over the life of each in-licensing agreement, we will be required to pay approximately \$8.0 million, in the aggregate, to the applicable licensors. Some of the in-licensing agreements are accompanied by consulting, support and cooperation agreements, pursuant to which we are required to pay the licensors a fixed monthly amount, over a period stipulated in the applicable agreement, for their assistance in the continued research and development under the applicable license. All of our in-licensing agreements are terminable at-will by us upon prior written notice of 30 to 90 days. We are unable at this time to estimate the actual amount or timing of the costs we will incur in the future under these agreements. See "Item 4. Information on the Company — Business Overview — In-Licensing Agreements."

#### ITEM 6. DIRECTORS, SENIOR MANAGEMENT AND EMPLOYEES

#### A. Directors and Senior Management

The following table sets forth information for our executive officers and directors as of March 14, 2014. Unless otherwise stated, the address for our directors and officers is c/o BioLineRx Ltd., P.O. Box 45158, 19 Hartum Street, Jerusalem 9777518, Israel.

Name	Age	Position(s)
Kinneret Savitsky, Ph.D.	47	Chief Executive Officer
Philip Serlin, CPA, MBA	53	Chief Financial and Operating Officer
Leah Klapper, Ph.D.	49	Chief Scientific Officer
Arnon Aharon, M.D.	45	Vice President of Medical Affairs
David Malek, MBA	36	Vice President of Business Development
Aharon Schwartz, Ph.D.	71	Chairman of the Board
Michael J. Anghel, Ph.D.	74	Director
Nurit Benjamini, MBA	47	External Director
B.J. Bormann, Ph.D.	55	Director
Raphael Hofstein, Ph.D.	63	Director
Avraham Molcho, M.D.	56	External Director
Sandra Panem, Ph.D.	67	Director

Kinneret Savitsky, Ph.D., has served as our Chief Executive Officer since January 2010. Prior to becoming our Chief Executive Officer, from 2004 through 2005, she served as our Vice President Drug Development and from 2005 through 2010 she served as the General Manager of BIJ, our wholly-owned subsidiary. Prior to joining BIJ, Dr. Savitsky served as the Vice President of Biology of Compugen Ltd. (Nasdaq: CGEN), from 2000 to 2004, and held other senior positions at Compugen from 1997 through 2000. During 2010 and 2011, Dr. Savitsky served as a director on our Board of Directors; she currently serves as an external director at Evogene Ltd. (Nasdaq: EVGN, TASE:EVGN). Dr. Savitsky received her Ph.D. in human genetics from Tel Aviv University, a Master's degree in human genetics from Tel Aviv University and a B.Sc. in biology from The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Philip Serlin, CPA, MBA, has served as our Chief Financial and Operating Officer since May 2009. From January 2008 to August 2008, Mr. Serlin served as the Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer of Kayote Networks Inc. From January 2006 to December 2007, he served as the Chief Financial Officer of Tescom Software Systems Testing Ltd. (TASE:TSCM), an IT services company publicly traded in both Tel Aviv and London. His background also includes senior positions at Chiaro Networks Ltd. and at Deloitte, where he was head of the SEC and U.S. Accounting Department at the National Office in Tel Aviv, as well as seven years at the SEC at its Washington, D.C., headquarters. Mr. Serlin currently serves as a director at Kitov Pharmaceuticals Holdings Ltd. (TASE:KTOV). Mr. Serlin is a CPA and holds a B.Sc. in accounting from Yeshiva University and a Master's degree in economics and public policy from The George Washington University.

Leah Klapper, Ph.D., has served as our Chief Scientific Officer since January 1, 2014. From 2010 to 2013, Dr. Klapper served as the General Manager of BIJ. Prior to that, from 2005 through 2009, she served as Vice President of Preclinical Development of BIJ. From 2001 through 2005, Dr. Klapper served as Vice President of Research and Development at CureTech Ltd., a biotechnology company developing novel immune-modulating molecules, where she founded the research laboratory and led the company from the bench to clinical studies. Dr. Klapper gained extensive post-doctoral training at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle, Washington. Dr. Klapper received her Ph.D. from the Weizmann Institute, her M.Sc. from the Department of Pharmacology at Tel Aviv University and a B.Sc. in life sciences from Tel Aviv University.

*Arnon Aharon, M.D.*, has served as our Vice President of Medical Affairs since January 2014. Prior to joining the Company, Dr. Aharon served as Clinical Director, Medical Director or VP of Development at several biotechnology companies, the most recent being Thrombotech Ltd. (from 2009 to 2012) and LycoRed Ltd. (from 2009 to 2013). In addition, Dr. Aharon was a partner in R&D Integrative Solutions, a firm that provides consulting services to the biotechnology industry and academic centers. Dr. Aharon holds a B.Sc. in medical sciences and an M.D. from Tel Aviv University.

David Malek, MBA, has served as our Vice President of Business Development since October 2011. Prior to joining the Company, from 2006 to 2011 Mr. Malek served at Sanofi-Aventis in a number of management positions, including Marketing, Finance and Business Development. Most recently, he served as Director of Oncology - New Products and Business Development. Mr. Malek received an MBA from the Tuck Business School at Dartmouth University and a B.A. in statistics and political science from the University of Haifa.

Aharon Schwartz, Ph.D., has served as the Chairman of our Board of Directors since 2004. He served in a number of positions in Teva from 1975 through 2011, the most recent being Vice President, Head of Teva Innovative Ventures from 2008. Dr Schwartz is currently chairman of the boards of numerous life science companies, including Yissum, DPharm Ltd, BioCancell Ltd, CureTech Ltd and Biomas Ltd. Dr Schwartz also serves as a consultant to Clal Biotechnology Industries Ltd. Dr. Schwartz received his Ph.D. in organic chemistry from the Weizmann Institute, his M.Sc. in organic chemistry from the Technion and a B.Sc. in chemistry and physics from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Dr. Schwartz received a second Ph.D. from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in the history and philosophy of science.

Michael J. Anghel, Ph.D., has served on our Board of Directors since 2010 and on our Investment Monitoring Committee since 2010. From 1977 to 1999, he led the Discount Investment Corporation Ltd. (of the IDB Group) activities in the fields of technology and communications. Dr. Anghel was instrumental in founding Tevel, one of the first Israeli cable television operators and later in founding Cellcom Israel Ltd. (NYSE:CEL), the second Israeli cellular operator. In 1999, he founded CAP Ventures, an advanced technology investment company. From 2004 to 2005, Dr. Anghel served as CEO of DCM, the investment banking arm of the Israel Discount Bank (TASE:DSCT). He has been involved in various technology enterprises and has served on the Boards of Directors of various major Israeli corporations and financial institutions including Elron Electronic Industries Ltd. (TASE:ELRN), Elbit Systems Ltd. (Nasdaq:ESLT, TASE:ESLT), Nice Systems (Nasdaq:NICE), Gilat Satellite Networks Ltd. (Nasdaq:GILT), American Israeli Paper Mills (now Hadera Paper Ltd. (AMEX:AIP)), Maalot (the Israeli affiliate of Standard and Poor's) and Hapoalim Capital Markets. He currently serves on the Boards of Directors of Partner Communications Company, Ltd. (Nasdaq:PTNR, TASE:PTNR), Syneron Medical Ltd. (Nasdaq:ELOS), Evogene Ltd. (Nasdaq:EVGN, TASE:EVGN), Dan Hotels Ltd. (TASE:DANH), Orbotech Ltd. (Nasdaq:ORBK, GSM:ORBK) and the Strauss Group Ltd. (TASE:STRS). He is also the chairman of the Center for Educational Technology. Prior to launching his business career, Dr. Anghel served as a full-time member of the Recanati Graduate School of Business Administration of the Tel Aviv University, where he taught finance and corporate strategy. He currently serves as Chairman of the Tel Aviv University's Executive Program. Dr. Anghel holds a B.A. (Economics) from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and an MBA. and Ph.D. (Finance) from Columbia University, New York.

*Nurit Benjamini, MBA*, has served as an external director on our Board of Directors and as the chairperson of our Audit Committee of our Board of Directors since 2010. In addition, Ms. Benjamini has served on our Investment Monitoring Committee since 2010 and on our Compensation Committee since 2012. Since December 2013, Ms. Benjamini has served as the Chief Financial Officer of TabTale Ltd. a company that develops, designs and manufactures interactive digital content to be displayed on electronic devices and websites. From 2011 to 2013, Ms. Benjamini served as the Chief Financial Officer of Wixpress Ltd.; from 2007 through 2011, she served as the Chief Financial Officer of CopperGate Communications Ltd.; and from 2000 through 2007, she served as the Chief Financial Officer of Compugen Ltd. (Nasdaq: CGEN). Prior to that, from 1993 through 1998, Ms. Benjamini served as the Chief Financial Officer of Aladdin Knowledge Systems Ltd., and from 1998 through 2000, as the Chief Financial Officer of Phone-Or Ltd. and Ms. Benjamini serves on the board of directors, and as chairperson of the audit committee, of Allot Communications Ltd. (Nasdaq:ALLT, TASE:ALLT). Ms. Benjamini holds a B.A. in economics and business and an M.B.A. in finance, both from Bar Ilan University, Israel.

BJ Bormann, Ph.D., has served on our Board of Directors since August 2013. Dr. Bormann currently serves as the CEO of Harbour Antibodies BV, a Netherlands based company that licenses transgenic mice that generate human antibodies. Dr. Bormann also serves as the Chief Business Advisor for NanoMedical Systems, Inc. of Austin, Texas that licenses a unique implantable drug delivery device. Prior to these current engagements, Dr. Bormann was Senior Vice President responsible for world-wide alliances, licensing and business development at Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc. from 2007 to 2013. From 1996 to 2007, she served in a number of positions at Pfizer, Inc., the last one being Vice President of Pfizer Global Research and Development and world-wide Head of Strategic Alliances. Dr. Bormann serves on the board of directors of various companies, including Supportive Therapeutics, LLC, Harbour Antibodies and the Institute for Pediatric Innovation. Dr. Bormann received her Ph.D. in biomedical science from the University of Connecticut Health Center and her B.Sc. from Fairfield University in biology. Dr. Bormann completed postdoctoral training at Yale Medical School in the department of pathology.

Raphael Hofstein, Ph.D., has served on our Board of Directors since 2003, our Audit Committee since 2007 and our Compensation Committee since 2012. Dr. Hofstein has served as the President and Chief Executive Officer of MaRS Innovation (a commercialization company of the University of Toronto and 10 affiliated hospitals) since June 2009. From 2000 through June 2009, Dr. Hofstein was the President and Chief Executive Officer of Hadasit Medical Research Services and Development Ltd., or Hadasit, the technology transfer company of Hadassah University Hospitals. He has served as chairman of the board of directors of Hadasit since 2006. Prior to joining Hadasit, Dr. Hofstein was the President of Mindsense Biosystems Ltd. and the Business Unit Director of Ecogen Inc. and has held a variety of other positions, including manager of R&D and chief of immunochemistry at the International Genetic Science Partnership. Dr. Hofstein serves on the board of directors of numerous companies, including Hadasit Bio-Holdings Ltd. (TASE:HDST). Dr. Hofstein received his Ph.D. and M.Sc. from the Weizmann Institute of Science, and his B.Sc. in chemistry and physics from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Dr. Hofstein completed postdoctoral training at Harvard Medical School in both the departments of biological chemistry and neurobiology.

Avraham Molcho, M.D., MBA, has served as an external director on our Board of Directors and on our Audit Committee since 2010. In addition, Dr. Molcho has served on our Compensation Committee since 2012. Dr. Molcho is the Founder and Chairman of Biologic Design, a technology platform that encourages human antibody discoveries, and is a venture partner at Forbion Capital Partners, a Dutch life sciences venture capital firm. In 2012, he became the co-founder, CEO and director of Ayana Pharma Ltd. (formerly DoxoCure), a privately-held company engaged in the manufacturing of liposome-based therapeutics. He currently serves on the board of directors of Circulite Inc. and NovoGI. From 2006 through 2008, Dr. Molcho served as the Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of Neovasc Medical, a privately-held Israeli medical device company. From 2001 through 2006, Dr. Molcho was a managing director and the head of life sciences of Giza Venture Capital and, in that capacity, was involved in the founding of our company. He was also the Deputy Director General of Abarbanel Mental Health Center, the largest acute psychiatric hospital in Israel, from 1999 to 2001. Dr. Molcho holds an M.D. from Tel-Aviv University School of Medicine and an MBA from Tel-Aviv University Recanati Business School.

Sandra Panem, Ph.D., has been a member of our Board since February 2014. She is currently a managing partner at Cross Atlantic Partners, which she joined in 2000. From 1994 to 1999, Dr. Panem was President of Vector Fund Management, the then asset management affiliate of Vector Securities International. Prior thereto, Dr. Panem served as Vice President and Portfolio Manager for the Oppenheimer Global BioTech Fund, a mutual fund that invested in public and private biotechnology companies. Previously, she was Vice President at Salomon Brothers Venture Capital, a fund focused on early and later-stage life sciences and technology investments. Dr. Panem was also a Science and Public Policy Fellow in economic studies at the Brookings Institution, and an Assistant Professor of Pathology at the University of Chicago. Dr. Panem currently serves on the boards of directors of Acorda Therapeutics, Inc. (NASDAQ:ACOR), Labcyte, Inc., GenomeQuest, Inc. and MDx Medical, Inc. Previously, Dr. Panem served on numerous boards of public and private companies, including Martek Biosciences (Nasdaq:MATK), IBAH Pharmaceuticals (Nasdaq:IBAH), Confluent Surgical and Molecular Informatics. She received a B.S. in biochemistry and a Ph.D. in microbiology from the University of Chicago.

#### **B.** Compensation

# **Employment Agreements**

We have entered into written employment agreements with each of our executive officers, the terms of which are consistent with the provisions of the Executive Compensation Policy of the Company which was approved by our shareholders in December 2013 (the "Compensation Policy"). All of these agreements contain customary provisions regarding noncompetition, confidentiality of information and assignment of inventions. However, the enforceability of the noncompetition provisions may be limited under applicable law.

In addition, we have entered into agreements with each executive officer and director pursuant to which we have agreed to indemnify each of them to the fullest extent permitted by law to the extent that these liabilities are not covered by directors and officers' insurance. The terms of these agreements and of our directors and officers' insurance are consistent with the provisions of the Compensation Policy.

### **Compensation of Directors and Senior Management**

The following table presents all compensation we paid to all of our directors and senior management as a group for the year ended December 31, 2013. The table does not include any amounts we paid to reimburse any of such persons for costs incurred in providing us with services during this period.

Salaries, fees, commissions and bonuses (NIS)

All directors and senior management as a group, consisting of 12 persons

Salaries, fees, commissions and bonuses (NIS)

Pension, retirement, options and other similar benefits (NIS)

4,037,000

2,393,000

For additional information concerning our equity compensation plans, see "— Beneficial Ownership of Executive Officers and Directors — Stock Option Plans."

#### C. Board Practices

#### **Board of Directors**

According to the Companies Law, the management of our business is vested in our Board of Directors. Our Board of Directors may exercise all powers and may take all actions that are not specifically granted to our shareholders. Our executive officers are responsible for our day-to-day management and have individual responsibilities established by our Board of Directors. Executive officers are appointed by and serve at the discretion of our Board of Directors, subject to any applicable employment agreements we have entered into with the executive officers.

Under the Companies Law, we are not required to have a majority of independent directors. We are required to appoint at least two external directors. See "— External Directors."

According to our Articles of Association, our Board of Directors must consist of at least five and not more than 10 directors, including external directors. Currently, our Board of Directors consists of seven directors, including two external directors as required by the Companies Law. Pursuant to our Articles of Association, other than the external directors, for whom special election requirements apply under the Companies Law as detailed below, our directors are elected at a general or special meeting of our shareholders and serve on the Board of Directors until they are removed by the majority of our shareholders at a general or special meeting of our shareholders or upon the occurrence of certain events, in accordance with the Companies Law and our Articles of Association. In addition, our Articles of Association allow our Board of Directors to appoint directors to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors to serve until the next general meeting or special meeting, or earlier if required by our Articles of Association or applicable law. We have held elections for each of our non-external directors at each annual meeting of our shareholders since our initial public offering in Israel. External directors are elected for an initial term of three years and may be elected, under certain conditions, to two additional terms. External directors may be removed from office only pursuant to the terms of the Companies Law. Our last annual meeting of shareholders was held in August 2013. See "— External Directors."

The Companies Law provides that an Israeli company may, under certain circumstances, exculpate an office holder from liability with respect to a breach of his duty of care toward the company if appropriate provisions allowing such exculpation are included in its articles of association. See "— Exculpation, insurance and indemnification of office holders." Our Articles of Association contain such provisions, and we have entered into agreements with each of our office holders undertaking to indemnify them to the fullest extent permitted by law, including with respect to liabilities resulting from this offering to the extent that these liabilities are not covered by insurance.

In accordance with the exemption available to foreign private issuers under applicable Nasdaq rules, we do not follow the requirements of the Nasdaq rules with regard to the process of nominating directors, and instead follow Israeli law and practice, in accordance with which our Board of Directors is authorized to recommend to our shareholders director nominees for election, and, in some circumstances, our shareholders may nominate candidates for election as directors by the shareholders' general meeting.

In addition, under the Companies Law, our Board of Directors must determine the minimum number of directors who are required to have financial and accounting expertise. Under applicable regulations, a director with financial and accounting expertise is a director who, by reason of his or her education, professional experience and skill, has a high level of proficiency in and understanding of business accounting matters and financial statements. He or she must be able to thoroughly comprehend the financial statements of the listed company and initiate debate regarding the manner in which financial information is presented. In determining the number of directors required to have such expertise, a company's board of directors must consider, among other things, the type and size of the company and the scope and complexity of its operations. Our Board of Directors has determined that we require at least one director with the requisite financial and accounting expertise. Ms. Nurit Benjamini and Dr. Michael J. Anghel have such financial and accounting expertise.

The term office holder is defined in the Companies Law as a general manager, chief business manager, deputy general manager, vice general manager, executive vice president, vice president, or any other person assuming the responsibilities of any of the foregoing positions, without regard to such person's title, or a director or any other manager directly subordinate to the general manager. Each person listed above under "Executive Officers and Directors" is an office holder under the Companies Law.

Chairman of the Board. Under the Companies Law, a person cannot hold the role of both chairman of the board of directors and chief executive officer of a company, without shareholder approval by special majority and for periods of time not exceeding three years each. Furthermore, a person who is directly or indirectly subordinate to a chief executive officer of a company may not serve as the chairman of the board of directors of that company and the chairman of the board of directors may not otherwise serve in any other capacity in a company or in a subsidiary of that company other than as the chairman of the board of directors of such a subsidiary.

# **External Directors**

Under Israeli law, the boards of directors of companies whose shares are publicly traded are required to include at least two members who qualify as external directors. Each of our current external directors, Dr. Avraham Molcho and Ms. Nurit Benjamini, was elected as an external director by our shareholders in July 2010. Their initial terms expired in July 2013, at which time they were each re-elected by the shareholders of the Company for a second three-year term as external directors.

External directors must be elected by majority vote of the shares present and voting at a shareholders meeting, provided that either:

- the majority of the shares that are voted at the meeting, including at least a majority of the shares held by non-controlling shareholders who do not have a personal interest in the election of the external director (other than a personal interest not deriving from a relationship with a controlling shareholder) who voted at the meeting, excluding abstentions, vote in favor of the election of the external director; or
- the total number of shares held by non-controlling, disinterested shareholders (as described in the preceding bullet point) that are voted against the election of the external director does not exceed 2% of the aggregate voting rights in the company.

After an initial term of three years, external directors may be re-elected to serve in that capacity for up to two additional terms of three years provided that either (a) the board of directors has recommended such re-election and such re-election is approved by a majority vote at a shareholders' meeting, subject to the conditions described above for election of external directors, or (b) (1) the re-election has been recommended by one or more shareholders holding at least 1% of the company's voting rights and is approved by a majority of non-controlling, disinterested shareholders who hold among them at least 2% of the company's voting rights; and (2) pursuant to a recently enacted amendment to the Companies Law ("Amendment 22"), effective as of January 10, 2014, the external director who has been nominated in such fashion by the shareholders is not a linked or competing shareholder, and does not have or has not had, on or within the two years preceding the date of such person's appointment to serve as another term as external director, any affiliation with a linked or competing shareholder. The term "linked or competing shareholder" means the shareholder(s) who nominated the external director for reappointment or a material shareholder of the company holding more than 5% of the shares in the company, provided that at the time of the reappointment, such shareholder(s) of the company, the controlling shareholder of such shareholder(s) of the company, or a company under such shareholder(s) of the company's control, has a business relationship with the company or are competitors of the company; the Israeli Minister of Justice, in consultation with the Israeli Securities Authority, may determine that certain matters will not constitute a business relationship or competition with the company. The term of office for external directors for Israeli companies traded on certain foreign stock exchanges, including the Nasdaq Capital Market, may be extended beyond the initial three terms permitted under the Companies Law indefinitely in increments of additional three-year terms, provided in each case that the following conditions are met: (a) the audit committee and the board of directors confirm that, in light of the external director's expertise and special contribution to the work of the board of directors and its committees, the re-election for such additional period(s) is beneficial to the company; (b) the re-election is approved by the shareholders by a special majority required for the re-election of external directors; and (c) the term of office of the external director, and the considerations of the audit committee and the Board of Directors in deciding to recommend re-election of the external director for such additional term of office, are presented to the shareholders prior to the vote on re-election. External directors may be removed from office by the same percentage of shareholders required for their election or by a court, in each case, only under limited circumstances, including ceasing to meet the statutory qualification for appointment or violating the duty of loyalty to the company. If an external directorship becomes vacant and there are less than two external directors on the board of directors at the time, then the board of directors is required under the Companies Law to call a shareholders' meeting immediately to appoint a replacement external director. Each committee of the board of directors that exercises the powers of the board of directors must include at least one external director. Under the Companies Law external directors of a company are prohibited from receiving, directly or indirectly, any compensation from the company other than for their services as external directors pursuant to the provisions and limitations set forth in regulations promulgated under the Companies Law.

A person may not serve as an external director if (a) the person is a relative of a controlling shareholder of a company or (b) at the date of the person's appointment or within the prior two years, the person, the person's relatives, entities under the person's control, the person's partner, the person's employer, or anyone to whom that person is subordinate, whether directly or indirectly, have or have had any affiliation with (1) a company, (2) a company's controlling shareholder at the time of such person's appointment or (3) any entity that is either controlled by the company or under common control with the company at the time of such appointment or during the prior two years. If a company does not have a controlling shareholder or a shareholder who holds company shares entitling him to vote at least 25% of the votes in a shareholders meeting, then a person may not serve as an external director if, such person or such person's relative, partner, employer or any entity under the person's control, has or had, on or within the two years preceding the date of the person's appointment to serve as external director, any affiliation with the chairman of the company's board, chief executive officer, a substantial shareholder who holds at least 5% of the issued and outstanding shares of the company or voting rights which entitle him to vote at least 5% of the votes in a shareholders meeting, or the chief financial officer of the company.

The term "affiliation" includes:

- an employment relationship;
- a business or professional relationship even if not maintained on a regular basis (excluding insignificant relationships);
- control; and
- service as an office holder, excluding service as a director in a private company prior to the first offering of its shares to the public if such director was appointed as a director of the private company in order to serve as an external director following the public offering.

The term "relative" is defined as a spouse, sibling, parent, grandparent or descendant; a spouse's sibling, parent or descendant; and the spouse of each of such persons.

In addition, no person may serve as an external director if that person's professional activities create, or may create, a conflict of interest with that person's responsibilities as a director or otherwise interfere with that person's ability to serve as an external director or if the person is an employee of the Israel Securities Authority or of an Israeli stock exchange. Furthermore, a person may not continue to serve as an external director if he or she received direct or indirect compensation from us for his or her role as a director. This prohibition does not apply to compensation paid or given for service as an external director in accordance with regulations promulgated under the Companies Law or amounts paid pursuant to indemnification and/or exculpation contracts or commitments and insurance coverage. If at the time an external director is appointed all current members of the board of directors not otherwise affiliated with the company are of the same gender, then that external director must be of the other gender. In addition, a director of a company may not be elected as an external director of another company if, at that time, a director of the other company is acting as an external director of the first company.

Following the termination of an external director's service on a board of directors, such former external director and his or her spouse and children may not be provided a direct or indirect benefit by the company, its controlling shareholder or any entity under its controlling shareholder's control. This includes engagement to serve as an executive officer or director of the company or a company controlled by its controlling shareholder or employment by, or providing services to, any such company for consideration, either directly or indirectly, including through a corporation controlled by the former external director, for a period of two years (and for a period of one year with respect to relatives of the former external director).

If at the time an external director is appointed all members of the board of directors are of the same gender, the external director must be of the other gender. A director of one company may not be appointed as an external director of another company if a director of the other company is acting as an external director of the first company at such time.

The Companies Law provides that an external director must meet certain professional qualifications or have financial and accounting expertise and that at least one external director must have financial and accounting expertise. However, if at least one of our other directors (1) meets the independence requirements of the Exchange Act, (2) meets the standards of the Nasdaq Marketplace Rules for membership on the audit committee and (3) has financial and accounting expertise as defined in the Companies Law and applicable regulations, then neither of our external directors is required to possess financial and accounting expertise as long as both possess other requisite professional qualifications. Our Board of Directors is required to determine whether a director possesses financial and accounting expertise by examining whether, due to the director's education, experience and qualifications, the director is highly proficient and knowledgeable with regard to business-accounting issues and financial statements, to the extent that the director is able to engage in a discussion concerning the presentation of financial information in the company's financial statements, among others. The regulations define a director with the requisite professional qualifications as a director who satisfies one of the following requirements: (1) the director holds an academic degree in either economics, business administration, accounting, law or public administration; (2) the director either holds an academic degree in any other field or has completed another form of higher education in the company's primary field of business or in an area which is relevant to the office of an external director; or (3) the director has at least five years of experience serving in two or more of the following capacities: (1) a senior business management position in a corporation with a substantial scope of business; (2) a senior position in the company's primary field of business; or (3) a senior position in public administration. Our Board of Directors

#### **Audit Committee**

Under the Companies Law, the board of directors of a public company must appoint an audit committee. The audit committee must be comprised of at least three directors, including all of the external directors, and one of the external directors must serve as chairperson of the committee. The audit committee of a company may not include:

- the chairman of the company's board of directors;
- a controlling shareholder or a relative of a controlling shareholder of the company (as each such term is defined in the Companies Law); or
- any director employed by the company, by a controlling shareholder of the company or by any other entity controlled by a controlling shareholder of the company, or any director who provides services to the company, to a controlling shareholder of the company or to any other entity controlled by a controlling shareholder of the company on a regular basis (other than as a member of the board of directors), or any other director whose main source of income derives from a controlling shareholder of the company.

The term "controlling shareholder" is defined in the Companies Law as a shareholder with the ability to direct the activities of the company, other than by virtue of being an office holder. A shareholder is presumed to be a controlling shareholder if the shareholder holds 50% or more of the voting rights in a company or has the right to appoint the majority of the directors of the company or its general manager.

A majority of the total number of then-serving members of an audit committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at the audit committee meetings, provided, that the majority of the members present at such meeting are unaffiliated directors and at least one of such members is an external director.

The audit committee of a publicly-traded company must consist of a majority of unaffiliated directors. An "unaffiliated director" is defined as either an external director or as a director who meets the following criteria:

- he or she meets the qualifications for being appointed as an external director, except for (i) the requirement that the director be an Israeli resident (which does not apply to companies such as ours whose securities have been offered outside of Israel or are listed outside of Israel) and (ii) the requirement for accounting and financial expertise or professional qualifications; and
- he or she has not served as a director of the company for a period exceeding nine consecutive years. For this purpose, a break of less than two years in the service shall not be deemed to interrupt the continuation of the service.

Any person who is not eligible to serve on the audit committee is further restricted from participating in its meetings and votes, unless the chairman of the audit committee determines that such person's presence is necessary in order to present a certain matter, provided however, that company employees who are not controlling shareholders or relatives of such shareholders may be present in the meetings but not for the actual votes, and likewise, company counsel or company secretary who are not controlling shareholders or relatives of such shareholders may be present in the meetings and for the decisions if such presence is requested by the audit committee.

The members of our Audit Committee are Nurit Benjamini (Chairman), Dr. Avraham Molcho and Dr. Raphael Hofstein. Pursuant to the Marketplace Rules of the Nasdaq Stock Market, our Board of Directors may appoint one director to our Audit Committee who (1) is not an Independent Director as defined in Nasdaq Marketplace Rule 5605(a)(2), (2) meets the criteria set forth in Section 10A(m)(3) under the Exchange Act, and (3) is not one of our current officers or employees or "family member," as defined in Nasdaq Marketplace Rule 5605(a)(2), of an officer or employee, if our Board of Directors, under exceptional and limited circumstances, determines that the appointment is in our best interests and the best interest of our shareholders, and our Board of Directors discloses, in our next annual report subsequent to the determination, the nature of the relationship and the reasons for that determination.

Our Board of Directors has determined that Nurit Benjamini (Chairman) qualifies as an audit committee financial expert as defined by rules of the SEC.

In November 2012, our Board of Directors adopted an audit committee charter that added to the responsibilities of our Audit Committee under the Companies Law, setting forth the responsibilities of the audit committee consistent with the rules of the SEC and the Marketplace Rules of the Nasdaq Stock Market, including the following:

- oversight of the company's independent registered public accounting firm and recommending the engagement, compensation or termination of engagement of the our independent registered public accounting firm to our Board of Directors in accordance with Israeli law;
- recommending the engagement or termination of the office of the our internal auditor; and
- reviewing and pre-approving the terms of audit and non-audit services provided by our independent auditors.

Our Audit Committee provides assistance to our Board of Directors in fulfilling its legal and fiduciary obligations in matters involving our accounting, auditing, financial reporting, internal control and legal compliance functions by pre-approving the services performed by our independent accountants and reviewing their reports regarding our accounting practices and systems of internal control over financial reporting. Our Audit Committee also oversees the audit efforts of our independent accountants and takes those actions as it deems necessary to satisfy itself that the accountants are independent of management. Pursuant to the Companies Law, the audit committee of a company shall be responsible for: (i) determining whether there are delinquencies in the business management practices of a company, including in consultation with an internal auditor or independent auditor, and making recommendations to the company's board of directors to improve such practices; (ii) determining whether to approve certain related party transactions (including compensation of office holders or transactions in which an office holder has a personal interest and whether such transaction is material or otherwise an extraordinary transaction); (iii) where the company's board of directors approves the working plan of the internal auditor, examining such working plan before its submission to the board and proposing amendments thereto; (iv) examining internal controls and the internal auditor's performance, including whether the internal auditor has sufficient resources and tools to dispose of his responsibilities (taking into consideration the special needs and size of a company); (v) examining the scope of the auditor's work and compensation and submitting its recommendation with respect thereto to the corporate body considering the appointment thereof (either the board or the general meeting of shareholders); and (vi) establishing procedures for the handling of employees' complaints as to the management of the business and the protection to be provided to such employees. Pursuant to Amendment 22, effective as of January 10, 2014, the responsibilities of the audit committee under the Companies Law also include the following matters: (i) the establishment of procedures to be followed in respect of related party transactions with a controlling shareholder (where such are not extraordinary transactions), which may include, where applicable, the establishment of a competitive process for such transaction, under the supervision of the audit committee, or individual, or other committee or body selected by the audit committee, in accordance with criteria determined by the audit committee; and (ii) to determine procedures for approving certain related party transactions with a controlling shareholder, which having been determined by the audit committee not to be extraordinary transactions, were also determined by the audit committee not to be negligible transactions. Under the Companies Law, the approval of the audit committee is required for specified actions and transactions with office holders and controlling shareholders. See "— Approval of Related Party Transactions under Israeli Law."

#### **Compensation Committee**

In December 2012, Amendment 20 to the Companies Law, or Amendment 20, went into effect. Amendment 20 requires, among other things, that the board of directors of Israeli publicly-traded companies appoint a compensation committee comprised of at least three members, including all of the external directors of a company, and one of the external directors must serve as chairman of the committee. Such compensation committee may not include:

- the chairman of the company's board of directors;
- a controlling shareholder or a relative of a controlling shareholder of the company (as each such term is defined in the Companies Law); or
- any director employed by the company, by a controlling shareholder of the company or by any other entity controlled by a controlling shareholder of the company, or any director who provides services to the company on a permanent basis, to a controlling shareholder of the company or to any other entity controlled by a controlling shareholder of the company on a regular basis (other than as a member of the board of directors), or any other director whose main source of income derives from a controlling shareholder of the company.

The term "controlling shareholder" is defined in the Companies Law as a shareholder with the ability to direct the activities of the company, other than by virtue of being an office holder. A shareholder is presumed to be a controlling shareholder if the shareholder holds 50% or more of the voting rights in a company or has the right to appoint the majority of the directors of the company or its general manager.

A majority of the total number of then-serving members of a compensation committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at the compensation committee meetings. The compensation committee of a publicly-traded company must consist of a majority of external directors.

Any person who is not eligible to serve on the compensation committee is further restricted from participating in its meetings and votes, unless the chairman of the compensation committee determines that such person's presence is necessary in order to present a certain matter, provided however, that company employees who are not controlling shareholders or relatives of such shareholders may be present in the meetings but not for the actual votes, and likewise, company counsel and secretary who are not controlling shareholders or relatives of such shareholders may be present in the meetings and for the decisions if such presence is requested by the compensation committee.

The responsibilities of the compensation committee include the following:

- to make recommendations to the board of directors as to a compensation policy for officers, as well as to recommend once every three years to extend the
  compensation policy, subject to receipt of the required corporate approvals;
- to make recommendations to the board of directors as to any updates to the compensation policy which may be required;
- to review the implementation of the compensation policy by the company;
- to approve transactions relating to terms of office and employment of certain company office holders, which require the approval of the compensation committee pursuant to the Companies Law;
- to exempt, under certain circumstances, a transaction relating to terms of office and employment from the requirement of approval of the shareholders meeting; and
- to administer our share incentive plan.

In November 2012, in order to comply with the requirements of Amendment 20, our Board of Directors established a Compensation Committee, comprised of Nurit Benjamini and Dr. Avraham Molcho, our two external directors, and Dr. Raphael Hofstein. Nurit Benjamini serves as the Chairperson of our Compensation Committee.

Under Amendment 20, a board of directors of an Israeli publicly-traded company, following the recommendation of the compensation committee, is required to establish a compensation policy, to be approved by the shareholders of the company, and pursuant to which the terms of office and compensation of the company's officer holders will be decided.

A company's compensation policy shall be determined based on, and take into account, certain parameters set forth in Section 267B(a) and Parts A and B of Annex 1A of the Companies Law, which were legislated as part of Amendment 20.

The board of directors of a company is obligated to adopt a compensation policy after considering the recommendations of the compensation committee. The final adoption of the compensation policy is subject to the approval of the shareholders of the company, which such approval is subject to certain special majority requirements, as set forth in Amendment 20, pursuant to which one of the following must be met:

- (i) the majority of the votes includes at least a majority of all the votes of shareholders who are not controlling shareholders of the company or who do not have a personal interest in the compensation policy and participating in the vote; abstentions shall not be included in the total of the votes of the aforesaid shareholders; or
- (ii) the total of opposing votes from among the shareholders described in subsection (i) above does not exceed 2% of all the voting rights in the company.

Nonetheless, even if the shareholders of the company do not approve the compensation policy, the board of directors of a company may approve the compensation policy, provided that the compensation committee and, thereafter, the board of directors resolved, based on detailed, documented, reasons and after a second review of the compensation policy, that the approval of the compensation policy is for the benefit of the company.

In December 2013, a general meeting of our shareholders approved the Compensation Policy which had been recommended by our Compensation Committee and approved by our Board of Directors. The Compensation Policy governs the terms of compensation for our directors and office holders, in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Law. Below is a summary discussion of the provisions of the Compensation Policy:

The Compensation Policy includes, among other issues prescribed by the Companies Law, a framework for establishing the terms of office and employment of our office holders, a recoupment policy, and guidelines with respect to the structure of the variable pay of our office holders.

Compensation is considered performance-based to the extent that a direct link is maintained between compensation and performance and that rewards are consistent with long-term stakeholder value creation.

At the company level, we analyze the overall compensation trends of the market in order to make informed decisions about our compensation approach. With specific reference to our office holders, we have used a benchmarking analysis based on an internally developed list of publicly traded companies that represent, as closely as possible, our peer group, and as further set out in the Compensation Policy.

According to the Compensation Policy, the fixed components of our office holder compensation will be examined at least every two years and compared to the market. Our Board of Directors may change the amount of the fixed components for one or more of our office holders after receiving a recommendation for such from our compensation committee. The change may be made if our Board of Directors concludes that such a change would promote our goals, operating plans and objectives and after taking into account the business and legal implications of the proposed change and its impact on our internal labor relations. Any such changes are subject to formal approval by the relevant parties. The fixed component of compensation remunerates the specific role covered and scope of responsibilities. It also reflects the experience and skills required for each position, as well as the level of excellence demonstrated and the overall quality of the office holder's contribution to our business. The weighting of fixed compensation within the overall package is designed to reduce the risk of excessively risk-oriented behavior, to discourage initiatives focused on short-term results which might jeopardize our mid and long-term business sustainability and value creation, and to allow us a flexible compensation approach. We offer our employees benefit plans based on common practice in the local labor market of the office holder.

As for the variable components of compensation, the types and amounts of such components will be determined with an aim at creating maximum matching between the Compensation Policy and our operating plan and objectives. Variable components of compensation will be primarily based on measurable long-term criteria. Nevertheless, we are allowed to base a non-material part of variable compensation on qualitative non-measurable criteria which focus on the office holder's contribution to the Company. Our variable compensation aims to remunerate for achievements by directly linking pay to performance outcomes in the short and long term. To strengthen the alignment of shareholder interests and the interests of management and employees, performance measurements reflect our actual results overall, as well as of the individual office holder. To support the aforementioned principles, we provide two types of variable compensation: Short-term - annual bonus; and Long-term - stock option plans.

Annual bonuses will be based on achievement of the business goals set out in our annual operating plan approved by the board of directors at the beginning of each year. The operating plan encompasses all aspects of our activities and as such sets the business targets for each member of the management team. Consequently, our compensation committee and board should be able to judge the suitability of a bonus payment by deliberating retrospectively at year end and comparing actual performance and target achievements against the forecasted operating plan. The annual bonus mechanism will be directly tied to meeting objectives - both our business objectives and the office holder's personal objectives. The board's satisfaction with the officer's performance will also affect the bonus amount. Annual bonus payments are subject to the limitations set out in the Compensation Policy and also subject to the discretion of our compensation committee and approval by the board of directors. In order to maintain some measure of flexibility, after calculating the compensation amount, the board of directors may exercise discretion about the final amount of the bonus.

Equity-based compensation may be granted in any form permitted under our share incentive plan in effect from time to time and shall be made in accordance with the terms of such share incentive plan. Equity-based compensation to office holders shall be granted from time to time and be individually determined and awarded according to the performance, educational background, prior business experience, qualifications, role and the personal responsibilities of each officer. The vesting period will generally be four years, with the vesting schedule to be determined in accordance with market compensation trends. Our policy is to grant equity-based compensation with exercise prices at market value. Furthermore, in order to create a ceiling for the variable compensation: (1) the aggregate value of annual grants to any one office holder (based on the Black Scholes calculation on the date of grant) will be no more than the higher of 2% of our market capitalization at the end of the measurement period or \$1.5 million; and (2) it is our intention that the maximum outstanding equity awards under its share incentive plan will not exceed 12% of our total fully-diluted share capital. Our board of directors may, following approval by our compensation committee, make provisions with respect to the acceleration of the vesting period of any office holder's awards, including, without limitation, in connection with a corporate transaction involving a change of control.

We will also establish a defined ratio between the variable and the fixed components of compensation, as well as a maximum amount for all variable components as of the date on which they are paid (or as of the grant date for non-cash variable equity components), and subject to the limitations on variable compensation components which are set out in the Compensation Policy.

We will also establish guidelines under which an office holder will refund to us part of the compensation received, if it was paid based on information that was retroactively restated in our financial reports. Office holders shall be required to make restitution for any payments made based on our operating performance, if such payments were based on false or restated financial statements prepared at any time during the three years preceding discovery of the error.

All compensation arrangements of office holders are to be approved in the manner prescribed by applicable law. Our Compensation Committee will review the Compensation Policy on an annual basis, and monitor its implementation, and recommend to our Board of Directors and shareholders to amend the Policy as it deems necessary from time to time. The term of the Compensation Policy shall be three years as of the date of its adoption on December 19, 2013. Following such three year term, the Compensation Policy, including any revisions recommended by our Compensation Committee and approved by our Board of Directors, as applicable, will be brought once again to the shareholders for approval.

#### **Nominating Committee**

Our Board of Directors does not currently have a nominating committee, having availed BioLineRx of the exemption available to foreign private issuers under the Marketplace Rules of the Nasdaq Stock Market. See "Item 16G. Corporate Governance."

### **Financial Statement Review Committee**

Our Board of Directors appointed a Financial Statement Review Committee, which consists of members with accounting and financial expertise or the ability to read and understand financial statements. According to a resolution of our Board of Directors, the Audit Committee has been assigned the responsibilities and duties of a financial statement review committee, as permitted under relevant regulations promulgated under the Companies Law. From time to time as necessary and required to approve our financial statements, the Audit Committee holds separate meetings, prior to the scheduled meetings of the entire Board of Directors regarding financial statement approval. The function of a financial statement review committee is to discuss and provide recommendations to its board of directors (including the report of any deficiency found) with respect to the following issues: (1) estimations and assessments made in connection with the preparation of financial statements; (2) internal controls related to the financial statements; (3) completeness and propriety of the disclosure in the financial statements; (4) the accounting policies adopted and the accounting treatments implemented in material matters of the company; (5) value evaluations, including the assumptions and assessments on which evaluations are based and the supporting data in the financial statements. Our independent auditors and our internal auditor are invited to attend all meetings of the Audit Committee when it is acting in the role of the Financial Statement Review Committee or at which matters concerning the financial statements are discussed. Our internal auditoris invited to attend all meetings of our Audit Committee.

#### **Investment Monitoring Committee**

Our Board of Directors has established an Investment Monitoring Committee consisting of four members: Directors Michael Anghel and Nurit Benjamini; Philip Serlin, our Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer; and Raziel Fried, our Budget Control Manager and Treasurer. The function of the Investment Monitoring Committee includes providing recommendations to our Board of Directors regarding investment guidelines and performing an on-going review of the fulfillment of established investment guidelines. The Investment Monitoring Committee convenes for a meeting in accordance with our needs, but in any event at least twice per year. The Investment Monitoring Committee reports to our Board of Directors on a semi-annual basis

#### Internal Auditor

Under the Companies Law, the board of directors of an Israeli public company must appoint an internal auditor recommended by the audit committee and nominated by the board of directors. An internal auditor may not be:

- a person (or a relative of a person) who holds more than 5% of the company's shares;
- a person (or a relative of a person) who has the power to appoint a director or the general manager of the company;
- an executive officer or director of the company; or
- a member of the company's independent accounting firm.

The role of the internal auditor is to examine, among other things, our compliance with applicable law and orderly business procedures. Our internal auditor is Linur Dloomy, CPA (Israel) a partner of Brightman Almagor Zohar & Co. (a member firm of Deloitte).

## Approval of Related Party Transactions under Israeli Law

#### Fiduciary duties of office holders

The Companies Law imposes a duty of care and a duty of loyalty on all office holders of a company. The duty of care of an office holder is based on the duty of care set forth in connection with the tort of negligence under the Israeli Torts Ordinance (New Version) 5728-1968. This duty of care requires an office holder to act with the degree of proficiency with which a reasonable office holder in the same position would have acted under the same circumstances. The duty of care includes a duty to use reasonable means, in light of the circumstances, to obtain:

- information on the advisability of a given action brought for his or her approval or performed by virtue of his or her position; and
- all other important information pertaining to these actions.

The duty of loyalty requires an office holder to act in good faith and for the benefit of the company, and includes the duty to:

- refrain from any act involving a conflict of interest between the performance of his or her duties in the company and his or her other duties or personal
  affairs:
- refrain from any activity that is competitive with the business of the company;
- refrain from exploiting any business opportunity of the company for the purpose of gaining a personal advantage for himself or herself or others; and
- disclose to the company any information or documents relating to the company's affairs which the office holder received as a result of his or her position as an office holder.

We may approve an act performed in breach of the duty of loyalty of an office holder provided that the office holder acted in good faith, the act or its approval does not harm the company, and the office holder discloses his or her personal interest, as described below.

# Disclosure of personal interests of an office holder and approval of acts and transactions

The Companies Law requires that an office holder promptly disclose to the company any personal interest that he or she may have and all related material information or documents relating to any existing or proposed transaction by the company. An interested office holder's disclosure must be made promptly and in any event no later than the first meeting of the board of directors at which the transaction is considered. An office holder is not obliged to disclose such information if the personal interest of the office holder derives solely from the personal interest of his or her relative in a transaction that is not considered as an extraordinary transaction.

The term personal interest is defined under the Companies Law to include the personal interest of a person in an action or in the business of a company, including the personal interest of such person's relative or the interest of any corporation in which the person is an interested party, but excluding a personal interest stemming solely from the fact of holding shares in the company. A personal interest furthermore includes the personal interest of a person for whom the office holder holds a voting proxy or the interest of the office holder with respect to his or her vote on behalf of the shareholder for whom he or she holds a proxy even if such shareholder itself has no personal interest in the approval of the matter. An office holder is not, however, obliged to disclose a personal interest if it derives solely from the personal interest of his or her relative in a transaction that is not considered an extraordinary transaction.

Under the Companies Law, an extraordinary transaction which requires approval is defined as any of the following:

- a transaction other than in the ordinary course of business;
- a transaction that is not on market terms; or
- a transaction that may have a material impact on the company's profitability, assets or liabilities.

Under the Companies Law, once an office holder has complied with the disclosure requirement described above, a company may approve a transaction between the company and the office holder or a third party in which the office holder has a personal interest, or approve an action by the office holder that would otherwise be deemed a breach of duty of loyalty. However, a company may not approve a transaction or action that is adverse to the company's interest or that is not performed by the office holder in good faith.

Under the Companies Law, unless the articles of association of a company provide otherwise, a transaction with an office holder, a transaction with a third party in which the office holder has a personal interest, and an action of an office holder that would otherwise be deemed a breach of duty of loyalty requires approval by the board of directors. Our Articles of Association do not provide otherwise. If the transaction or action considered is (i) an extraordinary transaction or (ii) an action of an office holder that would otherwise be deemed a breach of duty of loyalty and may have a material impact on a company's profitability, assets or liabilities, then audit committee approval is required prior to approval by the board of directors.

Under Amendment 20, a transaction with an office holder in a public company regarding his or her terms of office and employment should be determined in accordance with the company's compensation policy. Nonetheless, provisions were established that allow a company, under special circumstances, to approve terms of office and employment that are not in line with the approved compensation policy. Accordingly, pursuant to Amendment 20, the approval requirements for the compensation and/or terms of office of a specific office holder may require the approval of each of the compensation committee, board of directors and the shareholders, in that order. As such, under Amendment 20, the following approvals are required for the following transactions:

A transaction with an office holder in a public company that is neither a director nor the Chief Executive Officer regarding his or her terms of office and employment requires approval by the (i) compensation committee; and (ii) the board of directors. Approval of terms of office and employment for such officers which do not comply with the compensation policy may nonetheless be approved subject to two cumulative conditions: (i) the compensation committee and thereafter the board of directors, approved the terms after having taken into account the various considerations and mandatory requirements set forth in Amendment 20 with respect to office holder compensation, and (ii) the shareholders of the company have approved the terms by means of the following special majority requirements (the "Special Majority Requirements"), as set forth in Amendment 20, pursuant to which the shareholder approval must either include at least one-half of the shares held by non-controlling and disinterested shareholders who actively participate in the voting process (without taking abstaining votes into account), or, alternatively, the total shareholdings of the non-controlling and disinterested shareholders who vote against the transaction must not represent more than two percent of the voting rights in the company.

A transaction with the chief executive officer in a public company regarding his or her terms of office and employment requires approval by the (i) compensation committee; (ii) the board of directors and (iii) the shareholders of the company by the Special Majority Requirements. Approval of terms of office and employment for the chief executive officer which do not comply with the compensation policy may nonetheless be approved subject to two cumulative conditions: (i) the compensation committee and thereafter the board of directors, approved the terms after having taken into account the various considerations and mandatory requirements set forth in Amendment 20 with respect to office holder compensation, and (ii) the shareholders of the company have approved the terms by means of the Special Majority Requirements, as detailed above.

A transaction with an office holder in a public company (including the CEO) that is not a director regarding his or her terms of office and employment may be approved despite shareholder rejection, provided that a company's compensation committee and thereafter the board of directors have determined to approve the proposal, based on detailed reasoning, after having re-examined the terms of office and employment, and taken the shareholder rejection into consideration. In addition, the compensation committee may exempt the transaction regarding terms of office and employment with a CEO who has no relationship with the controlling shareholder or the company from shareholder approval if it has found, based on detailed reasons, that bringing the transaction to the approval of the shareholders meeting shall prevent the employment of such candidate by the company. Such approval may be given only in respect of terms of office and employment which are in accordance with the company's compensation policy.

A transaction with a director in a public company regarding his or her terms of office and employment requires approval by the (i) compensation committee; (ii) the board of directors and (iii) the shareholders of the company. Approval of terms of office and employment for directors of a company which do not comply with the compensation policy may nonetheless be approved subject to two cumulative conditions: (i) the compensation committee and thereafter the board of directors, approved the terms after having taken into account the various considerations and mandatory requirements set forth in Amendment 20 with respect to office holder compensation, and (ii) the shareholders of the company have approved the terms by means of the Special Majority Requirements, as detailed above.

A director who has a personal interest in a matter that is considered at a meeting of the board of directors or the audit committee may generally not be present at the meeting or vote on the matter unless a majority of the directors or members of the audit committee have a personal interest in the matter, or, unless the chairman of the audit committee or board of directors (as applicable) determines that he or she should be present to present the transaction that is subject to approval. If a majority of the directors have a personal interest in the matter, such matter also requires approval of the shareholders of the company.

# Disclosure of personal interests of a controlling shareholder and approval of transactions

Under the Companies Law, the disclosure requirements that apply to an office holder also apply to a controlling shareholder of a public company. See "— Audit Committee" for the general definition of controlling shareholder under the Companies Law. The definition of "controlling shareholder" in connection with matters governing: (i) extraordinary transactions with a controlling shareholder or in which a controlling shareholder has a personal interest, (ii) certain private placements in which the controlling shareholder has a personal interest, (iii) certain transactions with a controlling shareholder or relative with respect to services provided to or employment by the company, (iv) the terms of employment and compensation of the general manager, and (v) the terms of employment and compensation of office holders of the company when such terms deviate from the compensation policy previously approved by the company's shareholders, also includes shareholders that hold 25% or more of the voting rights if no other shareholder owns more than 50% of the voting rights in the company (and the holdings of two or more shareholders which each have a personal interest in such matter will be aggregated for the purposes of determining such threshold).

Under Amendment 20, extraordinary transactions with a controlling shareholder or in which a controlling shareholder has a personal interest, including a private placement in which a controlling shareholder has a personal interest, as well as transactions for the provision of services whether directly or indirectly by a controlling shareholder or his or her relative, or a company such controlling shareholder controls, require the approval of the audit committee, the board of directors and the shareholders, in that order. Extraordinary Transactions concerning the terms of engagement of a controlling shareholder or a controlling shareholder's relative, whether as an office holder or an employee, require the approval of the compensation committee, the board of directors and the shareholders, in that order. In addition, the approval of such extraordinary transactions by the shareholders require at least a majority of the shares voted by the shareholders of the company participating and voting in a shareholders' meeting, provided that one of the following requirements is fulfilled:

- at least a majority of the shares held by shareholders who have no personal interest in the transaction and are voting at the meeting must be voted in favor of approving the transaction, excluding abstentions; or
- the shares voted by shareholders who have no personal interest in the transaction who vote against the transaction represent no more than 2% of the voting rights in the company.

If such extraordinary transaction concerns the terms of office and employment of such controlling shareholder, in his capacity as an office holder or an employee of the company, such terms of office and employment approved by the compensation committee and board of directors shall be in accordance with the compensation policy of the company. Nonetheless, the compensation committee and the board of directors may approve terms of office and compensation of a controlling shareholder and which do not comply with the company's compensation policy, provided that the compensation committee and, thereafter, the board of directors approve such terms, based on, among other things, the considerations listed under Section 267B(a) and Parts A and B of Annex 1A of the Companies Law, as those are described above. Following such approval by the compensation committee and board of directors, shareholder approval would be required.

To the extent that any such transaction with a controlling shareholder is for a period extending beyond three years, approval, in the same manner described above, is required once every three years, unless, with respect to extraordinary transactions with a controlling shareholder or in which a controlling shareholder has a personal interest, the audit committee determines that the duration of the transaction is reasonable given the circumstances related thereto.

#### **Duties of shareholders**

Under the Companies Law, a shareholder has a duty to refrain from abusing its power in the company and to act in good faith and in an acceptable manner in exercising its rights and performing its obligations to the company and other shareholders, including, among other things, voting at general meetings of shareholders on the following matters:

- an amendment to the articles of association;
- an increase in the company's authorized share capital;
- a merger; and
- the approval of related party transactions and acts of office holders that require shareholder approval.

A shareholder also has a general duty to refrain from discriminating against other shareholders.

The remedies generally available upon a breach of contract will also apply to a breach of the above mentioned duties, and in the event of discrimination against other shareholders, additional remedies are available to the injured shareholder.

In addition, any controlling shareholder, any shareholder that knows that its vote can determine the outcome of a shareholder vote and any shareholder that, under a company's articles of association, has the power to appoint or prevent the appointment of an office holder, or has another power with respect to a company, is under a duty to act with fairness towards the company. The Companies Law does not describe the substance of this duty except to state that the remedies generally available upon a breach of contract will also apply in the event of a breach of the duty to act with fairness, taking the shareholder's position in the company into account.

### Exculpation, insurance and indemnification of office holders

Under the Companies Law, a company may not exculpate an office holder from liability for a breach of the duty of loyalty. An Israeli company may exculpate an office holder in advance from liability to the company, in whole or in part, for damages caused to the company as a result of a breach of duty of care but only if a provision authorizing such exculpation is included in its articles of association. Our Articles of Association include such a provision. An Israeli company may not exculpate a director from liability arising out of a prohibited dividend or distribution to shareholders.

An Israeli company may indemnify an office holder in respect of the following liabilities and expenses incurred for acts performed as an office holder, either in advance of an event or following an event, provided a provision authorizing such indemnification is contained in its articles of association:

- financial liability imposed on him or her in favor of another person pursuant to a judgment, settlement or arbitrator's award approved by a court. However, if an undertaking to indemnify an office holder with respect to such liability is provided in advance, then such an undertaking must be limited to events which, in the opinion of the board of directors, can be foreseen based on the company's activities when the undertaking to indemnify is given, and to an amount or according to criteria determined by the board of directors as reasonable under the circumstances, and such undertaking shall detail the abovementioned events and amount or criteria;
- reasonable litigation expenses, including attorneys' fees, incurred by the office holder as a result of an investigation or proceeding instituted against him or her by an authority authorized to conduct such investigation or proceeding, provided that (1) no indictment was filed against such office holder as a result of such investigation or proceeding; and (2) no financial liability, such as a criminal penalty, was imposed upon him or her as a substitute for the criminal proceeding as a result of such investigation or proceeding or, if such financial liability was imposed, it was imposed with respect to an offense that does not require proof of criminal intent; and
- reasonable litigation expenses, including attorneys' fees, incurred by the office holder or imposed by a court in proceedings instituted against him or her by
  the company, on its behalf or by a third party or in connection with criminal proceedings in which the office holder was acquitted or as a result of a
  conviction for an offense that does not require proof of criminal intent.

An Israeli company may insure an office holder against the following liabilities incurred for acts performed as an office holder if and to the extent provided in the company's articles of association:

- a breach of duty of loyalty to the company, to the extent that the office holder acted in good faith and had a reasonable basis to believe that the act would not prejudice the company;
- a breach of duty of care to the company or to a third party, including a breach arising out of the negligent conduct of the office holder; and
- a financial liability imposed on the office holder in favor of a third party.

An Israeli company may not indemnify or insure an office holder against any of the following:

- a breach of duty of loyalty, except to the extent that the office holder acted in good faith and had a reasonable basis to believe that the act would not prejudice the company;
- a breach of duty of care committed intentionally or recklessly, excluding a breach arising out of the negligent conduct of the office holder;
- an act or omission committed with intent to derive illegal personal benefit; or
- a fine or forfeit levied against the office holder.

Under the Companies Law, exculpation, indemnification and insurance of office holders must be approved by the audit committee and the board of directors and, with respect to directors, by shareholders.

A recent amendment to the Israeli Securities Law, 5728-1968 (the "Israeli Securities Law"), and a corresponding amendment to the Companies Law, authorizes the Israeli Securities Authority to impose administrative sanctions against companies like ours, and their office holders for certain violations of the Israeli Securities Law or the Companies Law. These sanctions include monetary sanctions and certain restrictions on serving as a director or senior officer of a public company for certain periods of time. The amendments to the Israeli Securities Law and to the Companies Law provide that only certain types of such liabilities may be reimbursed by indemnification and insurance. Specifically, legal expenses (including attorneys' fees) incurred by an individual in the applicable administrative enforcement proceeding and certain compensation payable to injured parties for damages suffered by them are permitted to be reimbursed via indemnification or insurance, provided that such indemnification and insurance are authorized by the company's articles of association, and receive the requisite corporate approvals.

Our Articles of Association allow us to indemnify and insure our office holders for any liability imposed on them as a consequence of an act (including any omission) which was performed by virtue of being an office holder. In November 2011, our shareholders approved (i) the amendment of our Articles of Association to authorize indemnification and insurance in connection with administrative enforcement proceedings, including without limitation, the specific amendments to the Israeli Securities Law and the Companies Law described above; and (ii) a new form of indemnification letter for our directors and officers so as to reflect the amendment to our Articles of Association, which new form of letter was also approved in October 2011 by our audit committee and board of directors, and in November 2011 by our shareholders. The terms of such agreements are consistent with the provisions of the Compensation Policy which was approved by our shareholders in December 2013.

Our office holders are currently covered by a directors and officers' liability insurance policy. The terms of such directors and officers insurance are consistent with the provisions of the Compensation Policy which was approved by our shareholders in December 2013. As of the date of this Annual Report on Form 20-F, no claims for directors and officers' liability insurance have been filed under this policy and we are not aware of any pending or threatened litigation or proceeding involving any of our directors or officers in which indemnification is sought. Pursuant to the approval of our shareholders which was obtained in August 2011, we carry directors' and officers' insurance covering each of our directors and executive officers for acts and omissions. See also "Certain Transactions and Related Party Transactions — Indemnification Agreements."

There is no pending litigation or proceeding against any of our directors or officers as to which indemnification is being sought, nor are we aware of any pending or threatened litigation that may result in claims for indemnification by any director or officer.

For significant ways in which our corporate governance practices differ from those required by the Marketplace Rules of the Nasdaq Stock Market, see "Item 16G. Corporate Governance."

### D. Employees

As of December 31, 2013, we had 43 employees, all of whom are employed in Israel. Of our employees, 16 hold M.D. or Ph.D. degrees.

	December 31,		
	2011 2012 20		2013
Management and administration	12	13	13
Research and development	37	37	27
Sales and marketing	3	2	3

While none of our employees are party to any collective bargaining agreements, in Israel we are subject to certain labor statutes and national labor court precedent rulings, as well as to certain provisions of the collective bargaining agreements between the Histadrut (General Federation of Labor in Israel) and the Coordination Bureau of Economic Organizations (including the Industrialists' Associations) are applicable to our employees by virtue of expansion orders issued in accordance with relevant labor laws by the Israel Ministry of Labor and Welfare, and which apply such agreement provisions to our employees even though they are not directly part of a union that has signed a collective bargaining agreement. The laws and labor court rulings that apply to our employees principally concern the minimum wage laws, procedures for dismissing employees, determination of severance pay, leaves of absence (such as annual vacation or maternity leave), sick pay and other conditions for employment. The expansion orders which apply to our employees principally concern the requirement for length of the work day and work week, mandatory contributions to a pension fund, annual recreation allowance, travel expenses payment and other conditions of employment. We generally provide our employees with benefits and working conditions beyond the required minimums.

We have never experienced any employment-related work stoppages and believe our relationship with our employees is good.

# E. Beneficial Ownership of Executive Officers and Directors

The following table sets forth information regarding the beneficial ownership of our outstanding ordinary shares as of March 14, 2014 of each of our directors and executive officers individually and as a group.

Number of Shares Beneficially Held	
Directors	
Directors	
Aharon Schwartz <sup>(1)</sup>	* *
Michael J. Anghel <sup>(2)</sup>	*
Nurit Benjamini <sup>(3)</sup> 87,50	* 00
B.J. Bormann <sup>(4)</sup>	* 00
Raphael Hofstein <sup>(5)</sup>	* 00
Avraham Molcho <sup>(6)</sup> 87,50	* 00
Sandra Panem	_
Executive officers	
Kinneret Savitsky <sup>(7)</sup> 1,547,20	)2 *
Philip Serlin <sup>(8)</sup> 415,63	50 *
Leah Klapper <sup>(9)</sup> 406,70	69 *
David Malek <sup>(10)</sup>	* 00
Arnon Aharon <sup>(11)</sup>	- *
All directors and executive officers as a group (12 persons) <sup>(12)</sup> 2,957,12	21 1.2%

<sup>\*</sup> Less than 1.0%.

- (1) Includes 25,000 ordinary shares issuable upon exercise of outstanding options within 60 days of March 14, 2014. Does not include 125,000 ordinary shares issuable upon exercise of outstanding options that are not exercisable within 60 days of March 14, 2014.
- (2) Includes 25,000 ordinary shares issuable upon exercise of outstanding options within 60 days of March 14, 2014. Does not include 125,000 ordinary shares issuable upon exercise of outstanding options that are not exercisable within 60 days of March 14, 2014.
- (3) Includes 87,500 ordinary shares issuable upon exercise of outstanding options within 60 days of March 14, 2014. Does not include 112,500 ordinary shares issuable upon exercise of outstanding options that are not exercisable within 60 days of March 14, 2014.
- (4) Includes 12,500 ordinary shares issuable upon exercise of outstanding options within 60 days of March 14, 2014. Does not include 137,500 ordinary shares issuable upon exercise of outstanding options that are not exercisable within 60 days of March 14, 2014.
- (5) Includes 225,000 ordinary shares issuable upon exercise of outstanding options within 60 days of March 14, 2014. Does not include 125,000 ordinary shares issuable upon exercise of outstanding options that are not exercisable within 60 days of March 14, 2014.
- (6) Includes 87,500 ordinary shares issuable upon exercise of outstanding options within 60 days of March 14, 2014. Does not include 112,500 ordinary shares issuable upon exercise of outstanding options that are not exercisable within 60 days of March 14, 2014.

- (7) Includes 631,170 ordinary shares issuable upon exercise of outstanding options within 60 days of March 14, 2014. Does not include 1,925,000 ordinary shares issuable upon exercise of outstanding options that are not exercisable within 60 days of March 14, 2014.
- (8) Includes 415,650 ordinary shares issuable upon exercise of outstanding options within 60 days of March 14, 2014. Does not include 1,138,550 ordinary shares issuable upon exercise of outstanding options that are not exercisable within 60 days of March 14, 2014.
- (9) Includes 215,495 ordinary shares issuable upon exercise of outstanding options within 60 days of March 14, 2014. Does not include 985,990 ordinary shares issuable upon exercise of outstanding options that are not exercisable within 60 days of March 14, 2014.
- (10) Includes 125,000 ordinary shares issuable upon exercise of outstanding options within 60 days of March 14, 2014. Does not include 885,000 ordinary shares issuable upon exercise of outstanding options that are not exercisable within 60 days of March 14, 2014.
- (11) Does not include 300,000 ordinary shares issuable upon exercise of outstanding options that are not exercisable within 60 days of March 14, 2014.
- (12) Includes 1,849,815 ordinary shares issuable upon exercise of outstanding options within 60 days of March 14, 2014. Does not include 5,972,040 ordinary shares issuable upon exercise of outstanding options that are not exercisable within 60 days of March 14, 2014.

# **Stock Option Plans**

### 2003 Share Option Plan

In 2003, we adopted the BioLineRx Ltd. 2003 Share Incentive Plan, or the Plan. The Plan provides for the granting of options and ordinary shares to our directors, employees, consultants and service providers of our subsidiaries and affiliates. The Plan provides for options to be issued at the determination of our Board of Directors in accordance with applicable law. As of December 31, 2013, there were 18,892,594 ordinary shares issuable upon the exercise of outstanding options under the Plan.

In November 2011, our Board of Directors approved the re-pricing of approximately 3,700,000 outstanding "underwater" employee stock options (out of a total of approximately 6,200,000 stock options outstanding). The weighted average remaining vesting period of the options subject to re-pricing was 1.1 years, with a weighted average exercise price of NIS 4.07 per share. The terms of the re-pricing were as follows: (i) the exercise price of the options was reduced to NIS 1.80 per share and (ii) one additional year of vesting was added to the remaining vesting period of the options. The re-pricing was not applicable to options which were already vested, and it did not apply to options held by Directors or consultants. With respect to each eligible optionee, the re-pricing terms applied only if the eligible optionee consented to the new terms. Without such consent, the terms remained unchanged (in respect of that optionee).

In November 2012, our Board of Directors approved a two-year extension to the exercise period for 3,867,910 previously issued and outstanding employee stock options. This extension brought the total exercise period of such options in line with the seven-year exercise period generally used for most employee stock options that were previously granted.

In August 2013, our Board of Directors approved amendments to the Plan to take into account changes in laws and regulations that had occurred since its adoption and to extend the term of the plan until November 2023.

## Administration of Our Share Incentive Plan

Our Plan is administered by our Compensation Committee, which makes recommendations to our Board of Directors regarding the granting of options and the terms of option grants, including exercise price, method of payment, vesting schedule, acceleration of vesting and the other matters necessary in the administration of these plans. Options granted under the Plan to eligible employees and office holders are granted under Section 102 of the Israel Income Tax Ordinance pursuant to which the options or the ordinary shares issued upon their exercise must be allocated or issued to a trustee and be held in trust for two years from the date upon which such options were granted, provided that options granted prior to January 1, 2006, or the ordinary shares issued upon their exercise, are subject to being held in trust for two years from the end of the year in which the options are granted. Under Section 102, any tax payable by an employee from the grant or exercise of the options is deferred until the transfer of the options or ordinary shares by the trustee to the employee or upon the sale of the options or ordinary shares, and gains may qualify to be taxed as capital gains at a rate equal to 25%, subject to compliance with specified conditions.

Options granted under the Plan generally vest over four years, and they expire between seven to 10 years from the grant date. If we terminate an employee for cause, all of the employee's vested and unvested options expire immediately from the time of delivery of the notice of discharge, unless determined otherwise by the Audit Committee or the Board of Directors. Upon termination of employment for any other reason, including due to death or disability of the employee, vested options may be exercised within three months of the termination date, unless otherwise determined by the Audit Committee or the Board of Directors. Vested options which are not exercised and unvested options return to the pool of reserved ordinary shares under the Plan for reissuance.

In the event of a merger, consolidation, reorganization or similar transaction or our voluntary liquidation or dissolution, all of our unexercised vested options and any unvested options will be automatically terminated. However, in the event of a change of control, or merger, consolidation, reorganization or similar transaction resulting in the acquisition of at least 50% of our voting power, or the sale of all or substantially all of our assets, each option holder will be entitled to purchase the number of shares of the other corporation the option holder would have received if he or she had exercised the options immediately prior to such transaction or may sell or exchange their shares received pursuant to the exercise of an option.

# ITEM 7. MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

#### A. Major Shareholders

The following table sets forth certain information regarding the beneficial ownership of our outstanding ordinary shares as of March 14, 2014, by each person who we know beneficially owns 5.0% or more of the outstanding ordinary shares. Each of our shareholders has identical voting rights with respect to its shares. All of the information with respect to beneficial ownership of the ordinary shares is given to the best of our knowledge.

The beneficial ownership of ordinary shares is based on the 338,812,199 ordinary shares outstanding as of March 14, 2014 and is determined in accordance with the rules of the SEC and generally includes any ordinary shares over which a person exercises sole or shared voting or investment power. For purposes of the table below, we deem shares subject to options or warrants that are currently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days of March 14, 2014, to be outstanding and to be beneficially owned by the person holding the options or warrants for the purposes of computing the percentage ownership of that person but we do not treat them as outstanding for the purpose of computing the percentage ownership of any other person. Except where otherwise indicated, we believe, based on information furnished to us by such owners, that the beneficial owners of the ordinary shares listed below have sole investment and voting power with respect to such ordinary shares. To our knowledge, none of our shareholders of record are U.S. holders. Our principal shareholders do not have different or special voting rights.

	Number of Shares Beneficially Held	Percent of Class
Pan Atlantic Bank and Trust Limited <sup>(1)</sup>	34,803,965	10.1
OrbiMed Israel Partners Limited Partnership <sup>(2)</sup>	27,350,000	8.0
Sabby Healthcare Volatility Master Fund, Ltd. (3)	17,000,000	5.0

- (1) Includes 7,000,000 ordinary shares issuable upon exercise of outstanding warrants within 60 days of March 14, 2014. Based upon information provided by the shareholder in its Schedule 13D/A filed with the SEC on March 10, 2014. Pan Atlantic Bank and Trust Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of FCMI Financial Corporation (FCMI). All of the outstanding shares of FCMI are owned by Albert D. Friedberg, members of his family and trusts for the benefit of members of his family. Mr. Friedberg retains possession of the voting and dispositive power over the FCMI shares held by members of the Friedberg family and trusts for the benefit of members of his family and, as a result, controls and may be deemed the beneficial owner of 100% of the outstanding shares of and sole controlling person of FCMI. By virtue of his control of FCMI, Mr. Friedberg may be deemed to possess voting and dispositive power over the shares owned directly by its wholly-owned subsidiary, Pan Atlantic Bank and Trust Limited. The principal executive offices of Pan Atlantic Bank and Trust Limited are at "Whitepark House," 1st Floor, Whitepark Road, St. Michael BB11135, Barbados, West Indies.
- (2) Includes 16,000,000 ordinary shares issuable upon exercise of outstanding options within 60 days of March 14, 2014. Based upon information provided by the shareholder in its Schedule 13G/A filed with the SEC on February13, 2014. OrbiMed Israel GP Ltd. ("OrbiMed Israel") is the general partner of OrbiMed Israel BioFund GP Limited Partnership ("OrbiMed BioFund"), which is the general partner of the shareholder, OrbiMed Israel Partners Limited Partnership, an Israel limited partnership ("OrbiMed Partners"). OrbiMed Israel, as the general partner of OrbiMed BioFund, and OrbiMed BioFund, as the general partner of OrbiMed Partners, may be deemed to share voting and investment power with respect to the ordinary shares underlying the securities held by OrbiMed Partners.
- (3) (i) Sabby Healthcare Volatility Master Fund, Ltd. beneficially owns 1,700,000 of our ADSs, representing approximately 5.02% of the ADSs, and (ii) Sabby Management, LLC and Hal Mintz each beneficially own 1,700,000 ADSs, representing approximately 5.02% of the ADS. Sabby Management, LLC and Hal Mintz do not directly own any ADSs, but each indirectly owns 1,700,000 ADS. Sabby Management, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, indirectly owns 1,700,000 ADSs because it serves as the investment manager of Sabby Healthcare Volatility Master Fund, Ltd. Mr. Mintz indirectly owns 1,700,000 ADSs in his capacity as manager of Sabby Management, LLC.

## **B. Related Party Transactions**

# Early Development Program Agreement

We entered into an agreement with Pan Atlantic pursuant to which Pan Atlantic committed to provide up to \$5.0 million of funding for us to in-license and develop early development stage therapeutic candidates. Pursuant to this early development program, we were entitled to request from Pan Atlantic twice a year up to \$625,000 for an aggregate of up to approximately \$1.25 million per year, unless otherwise agreed by Pan Atlantic, for our early development research projects, provided that we match the program funds at a rate of \$0.20 per every dollar invested by Pan Atlantic. Pan Atlantic fulfilled its entire \$5,000,000 funding obligation under this program during 2012. As part of the agreement, Pan Atlantic had the right to invest up to \$5.0 million in our first public offering outside of Israel, which right it exercised by participating in the public offering we carried out in March 2014. The full \$6,000,000 of funds earmarked for the EDP program were completely utilized as of December 31, 2013. Pan Atlantic does not have any rights to any products developed through the EDP program.

### **Agreements with Directors and Officers**

## **Employment Agreements**

We have entered into employment agreements with each of our executive officers. See "Item 6. Directors, Senior Management and Employees — Compensation of Directors and Senior Management."

## **Indemnification Agreements**

Our Articles of Association and Executive Compensation Policy approved by our shareholders permit us to exculpate, indemnify and insure our directors and officeholders to the fullest extent permitted by the Companies Law. We have entered into agreements with each of our office holders undertaking to indemnify them to the fullest extent permitted by law, including with respect to liabilities resulting from this offering to the extent that these liabilities are not covered by insurance. We have obtained directors and officers' insurance for each of our officers and directors. See "Item 6. Directors, Senior Management and Employees — Board Practices — Exculpation, insurance and indemnification of office holders."

# C. Interests of Experts and Counsel

Not applicable.

### ITEM 8. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### A. Consolidated Statements and other Financial Information

See Item 18.

# **Legal Proceedings**

We are not involved in any material legal proceedings.

### **Dividend Distributions**

We have never declared or paid cash dividends to our shareholders. Currently we do not intend to pay cash dividends. We currently intend to reinvest any future earnings in developing and expanding our business. Any future determination relating to our dividend policy will be at the discretion of our Board of Directors and will depend on a number of factors, including future earnings, our financial condition, operating results, contractual restrictions, capital requirements, business prospects, applicable Israeli law and other factors our Board of Directors may deem relevant.

# **B. Significant Changes**

None.

# ITEM 9. THE OFFER AND LISTING

### A. Offer and Listing Details

# **Price Range of our Ordinary Shares**

Our ordinary shares have been trading on the TASE under the symbol "BLRX" since February 2007.

The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, the reported high and low closing sale prices of our ordinary shares on the TASE in NIS and U.S. dollars. U.S. dollar per ordinary share amounts are calculated using the U.S. dollar representative rate of exchange on the date to which the high or low market price is applicable, as reported by the Bank of Israel.

	NIS	NIS Price Per Ordinary Share		U.S.\$	
				er Share	
	High	Low	High	Low	
Annual:					
2013	1.79	0.59	0.49	0.16	
2012	2.12	0.89	0.56	0.23	
2011	3.24	1.13	0.91	0.30	
2010	4.75	2.86	1.26	0.80	
2009	5.68	0.86	1.53	0.23	
Quarterly:					
Fourth Quarter 2013	1.08	0.80	0.30	0.23	
Third Quarter 2013	0.85	0.60	0.24	0.17	
Second Quarter 2013	0.73	0.59	0.20	0.16	
First Quarter 2013	1.79	0.63	0.49	0.17	
Fourth Quarter 2012	1.39	0.94	0.36	0.25	
Third Quarter 2012	1.18	0.90	0.30	0.22	
Second Quarter 2012	1.12	0.89	0.30	0.23	
First Quarter 2012	2.12	1.06	0.56	0.28	
Most Recent Six Months:					
March 2014 (through March 14, 2014)	1.03	0.88	0.29	0.25	
February 2014	1.03	0.98	0.29	0.28	
January 2014	1.05	0.99	0.30	0.29	
December 2013	1.05	0.91	0.30	0.23	
November 2013	1.00	0.89	0.28	0.25	
October 2013	1.08	0.80	0.30	0.23	
September 2013	0.85	0.73	0.24	0.17	

On March 13, 2014, the last reported sales price of our ordinary shares on the TASE was NIS 0.88 per share, or \$0.0.25 per share (based on the exchange rate reported by the Bank of Israel for such date). On March 13, 2014, the exchange rate of the NIS to the dollar was \$1.00 = NIS 3.465, as reported by the Bank of Israel. As of March 13, 2014 there were three shareholders of record of our ordinary shares. The number of record holders is not representative of the number of beneficial holders of our ordinary shares.

# **Price Range of our ADSs**

Our ADSs have been trading on the Nasdaq Capital Market under the symbol "BLRX" since July 2011.

The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, the reported high and low closing sale prices of our ADSs on the Nasdaq Capital Market in U.S. dollars.

	U.S.\$	U.S.\$	
	Price Per ADS		
	High	Low	
Annual:			
2013	4.75	1.58	
2012	5.55	2.23	
2011 (from July 25, 2011)	5.59	2.75	
Quarterly:			
Fourth Quarter 2013	2.96	2.20	
Third Quarter 2013	2.29	1.62	
Second Quarter 2013	1.91	1.58	
First Quarter 2013	4.75	1.68	
Fourth Quarter 2012	3.35	2.47	
Third Quarter 2012	3.00	2.23	
Second Quarter 2012	2.85	2.30	
First Quarter 2012	5.55	2.75	
Most Recent Six Months:			
March 2014 (through March 14, 2014)	2.92	2.48	
February 2014	3.01	2.76	
January 2014	3.07	2.78	
December 2013	2.96	2.53	
November 2013	2.82	2.38	
October 2013	2.90	2.20	
September 2013	2.27	1.94	

On March 14, 2014, the last reported sales price of our ADSs on the Nasdaq Capital Market was \$2.48 per ADS. As of March 14, 2014 there was one shareholder of record of our ADSs. The number of record holders is not representative of the number of beneficial holders of our ADSs.

# **B. Plan of Distribution**

Not applicable.

# C. Reasons for the Offer and Use of Proceeds

Not applicable.

# ITEM 10. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

# A. Share Capital

Not applicable

# B. Memorandum and Articles of Association

Our number with the Israeli Registrar of Companies is 513398750. Our purpose is set forth in Section 2 of our Articles of Association and includes every lawful purpose.

Our ordinary shares that are fully paid for are issued in registered form and may be freely transferred under our Articles of Association, unless the transfer is restricted or prohibited by applicable law or the rules of a stock exchange on which the shares are traded. The ownership or voting of our ordinary shares by non-residents of Israel is not restricted in any way by our Articles of Association or the laws of the State of Israel, except for ownership by nationals of some countries that are, or have been, in a state of war with Israel.

Pursuant to the Companies Law and our Articles of Association, our Board of Directors may exercise all powers and take all actions that are not required under law or under our Articles of Association to be exercised or taken by our shareholders, including the power to borrow money for company purposes.

Our Articles of Association enable us to increase or reduce our share capital. Any such changes are subject to the provisions of the Companies Law and must be approved by a resolution duly passed by our shareholders at a general or special meeting by voting on such change in the capital. In addition, transactions that have the effect of reducing capital, such as the declaration and payment of dividends in the absence of sufficient retained earnings and profits and an issuance of shares for less than their nominal value (under certain circumstances), require a resolution of our Board of Directors and court approval.

#### Dividends

We may declare a dividend to be paid to the holders of our ordinary shares in proportion to their respective shareholdings. Under the Companies Law, dividend distributions are determined by the board of directors and do not require the approval of the shareholders of a company unless the company's articles of association provide otherwise. Our Articles of Association do not require shareholder approval of a dividend distribution and provide that dividend distributions may be determined by our Board of Directors.

Pursuant to the Companies Law, we may only distribute dividends from our profits accrued over the previous two years, as defined in the Companies Law, according to our then last reviewed or audited financial reports, provided that the date of the financial reports is not more than six months prior to the date of distribution, or we may distribute dividends with court approval. In each case, we are only permitted to pay a dividend if there is no reasonable concern that payment of the dividend will prevent us from satisfying our existing and foreseeable obligations as they become due.

#### **Election of Directors**

Our ordinary shares do not have cumulative voting rights in the election of directors. As a result, the holders of a majority of the voting power represented at a shareholders meeting have the power to elect all of our directors, other than with respect to the special approval requirements for the election of external directors described under "Item 6. Directors, Senior Management and Employees — Board Practices — External Directors."

Pursuant to our Articles of Association, other than the external directors, for whom special election requirements apply under the Companies Law, our directors are elected at a general or special meeting of our shareholders and serve on the Board of Directors until they are removed by the majority of our shareholders at a general or special meeting of our shareholders or upon the occurrence of certain events, in accordance with the Companies Law and our Articles of Association. In addition, our Articles of Association allow our Board of Directors to appoint directors to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors to serve until the next general meeting or special meeting, or earlier if required by our Articles of Association or applicable law. We have held elections for each of our non-external directors at each annual meeting of our shareholders since our initial public offering in Israel. External directors are elected for an initial term of three years and may be removed from office pursuant to the terms of the Companies Law. See "Item 6. Directors, Senior Management and Employees — Board Practices — External Directors."

# **Shareholder Meetings**

Under Israeli law, we are required to hold an annual general meeting of our shareholders once every calendar year that must be no later than 15 months after the date of the previous annual general meeting. All meetings other than the annual general meeting of shareholders are referred to as special meetings. Our Board of Directors may call special meetings whenever it sees fit, at such time and place, within or outside of Israel, as it may determine. In addition, the Companies Law and our Articles of Association provide that our Board of Directors is required to convene a special meeting upon the written request of (a) any two of our directors or one quarter of our Board of Directors or (b) one or more shareholders holding, in the aggregate, either (1) 5% of our outstanding shares and 1% of our outstanding voting power or (2) 5% of our outstanding voting power.

Subject to the provisions of the Companies Law and the regulations promulgated thereunder, shareholders entitled to participate and vote at general meetings are the shareholders of record on a date to be decided by the board of directors, which may be between four and 40 days prior to the date of the meeting. Furthermore, the Companies Law and our Articles of Association require that resolutions regarding the following matters must be passed at a general meeting of our shareholders:

- amendments to our Articles of Association;
- appointment or termination of our auditors;
- appointment of directors and appointment and dismissal of external directors;
- approval of acts and transactions requiring general meeting approval pursuant to the Companies Law;
- director compensation, indemnification and change of the principal executive officer;
- increases or reductions of our authorized share capital;
- a merger; and
- the exercise of our Board of Director's powers by a general meeting, if our Board of Directors is unable to exercise its powers and the exercise of any of its powers is required for our proper management.

The Companies Law requires that a notice of any annual or special shareholders meeting be provided at least 21 days prior to the meeting and if the agenda of the meeting includes the appointment or removal of directors, the approval of transactions with office holders or interested or related parties, the approval of a compensation policy with respect to office holders or an approval of a merger, notice must be provided at least 35 days prior to the meeting.

Pursuant to our Articles of Association, holders of our ordinary shares have one vote for each ordinary share held on all matters submitted to a vote before the shareholders at a general meeting.

#### Quorum

The quorum required for our general meetings of shareholders consists of at least two shareholders present in person, by proxy or written ballot who hold or represent between them at least 25% of the total outstanding voting rights.

A meeting adjourned for lack of a quorum is adjourned to the same day in the following week at the same time and place or on a later date if so specified in the summons or notice of the meeting. At the reconvened meeting, any number of our shareholders present in person or by proxy shall constitute a lawful quorum.

#### Resolutions

Our Articles of Association provide that all resolutions of our shareholders require a simple majority vote, unless otherwise required by applicable law.

Israeli law provides that a shareholder of a public company may vote in a meeting and in a class meeting by means of a written ballot in which the shareholder indicates how he or she votes on resolutions relating to the following matters:

- an appointment or removal of directors;
- an approval of transactions with office holders or interested or related parties;

- an approval of a merger or any other matter in respect of which there is a provision in the articles of association providing that decisions of the general meeting may also be passed by written ballot;
- authorizing the chairman of the board of directors or his relative to act as the company's chief executive officer or act with such authority; or authorize the
  company's chief executive officer or his relative to act as the chairman of the board of directors or act with such authority; and
- other matters which may be prescribed by Israel's Minister of Justice.

The provision allowing the vote by written ballot does not apply where the voting power of the controlling shareholder is sufficient to determine the vote. Our Articles of Association provides that our Board of Directors may prevent voting by means of a written ballot and this determination is required to be stated in the notice convening the general meeting.

The Companies Law provides that a shareholder, in exercising his or her rights and performing his or her obligations toward the company and its other shareholders, must act in good faith and in a customary manner, and avoid abusing his or her power. This is required when voting at general meetings on matters such as changes to the articles of association, increasing the company's registered capital, mergers and approval of related party transactions. A shareholder also has a general duty to refrain from depriving any other shareholder of its rights as a shareholder. In addition, any controlling shareholder, any shareholder who knows that its vote can determine the outcome of a shareholder vote and any shareholder who, under the company's articles of association, can appoint or prevent the appointment of an office holder, is required to act with fairness towards the company. The Companies Law does not describe the substance of this duty except to state that the remedies generally available upon a breach of contract will also apply to a breach of the duty to act with fairness, and, to the best of our knowledge, there is no binding case law that addresses this subject directly.

Unless otherwise stated under the Companies Law, or provided in a company's articles of association a resolution at a shareholders meeting requires approval by a simple majority of the voting rights represented at the meeting, in person, by proxy or written ballot, and voting on the resolution. Under the Companies Law, unless otherwise provided in a company's articles of association or under applicable law, all resolutions of the shareholders of a company require a simple majority.

Under Amendment 20, the board of directors of an Israeli publicly traded company is required to establish a compensation policy, to be approved by the shareholders of the company, pursuant to which the terms of office and compensation of the company's officer holders will be decided. The final adoption of such compensation policy is subject to the approval of the shareholders, which approval is subject to certain special majority requirements, as set forth in the Companies Law, pursuant to which one of the following must be met:

- (i) the majority of the votes includes at least a majority of all the votes of shareholders who are not controlling shareholders of the company or who do not have a personal interest in the compensation policy and participating in the vote; abstentions shall not be included in the total of the votes of the aforesaid shareholders; or
- (ii) the total of opposing votes from among the shareholders described in subsection (i) above does not exceed 2% of all the voting rights in the company.

For this purpose, under the Companies Law "personal interest" is defined as: (1) a shareholder's personal interest in the approval of an act or a transaction of the company, including (i) the personal interest of his or her relative (which includes for these purposes any members of his/her (or his/her spouse's) immediate family or the spouses of any such members of his or her (or his/her spouse's) immediate family); and (ii) a personal interest of a body corporate in which a shareholder or any of his/her aforementioned relatives serves as a director or the chief executive officer, owns at least 5% of its issued share capital or its voting rights or has the right to appoint a director or chief executive officer, but (2) excluding a personal interest arising solely from the fact of holding shares in the company or in a body corporate.

In addition, pursuant to the Companies Law, terms of office and employment of office holders in a public company, and terms of employment and/or terms of office of a controlling shareholder in a public company, require the approval of the shareholders, which such approval is subject to the special majority required for approving the compensation policy (as detailed above). See "Item 6. Directors, Senior Management and Employees — Approval of Related Party Transactions under Israeli Law" for information regarding the shareholders' approval, and any additional approvals that might be required, with respect to the approval of terms of office and employment of office holders in a public company, pursuant to the Companies Law.

In the event of our liquidation, after satisfaction of liabilities to creditors, our assets will be distributed to the holders of our ordinary shares in proportion to their shareholdings. This right, as well as the right to receive dividends, may be affected by the grant of preferential dividend or distribution rights to the holders of a class of shares with preferential dividend or distribution rights that may be authorized in the future.

## **Access to Corporate Records**

Under the Companies Law, all shareholders of a company generally have the right to review minutes of the company's general meetings, its shareholders register and principal shareholders register, articles of association, financial statements and any document it is required by law to file publicly with the Israeli Companies Registrar and the Israeli Securities Authority. Furthermore, any of our shareholders may request access to review any document in our possession that relates to any action or transaction with a related party, interested party or office holder that requires shareholder approval under the Companies Law. However, we may deny such a request to review a document if we determine that the request was not made in good faith, that the document contains a commercial secret or a patent or that the document's disclosure may otherwise prejudice our interests.

#### Acquisitions under Israeli Law

### Full Tender Offer

A person wishing to acquire shares of a public Israeli company and who would as a result hold over 90% of the target company's issued and outstanding share capital is required by the Companies Law to make a tender offer to all of the company's shareholders for the purchase of all of the issued and outstanding share so of the company. A person wishing to acquire shares of a public Israeli company and who would as a result hold over 90% of the issued and outstanding share capital of a certain class of shares is required to make a tender offer to all of the shareholders who hold shares of the same class for the purchase of all of the issued and outstanding shares of the same class. If the shareholders who do not accept the offer hold less than 5% of the issued and outstanding share capital of the company or of the applicable class, all of the shares that the acquirer offered to purchase will be transferred to the acquirer by operation of law (provided that a majority of the offerees that do not have a personal interest in such tender offer shall have approved the tender offer except that if the total votes to reject the tender offer represent less than 2% of the company's issued and outstanding share capital, in the aggregate, approval by a majority of the offerees that do not have a personal interest in such tender offer is not required to complete the tender offer). However, a shareholder that had its shares so transferred may petition the court within six months from the date of acceptance of the full tender offer, whether or not such shareholder agreed to the tender, to determine whether the tender offer was for less than fair value and whether the fair value should be paid as determined by the court unless the acquirer stipulated in the tender offer that a shareholder that accepts the offer may not seek appraisal rights. If the shareholders who did not accept the tender offer hold 5% or more of the issued and outstanding share capital of the company's issued and outstanding share capital or of the applicable

### Special Tender Offer

The Companies Law provides that an acquisition of shares of a public Israeli company must be made by means of a special tender offer if as a result of the acquisition the purchaser would become a holder of 25% or more of the voting rights in the company, unless one of the exemptions in the Companies Law is met. This rule does not apply if there is already another holder of at least 25% of the voting rights in the company. Similarly, the Companies Law provides that an acquisition of shares in a public company must be made by means of a tender offer if as a result of the acquisition the purchaser would become a holder of 45% or more of the voting rights in the company, if there is no other shareholder of the company who holds 45% or more of the voting rights in the company, unless one of the exemptions in the Companies Law is met.

A special tender offer must be extended to all shareholders of a company but the offeror is not required to purchase shares representing more than 5% of the voting power attached to the company's outstanding shares, regardless of how many shares are tendered by shareholders. A special tender offer may be consummated only if (i) at least 5% of the voting power attached to the company's outstanding shares will be acquired by the offeror and (ii) the number of shares tendered in the offer exceeds the number of shares whose holders objected to the offer.

If a special tender offer is accepted, then the purchaser or any person or entity controlling it or under common control with the purchaser or such controlling person or entity may not make a subsequent tender offer for the purchase of shares of the target company and may not enter into a merger with the target company for a period of one year from the date of the offer, unless the purchaser or such person or entity undertook to effect such an offer or merger in the initial special tender offer.

## Merger

The Companies Law permits merger transactions if approved by each party's board of directors and, unless certain requirements described under the Companies Law are met, a majority of each party's shares voted on the proposed merger at a shareholders' meeting called with at least 35 days' prior notice.

For purposes of the shareholder vote, unless a court rules otherwise, the merger will not be deemed approved if a majority of the shares represented at the shareholders meeting that are held by parties other than the other party to the merger, or by any person who holds 25% or more of the outstanding shares or the right to appoint 25% or more of the directors of the other party, vote against the merger. If the transaction would have been approved but for the separate approval of each class or the exclusion of the votes of certain shareholders as provided above, a court may still approve the merger upon the request of holders of at least 25% of the voting rights of a company, if the court holds that the merger is fair and reasonable, taking into account the value of the parties to the merger and the consideration offered to the shareholders.

Upon the request of a creditor of either party to the proposed merger, the court may delay or prevent the merger if it concludes that there exists a reasonable concern that, as a result of the merger, the surviving company will be unable to satisfy the obligations of any of the parties to the merger, and may further give instructions to secure the rights of creditors.

In addition, a merger may not be completed unless at least 50 days have passed from the date that a proposal for approval of the merger was filed by each party with the Israeli Registrar of Companies and 30 days have passed from the date the merger was approved by the shareholders of each party.

#### **Antitakeover Measures**

The Companies Law allows us to create and issue shares having rights different from those attached to our ordinary shares, including shares providing certain preferred rights, distributions or other matters and shares having preemptive rights. As of the date of this annual report, we do not have any authorized or issued shares other than our ordinary shares. In the future, if we do create and issue a class of shares other than ordinary shares, such class of shares, depending on the specific rights that may be attached to them, may delay or prevent a takeover or otherwise prevent our shareholders from realizing a potential premium over the market value of their ordinary shares. The authorization of a new class of shares will require an amendment to our Articles of Association which requires the prior approval of the holders of a majority of our shares at a general meeting. Shareholders voting in such meeting will be subject to the restrictions provided in the Companies Law as described above. In addition, the Israeli Securities Law and the rules and regulations of the TASE also limit the terms permitted with respect to a new class of shares created by a public company whose shares are traded on the TASE, and prohibit any such new class of shares from having voting rights.

#### C. Material Contracts

For a discussion of our out-licensing and in-licensing agreements, see Item 4. The following are summary descriptions of certain other material contracts to which we are a party. The descriptions provided below do not purport to be complete and are qualified in their entirety by the complete agreements, which are attached as exhibits to this Annual Report on Form 20-F.

### **Incubator Agreement**

We entered into an incubator agreement with the OCS in January 2005 to operate a biotechnology incubator. Our wholly-owned subsidiaries, BIJ Ltd. and BIJ L.P., operated the incubator. Under the arrangement, the OCS agreed to loan funds to the incubator in connection with in-licensing the rights to the therapeutic candidates. We inlicensed, through the incubator, certain, but not all, of the therapeutic candidates that we eventually incorporated into our pipeline. As of December 31, 2013, we received approximately \$15.5 million of funding from the OCS under the incubator agreement, which does not include \$6.5 million we have received from the OCS outside of the incubator agreement, as of that date. The OCS funds have been used to initiate 23 different development projects, 22 of which have been terminated. Of our nine current development projects, BL-1040 is the only project that has been funded under the incubator agreement.

The incubator agreement had an initial six-year term ending on December 31, 2010. At the end of 2010, the OCS agreed to renew the agreement for an additional two years, with an option to renew for another one-year period at the same terms and conditions, subject to OCS approval. In 2012, the OCS approved our exercise of the option to extend the incubator agreement for the final one-year period through December 31, 2013. Now that the incubator agreement has expired, we will no longer be eligible for funding from the OCS through the incubator for new projects in the incubator, but projects and the terms of any outstanding funding at the time of expiration or termination will not be affected by the termination or expiration. In light of the expiry of the incubator agreement and in order to streamline our operations, we decided to transfer all the employees, activities and assets from the incubator to BioLineRx Ltd., and are currently in the process of winding down the incubator.

Under the incubator program, the Biotechnology Incubators Committee of the OCS was required to approve each project we intended to perform through the incubator and had broad discretionary powers with respect to approving equipment purchases and the general operation of the incubator. All of the restrictions placed on OCS-funded technology apply as well to all intellectual property derived from the incubator project. See "Item 4. Information on the Company — Business Overview — Government Funding for Development Programs — Israel Office of the Chief Scientist — Research and Development Grants."

The funding provided to us under the incubator agreement was in the form of a separate loan for each project, to be repaid solely out of the revenues generated by such project, with interest, until the full repayment of the loan. Revenue derived from a product developed in the incubator is subject to royalty payments at the same rates as set forth in the Research Law, as described in this annual report, and until the loans provided for that project are repaid. However, if a loan is not repaid within two years following the completion of the applicable incubator project the interest rate for that loan will be doubled for the third through fifth years after completion of the project. The loan and all accrued interest are repayable upon demand if we violate the terms of the incubator agreement, with accrued interest. We initially provided the OCS with a bank guarantee in the sum of approximately NIS 8.1 million to cover all of our undertakings made under the agreement. Following the expiration of the initial term of the incubator agreement, that guarantee expired as well and was replaced by two guarantees. The first guarantee (associated with the first renewal of the incubator agreement) was in the amount of NIS 1.5 million and expired on March 31, 2013. The second guarantee (associated with the second renewal of the incubator agreement) is in the amount of approximately NIS 1.4 million and will expire on March 31, 2014. In addition, all intellectual property held or developed by the incubator in connection with the incubator program is pledged as security for our obligations under the agreement. The intellectual property rights pledged may be realized by the State of Israel eight years after the date of approval of the relevant incubator program, or earlier in the event of a breach of the incubator agreement by us, or in the event liquidation or dissolution of our biotechnology incubator.

#### Share Purchase Agreement with LPC

On September 21, 2012, we entered into a purchase agreement with LPC, pursuant to which LPC agreed to purchase from us up to \$15 million of our ADSs (subject to certain limitations) from time to time over a 36-month period. Also on September 21, 2012, we entered into a registration rights agreement with LPC, pursuant to which we filed a registration statement on October 2, 2012 with the SEC for 4,198,598 of our ADSs, covering the ADSs that have been issued or may be issued to LPC under the purchase agreement. The registration statement was declared effective on October 12, 1012.

In consideration for entering into the purchase agreement, we issued to 98,598 ADSs to LPC upon execution of the purchase agreement as an initial commitment fee, and we will issue additional ADSs to LPC as an additional commitment fee in connection with each purchase by LPC under the purchase agreement equal to 2.5% of the amount of ADSs issued on each applicable purchase date. We will issue these additional commitment ADSs only when, and if, we elect to sell ADSs to LPC under the purchase agreement.

We can sell up to \$200,000 worth of ADSs to LPC (which amount may be increased based on the trading price of our ADSs on the applicable purchase date), so long as at least one business day has passed between (i) the date on which LPC received all of the purchased ADSs in connection with the most recent prior purchase and (ii) the date we direct LPC to make a purchase. We control the timing and amount of any sales of our ADSs to LPC. Each time we direct LPC to purchase ADSs, subject to the terms of the purchase agreement, LPC will be obligated to purchase such amounts directed by us. LPC does not have the right to require us to sell any ADSs to them under the purchase agreement and we have no obligation to sell any shares under the purchase agreement.

The purchase price of the ADSs sold to LPC under the purchase agreement will be based on the market price of our ADSs immediately preceding the time of sale as computed under the purchase agreement, without any fixed discount and as more fully described in the purchase agreement. In addition, on any business day on which we have properly directed LPC to make a regular purchase, we can also accelerate the amount of our ADSs to be purchased under certain circumstances. Accelerated purchases may be made in amounts of up to the lesser of (i) 25% of the aggregate ADSs traded on Nasdaq during normal trading hours on the accelerated purchase date and (ii) three times the number of ADSs purchased pursuant to the corresponding regular purchase.

LPC may not assign or transfer its rights and obligations under the purchase agreement. We may at any time in our sole discretion terminate the purchase agreement without fee, penalty or cost. The purchase agreement will automatically terminate on November 1, 2015.

Cumulatively, as of March 14, 2014, we have issued 3,904,211 ADSs under the LPC agreement (including the initial and additional commitment fees), raising approximately \$9.5 million in gross proceeds.

### D. Exchange Controls

There are no Israeli government laws, decrees or regulations that restrict or that affect our export or import of capital or the remittance of dividends, interest or other payments to non-resident holders of our securities, including the availability of cash and cash equivalents for use by us and our wholly-owned subsidiaries, except or otherwise as set forth under "Item 10E. Additional Information — Taxation."

#### E. Taxation

The following description is not intended to constitute a complete analysis of all tax consequences relating to the ownership or disposition of our ordinary shares or ADSs, both referred to in this Item 10E as the Shares. You should consult your own tax advisor concerning the tax consequences of your particular situation, as well as any tax consequences that may arise under the laws of any state, local, foreign, including Israeli, or other taxing jurisdiction.

## Israeli Tax Considerations

The following is a summary of the material Israeli tax laws applicable to us. This section also contains a discussion of material Israeli tax consequences concerning the ownership and disposition of our Shares. This summary does not discuss all the aspects of Israeli tax law that may be relevant to a particular investor in light of his or her personal investment circumstances or to some types of investors subject to special treatment under Israeli law. Examples of this kind of investor include residents of Israel or traders in securities who are subject to special tax regimes not covered in this discussion. Because certain parts of this discussion are based on new tax legislation that has not yet been subject to judicial or administrative interpretation, we cannot assure you that the appropriate tax authorities or the courts will accept the views expressed in this discussion.

# General Corporate Tax Structure in Israel

Israeli companies are generally subject to corporate tax at the rate of 26.5% of their taxable income beginning in 2014 and thereafter. Capital gains derived by an Israeli company are now generally subject to tax at the same rate as the corporate tax rate.

In May 2012, the Israeli Tax Authority, or ITA, approved our eligibility for tax benefits as a "Benefited Enterprise" under the Law for the Encouragement of Capital Investments, 5719-1959, as amended, or Investments Law, with respect to a portion of the consideration deriving from certain of our development programs, or Eligible Projects. Subject to compliance with the applicable requirements, the portion of our undistributed income derived from our Benefited Enterprise programs will be entitled to a tax exemption for a period of ten years commencing in the first year in which we generate taxable income after setting off our losses for Israeli tax purposes from prior years in the amount of approximately \$100 million. The ten-year period may not extend beyond 14 years from the beginning of the Benefited Enterprise's election year. We received Benefited Enterprise status with respect to the Eligible Projects beginning in the 2009 tax year, so depending on when the Benefited Enterprise programs begin to generate taxable income, the benefit period could continue through 2022. However, any distribution of income derived from our Benefited Enterprise programs will result in such income being subject to a rate of corporate tax no greater than 25%.

Beginning with tax year 2014, we have the option to transition to a "Preferred Enterprise" regime under the Investments Law, according to which all of our income which is eligible for benefits under the regime would be subject to flat corporate tax rates of 9% in 2014 and thereafter, whether or not distributed. If we were to move our operations to a different part of the country, these rates may be increased. A transition to a Preferred Enterprise regime may not be reversed.

In addition, the ITA approved certain of our operations as an "Industrial Enterprise" under the Investments Law, meaning that we are eligible for accelerated depreciation with respect to certain tangible assets belonging to our Benefited Enterprise.

Should we not meet the requirements for maintaining these benefits, they may be reduced or cancelled and, among other things, our income deriving from the Eligible Projects (assuming we are profitable after offsetting losses) would be subject to Israeli corporate tax at the standard rate, which is set at 26.5% for 2014 and onwards. If these tax benefits are reduced or eliminated, the amount of taxes that we pay would likely increase, as all of our operations would consequently be subject to corporate tax at the standard rate, which could adversely affect our results of operations.

Taxation of Israeli Individual Shareholders on Receipt of Dividends. Israeli residents who are individuals are generally subject to Israeli income tax for dividends paid on our Ordinary Shares (other than bonus shares or share dividends) at a rate of 25%, or 30% if the recipient of such dividend is a substantial shareholder (as defined below) at the time of distribution or at any time during the preceding 12-month period.

Taxation of Israeli Resident Corporations on Receipt of Dividends. Israeli resident corporations are generally exempt from Israeli corporate tax for dividends paid on our Ordinary Shares.

However, in the case of both Israeli individual shareholders and Israeli resident corporations, under the Investments Law, dividends distributed from taxable income accrued during the period of benefit of a Benefited Enterprise and which are attributable to a Benefited Enterprise are subject to tax at the rate of 15%, if the dividend is distributed during the tax benefit period under the Investment Law or within 12 years after that period. A weighted average rate may be set if the dividend is distributed from mixed types of income (regular and Benefited Enterprise income). This 15% tax rate similarly applies to dividends sourced from profits attributable to a Preferred Enterprise which are paid to Israeli resident individual shareholders, while such dividends paid to Israeli resident corporations are generally tax-exempt.

Taxation of Non-Israeli Shareholders on Receipt of Dividends. Non-residents of Israel are generally subject to Israeli income tax on the receipt of dividends paid on our Shares at the rate of 25% (or 30% if such person is a "substantial shareholder" at the time receiving the dividend or on any date in the 12 months preceding such date), which tax will be withheld at the source, unless a lower rate is provided in a tax treaty between Israel and the shareholder's country of residence. If the income out of which the dividend is being paid is sourced from profits attributable to a Benefited Enterprise under the Investments Law, the rate is generally not more than 15%.

Under the US-Israel Tax Treaty, Israeli withholding tax on dividends paid to a US resident for treaty purposes may not, in general, exceed 25%, or 15% in the case of dividends paid out of the profits of a Benefited Enterprise, subject to certain conditions. Where the recipient is a US corporation owning 10% or more of the voting stock of the paying corporation during the part of the paying corporation's taxable year which precedes the date of payment of the dividend and during the whole of its prior taxable year (if any) and the dividend is not paid from the profits of a Benefited Enterprise, the Israeli tax withheld may not exceed 12.5%, subject to certain conditions.

A "substantial shareholder" is generally a person who alone, or together with his relative or another person who collaborates with him on a regular basis, holds, directly or indirectly, at least 10% of any of the "means of control" of the corporation. "Means of control" generally include the right to vote, receive profits, nominate a director or an officer, receive assets upon liquidation, or instruct someone who holds any of the aforesaid rights regarding the manner in which he or she is to exercise such right(s), and all regardless of the source of such right.

A non-resident of Israel who receives dividends from which tax was withheld is generally exempt from the duty to file returns in Israel in respect of such income, provided such income was not derived from a business conducted in Israel by the taxpayer, and the taxpayer has no other taxable sources of income in Israel.

Capital Gains Taxes Applicable to Non-Israeli Resident Shareholders. Shareholders that are not Israeli residents are generally exempt from Israeli capital gains tax on any gains derived from the sale, exchange or disposition of our Shares, provided that such shareholders did not acquire their Shares prior to our initial public offering on the TASE and such gains were not derived from a permanent establishment or business activity of such shareholders in Israel. However, non-Israeli corporations will not be entitled to the foregoing exemptions if one or more Israeli residents (a) have a controlling interest of 25% or more in such non-Israeli corporation or (b) are the beneficiaries of or are entitled to 25% or more of the revenues or profits of such non-Israeli corporation, whether directly or indirectly.

In addition, under the U.S.-Israel Tax Treaty, the sale, exchange or disposition of our Shares by a shareholder who is a U.S. resident (for purposes of the U.S.-Israel Tax Treaty) holding the Shares as a capital asset is exempt from Israeli capital gains tax unless (1) the shareholder holds, directly or indirectly, shares representing 10% or more of our voting capital during any part of the 12-month period preceding such sale, exchange or disposition; (2) the capital gains arising from such sale are attributable to a permanent establishment of the shareholder located in Israel; (3) a shareholder who is an individual is present in Israel for a period or periods aggregating 183 days or more during a taxable year. In either case, the sale, exchange or disposition of Shares would be subject to Israeli tax, to the extent applicable; however, under the U.S.-Israel Tax Treaty, the U.S. resident would be permitted to claim a credit for the tax against the U.S. federal income tax imposed with respect to the sale, exchange or disposition, subject to the limitations in U.S. laws applicable to foreign tax credits. The U.S.-Israel Tax Treaty does not relate to U.S. state or local taxes.

Shareholders may be required to demonstrate that they are exempt from tax on their capital gains in order to avoid withholding at source at the time of sale.

#### **U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations**

The following is a general summary of the material U.S. federal income tax considerations relating to the purchase, ownership and disposition of our Shares by U.S. Investors (as defined below) that hold such Shares as capital assets. This summary is based on the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the Code, the regulations of the U.S. Department of the Treasury issued pursuant to the Code, or the Treasury Regulations, and administrative and judicial interpretations thereof, all as in effect on the date hereof and all of which are subject to change, possibly with retroactive effect, or to different interpretation. This summary is for general information only and does not address all of the tax considerations that may be relevant to specific U.S. Investors in light of their particular circumstances or to U.S. Investors subject to special treatment under U.S. federal income tax law (such as banks, insurance companies, tax-exempt entities, retirement plans, regulated investment companies, partnerships, dealers in securities, brokers, real estate investment trusts, certain former citizens or residents of the United States, persons who acquire Shares as part of a straddle, hedge, conversion transaction or other integrated investment, persons that have a "functional currency" other than the U.S. dollar, persons that own (or are deemed to own, indirectly or by attribution) 10% or more of our shares or persons that generally mark their securities to market for U.S. federal income tax purposes). This summary does not address any U.S. state or local or non-U.S. tax considerations or any U.S. federal estate, gift or alternative minimum tax considerations.

As used in this summary, the term "U.S. Investor" means a beneficial owner of Shares that is, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, (i) an individual citizen or resident of the United States, (ii) a corporation, or other entity taxable as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, created or organized in or under the laws of the United States, any state thereof, or the District of Columbia, (iii) an estate the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income tax regardless of its source or (iv) a trust with respect to which a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over its administration and one or more U.S. persons have the authority to control all of its substantial decisions, or an electing trust that was in existence on August 19, 1996 and was treated as a domestic trust on that date.

If an entity treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes holds Shares, the tax treatment of such partnership and each partner thereof will generally depend upon the status and activities of the partnership and such partner. A holder that is treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes should consult its own tax advisor regarding the U.S. federal income tax considerations applicable to it and its partners of the purchase, ownership and disposition of Shares.

Prospective investors should be aware that this summary does not address the tax consequences to investors who are not U.S. Investors. Prospective investors should consult their own tax advisors as to the particular tax considerations applicable to them relating to the purchase, ownership and disposition of Shares, including the applicability of U.S. federal, state and local tax laws and non-U.S. tax laws.

### Taxation of U.S. Investors

The discussions under "— Distributions" and under "— Sale, Exchange or Other Disposition of Ordinary Shares" below assumes that we will not be treated as a passive foreign investment company, or PFIC, for U.S. federal income tax purposes. However, we have not determined whether we will be a PFIC in 2014, and it is possible that we will be a PFIC in 2014 or in any subsequent year. For a discussion of the rules that would apply if we are treated as a PFIC, see the discussion under "— Passive Foreign Investment Company."

Distributions. We have no current plans to pay dividends. To the extent we pay any dividends, a U.S. Investor will be required to include in gross income as a taxable dividend the amount of any distributions made on the Shares, including the amount of any Israeli taxes withheld, to the extent that those distributions are paid out of our current or accumulated earnings and profits as determined for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Any distributions in excess of our earnings and profits will be applied against and will reduce the U.S. Investor's tax basis in its Shares and to the extent they exceed that tax basis, will be treated as gain from the sale or exchange of those Shares. If we were to pay dividends, we expect to pay such dividends in NIS; however, dividends paid to holders of our ADSs will be paid in U.S. Dollars. A dividend paid in NIS, including the amount of any Israeli taxes withheld, will be includible in a U.S. Investor's income as a U.S. dollar amount calculated by reference to the exchange rate in effect on the date such dividend is received, regardless of whether the payment is in fact converted into U.S. dollars. If the dividend is converted to U.S. dollars on the date of receipt, a U.S. Investor generally will not recognize a foreign currency gain or loss. However, if the U.S. Investor converts the NIS into U.S. dollars on a later date, the U.S. Investor must include, in computing its income, any gain or loss resulting from any exchange rate fluctuations. The gain or loss will be equal to the difference between (i) the U.S. dollar value of the amount included in income when the dividend was received and (ii) the amount received on the conversion of the NIS into U.S. dollars. Such gain or loss will generally be ordinary income or loss and United States source for U.S. foreign tax credit purposes. U.S. Investors should consult their own tax advisors regarding the tax consequences to them if we pay dividends in NIS or any other non-U.S. currency.

Subject to certain significant conditions and limitations, including potential limitations under the United States-Israel income tax treaty, any Israeli taxes paid on or withheld from distributions from us and not refundable to a U.S. Investor may be credited against the investor's U.S. federal income tax liability or, alternatively, may be deducted from the investor's taxable income. This election is made on a year-by-year basis and applies to all foreign taxes paid by a U.S. Investor or withheld from a U.S. Investor that year. Dividends paid on the Shares generally will constitute income from sources outside the United States and be categorized as "passive category income" or, in the case of some U.S. Investors, as "general category income" for U.S. foreign tax credit purposes.

Since the rules governing foreign tax credits are complex, U.S. Investors should consult their own tax advisor regarding the availability of foreign tax credits in their particular circumstances. In addition, the U.S. Treasury Department has expressed concerns that parties to whom ADSs are pre-released may be taking actions that are inconsistent with the claiming of foreign tax credits by U.S. holders of ADSs. Accordingly, the creditability of Israeli taxes could be affected by future actions that may be taken by the U.S. Treasury Department or parties to whom ADSs are pre-released.

Dividends paid on the Shares will not be eligible for the "dividends-received" deduction generally allowed to corporate U.S. Investors with respect to dividends received from U.S. corporations.

Distributions treated as dividends that are received by an individual U.S. Investor from "qualified foreign corporations" generally qualify for a reduced maximum tax rate so long as certain holding period and other requirements are met. Dividends paid by us in a taxable year in which we are not a PFIC are expected to be eligible for the reduced maximum tax rate. However, any dividend paid by us in a taxable year in which we are a PFIC will be subject to tax at regular ordinary income rates. As mentioned above, we have not determined whether we are currently a PFIC or not.

Sale, Exchange or Other Disposition of Ordinary Shares. Subject to the discussion under "— Passive Foreign Investment Company" below, a U.S. Investor generally will recognize capital gain or loss upon the sale, exchange or other disposition of Shares in an amount equal to the difference between the amount realized on the sale, exchange or other disposition and the U.S. Investor's adjusted tax basis in such Shares. This capital gain or loss will be long-term capital gain or loss if the U.S. Investor's holding period in the Shares exceeds one year. Preferential tax rates for long-term capital gain will apply to individual U.S. Investors. The deductibility of capital losses is subject to limitations. The gain or loss will generally be income or loss from sources within the United States for U.S. foreign tax credit purposes.

Medicare Tax. In addition, with respect to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2012, certain U.S. persons, including individuals, estates and trusts, will be subject to an additional 3.8% Medicare tax on unearned income. For individuals, the additional Medicare tax applies to the lesser of (i) "net investment income" or (ii) the excess of "modified adjusted gross income" over \$200,000 (\$250,000 if married and filing jointly or \$125,000 if married and filing separately). "Net investment income" generally equals the taxpayer's gross investment income reduced by the deductions that are allocable to such income. Investment income generally includes passive income such as interest, dividends, annuities, royalties, rents, and capital gains. U.S. Investors are urged to consult their own tax advisors regarding the implications of the additional Medicare tax resulting from their ownership and disposition of Shares.

U.S. Investors should consult their own tax advisors regarding the U.S. federal income tax consequences of receiving currency other than U.S. dollars upon the disposition of Shares.

#### **Passive Foreign Investment Company**

In general, a corporation organized outside the United States will be treated as a PFIC for U.S. federal income tax purposes in any taxable year in which either (i) at least 75% of its gross income is "passive income" or (ii) on average at least 50% of its assets by value produce passive income or are held for the production of passive income. Passive income for this purpose generally includes, among other things, certain dividends, interest, royalties, rents and gains from commodities and securities transactions and from the sale or exchange of property that gives rise to passive income. Passive income also includes amounts derived by reason of the temporary investment of funds, including those raised in the public offering. In determining whether a non-U.S. corporation is a PFIC, a proportionate share of the income and assets of each corporation in which it owns, directly or indirectly, at least a 25% interest (by value) is taken into account.

Under the tests described above, whether or not we are a PFIC will be determined annually based upon the composition of our income and the composition and valuation of our assets, all of which are subject to change.

We believe that we were a PFIC for U.S. federal income tax purposes for years prior to 2009 and in 2011 and 2012. We were not a PFIC in 2009, 2010 and 2013, and we have not yet determined whether we will be a PFIC in 2014. Because the PFIC determination is highly fact intensive and made at the end of each taxable year, there can be no assurance that we will not be a PFIC in 2014 or in any subsequent year. Upon request, we will annually inform U.S. Investors if we and any of our subsidiaries were a PFIC with respect to the preceding year.

U.S. Investors should be aware of certain tax consequences of investing directly or indirectly in us if we are a PFIC. A U.S. Investor is subject to different rules depending on whether the U.S. Investor makes an election to treat us as a "qualified electing fund," known as a QEF election, for the first taxable year that the U.S. Investor holds Shares, which is referred to in this disclosure as a "timely QEF election," makes a "mark-to-market" election with respect to the Shares (if such election is available) or makes neither election.

QEF Election. A U.S. Investor who makes a timely QEF election, referred to in this disclosure as an "Electing U.S. Investor," with respect to us must report for U.S. federal income tax purposes his pro rata share of our ordinary earnings and net capital gain, if any, for our taxable year that ends with or within the taxable year of the Electing U.S. Investor. The "net capital gain" of a PFIC is the excess, if any, of the PFIC's net long-term capital gains over its net short-term capital losses. The amount so included in income generally will be treated as ordinary income to the extent of such Electing U.S. Investor's allocable share of the PFIC's ordinary earnings and as long-term capital gain to the extent of such Electing U.S. Investor's allocable share of the PFIC's net capital gains. Such Electing U.S. Investor generally will be required to translate such income into U.S. dollars based on the average exchange rate for the PFIC's taxable year with respect to the PFIC's functional currency. Such income generally will be treated as income from sources outside the United States for U.S. foreign tax credit purposes. Amounts previously included in income by such Electing U.S. Investor under the QEF rules generally will not be subject to tax when they are distributed to such Electing U.S. Investor. The Electing U.S. Investor's tax basis in Shares generally will increase by any amounts so included under the QEF rules and decrease by any amounts not included in income when distributed.

An Electing U.S. Investor will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on such amounts for each taxable year in which we are a PFIC, regardless of whether such amounts are actually distributed to such Electing U.S. Investor. However, an Electing U.S. Investor may, subject to certain limitations, elect to defer payment of current U.S. federal income tax on such amounts, subject to an interest charge. If an Electing U.S. Investor is an individual, any such interest will be treated as non-deductible "personal interest."

Any net operating losses or net capital losses of a PFIC will not pass through to the Electing U.S. Investor and will not offset any ordinary earnings or net capital gain of a PFIC recognized by Electing U.S. Investors in subsequent years (although such losses would ultimately reduce the gain, or increase the loss, recognized by the Electing U.S. Investor on its disposition of the Shares).

So long as an Electing U.S. Investor's QEF election with respect to us is in effect with respect to the entire holding period for Shares, any gain or loss recognized by such Electing U.S. Investor on the sale, exchange or other disposition of such Shares generally will be long-term capital gain or loss if such Electing U.S. Investor has held such Shares for more than one year at the time of such sale, exchange or other disposition. Preferential tax rates for long-term capital gain will apply to individual U.S. Investors. The deductibility of capital losses is subject to limitations.

A U.S. Investor makes a QEF election by completing the relevant portions of and filing IRS Form 8621 in accordance with the instructions thereto. Upon request, we will annually furnish U.S. Investors with information needed in order to complete IRS Form 8621 (which form would be required to be filed with the IRS on an annual basis by the U.S. Investor) and to make and maintain a valid QEF election for any year in which we or any of our subsidiaries are a PFIC. A QEF election will not apply to any taxable year during which we are not a PFIC, but will remain in effect with respect to any subsequent taxable year in which we become a PFIC. Each U.S. Investor is encouraged to consult its own tax advisor with respect to tax consequences of a QEF election with respect to us.

Mark-to-Market Election. Alternatively, if our Shares are treated as "marketable stock," a U.S. Investor would be allowed to make a "mark-to-market" election with respect to our Shares, provided the U.S. Investor completes and files IRS Form 8621 in accordance with the relevant instructions and related Treasury Regulations. If that election is made, the U.S. Investor generally would include as ordinary income in each taxable year the excess, if any, of the fair market value of the Shares at the end of the taxable year over such holder's adjusted tax basis in the Shares. The U.S. Investor would also be permitted an ordinary loss in respect of the excess, if any, of the U.S. Investor's adjusted tax basis in the Shares over their fair market value at the end of the taxable year, but only to the extent of the net amount previously included in income as a result of the mark-to-market election. A U.S. Investor's tax basis in the Shares would be adjusted to reflect any such income or loss amount. Gain realized on the sale, exchange or other disposition of the Shares would be treated as ordinary loss to the extent that such loss does not exceed the net mark-to-market gains previously included in income by the U.S. Investor, and any loss in excess of such amount will be treated as capital loss. Amounts treated as ordinary income will not be eligible for the favorable tax rates applicable to qualified dividend income or long-term capital gains.

Generally, stock will be considered marketable stock if it is "regularly traded" on a "qualified exchange" within the meaning of applicable Treasury regulations. A class of stock is regularly traded on an exchange during any calendar year during which such class of stock is traded, other than in *de minimis* quantities, on at least 15 days during each calendar quarter. Our ADSs will be marketable stock as long as they remain listed on the Nasdaq Capital Market and are regularly traded. A mark-to-market election will not apply to our ADSs held by a U.S. Investor for any taxable year during which we are not a PFIC, but will remain in effect with respect to any subsequent taxable year in which we become a PFIC. Such election will not apply to any PFIC subsidiary that we own. Each U.S. Investor is encouraged to consult its own tax advisor with respect to the availability and tax consequences of a mark-to-market election with respect to our ADSs.

Default PFIC Rules. A U.S. Investor who does not make a timely QEF election or a mark-to-market election, referred to in this disclosure as a "Non-Electing U.S. Investor," will be subject to special rules with respect to (a) any "excess distribution" (generally, the portion of any distributions received by the Non-Electing U.S. Investor on the Shares in a taxable year in excess of 125% of the average annual distributions received by the Non-Electing U.S. Investor in the three preceding taxable years, or, if shorter, the Non-Electing U.S. Investor's holding period for his Shares), and (b) any gain realized on the sale or other disposition of such Shares. Under these rules:

- the excess distribution or gain would be allocated ratably over the Non-Electing U.S. Investor's holding period for the Shares;
- the amount allocated to the current taxable year and any year prior to us becoming a PFIC would be taxed as ordinary income; and
- the amount allocated to each of the other taxable years would be subject to tax at the highest rate of tax in effect for the applicable class of taxpayer for that year, and an interest charge for the deemed deferral benefit would be imposed with respect to the resulting tax attributable to each such other taxable year.

If a Non-Electing U.S. Investor who is an individual dies while owning our Shares, the Non-Electing U.S. Investor's successor would be ineligible to receive a step-up in tax basis of the Shares. Non-Electing U.S. Investors are encouraged to consult their tax advisors regarding the application of the PFIC rules to their specific situation.

A Non-Electing U.S. Investor who wishes to make a QEF election for a subsequent year may be able to make a special "purging election" pursuant to Section 1291(d) of the Code. Pursuant to this election, a Non-Electing U.S. Investor would be treated as selling his or her stock for fair market value on the first day of the taxable year for which the QEF election is made. Any gain on such deemed sale would be subject to tax under the rules for Non-Electing U.S. Investors as discussed above. Non-Electing U.S. Investors are encouraged to consult their tax advisors regarding the availability of a "purging election" as well as other available elections.

To the extent a distribution on our Shares does not constitute an excess distribution to a Non-Electing U.S. Investor, such Non-Electing U.S. Investor generally will be required to include the amount of such distribution in gross income as a dividend to the extent of our current or accumulated earnings and profits (as determined for U.S. federal income tax purposes) that are not allocated to excess distributions. The tax consequences of such distributions are discussed above under "— Taxation of U.S. Investors — Distributions." Each U.S. Investor is encouraged to consult its own tax advisor with respect to the appropriate U.S. federal income tax treatment of any distribution on our Shares.

If we are treated as a PFIC for any taxable year during the holding period of a Non-Electing U.S. Investor, we will continue to be treated as a PFIC for all succeeding years during which the Non-Electing U.S. Investor is treated as a direct or indirect Non-Electing U.S. Investor even if we are not a PFIC for such years. A U.S. Investor is encouraged to consult its tax advisor with respect to any available elections that may be applicable in such a situation, including the "deemed sale" election of Code Section 1298(b)(1). In addition, U.S. Investors should consult their tax advisors regarding the IRS information reporting and filing obligations that may arise as a result of the ownership of shares in a PFIC.

We may invest in the equity of foreign corporations that are PFICs or may own subsidiaries that own PFICs. U.S. Investors will be subject to the PFIC rules with respect to their indirect ownership interests in such PFICs, such that a disposition of the shares of the PFIC or receipt by us of a distribution from the PFIC generally will be treated as a deemed disposition of such shares or the deemed receipt of such distribution by the U.S. Investor, subject to taxation under the PFIC rules. There can be no assurance that a U.S. Investor will be able to make a QEF election or a mark-to-market election with respect to PFICs in which we invest. Each U.S. Investor is encouraged to consult its own tax advisor with respect to tax consequences of an investment by us in a corporation that is a PFIC.

The U.S. federal income tax rules relating to PFICs are complex. U.S. Investors are urged to consult their own tax advisors with respect to the purchase, ownership and disposition of Shares, any elections available with respect to such Shares and the IRS information reporting obligations with respect to the purchase, ownership and disposition of Shares.

# Certain Reporting Requirements

Certain U.S. Investors are required to file IRS Form 926, Return by U.S. Transferor of Property to a Foreign Corporation, and certain U.S. Investors may be required to file IRS Form 5471, Information Return of U.S. Persons With Respect to Certain Foreign Corporations, reporting transfers of cash or other property to us and information relating to the U.S. Investor and us. Substantial penalties may be imposed upon a U.S. Investor that fails to comply. Each U.S. Investor should consult its own tax advisor regarding these requirements.

In addition, recently enacted legislation imposes new reporting requirements for the holder of certain foreign financial assets, including equity of foreign entities, if the aggregate value of all of these assets exceeds \$50,000. The Shares are expected to be subject to these new reporting requirements unless the Shares are held in an account at a domestic financial institution. The requirement to file a report is effective for taxable years beginning after March 18, 2010. Penalties apply to any failure to file a required report. U.S. Investors should consult their own tax advisors regarding the application of this legislation.

# Backup Withholding Tax and Information Reporting Requirements

Generally, information reporting requirements will apply to distributions on our Shares or proceeds on the disposition of our Shares paid within the United States (and, in certain cases, outside the United States) to U.S. Investors other than certain exempt recipients, such as corporations. Furthermore, backup withholding (currently at 28%) may apply to such amounts if the U.S. Investor fails to (i) provide a correct taxpayer identification number, (ii) report interest and dividends required to be shown on its U.S. federal income tax return, or (iii) make other appropriate certifications in the required manner. U.S. Investors who are required to establish their exempt status generally must provide such certification on IRS Form W-9.

Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Amounts withheld as backup withholding from a payment may be credited against a U.S. Investor's U.S. federal income tax liability and such U.S. Investor may obtain a refund of any excess amounts withheld by filing the appropriate claim for refund with the IRS and furnishing any required information in a timely manner.

U.S. Investors should consult their own tax advisors concerning the tax consequences relating to the purchase, ownership and disposition of the Shares.

### F. Dividends and Paying Agents

Not applicable

### G. Statement by Experts

Not applicable.

#### H. Documents on Display

We are currently subject to the information and periodic reporting requirements of the Exchange Act, and file periodic reports and other information with the SEC through its electronic data gathering, analysis and retrieval (EDGAR) system. Our securities filings, including this Annual Report and the exhibits thereto, are available for inspection and copying at the public reference facilities of the SEC located at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. You may also obtain copies of the documents at prescribed rates by writing to the Public Reference Section of the SEC at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the public reference room. The SEC also maintains a website at <a href="http://www.sec.gov">http://www.sec.gov</a> from which certain filings may be accessed.

As a foreign private issuer, we are exempt from the rules under the Exchange Act related to the furnishing and content of proxy statements, and our officers, directors and principal shareholders are exempt from the reporting and short-swing profit recovery provisions contained in Section 16 of the Exchange Act. In addition, we are not required under the Exchange Act to file annual, quarterly and current reports and financial statements with the SEC as frequently or as promptly as United States companies whose securities are registered under the Exchange Act.

In addition, since our ordinary shares are traded on the TASE, we also file periodic and immediate reports with, and furnish information to, the TASE and the Israel Securities Authority, or the ISA, as required under Chapter Six of the Israel Securities Law, 1968 and the regulations enacted pursuant thereof, as applicable to a public company which also trades on the Nasdaq Capital Market. Copies of our filings with the Israeli Securities Authority can be retrieved electronically through the MAGNA distribution site of the Israeli Securities Authority (www.magna.isa.gov.il) and the TASE website (www.maya.tase.co.il).

We maintain a corporate website at *www.biolinerx.com*. Information contained on, or that can be accessed through, our website does not constitute a part of this Annual Report on Form 20-F. We have included our website address in this Annual Report on Form 20-F solely as an inactive textual reference.

#### I. Subsidiary Information

Not applicable.

# ITEM 11. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURE ON MARKET RISK

Market risk is the risk of loss related to changes in market prices, including interest rates and foreign exchange rates, of financial instruments that may adversely impact our consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows. We do not use derivative financial instruments for trading purposes. Accordingly, we have concluded that there is no material market risk exposure of the type contemplated by Item 11, and that no quantitative tabular disclosures are required. We are exposed to certain other types of market risks, as described below.

# **Risk of Interest Rate Fluctuation**

Our investments consist primarily of cash, cash equivalents and short-term bank deposits. We may also invest in investment-grade marketable securities with maturities of up to three years, including commercial paper, money market funds, and government/non-government debt securities. The primary objective of our investment activities is to preserve principal while maximizing the income that we receive from our investments without significantly increasing risk and loss. Our investments are exposed to market risk due to fluctuation in interest rates, which may affect our interest income and the fair market value of our investments. We manage this exposure by performing ongoing evaluations of our investments. Due to the short-term maturities of our investments to date, their carrying value has always approximated their fair value. It will be our policy to hold investments to maturity in order to limit our exposure to interest rate fluctuations.

### Foreign Currency Exchange Risk

Our foreign currency exposures give rise to market risk associated with exchange rate movements of the NIS, our functional and reporting currency, mainly against the dollar and the euro. Although the NIS is our functional currency, a significant portion of our expenses are denominated in both dollars and euros and our revenues have been, and can be expected in the future to be, denominated in either dollars or euros, or both. Our dollar and euro expenses consist principally of payments made to subcontractors and consultants for preclinical studies, clinical trials and other research and development activities. We anticipate that a sizable portion of our expenses will continue to be denominated in currencies other than the NIS. If the NIS fluctuates significantly against either the dollar or the euro, it may have a negative impact on our results of operations. To date, fluctuations in the exchange rates have not materially affected our results of operations or financial condition for the periods under review.

To date, we have not engaged in hedging transactions. In the future, we may enter into currency hedging transactions to decrease the risk of financial exposure from fluctuations in the exchange rates of our principal operating currencies. These measures, however, may not adequately protect us from the material adverse effects of such fluctuations.

## ITEM 12. DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES OTHER THAN EQUITY SECURITIES

### A. Debt Securities

Not applicable.

### **B.** Warrants and Rights

Not applicable.

#### C. Other Securities

Not applicable.

## D. American Depositary Shares

Set forth below is a summary of the material terms of the deposit agreement, as amended, among our company, The Bank of New York Mellon as depositary, or the Depositary, and the owners and holders from time to time of our ADSs.

#### **Description of the ADSs**

Each of our ADSs represents 10 of our ordinary shares. Our ADSs trade on the Nasdaq Capital Market.

The form of the deposit agreement for the ADS and the form of American Depositary Receipt (ADR) that represents an ADS have been incorporated by reference as exhibits to this Annual Report on Form 20-F. Copies of the deposit agreement are available for inspection at the principal office of The Bank of New York Mellon, located at 101 Barclay Street, New York, New York 10286, and at the principal office of our custodians, Bank Leumi Le-Israel, 34 Yehuda Halevi St., Tel-Aviv 65546, Israel and Bank Hapoalim B.M., 104 Hayarkon Street, Tel Aviv 63432, Israel.

#### **Dividends, Other Distributions and Rights**

Amounts distributed to ADS holders will be reduced by any taxes or other governmental charges required to be withheld by the custodian or the Depositary. If the Depositary determines that any distribution in cash or property is subject to any tax or governmental charges that the Depositary or the custodian is obligated to withhold, the Depositary may use the cash or sell or otherwise dispose of all or a portion of that property to pay the taxes or governmental charges. The Depositary will then distribute the balance of the cash and/or property to the ADS holders entitled to the distribution, in proportion to their holdings.

Cash dividends and cash distributions. The Depositary will convert into dollars all cash dividends and other cash distributions that it or the custodian receives in a foreign currency. The Depositary will distribute to the ADS holders the amount it receives, after deducting any currency conversion expenses. If the Depositary determines that any foreign currency it receives cannot be converted and transferred on a reasonable basis, it may distribute the foreign currency (or an appropriate document evidencing the right to receive the currency), or hold that foreign currency uninvested, without liability for interest, for the accounts of the ADS holders entitled to receive it.

Distributions of ordinary shares. If we distribute ordinary shares as a dividend or free distribution, the Depositary may, with our approval, and will, at our request, distribute to ADS holders new ADSs representing the ordinary shares. The Depositary will distribute only whole ADSs. It will sell the ordinary shares that would have required it to use fractional ADSs and then distribute the proceeds in the same way it distributes cash. If the Depositary deposits the ordinary shares but does not distribute additional ADSs, the existing ADSs will also represent the new ordinary shares.

If holders of ordinary shares have the option of receiving a dividend in cash or in shares, we may also grant that option to ADS holders.

Other distributions. If the Depositary or the custodian receives a distribution of anything other than cash or shares, the Depositary will distribute the property or securities to the ADS holder, in proportion to such holder's holdings upon payment of its fees. If the Depositary determines that it cannot distribute the property or securities in this manner or that it is not feasible to do so, then, after consultation with us, it may distribute the property or securities by any means it thinks are equitable and practical, or it may sell the property or securities and distribute the net proceeds of the sale to the ADS holders. The Depositary may sell a portion of any distributed property that is sufficient to pay its fees.

Rights to subscribe for additional ordinary shares and other rights. If we offer our holders of ordinary shares any rights to subscribe for additional ordinary shares or any other rights, the Depositary will, if requested by us:

- make the rights available to all or certain holders of ADSs, by means of warrants or otherwise, if lawful and practically feasible; or
- if it is not lawful or practically feasible to make the rights available, attempt to sell those rights or warrants or other instruments.

In that case, the Depositary will allocate the net proceeds of the sales to the account of the ADS holders entitled to the rights. The allocation will be made on an averaged or other practicable basis without regard to any distinctions among holders.

If registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, is required in order to offer or sell to the ADS holders the securities represented by any rights, the Depositary will not make the rights available to ADS holders unless a registration statement is in effect or such securities are exempt from registration. We do not, however, have any obligation to file a registration statement or to have a registration statement declared effective. If the Depositary cannot make any rights available to ADS holders and cannot dispose of the rights and make the net proceeds available to ADS holders, then it will allow the rights to lapse, and the ADS holders will not receive any value for them.

Voting of the underlying shares. Under the deposit agreement, an ADS holder is entitled, subject to any applicable provisions of Israeli law, our Articles of Association and bylaws and the deposited securities, to exercise voting rights pertaining to the shares represented by its ADSs. If we so request, the Depositary will send to ADS holders such information as is contained in the notice of meeting that the Depositary receives from us, as well as a statement that holders of as the close of business on the specified record date will be entitled to instruct the Depositary as to the exercise of voting rights and a statement as to the manner in which the such instructions may be given. Under the terms of the Deposit Agreement, the Depositary shall endeavor (insofar as is practicable and in accordance with the applicable law and the articles of association of the Company) to vote or cause to be voted the number of shares represented by ADSs in accordance with the instructions provided by the holders of ADSs to the Depositary. If no instructions are received by the Depositary from any holder of ADSs with respect to any of the shares represented by the ADSs evidenced by such holder's receipts on or before the date established by the Depositary for such purpose, then the Depositary will deem the holder of the shares to have instructed the Depositary to give a discretionary proxy to a person designated by us with respect to the shares represented by such ADSs, and the Depositary will give such instruction. In such case, the restrictions of the Israeli Companies Law with respect to "personal interest," as described elsewhere in this annual report, would apply as well.

Changes affecting deposited securities. If there is any change in nominal value or any split-up, consolidation, cancellation or other reclassification of deposited securities, or any recapitalization, reorganization, business combination or consolidation or sale of assets involving us, then any securities that the Depositary receives in respect of deposited securities will become new deposited securities. Each ADS will automatically represent its share of the new deposited securities, unless the Depositary delivers new ADSs as described in the following sentence. The Depositary may distribute new ADSs or ask ADS holders to surrender their outstanding ADRs in exchange for new ADRs describing the new deposited securities.

Amendment of the deposit agreement. The Depositary and we may agree to amend the form of the ADSs and the deposit agreement at any time, without the consent of the ADS holders. If the amendment adds or increases any fees or charges (other than taxes or other governmental charges) or prejudices an important right of ADS holders, it will not take effect as to outstanding ADSs until 30 days after the Depositary has sent the ADS holders a notice of the amendment. At the expiration of that 30-day period, each ADS holder will be considered by continuing to hold its ADSs to agree to the amendment and to be bound by the deposit agreement as so amended. The Depositary and we may not amend the deposit agreement or the form of ADRs to impair the ADS holder's right to surrender its ADSs and receive the ordinary shares and any other property represented by the ADRs, except to comply with mandatory provisions of applicable law.

Termination of the deposit agreement. The Depositary will terminate the deposit agreement if we ask it to do so and will notify the ADS holders at least 30 days before the date of termination. The Depositary may also terminate the deposit agreement if it resigns and a successor depositary has not been appointed by us and accepted its appointment within 60 days after the Depositary has given us notice of its resignation. After termination of the deposit agreement, the Depositary will no longer register transfers of ADSs, distribute dividends to the ADS holders, accept deposits of ordinary shares, give any notices, or perform any other acts under the deposit agreement whatsoever, except that the Depositary will continue to:

- collect dividends and other distributions pertaining to deposited securities;
- sell rights as described under the heading "Dividends, Other Distributions and Rights Rights to subscribe for additional shares and other rights" above;
   and
- deliver deposited securities, together with any dividends or other distributions received with respect thereto and the net proceeds of the sale of any rights or other property, in exchange for surrendered ADRs.

Four months after termination, the Depositary may sell the deposited securities and hold the proceeds of the sale, together with any other cash then held by it, for the pro rata benefit of ADS holders that have not surrendered their ADSs. The Depositary will not have liability for interest on the sale proceeds or any cash it holds.

# **Charges of Depositary**

We will pay the fees, reasonable expenses and out-of-pocket charges of the Depositary and those of any registrar only in accordance with agreements in writing entered into between us and the Depositary from time to time. The following charges shall be incurred by any party depositing or withdrawing ordinary shares or by any party surrendering ADRs or to whom ADRs are issued (including, without limitation, issuance pursuant to a stock dividend or stock split declared by us or an exchange of stock regarding the ADRs or deposited ordinary shares or a distribution of ADRs pursuant to the terms of the deposit agreement):

- taxes and other governmental charges;
- any applicable transfer or registration fees;
- certain cable, telex and facsimile transmission charges as provided in the Deposit Agreement;
- any expenses incurred in the conversion of foreign currency;
- a fee of \$5.00 or less per 100 ADSs (or a portion thereof) for the execution and delivery of ADRs and the surrender of ADRs;
- a fee of \$.05 or less per ADS (or portion thereof) for any cash distribution made pursuant to the Deposit Agreement;
- a fee for the distribution of securities pursuant to the Deposit Agreement;
- in addition to any fee charged for a cash distribution, a fee of \$.05 or less per ADS (or portion thereof) per annum for depositary services;
- a fee for the distribution of proceeds of rights that the Depositary sells pursuant to the Deposit Agreement; and
- any other charges payable by the Depositary, any of the Depositary's agents, or the agents of the Depositary's agents in connection with the servicing of Shares or other Deposited Securities.

The Depositary may own and deal in our securities and in our ADRs.

### Liability of Holders for Taxes, Duties or Other Charges

Any tax or other governmental charge with respect to ADRs or any deposited ordinary shares represented by any ADR shall be payable by the holder of such ADR to the Depositary. The Depositary may refuse to effect transfer of such ADR or any withdrawal of deposited ordinary shares represented by such ADR until such payment is made, and may withhold any dividends or other distributions or may sell for the account of the holder any part or all of the deposited ordinary shares represented by such ADR and may apply such dividends or distributions or the proceeds of any such sale in payment of any such tax or other governmental charge and the holder of such ADR shall remain liable for any deficiency.

# ITEM 13. DEFAULTS, DIVIDENDS, ARREARAGES AND DELINQUENCIES

Not applicable.

# ITEM 14. MATERIAL MODIFICATIONS TO THE RIGHTS OF SECURITY HOLDERS AND USE OF PROCEEDS

Not applicable.

### ITEM 15. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

#### (a) <u>Disclosure Controls and Procedures</u>

We have performed an evaluation of the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures that are designed to ensure that the material financial and non-financial information required to be disclosed to the SEC is recorded, processed, summarized and reported timely. Based on our evaluation, our management, including the CEO and CFO, has concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) as of the end of the period covered by this report are effective. Notwithstanding the foregoing, there can be no assurance that our disclosure controls and procedures will detect or uncover all failures of persons within the Company to disclose material information otherwise required to be set forth in our reports.

### (b) Management's Annual Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting, as such term is defined in Rule 13a-15(f) promulgated under the Exchange Act. Our internal control system was designed to provide reasonable assurance to our management and board of directors regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation and fair presentation of published financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. All internal control systems, no matter how well designed, have inherent limitations. Therefore, even those systems determined to be effective can provide only reasonable assurance with respect to financial statement preparation and presentation and may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with policies or procedures may deteriorate.

Our management, including the CEO and CFO, conducted an evaluation, pursuant to Rule 13a-15(c) promulgated under the Exchange Act, of the effectiveness, as of the end of the period covered by this Annual Report, of its internal control over financial reporting based on the framework in *Internal Control—Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. Based on the results of this evaluation, management concluded that our internal control over financial reporting was effective as of December 31, 2013.

# (c) Attestation Report of Registered Public Accounting Firm

Not applicable.

### (d) Changes in Internal Controls over Financial Reporting

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the year ended December 31, 2013 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

## ITEM 16. [RESERVED]

# ITEM 16A. AUDIT COMMITTEE FINANCIAL EXPERTS

Our Board of Directors has determined that Nurit Benjamini is the audit committee financial expert. Ms. Benjamini is one of our independent directors for the purposes of the Nasdaq rules.

## ITEM 16B. CODE OF ETHICS

In July 2011, our Board of Directors adopted a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics (the "Code") that applies to all our employees, including without limitation our chief executive officer, chief financial officer and controller. Our Code may be viewed on our website at <a href="https://www.biolinerx.com">www.biolinerx.com</a>. A copy of our Code may be obtained, without charge, upon a written request addressed to our investor relations department, P.O. Box 45158, 19 Hartum Street, Jerusalem 9777518, Israel (Telephone no. +972-2-548-9100) (e-mail: <a href="mailto:info@BioLineRx.com">info@BioLineRx.com</a>).

# ITEM 16C. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES

# Fees Paid to Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The following table sets forth, for each of the years indicated, the fees billed by our independent registered public accounting firms (members of PricewaterhouseCoopers International Ltd.).

		Year Ended Dece	mber 31,
		2012	2013
	Services Rendered	(in NIS 000	l's)
Audit Fees(1)		394	352
Audit-Related Fees (2)		40	48
Tax Fees(3)		154	259
All Other Fees		<del></del>	_
Total		588	659

- (1) Audit fees consist of services that would normally be provided in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements, including services that generally only the independent accountant can reasonably provide.
- (2) Audit related services relate to reports to the OCS and work regarding a public listing or offering.
- Tax fees relate to tax compliance, planning and advice.

Our Audit Committee, in accordance with its charter, reviews and pre-approves all audit services and permitted non-audit services (including the fees and other terms) to be provided by our independent auditors.

# ITEM 16D. EXEMPTIONS FROM THE LISTING STANDARDS FOR AUDIT COMMITTEES

Not applicable.

# ITEM 16E. PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES BY THE ISSUER AND AFFILIATED PURCHASERS

Not applicable.

# ITEM 16F. CHANGE IN REGISTRANT'S CERTIFYING ACCOUNTANT

Not applicable.

### ITEM 16G. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

# Nasdaq Listing Rules and Home Country Practices

The Sarbanes-Oxley Act, as well as related rules subsequently implemented by the SEC, requires foreign private issuers, such as us, to comply with various corporate governance practices. In complying with the Marketplace Rules of the Nasdaq Stock Market, we have elected to follow certain corporate governance practices permitted under the Companies Law and the rules of the TASE in lieu of compliance with certain corporate governance requirements otherwise required by the Marketplace Rules of the Nasdaq Stock Market.

In accordance with Israeli law and practice and subject to the exemption set forth in Rule 5615 of the Marketplace Rules of the Nasdaq Stock Market, we follow the provisions of the Companies Law, rather than the Marketplace Rules of the Nasdaq Stock Market, with respect to the following requirements:

- Distribution of annual and quarterly reports to shareholders. Under Israeli law, as a public company whose shares are traded on the TASE, we are not required to distribute annual and quarterly reports directly to shareholders and the generally accepted business practice in Israel is not to distribute such reports to shareholders but to make such reports publicly available through the website of the Israeli Securities Authority and the TASE. In addition, we make our audited financial statements available to our shareholders at our offices. As a foreign private issuer, we are generally exempt from the SEC's proxy solicitation rules.
- Quorum. While the Marketplace Rules of the Nasdaq Stock Market require that the quorum for purposes of any meeting of the holders of a listed company's common voting stock, as specified in the company's bylaws, be no less than 33 1/3% of the company's outstanding common voting stock, under Israeli law, a company is entitled to determine in its articles of association the number of shareholders and percentage of holdings required for a quorum at a shareholders meeting. Our Articles of Association provide that a quorum of two or more shareholders holding at least 25% of the voting rights in person or by proxy is required for commencement of business at a general meeting. However, the quorum set forth in our Articles of Association with respect to an adjourned meeting consists of any number of shareholders present in person or by proxy.
- Independent Directors. Our Board of Directors includes two external directors in accordance with the provisions contained in Sections 239-249 of the Companies Law and Rule 10A-3 of the general rules and regulations promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, rather than a majority of external directors. Israeli law does not require, nor do our independent directors conduct, regularly scheduled meetings at which only they are present. We are required, however, to ensure that all members of our Audit Committee are "independent" under the applicable Nasdaq and SEC criteria for independence (as a foreign private issuer we are not exempt from the SEC independence requirement), and we must also ensure that a majority of the members of our Audit Committee are unaffiliated directors as defined in the Companies Law. Furthermore, Israeli law does not require, nor do our independent directors conduct, regularly scheduled meetings at which only they are present, which the Marketplace Rules of the Nasdaq Stock Market otherwise require.
- Audit Committee. Our Audit Committee complies with all of the requirements under Israeli law, and is composed of two external directors, which are all of our external directors, and only one other director, who cannot be the chairman of our Board of Directors. Consistent with Israeli law, the independent auditors are elected at a meeting of shareholders instead of being appointed by the Audit Committee.
- Nomination of our Directors. With the exception of our external directors and directors elected by our Board of Directors due to vacancy, our directors are elected by a general or special meeting of our shareholders, to hold office until they are removed from office by the majority of our shareholders at a general or special meeting of our shareholders. See "— Board of Directors." The nominations for directors, which are presented to our shareholders, are generally made by our directors, but nominations may be made by one or more of our shareholders as provided in our Articles of Association, under the Companies Law or in an agreement between us and our shareholders. Currently, there is no agreement between us and any shareholder regarding the nomination of directors. In accordance with our Articles of Association, under the Companies Law, any one or more shareholders holding, in the aggregate, either (1) 5% of our outstanding shares and 1% of our outstanding voting power or (2) 5% of our outstanding voting power, may nominate one or more persons for election as directors at a general or special meeting by delivering a written notice of such shareholder's intent to make such nomination or nominations to our registered office. Each such notice must set forth all of the details and information as required to be provided in our Articles of Association.

- Compensation Committee and Compensation of Officers. Israeli law, and our amended and restated articles of association, do not require that a compensation committee composed solely of independent members of our Board of Directors determine (or recommend to the board of directors for determination) an executive officer's compensation, as required underNasdaq's recently adopted listing standards related to compensation committee independence and responsibilities; nor do they require that the Company adopt and file a compensation committee charter. Instead, our compensation committee has been established and conducts itself in accordance with provisions governing the composition of and the responsibilities of a compensation committee as set forth in the Companies Law, and is composed of two external directors, which are all of our external directors, and one additional director, who is not the chairman of our Board of Directors or otherwise employed by the Company. Additionally, we comply with the requirements set forth under the Companies Law, pursuant to which transactions with office holders regarding their terms of office and employment, and transaction with a controlling shareholder in a company regarding his or her employment and/or his or her terms of office with the company, may require the approval of the compensation committee, the board of directors and under certain circumstances the shareholders, either in accordance with our previously approved compensation policy or, in special circumstances in deviation therefrom, taking into account certain considerations set forth in the Companies Law. See "Item 6. Directors, Senior Management and Employees — Board Practices — Compensation Committee" for information regarding the Compensation Committee, and "Item 6. Directors, Senior Management and Employees — Approval of Related Party Transactions under Israeli Law" for information regarding the special approvals required with respect to approval of terms of office and employment of office holders, pursuant to the Companies Law, as set forth under Amendment 20. The requirements for shareholder approval of any office holder compensation, and the relevant majority or special majority for such approval, are all as set forth in the Companies Law. Thus, we will seek shareholder approval for all corporate actions with respect to office holder compensation requiring such approval under the requirements of the Companies Law, including seeking prior approval of the shareholders for the compensation policy and for certain office holder compensation, rather than seeking approval for such corporate actions in accordance with Nasdaq Listing Rules.
- Approval of Related Party Transactions. All related party transactions are approved in accordance with the requirements and procedures for approval of
  interested party acts and transactions, set forth in sections 268 to 275 of the Companies Law, and the regulations promulgated thereunder, which require the
  approval of the audit committee, the compensation committee, the board of directors and shareholders, as may be applicable, for specified transactions,
  rather than approval by the audit committee or other independent body of our Board of Directors as required under the Marketplace Rules of the Nasdaq
  Stock Market.
- Shareholder Approval. We seek shareholder approval for all corporate actions requiring such approval in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Law, which are different or in addition to the requirements for seeking shareholder approval under Nasdaq Listing Rule 5635, rather than seeking approval for corporation actions in accordance with such listing rules.
- Equity Compensation Plans. We do not necessarily seek shareholder approval shareholder approval for the establishment of, and amendments to, stock option or equity compensation plans (as set forth in NASDAQ Listing Rule 5635(c)), as such matters are not subject to shareholder approval under Israeli law. Our equity compensation plan is available to our employees, none of whom are currently U.S. employees, and provide features necessary to comply with applicable non-U.S. tax laws.

## ITEM 16H. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURE

Not applicable.

# ITEM 17. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Registrant has responded to Item 18 in lieu of responding to this Item.

# **ITEM 18. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

See the financial statements beginning on page F-1. The following financial statements and financial statement schedules are filed as part of this Annual Report on Form 20-F together with the report of the independent registered public accounting firm:

# ITEM 19. EXHIBITS

Exhibit Number	Exhibit Description
2.1 <sup>(5)</sup>	Articles of Association of the Registrant, as amended May 15, 2012.
2.2 <sup>(2)</sup>	Form of Deposit Agreement dated as of July 21, 2011 among BioLineRx, Ltd., The Bank of New York Mellon, as Depositary, and all Owners and Holders from time to time of American Depositary Shares issued thereunder.
2.3 <sup>(2)</sup>	Form of American Depositary Receipt; the Form is Exhibit A of the Form of Depositary Agreement.
4.3(1)	Employment Agreement with Kinneret Savitsky, Ph.D., dated October 13, 2004.
4.5 <sup>(1)</sup>	Employment Agreement with Philip Serlin, dated May 24, 2009.
4.6†(1)	License Agreement entered into as of January 10, 2005, by and between BioLine Innovations Jerusalem L.P. and B.G. Negev Technologies and Applications Ltd.
4.7 <sup>(1)</sup>	Assignment Agreement dated as of January 1, 2009 entered into by and between BioLine Innovations Jerusalem L.P. and BioLineRx Ltd.
4.13(1)	Incubator agreement with the Office of the Chief Scientist, January 2005.
4.15 <sup>(1)</sup>	Early Development Program Agreement with Pan Atlantic Investments Limited, dated January 10, 2007.
4.16†(1)	License Agreement between Innovative Pharmaceutical Concepts, Inc. and BioLineRx Ltd. dated November 25, 2007.
4.17† <sup>(1)</sup>	Amended and Restated License and Commercialization Agreement by and among Ikaria Development Subsidiary One LLC and BioLineRx Ltd. and BioLine Innovations Jerusalem L.P. dated August 26, 2009.
4.18	BioLineRx Ltd. Amended and Restated 2003 Share Incentive Plan.
4.19 <sup>(1)</sup>	Lease Agreement between Kaps-Pharma Ltd. and BioLine Innovations Jerusalem L.P., dated July 10, 2005, and Extension to Lease Agreement, dated December 4, 2008.
4.20(1)	Amendment to Employment Agreement with Kinneret Savitsky, Ph.D., dated January 2, 2004.
4.21(1)	Employment Agreement with Leah Klapper, Ph.D., dated January 27, 2005.
4.25† <sup>(1)</sup>	Payment Date Extension Amendment by and among Ikaria Development Subsidiary One LLC and BioLineRx Ltd. and BioLine Innovations Jerusalem L.P., dated April 21, 2010.
4.26(1)	Amendment to the Amended and Restated license and Commercialization Agreement by and among Ikaria Development Subsidiary One LLC and BioLineRx Ltd. and BioLine Innovations Jerusalem L.P., dated April 21, 2010.
4.27 <sup>(1)</sup>	Extension agreement dated January 2, 2011 to the Incubator Agreement with the Office of the Chief Scientist.
4.28(1)	Sponsored Research Agreement entered into as of June 23, 2011 by and between Yissum Research Development Company of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem Ltd. and BioLineRx Ltd.
4.29(1)	License Agreement entered into as of June 23, 2011 by and between Yissum Research Development Company of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem Ltd. and BioLineRx Ltd.
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Exhibit Number	Exhibit Description
4.30 <sup>(4)</sup>	Employment Agreement with David Malek, dated August 8, 2011
4.31(3)	Form of Warrant to purchase American Depositary Shares
4.32 <sup>(7)</sup>	Form of Warrant to purchase American Depositary Shares
4.33† <sup>(8)</sup>	License Agreement entered into as of September 2, 2012 by and among BioLineRx Ltd. and Biokine Therapeutics Ltd.
4.34	Consulting Agreement with Arnon Aharon, M.D., dated January 1, 2014
4.35†	License Agreement entered into as of February 15, 2011 by Valorisation-Recherche, Limited Partnership, and BioLineRx Ltd.
4.36 <sup>(9)</sup>	Executive Compensation Plan
8.1(1)	List of subsidiaries of the Registrant.
12.1	Certification by Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
12.2	Certification by Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
13.1	Certification by Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
13.2	Certification by Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
15.1 <sup>(3)</sup>	Form of Purchase Agreement between BioLineRx Ltd. and the Purchasers named therein, dated February 15, 2012
15.2 <sup>(6)</sup>	Purchase Agreement between BioLineRx Ltd. and Lincoln Park, LLC, dated September 21, 2012
15.3 <sup>(6)</sup>	Registration Rights Agreement between BioLineRx Ltd. and Lincoln Park, LLC, dated September 21, 2012
15 <b>.</b> 4 <sup>(7)</sup>	Subscription Agreement between BioLineRx Ltd. and OrbiMed Israel Partners Limited Partnership, dated February 6, 2013
15.5	Consent of Kesselman & Kesselman, Certified Public Accountant (Isr.), a member of PricewaterhouseCoopers International Limited, independent registered public accounting firm for the Registrant.

- † Portions of this exhibit have been omitted and filed separately with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to a confidential treatment request.
- (1) Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form 20-F (No. 001-35223) filed on July 1, 2011.
- (2) Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 1 of the Registration Statement on Form F-6 (No. 333-175360) filed by the Bank of New York Mellon with respect to the Registrant's American Depositary Receipts.
- (3) Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Form 6-K filed on February 15, 2012.
- $(4) \ \ Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form F-1 (No. 333-179792) filed on February 29, 2012.$
- (5) Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-8 (No. 333-183976) filed on September 19, 2012.
- (6) Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Form 6-K filed on September 27, 2012.
- (7) Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Form 6-K filed on February 6, 2013.
- (8) Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Form 6-K filed on February 6, 2013.
- (9) Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Form 6-K filed on November 13, 2013.

# **SIGNATURES**

The Registrant hereby certifies that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form 20-F and that it has duly caused and authorized the undersigned to sign this annual report on its behalf.

BIOLINERX LTD.

By: /s/ Kinneret Savitsky

Kinneret Savitsky, Ph.D. Chief Executive Officer

Date: March 17, 2014

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#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the shareholders of **BioLineRx Ltd.** 

We have audited the accompanying consolidated statements of financial position of BioLineRx Ltd. ("BioLineRx") and its consolidated entities as of December 31, 2013 and 2012 and the related consolidated statements of comprehensive loss, changes in equity and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2013. These financial statements are the responsibility of BioLineRx's Board of Directors and management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by BioLineRx's Board of Directors and management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of BioLineRx and its consolidated entities as of December 31, 2013 and 2012 and their results of operations, changes in equity and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2013, in conformity with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"), as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB").

Tel Aviv, Israel March 17, 2014 /s/ Kesselman & Kesselman Certified Public Accountants (Isr.) A member of PricewaterhouseCoopers International Ltd.

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# BioLineRx Ltd.

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Convenience translation into USD (Note 1b) December 31, 2013

				(Note 1b)	
	Note	December 31,		December 31,	
	·	2012	2013	2013	
		NIS in thous	sands	In thousands	
Assets					
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	5a	68,339	30,888	8,899	
Short-term bank deposits	5b	11,459	32,345	9,319	
Prepaid expenses		804	896	258	
Other receivables	14a	2,254	1,249	360	
Total current assets		82,856	65,378	18,836	
NON-CURRENT ASSETS					
Restricted deposits	12b	3,513	573	165	
Long-term prepaid expenses	14b	204	169	49	
Property and equipment, net	6	3,172	2,471	712	
Intangible assets, net	7	1,063	878	253	
Total non-current assets		7,952	4,091	1,179	
Total assets		90,808	69,469	20,015	
Liabilities and equity					
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Current maturities of long-term bank loan	8	137	-	-	
Accounts payable and accruals:					
Trade	14c	12,283	7,945	2,289	
OCS		6,148	-	-	
Other	14c	5,443	2,499	720	
Total current liabilities		24,011	10,444	3,009	
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Retirement benefit obligations		143	152	44	
Warrants	9c	10,725	18,187	5,240	
Total non-current liabilities		10,868	18,339	5,284	
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES	12				
Total liabilities		34,879	28,783	8,293	
EQUITY	9				
Ordinary shares		1,837	2,414	696	
Share premium		464,629	509,857	146,890	
Capital reserve		33,802	34,192	9,851	
Accumulated deficit		(444,339)	(505,777)	(145,715)	
Total equity		55,929	40,686	11,722	
Total liabilities and equity		90,808	69,469	20,015	

# BioLineRx Ltd.

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE LOSS

Convenience

	Note	Year (	ended December 31,		translation into USD (Note 1b)
		2011	2012	2013	2013
		N	IS in thousands		In thousands
RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT EXPENSES, NET	14d	(42,623)	(64,304)	(44,057)	(12,692)
SALES AND MARKETING EXPENSES	14e	(3,308)	(3,227)	(4,101)	(1,182)
GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	14f	(12,722)	(14,026)	(13,225)	(3,810)
OPERATING LOSS		(58,653)	(81,557)	(61,383)	(17,684)
NON-OPERATING INCOME, NET	14g	` -	3,958	4,191	1,207
FINANCIAL INCOME	14h	12,730	8,819	2,600	749
FINANCIAL EXPENSES	14i	(4,263)	(7,490)	(6,846)	(1,972)
NET LOSS AND COMPREHENSIVE LOSS		(50,186)	(76,270)	(61,438)	(17,700)
			NIS		USD
LOSS PER ORDINARY SHARE - BASIC	11	(0.41)	(0.45)	(0.27)	(0.08)
LOSS PER ORDINARY SHARE - DILUTED	11	(0.41)	(0.45)	(0.27)	(0.08)

BioLineRx Ltd.

# STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

	Ordinary shares	Share premium	Warrants	Capital reserve	Accumulated deficit	Total
	Silares	premium	NIS in thou		dencit	10(a)
BALANCE AT JANUARY 1, 2011			NIS III tilou	isanus		
CHANGES IN 2011:	1,236	414,435	6,549	27,623	(317,883)	131,960
Employee stock options exercised	1,230	177	0,349	(176)	(317,003)	131,900
Employee stock options exercised  Employee stock options forfeited and expired	_	113		(113)	<u> </u>	
Expiration of warrants	-	6,549	(6,549)	(113)	-	-
Share-based compensation	-	0,543	(0,343)	3,983	<u>-</u>	3,983
Comprehensive loss for the year	<u>-</u>	_	<u>-</u>	3,303	(50,186)	(50,186)
1					(30,100)	(30,100)
BALANCE AT DECEMBER 31, 2011 CHANGES IN 2012:	1 220	401.074		21 217	(200,000)	05.750
	1,236	421,274	-	31,317	(368,069)	85,758
Issuance of share capital, net	601	42,700	-	-	-	43,301
Employee stock options exercised	*	272	-	(270)	-	2
Employee stock options forfeited and expired	-	383	-	(383)	-	-
Share-based compensation	-	-	-	3,138	-	3,138
Comprehensive loss for the year	=	-	-	-	(76,270)	(76,270)
BALANCE AT DECEMBER 31, 2012						
CHANGES IN 2013:	1,837	464,629	-	33,802	(444,339)	55,929
Issuance of share capital, net	573	42,313	-	-	` <u>-</u>	42,886
Employee stock options exercised	2	1,465	-	(1,457)	-	10
Warrants exercised	2	257	-	` <u>-</u>	-	259
Employee stock options forfeited and expired	-	1,193	-	(1,193)	-	-
Share-based compensation	-	· -	-	3,040	-	3,040
Comprehensive loss for the year	-	-	-	-	(61,438)	(61,438)
BALANCE AT DECEMBER 31, 2013	2,414	509,857		34,192	(505,777)	40,686

<sup>\*</sup> Represents an amount less than NIS 1,000.

# BioLineRx Ltd.

# STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

	Ordinary shares	Share premium Convenience trans	Capital reserve slation into thousand	Accumulated deficit ls USD (Note 1b)	Total
BALANCE AT DECEMBER 31, 2012					
CHANGES IN 2013:	530	133,860	9,739	(128,015)	16,114
Issuance of share capital, net	165	12,190	=	-	12,355
Employee stock options exercised	1	422	(420)	-	3
Warrants exercised	*	74	-	-	74
Employee stock options forfeited and expired	=	344	(344)	-	=
Share-based compensation	-	-	876	-	876
Comprehensive loss for the year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u> _		(17,700)	(17,700)
BALANCE AT DECEMBER 31, 2013	696	146,890	9,851	(145,715)	11,722

<sup>\*</sup> Represents an amount less than \$1,000.

### CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENTS

Net loss

**EXCHANGE DIFFERENCES ON CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS** 

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - END OF YEAR

translation into USD Year ended December 31, (Note 1b) 2011 2012 2013 2013 NIS in thousands In thousands **CASH FLOWS - OPERATING ACTIVITIES** (50,186)(76,270)(61,438)(17,700)Adjustments required to reflect net cash used in operating activities (see appendix below) 7,445 1,125 (9,026)(2,600)(42,711)(75,145)(70,464)Net cash used in operating activities (20,300)**CASH FLOWS - INVESTING ACTIVITIES** Investments in short-term deposits (63,456)(12,025)(129,359)(37,268)27,308 64,801 107,049 Maturities of short-term deposits 30,841 Investments in restricted deposits (1,000)(775)Maturities of restricted deposits 675 2,900 835 Purchase of property and equipment (598)(309)(951)(89)Purchase of intangible assets (133)(61)(99)(29)Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities (37,557)51,342 (19,818)(5,710)**CASH FLOWS - FINANCING ACTIVITIES** Issuance of share capital and warrants, net of issuance expenses 59,207 55,306 15,934 (308)Repayments of bank loan (300)(127)(37)Proceeds from exercise of employee stock options 10 Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities (307) 58,909 55,189 15,900 INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - BEGINNING OF YEAR 35,106 (80,605)(35,093)(10,110)

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Convenience

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

# CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENTS

Year ended December 31,

Convenience translation into USD (Note 1b)

Tear ended 2 ceember 51)			
2011 2012		2013	2013
N	IS in thousands		In thousands
4.500	4.504	4.44	220
	1,524		330
	-		40
	60		3
` '	- (4.50)		10
(1,920)	` /		679
-			135
-		(5,169)	(1,489)
-			-
			876
, ,			410
` '		` '	(3)
(7)	8	40	12
2,141	944	3,481	1,003
1.847	1,454	913	263
			(3,866)
5,304	181	(12,507)	(3,603)
	4 405	(0.000)	(2, 222)
7,445	1,125	(9,026)	(2,600)
265	10	-	
1,825	1,720	503	145
	1,563 88 53 (8) (1,920) 3,983 (1,597) (14) (7) 2,141  1,847 3,457 5,304  7,445	1,563	1,563

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### NOTE 1 – GENERAL INFORMATION

### a. General

BioLineRx Ltd. ("BioLineRx"), headquartered in Jerusalem, Israel, was incorporated and commenced operations in April 2003.

Since incorporation, BioLineRx has been engaged, both independently and through its consolidated entities (collectively, the "Company"), in the development of therapeutics, from pre-clinical-stage development to advanced clinical trials, for a wide range of medical needs.

In December 2004, BioLineRx registered a limited partnership, BioLine Innovations Jerusalem L.P. ("BIJ LP"), which commenced operations in January 2005. BioLineRx holds a 99% interest in BIJ LP, with the remaining 1% held by a wholly owned subsidiary of BioLineRx, BioLine Innovations Ltd. ("BIJ Ltd."). BIJ LP was established to operate a biotechnology incubator located in Jerusalem (the "Incubator") under an agreement with the State of Israel. The agreement with the State of Israel relating to the Incubator terminated on December 31, 2013, and the Company is currently in the process of winding down BIJ LP's operations. The Company expects to liquidate both BIJ LP and BIJ Ltd. during 2014. See Note 12a(1).

In February 2007, BioLineRx listed its securities on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange ("TASE") and they have been traded on the TASE since that time. Since July 2011, BioLineRx's American Depositary Shares ("ADSs") have also been traded on the NASDAQ Capital Market. See Note 9.

In January 2008, BioLineRx established a wholly owned subsidiary, BioLineRx USA Inc. ("BioLineRx USA"), which served as the Company's business development arm in the United States. During 2011, the Company transferred its business development activities to Israel, and BioLine USA is no longer active.

The Company has been engaged in drug development since its incorporation. Although the Company has generated significant revenues from two outlicensing transactions, the Company cannot determine with reasonable certainty when and if the Company will have sustainable profits.

### b. Convenience translation into US dollars ("dollars", "USD" or "\$")

For the convenience of the reader, the reported New Israeli Shekel (NIS) amounts as of December 31, 2013 have been translated into dollars at the representative rate of exchange on December 31, 2013 (\$1 = NIS 3.471). The dollar amounts presented in these financial statements should not be construed as representing amounts that are receivable or payable in dollars or convertible into dollars, unless otherwise indicated.

# c. Approval of consolidated financial statements

The consolidated financial statements of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2013 were approved by the Board of Directors on March 17, 2014, and signed on its behalf by the Chairman of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial and Operating Officer.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### NOTE 2 – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

# a. Basis of presentation

The Company's consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, and for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2013, have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"), as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB"). The significant accounting policies described below have been applied on a consistent basis for all years presented, unless noted otherwise.

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the basis of historical cost, subject to adjustment of financial assets and liabilities to their fair value through profit or loss and adjustment of assets and liabilities in connection with retirement benefit obligations.

The Company classifies its expenses on the statement of comprehensive loss based on the operating characteristics of such expenses.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgment in the process of applying the Company's accounting policies. Areas involving a higher degree of judgment or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the consolidated financial statements are disclosed in Note 4. Actual results may differ materially from estimates and assumptions used by the Company's management.

### b. Consolidation of the financial statements

Consolidated entities are all entities over which BioLineRx has the power to govern their financial and operating policies. This generally involves the holding of more than 50% of the shares or interests conferring voting rights of the applicable entity. Consolidated entities are fully consolidated from the date on which control of such entities is transferred to BioLineRx and they are de-consolidated from the date that control ceases.

# c. Functional and presentation currency

Items included in the financial statements of each of the Company's entities are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which each entity operates (the "functional currency"). The consolidated financial statements are presented in NIS, which is the Company's functional and presentation currency.

Transactions that are executed in currencies other than the Company's functional currency ("foreign currency transactions") are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the date of each transaction. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognized in profit or loss within the relevant line items to which the gains and losses are related.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# NOTE 2 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont.)

# d. Property and equipment

Property and equipment are stated at historical cost less depreciation and related grants received from the Office of the Chief Scientist of the Israeli Ministry of Industry, Trade and Labor (the "OCS") – see also 2g below. Historical cost includes expenditures that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the items. Assets are depreciated by the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets, provided that the Company's management believes the residual values of the assets to be negligible, as follows:

	%
Computers and communications equipment	20-33
Office furniture and equipment	6-15
Laboratory equipment	15-20

The assets' residual values, methods of depreciation and useful lives are reviewed and adjusted, if appropriate, at each balance sheet date. An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

Leasehold improvements are amortized by the straight-line method over the term of the lease, which is shorter than the estimated useful life of the improvements.

## e. Intangible assets

The Company applies the cost method of accounting for initial and subsequent measurements of intangible assets. Under this method of accounting, intangible assets are carried at cost less any accumulated amortization and any accumulated impairment losses.

### Intellectual property

The Company recognizes in its financial statements intangible assets developed by the Company to the extent that the conditions stipulated in q. below are met. Intellectual property acquired by the Company is initially measured at cost. Intellectual property acquired by the Company for development purposes is not amortized and is tested annually for impairment. See f. below.

### Computer software

Acquired computer software licenses are capitalized on the basis of the costs incurred to acquire and bring to use the specific software. These costs are amortized over the estimated useful lives of the software (3-5 years).

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# NOTE 2 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont.)

# f. Impairment of non-financial assets

Impairment testing of intellectual property is required when the Company decides to terminate or suspend the development of a project based on such intellectual property. The Company performs impairment reviews on an annual basis, or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate a potential impairment. Property and equipment, as well as computer software, are tested for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognized equal to the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and the asset's value in use to the Company.

### g. Government grants related to fixed assets

Government grants related to fixed assets are recorded as a reduction in the book value of the related assets, and are charged to profit and loss in accordance with the straight-line method.

### h. Financial assets

# 1) Classification

The Company classifies its financial assets in the following categories: (i) at fair value through profit or loss and (ii) loans and receivables. The classification depends on the purpose for which each financial asset was acquired. The Company's management determines the classification of financial assets at initial recognition.

### a) Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

The Company's investment policy with regard to its excess cash, as adopted by its Board of Directors, is composed of the following objectives: (i) preserving investment principal, (ii) providing liquidity and (iii) providing optimum yields pursuant to the policy guidelines and market conditions. The policy provides detailed guidelines as to the securities and other financial instruments in which the Company is allowed to invest. In addition, in order to maintain liquidity, investments are structured to provide flexibility to liquidate at least 50% of all investments within 15 business days. Information about these assets, including details of the portfolio and income earned, is provided internally on at least a quarterly basis to the Company's key management personnel and on a semi-annual basis to the Investment Monitoring Committee of the Board of Directors. Any divergence from this investment policy requires approval from the Board of Directors.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# NOTE 2 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont.)

# h. Financial assets (cont.)

#### b) Loans and receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. These assets are included in current assets, except for installments which are due more than 12 months subsequent to the balance sheet date. Such installments are included in non-current assets. The Company's loans and receivables include "accounts receivable," "cash and cash equivalents", "bank deposits" and "restricted deposits" on the balance sheet. See Notes 2i and 2j.

#### 2) Recognition and measurement

Investments are initially recognized at fair value plus transaction costs for all financial assets not carried at fair value through profit or loss. Financial assets carried at fair value through profit or loss are initially recognized at fair value, and transaction costs are expensed in profit or loss. Financial assets are de-recognized when the rights to receive cash flows from the investments have expired or have been transferred and the Company has transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership. Loans and receivables are subsequently carried at amortized cost using the effective interest method.

## 3) Offsetting financial instruments

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the balance sheet when there is a legally enforceable right to offset the recognized amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

#### i. Cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand and short-term bank deposits (up to three months from date of deposit) that are not restricted as to withdrawal or use, and are therefore considered to be cash equivalents.

### j. Restricted deposits

The Company has placed a lien on NIS and dollar deposits in banks to secure its liabilities and commitments to various parties. Those deposits are presented separately as non-current assets, in accordance with the timing of the relevant restrictions. See Notes 12b(1) and 12b(2).

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# NOTE 2 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont.)

### k. Warrants

Receipts in respect of warrants are classified as equity to the extent that they confer the right to purchase a fixed number of shares for a fixed exercise price. In the event that the exercise price is not deemed to be fixed, the warrants are classified as a non-current derivative financial liability. This liability is initially recognized at its fair value on the date the contract is entered into and subsequently accounted for at fair value at each reporting date. The fair value changes are charged to non-operating income and expense on the statement of comprehensive loss. Issuance costs allocable to warrants are also recorded as non-operating expense on the statement of comprehensive loss.

### l. Share capital

BioLineRx's ordinary shares are classified as equity. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issuance of new shares are shown in equity as a deduction from the issuance proceeds.

# m. Trade payables

Trade payables are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade payables are recognized initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method.

### n. Deferred taxes

Deferred taxes are recognized using the liability method, on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the consolidated financial statements. Deferred income tax assets are recognized only to the extent that it is probable that future taxable income will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilized.

As the Company is currently engaged primarily in development activities and is not expected to generate taxable income in the foreseeable future, no deferred tax assets are included in the financial statements.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# NOTE 2 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont.)

# o. Revenue recognition

The Company recognizes revenue in accordance with International Accounting Standard ("IAS") 18 – "Revenue," including guidance regarding arrangements with multiple deliverables. Pursuant to this guidance, the Company applies revenue recognition criteria to the separately identifiable components of a single transaction. The consideration from the arrangement is allocated among the separately identifiable components by reference to their fair value.

Revenues incurred in connection with out-licensing of the Company's patents and other intellectual property are recognized when all of the following criteria have been met as of the balance sheet date:

- · The Company has transferred to the buyer the significant risks and rewards of ownership of the patents and intellectual property.
- The Company does not retain either the continuing managerial involvement to the degree usually associated with ownership or the effective control over the patent and intellectual property.
- · The amount of revenue can be measured reliably.
- · It is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the Company.
- The costs incurred or to be incurred in respect of the sale can be measured reliably.

Revenues in connection with rendering of services are recognized by reference to the stage of completion of the transaction as of the balance sheet date, if and when the outcome of the transaction can be estimated reliably.

Revenues from royalties are recognized on an accrual basis in accordance with the substance of the relevant agreement.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# NOTE 2 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont.)

# p. Research and development expenses

Research expenses are charged to profit or loss as incurred.

An intangible asset arising from development (or from the development phase of an internal project) is recognized if all of the following conditions are fulfilled:

- · technological feasibility exists for completing development of the intangible asset so that it will be available for use or sale.
- · it is management's intention to complete development of the intangible asset for use or sale.
- · the Company has the ability to use or sell the intangible asset.
- · it is probable that the intangible asset will generate future economic benefits, including existence of a market for the output of the intangible asset or the intangible asset itself or, if the intangible asset is to be used internally, the usefulness of the intangible asset.
- $\cdot \quad \text{adequate technical, financial and other resources are available to complete development of the intangible asset, as well as the use or sale thereof.}$
- the Company has the ability to reliably measure the expenditure attributable to the intangible asset during its development.

Other development costs that do not meet the foregoing conditions are charged to profit or loss as incurred. Development costs previously expensed are not recognized as an asset in subsequent periods. As of December 31, 2013, the Company has not yet capitalized development expenses.

### q. Government participation in research and development expenses

The Company receives participation in research and development expenses from the State of Israel through the OCS, both in the form of loans extended to the Incubator for research and development, as described in Note 12a(1), and in the form of grants, as described in Note 12a(2). The agreement with the State of Israel relating to the Incubator terminated on December 31, 2013; accordingly, the Company does not expect to receive additional funding in the form of loans extended to the Incubator.

Despite the formal difference between the two types of support from the OCS, there is no material financial difference between them. Each loan and grant qualifies as a "forgivable loan" in accordance with IAS 20, "Accounting for Government Grants and Disclosure of Government Assistance," since the loans and grants are repayable only if the Company generates revenues related to the project that is the subject of the loan or grant.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# NOTE 2 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont.)

# q. Government participation in research and development expenses (cont.)

The Company recognizes each forgivable loan on a systematic basis at the same time the Company records, as an expense, the related development costs for which the grant/loan is received, provided that there is reasonable assurance that (a) the Company complies with the conditions attached to the grant/loan, and (b) the grant/loan will be received. The amount of the forgivable loan is recognized based on the participation rate approved by the OCS.

The Company accounts for each forgivable loan as a liability unless it is more likely than not that the Company will meet the terms of forgiveness, in which case the forgivable loan is accounted for as a government grant and carried to income as a reduction of research and development expenses.

If forgivable loans are initially carried to income, as described above, and, in subsequent periods, it appears more likely than not that the project will be successful and that the loans will be repaid or royalties paid to the OCS, the Company recognizes a liability which is measured based on the Company's best estimate of the amount required to settle the Company's obligation at the end of each reporting period.

## r. Employee benefits

# 1) Pension and severance pay obligations

Israeli labor laws and the Company's agreements require the Company to pay retirement benefits to employees terminated or leaving their employment in certain other circumstances. Most of the Company's employees are covered by a defined contribution plan under Section 14 of the Israel Severance Pay Law.

The amounts recorded as an employee benefit expense in respect of defined contribution plans for the years 2011, 2012 and 2013 were NIS 1,988,000, NIS 1,997,000 and NIS 1,746,000, respectively.

With respect to the remaining employees, the Company records a liability on its balance sheet for defined benefit plans that represents the present value of the defined benefit obligation as of each reporting date, net of the fair value of plan assets. The present value of the defined benefit liability is determined by discounting the anticipated future cash outflows, using interest rates that are denominated in the currency in which the benefits will be payable.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# NOTE 2 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont.)

# r. Employee benefits (cont.)

# 2) Vacation days and recreation pay

Labor laws in Israel entitle every employee to vacation days and recreation pay, both of which are computed annually. The entitlement with respect to each employee is based on the employee's length of service at the Company. The Company recognizes a liability and an expense in respect of vacation and recreation pay based on the individual entitlement of each employee.

### 3) Share-based payments

The Company operates an equity-settled, share-based compensation plan, under which it receives services from employees as consideration for equity instruments (options) of the Company. The fair value of the employee services received in exchange for the grant of the options is recognized as an expense. The total amount to be expensed is determined by reference to the fair value of the options granted:

- · including any market performance conditions (for example, the Company's share price); and
- excluding the impact of any service and non-market performance vesting conditions (for example, profitability, sales growth targets and the employee remaining with the entity over a specified time period).

Non-market performance and service conditions are included in assumptions about the number of options that are expected to vest. The total expense is recognized over the vesting period, which is the period over which all of the specified vesting conditions are to be satisfied.

When the options are exercised, the Company issues new shares. The proceeds received, net of any directly attributable transaction costs, are credited to share capital (at par value) and share premium when the options are exercised.

# s. Loss per share

#### 1) Basic

The basic loss per share is calculated by dividing the loss attributable to the holders of ordinary shares by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the year.

## 2) Diluted

The diluted loss per share is calculated by adjusting the weighted average number of outstanding ordinary shares, assuming conversion of all dilutive potential shares. The Company's dilutive potential shares consist of warrants issued to investors, as well as options granted to employees and service providers. The dilutive potential shares were not taken into account in computing loss per share in 2011, 2012 and 2013, as their effect would not have been dilutive.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# NOTE 2 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont.)

# t. Changes in accounting policy and disclosures

### New and amended standards adopted by the Company

The following standards have been adopted by the Company for the first time for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2013:

IFRS 13, "Fair Value Measurement", aims to improve consistency and reduce complexity by providing a precise definition of fair value and a single source of fair value measurement and disclosure requirements for use across IFRSs. The requirements, which are largely aligned between IFRSs and US GAAP, do not extend the use of fair value accounting, but rather provide guidance on how it should be applied where its use is already required or permitted by other standards within IFRSs.

### New standards and interpretations not yet adopted

A number of new standards and amendments to standards and interpretations are effective for annual periods beginning after January 1, 2013, and have not been applied in preparing these consolidated financial statements. None of these is expected to have a significant effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements, except the following set out below, for which the impact has not been fully assessed.

IFRS 9, "Financial Instruments", addresses the classification, measurement and recognition of financial assets and financial liabilities. IFRS 9 was issued in November 2009 and October 2010. It replaces the parts of IAS 39 that relate to the classification and measurement of financial instruments. IFRS 9 requires financial assets to be classified into two measurement categories: those measured at fair value and those measured at amortized cost. The determination is made at initial recognition. The classification depends on the entity's business model for managing its financial instruments and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the instrument. For financial liabilities, the standard retains most of the IAS 39 requirements. The main change is that, in cases where the fair value option is taken for financial liabilities, the part of a fair value change due to an entity's own credit risk is recorded in other comprehensive income rather than the income statement, unless this creates an accounting mismatch. The Company is yet to assess IFRS 9's full impact.

### NOTE 3 – FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

Based on assessments by Company management, the Company's exposure to credit risk as of December 31, 2013 is immaterial (see Note 3b). The activities of the Company expose it to market risk, particularly as a result of currency risk.

The Company's Finance Department is responsible for carrying out risk management activities in accordance with policies approved by its Board of Directors. In this regard, the Finance Department identifies, defines and assesses financial risks in close cooperation with other Company departments. The Board of Directors provides written guidelines for overall risk management, as well as written policies dealing with specific areas, such as exchange rate risk, interest rate risk, credit risk, use of financial instruments, and investment of excess cash.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# NOTE 3 - FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (cont.)

# a. Market risk

# 1) Concentration of currency risk

The Company's activities are partly denominated in foreign currency, which exposes the Company to risks resulting from changes in exchange rates (primarily the dollar).

The effect of fluctuations in various exchange rates on the Company's income and equity is as follows:

December 31, 2013 Income (loss) Value on Income (loss) Sensitive instrument 10% increase 5% increase balance sheet 5% decrease 10% decrease NIS in thousands Dollar-linked balances: Cash and cash equivalents 2,239 1,119 22,388 (1,119)(2,239)Short-term bank deposits 3,235 1,617 32,345 (1,617)(3,235)Restricted deposits\* 57 29 573 (29)(57)Trade payables (612)(306)(6,117)306 612 Total dollar-linked balances 4,919 2,459 49,189 (2,459)(4,919)Euro-linked trade payables (22) (11)(225) 11 22 Total 4,897 2,448 48,964 (2,448)(4,897)

The Company also maintains cash and cash equivalent balances that are linked to other currencies in amounts that are not material.

	December 31, 2012								
	Income	e (loss)	Value on	Income (loss)					
Sensitive instrument	10% increase	5% increase	balance sheet	5% decrease	10% decrease				
			NIS in thousands						
Dollar-linked balances:									
Cash and cash equivalents	5,025	2,512	50,247	(2,512)	(5,025)				
Short-term bank deposits	1,146	573	11,459	(573)	(1,146)				
Restricted deposits*	61	31	613	(31)	(61)				
Trade payables	(878)	(439)	(8,780)	439	878				
Total dollar-linked balances	5,354	2,677	53,539	(2,677)	(5,354)				
Euro-linked trade payables	(41)	(20)	(409)	20	41				
Total	5,313	2,657	53,130	(2,657)	(5,313)				

<sup>\*</sup>See also Note 12b(2).

<sup>\*</sup> See also Note 12b(2).

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# NOTE 3 – FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (cont.)

# a. Market risk (cont.)

1) Concentration of currency risk (cont.)

Set forth below is data regarding exchange rates and the Israeli CPI:

	Exchange rate of \$1	Exchange rate of € 1	Israeli CPI*
	NIS	NIS	Points
As of December 31:			
2012	3.733	4.921	130.66
2013	3.471	4.782	133.04
Percentage increase (decrease) in:			
2012	(2.3)%	(0.3)%	1.6%
2013	(7.0)%	(2.8)%	1.8%

<sup>\*</sup> Based on the CPI index for the month ending on each balance sheet date, on the basis that the average for year 2000 = 100.

Set forth below is information on the linkage of monetary items:

	D	ecember 31, 2012		December 31, 2013			
		Other			Other		
	Dollar	currencies	NIS	Dollar	currencies	NIS	
			NIS in th	ousands			
Assets:							
Current assets:							
Cash and cash equivalents	50,247	11	18,081	22,388	37	8,463	
Short term bank deposits	11,459	-	-	32,345	-	-	
Other receivables	-	-	2,254	-	-	896	
Non-current assets:							
Restricted deposits	613	<u>-</u>	*2,900	573	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	
Total assets	62,319	11	23,235	55,306	37	9,359	
Liabilities:							
Current liabilities:							
Current maturities of bank loan	-	-	*137	-	-	-	
Accounts payable and accruals:							
Trade	8,780	573	2,930	6,117	350	1,478	
OCS	-	-	6,148	-	-	-	
Other	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	2,889		<u>-</u>	2,499	
Total liabilities	8,780	573	12,104	6,117	350	3,977	
Net asset value	53,539	(562)	11,131	49,189	(313)	5,382	

<sup>\*</sup> Linked to the CPI

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# NOTE 3 - FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (cont.)

# a. Market risk (cont.)

### 2) Fair value of financial instruments

As of December 31, 2013, the financial instruments of the Company consist of non-derivative assets and liabilities (primarily working capital items and restricted deposits), as well as a liability on account of warrants.

With regard to non-derivative assets and liabilities, in view of their nature, the fair value of the financial instruments included in working capital is generally close or identical to their carrying amount. The fair value of the restricted cash in long-term deposits also approximates the carrying amount, as these financial instruments bear interest at a rate approximating the prevailing interest rate.

With regard to the liability on account of warrants, see Note 9c(2), 9c(3).

# 3) Exposure to market risk and the management thereof

In the opinion of Company management, the market risk to which the Company is exposed is primarily related to currency risk exposure, as mentioned above. Additionally, Company management does not consider the interest rate risk mentioned in paragraph 4 below to be material.

# 4) Interest rate risk

Company management does not consider interest rate risk to be material, as the Company holds deposits and short-term government bonds whose fair value and/or cash flows are not materially affected by changes in interest rates.

### b. Credit risk

Credit risk is managed at the Company level. These risks relate to cash and cash equivalents, bank deposits and other receivables.

The Company's cash and cash equivalents at December 31, 2012 and 2013 were mainly deposited with major Israeli and U.S. banks. In the Company's opinion, the credit risk in respect of these balances is remote.

The Company considers its maximum exposure to credit risk to be as follows:

	Decembe	er 31,
	2012	2013
	NIS in tho	usands
Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	68,339	30,888
Short-term bank deposits	11,459	32,345
Other receivables	2,254	1,249
Restricted deposits	3,513	573
Total	85,565	65,055

### c. Liquidity risk

Company management monitors rolling forecasts of the Company's liquidity reserves on the basis of anticipated cash flows and maintains the liquidity balances at a level that is sufficient to meet its needs.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# NOTE 3 - FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (cont.)

# c. Liquidity risk (cont.)

Although the Company has succeeded in generating significant revenues from two out-licensing transactions, it cannot determine with reasonable certainty if and when it will become profitable on a current basis. Management believes that the Company's current cash and other resources, including the proceeds from the public offering completed in March 2014 (see Note 18), will be sufficient to fund its projected cash requirements through the end of 2016. Accordingly, in the event that the Company does not continue to generate cash from its operating activities, the Company will need to raise additional capital in the future. Inability to raise additional capital would have a material adverse effect on the financial condition of the Company.

#### d. Financial instruments

As of December 31, 2012 and 2013, the Company's financial instruments consisted of loans and receivables, and a liability on account of warrants.

#### e. Fair value estimations

In February 2012 and 2013, BioLineRx completed financing transactions in which it issued ADSs and warrants to purchase additional ADSs – see Note 9c. The fair value of the warrants, which are not traded on an active market, is determined by using valuation techniques. These valuation techniques maximize the use of observable market data where it is available and rely as little as possible on entity specific estimates.

### NOTE 4 - CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGMENTS

As part of the financial reporting process, Company management is required to make estimates that affect the value of assets, liabilities, income, expenses and certain disclosures included in the Company's consolidated financial statements. By their very nature, such estimates are subjective and complex and consequently may differ from actual results.

The accounting estimates used in the preparation of the financial statements are continually evaluated and adjusted based on historical experience and other factors, including expectation of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Described below are the critical accounting estimates used in the preparation of the financial statements, the formulation of which required Company management to make assumptions as to circumstances and events that involve significant uncertainty. In using its judgment to determine the accounting estimates, the Company takes into consideration, as appropriate, the relevant facts, past experience, the effect of external factors and reasonable assumptions under the circumstances.

## a. Development expenses

Development expenses are capitalized in accordance with the accounting policy described in Note 2p. The capitalization of costs is based on management's judgment of technological and economic feasibility, which is usually achieved when a development project reaches a predefined milestone, or when the Company enters into a transaction to sell the know-how that resulted from the development process. In determining the amount to be capitalized, management makes assumptions as to the future anticipated cash inflows from the assets, and the anticipated period of future benefits. Company management has concluded that, as of December 31, 2013, the foregoing conditions have not been met and therefore development expenses have not been capitalized for any project.

If management had determined that the aforementioned conditions had been met, the capitalization of development costs would have resulted in an increase in the Company's profit or a decrease in its losses.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# NOTE 4 - CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGMENTS (cont.)

# b. Grants/loans from the OCS

In accordance with the accounting treatment prescribed in Note 2q, Company management is required to evaluate whether there is reasonable assurance that the grant/loan received will be paid or repaid. Additionally, whenever the grant/loan is initially recognized as income, management is required to evaluate whether the payment of royalties/repayment of loans to the OCS is considered more likely than not.

See Notes 12a(1) and 12a(2) with regard to the potential amount repayable to the OCS as of December 31, 2013.

# NOTE 5 – CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND SHORT-TERM BANK DEPOSITS

# a. Cash and cash equivalents

	Decem	ber 31,
	2012	2013
	NIS in t	housands
Cash on hand and in bank	2,208	12,822
Short-term bank deposits	66,131	18,066
	68,339	30,888

The short-term bank deposits included in cash and cash equivalents bear interest at annual rates of between 0.10% and 0.95%. The carrying amount of cash and cash equivalents approximates their fair value, since they bear interest at rates similar to prevailing market interest rates.

# b. Short-term bank deposit

The short-term bank deposits are linked to the dollar and bear interests at annual rates of between 0.3% and 0.37%.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# NOTE 6 – PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Set forth below are the composition of property and equipment and the related accumulated depreciation, grouped by major classifications, as well as the changes therein for the respective years:

		Co	st			Accumulated	depreciation			
	Balance at beginning	Additions during	Deletions during	Balance at end of	Balance at beginning	Additions during	Deletions during	Balance at end of	Net book Decemb	
	of year	year	year	year	of year	year	year	year	2010	2011
		NIS in th	ousands			NIS in th	ousands		NIS in the	ousands
Composition in 2011					_					
Office furniture and equipment	724	155	-	879	211	43	-	254	513	625
Computers and communications										
equipment	1,149	420	-	1,569	713	248	-	961	436	608
Laboratory equipment, net*	4,646	465	-	5,111	1,911	737	-	2,648	2,735	2,463
Leasehold improvements	4,194	72		4,266	3,369	382		3,751	825	515
	10,713	1,112	<u>-</u>	11,825	6,204	1,410		7,614	4,509	4,211
*Item is net of OCS grants										
received - see 12a(1)	2,250	-	-	2,250	1,488	338	-	1,826	762	424
		Со	st			Accumulated	depreciation			
	Balance	Со	st	Balance	Balance	Accumulated	depreciation	Balance		
	Balance at	Co Additions	st Deletions	Balance at		Accumulated Additions	depreciation  Deletions		Net book	c value
					Balance		•	Balance	Net book	
	at beginning	Additions	Deletions	at end of	Balance at beginning	Additions	Deletions during	Balance at		
	at	Additions during	Deletions during year	at	Balance at	Additions during	Deletions during year	Balance at end of	Decemb	er 31, 2012
Composition in 2012	at beginning	Additions during year	Deletions during year	at end of	Balance at beginning	Additions during year	Deletions during year	Balance at end of	Decemb 2011	er 31, 2012
Composition in 2012 Office furniture and equipment	at beginning	Additions during year	Deletions during year	at end of	Balance at beginning	Additions during year	Deletions during year	Balance at end of	Decemb 2011	er 31, 2012
Composition in 2012 Office furniture and equipment Computers and communications	at beginning of year	Additions during year NIS in th	Deletions during year	at end of year	Balance at beginning of year	Additions during year NIS in th	Deletions during year	Balance at end of year	Decemb 2011 NIS in the	er 31, 2012 ousands
Office furniture and equipment	at beginning of year	Additions during year NIS in th	Deletions during year	at end of year	Balance at beginning of year	Additions during year NIS in th	Deletions during year	Balance at end of year	Decemb 2011 NIS in the	er 31, 2012 ousands
Office furniture and equipment Computers and communications	at beginning of year	Additions during year NIS in th	Deletions during year	at end of year	Balance at beginning of year	Additions during year NIS in th	Deletions during year	Balance at end of year	Decemb 2011 NIS in the	2012 busands
Office furniture and equipment Computers and communications equipment	at beginning of year 879 1,569	Additions during year NIS in th	Deletions during year	at end of year 906 1,680	Balance at beginning of year	Additions during year NIS in th	Deletions during year oousands	Balance at end of year 306	2011 NIS in the	er 31, 2012 busands 600 409
Office furniture and equipment Computers and communications equipment Laboratory equipment, net*	at beginning of year 879 1,569 5,111	Additions during year NIS in th	Deletions during year	906 1,680 5,309	Balance at beginning of year 254 961 2,648	Additions during year NIS in the 52 310 689	Deletions during year oousands	Balance at end of year 306 1,271 3,337	2011 NIS in the 625 608 2,463	er 31, 2012 busands 600 409 1,972
Office furniture and equipment Computers and communications equipment Laboratory equipment, net* Leasehold improvements	at beginning of year 879 1,569 5,111 4,266	Additions during year NIS in th  27  111 198 7	Deletions during year	906 1,680 5,309 4,273	Balance at beginning of year 254 961 2,648 3,751	Additions during year NIS in the 52 310 689 331	Deletions during year oousands	306 1,271 3,337 4,082	2011 NIS in the 625 608 2,463 515	er 31, 2012 ousands 600 409 1,972 191
Office furniture and equipment Computers and communications equipment Laboratory equipment, net*	at beginning of year 879 1,569 5,111 4,266	Additions during year NIS in th  27  111 198 7	Deletions during year	906 1,680 5,309 4,273	Balance at beginning of year 254 961 2,648 3,751	Additions during year NIS in the 52 310 689 331	Deletions during year oousands	306 1,271 3,337 4,082	2011 NIS in the 625 608 2,463 515	er 31, 2012 ousands 600 409 1,972 191

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# NOTE 6 – PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT (cont.)

		Co	st		1	Accumulated	depreciation			
	Balance at beginning	Additions during	Deletions during	Balance at end of	Balance at beginning	Additions during	Deletions during	Balance at end of	Net boo Decemb	
	of year	year	year	year	of year	year	year	year	2012	2013
		NIS in th	ousands			NIS in th	ousands		NIS in th	ousands
Composition in 2013				_						
Office furniture and equipment	906	-	-	906	306	51	-	357	600	549
Computers and communications										
equipment	1,680	142	(467)	1,355	1,271	288	(467)	1,092	409	263
Laboratory equipment, net*	5,309	157	(3,273)	2,193	3,337	606	(3,273)	670	1,972	1,523
Leasehold improvements	4,273	<u>-</u>	(3,531)	742	4,082	55	(3,531)	606	191	136
	12,168	299	(7,271)	5,196	8,996	1,000	(7,271)	2,725	3,172	2,471
*Item is net of OCS grants received – see 12a(1)	2,250			2,250	2,137	92		2,229	113	21

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# NOTE 7 – INTANGIBLE ASSETS

		Co	st			Accumulated	depreciation	l		
	Balance			Balance	Balance			Balance		
	at	Additions	Deletions	at	at	Additions	Deletions	at	Net book	k value
	beginning	during	during	end of	beginning	during	during	end of	Decemb	er 31,
	of year	year	year	year	of year	year	year	year	2010	2011
		NIS in th	ousands			NIS in th	ousands		NIS in the	ousands
Composition in 2011										
Intellectual property	1,731	-	(88)	1,643	751	-	-	751	980	892
Computer software	1,107	33		1,140	735	153		888	372	252
	2,838	33	(88)	2,783	1,486	153		1,639	1,352	1,144
		Со	st		1	Accumulated	depreciation			
	Balance			Balance	Balance			Balance		
	at	Additions	Deletions	at	at	Additions	Deletions	at	Net book	k value
	beginning	during	during	end of	beginning	during	during	end of	Decemb	er 31,
	of year	year	year	year	of year	year	year	year	2011	2012
		NIS in th	ousands			NIS in th	ousands		NIS in the	ousands
Composition in 2012										
Intellectual property	1,643	-	-	1,643	751	-	-	751	892	892
Computer software	1,140	61		1,201	888	142		1,030	252	171
	2,783	61		2,844	1,639	142		1,781	1,144	1,063
	Balance			Balance	Balance			Balance		
	at	Additions	Deletions	at	at	Additions	Deletions	at	Net book	k value
	beginning	during	during	end of	beginning	during	during	end of	Decemb	er 31,
	of year	year	year	year	of year	year	year	year	2012	2013
		NIS in th	ousands			NIS in th	ousands		NIS in the	ousands
Composition in 2013										
Intellectual property	1,643	-	(137)	1,506	751	-	-	751	892	755
Computer software	1,201	99	(243)	1,057	1,030	147	(243)	934	171	123
	2,844	99	(380)	2,563	1,781	147	(243)	1,685	1,063	878

During 2011, the Company wrote-off intellectual property in the total amount of NIS 88,000 in respect of the termination of BL-4040. During 2013, the Company wrote-off intellectual property in the total amount of NIS 137,000 in respect of the termination of BL-5040.

Depreciation in respect of computer software for all years presented, as well as the impairment of intellectual property for the years 2011 and 2013, was included in research and development expenses.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# NOTE 8 – LONG-TERM BANK LOAN

	Decemb	er 31,
	2012	2013
	NIS in the	ousands
Loan balance	137	
Less current maturities	(137)	

The loan was denominated in NIS, linked to the CPI and bore interest at an annual rate of 2.4%. The book value of the loan approximated its fair value.

The loan was repayable in 36 monthly installments and was collateralized by a lien on the related equipment with a net book value of NIS 432,000. The lien was released upon repayment of the loan.

# NOTE 9 – EQUITY

### a. Share capital

As of December 31, 2013 and 2012, share capital is composed of ordinary shares, as follows:

	Number of Ordinary Shares
	December 31,
	2012 2013
Authorized share capital	<u></u>
Issued share capital	<u></u>
Paid-up share capital	<u></u>
	In NIS
	December 31,
	2012 2013
Authorized share capital	2,500,000 7,500,000
Issued share capital	1,837,132 2,414,870
Paid-up share capital	1,837,1322,414,870

As of December 31, 2013, the market price on NASDAQ of BioLineRx's ADSs was \$2.81, and the market price on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange of BioLineRx's ordinary shares was NIS 0.982. Each ADS represents 10 ordinary shares.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# NOTE 9 - EQUITY (cont.)

# b. Rights related to shares

The ordinary shares confer upon their holders voting and dividend rights and the right to receive assets of the Company upon its liquidation. As of December 31, 2013 and 2012, all outstanding share capital consisted of ordinary shares.

### c. Changes in the Company's equity

1) In December 2009, BioLineRx issued 11,293,419 ordinary shares and 7,528,946 Series 2 warrants in a public offering. Each warrant was exercisable into one Ordinary Share at an exercise price of NIS 6.08 (not linked). The warrants expired in December 2011.

Total net proceeds from the offering amounted to NIS 45,700,000, after deducting NIS 1,400,000 of issuance costs. The issuance costs were allocated between share premium and the warrants based on the relative market value (as indicated on the TASE) of the shares and warrants on the date of the offering.

2) In February 2012, BioLineRx completed a private placement to healthcare-focused U.S. institutional investors, pursuant to which it issued an aggregate of 5,244,301 ADSs, at a purchase price of \$2.86 per ADS, and warrants to purchase up to 2,622,157 additional ADSs, at an exercise price of \$3.57 per ADS. The offering raised a total of \$15,000,000, with net proceeds of approximately \$14,100,000, after deducting fees and expenses.

The warrants are exercisable over a period of five years from the date of their issuance. Since the exercise price was not deemed to be fixed, the warrants are not qualified for classification as an equity instrument and have therefore been classified as a non-current derivative financial liability.

The amount of the private placement consideration allocated to the warrants was approximately \$4,800,000, as calculated on the basis of the Black-Scholes model, which reflected their fair value as of the issuance date. The portion of total issuance costs allocable to the warrants, in the amount of approximately \$300,000, was recorded as non-operating expense on the statement of comprehensive loss. The changes in fair value from the date of issuance through December 31, 2012, and for the year ended December 31, 2013, of approximately \$1,900,000 and \$100,000, respectively, have been recorded as non-operating income on the statement of comprehensive loss.

3) In February 2013, the Company completed a direct placement to leading healthcare investor, OrbiMed Israel Partners Limited Partnership, an affiliate of OrbiMed Advisors LLC. The placement consisted of 2,666,667 ADSs and 1,600,000 warrants to purchase an additional 1,600,000 ADSs, at a unit price of \$3.00. The warrants have an exercise price of \$3.94 per ADS and are exercisable for a term of five years. The offering raised a total of \$8,000,000, with net proceeds of approximately \$7,700,000, after deducting fees and expenses.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# NOTE 9 - EQUITY (cont.)

### c. Changes in the Company's equity (cont.)

The warrants are exercisable over a period of five years from the date of their issuance. Since the exercise price was not deemed to be fixed, the warrants are not qualified for classification as an equity instrument and have therefore been classified as a non-current derivative financial liability.

The amount of the direct placement consideration allocated to the warrants was approximately \$3,400,000, as calculated on the basis of the Black-Scholes model, which reflects their fair value as of the issuance date. The portion of total issuance costs allocable to the warrants, in the amount of approximately \$130,000, was recorded as non-operating expense on the statement of comprehensive loss. The change in fair value from the date of issuance through December 31, 2013, amounting to approximately \$1,600,000, has been recorded as non-operating income on the statement of comprehensive loss.

# d. Share purchase agreement

In September 2012, BioLineRx and Lincoln Park Capital Fund, LLC, an Illinois limited liability company ("LPC"), entered into a \$15 million purchase agreement (the "Purchase Agreement"), together with a registration rights agreement, whereby LPC agreed to purchase, from time to time, up to \$15 million of BioLineRx's ADSs, subject to certain limitations, during the 36-month term of the Purchase Agreement.

In consideration for entering into the \$15 million agreement, BioLineRx paid to LPC a commitment fee of \$225,000, paid via the issuance of 98,598 ADSs, and will pay a further commitment fee of up to \$375,500, pro rata, as the facility is used over time, which will be paid in ADSs valued based on the prevailing market prices of BioLineRx's ADSs at such time. The Purchase Agreement may be terminated by BioLineRx at any time, in its sole discretion, without any cost or penalty.

In connection with the Purchase Agreement, BioLineRx paid a finder's fee, in cash, to Oberon Securities, LLC of \$150,000, and will pay an additional finder's fee of up to \$300,000, pro rata, as the facility is used over time.

The initial commitment fee to LPC and the initial finder's fee to Oberon Securities, in the total aggregate amount of \$375,000, as well as other one-time expenses associated with the initial set-up of the facility, were recorded as non-operating expense in the statement of comprehensive loss for the year ended December 31, 2012. Future commitment and finder's fees payable, if and when the facility is used over time, are recorded as issuance expenses against share premium on the statement of financial position.

For the year ended December 31, 2013, BioLineRx sold a total of 2,995,678 ADSs to LPC for aggregate gross proceeds of \$7,500,000. In connection with these issuances, a total of 74,894 ADSs was issued to LPC as an additional commitment fee and a total of \$150,000 was paid to Oberon Securities as an additional finder's fee.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# NOTE 9 - EQUITY (cont.)

# d. Share purchase agreement (cont.)

On a cumulative basis, from the effective date of the Purchase Agreement through the approval date of these financial statements, BioLineRx has sold a total of 3,712,791 ADSs to LPC for aggregate gross proceeds of \$9,500,000. In connection with these issuances, a total of 92,822 ADSs was issued to LPC as an additional commitment fee and a total of \$191,000 was paid to Oberon Securities as an additional finder's fee.

### e. At-the-market equity offering sales agreement

In May 2013, BioLineRx and Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated ("Stifel") entered into an at-the-market equity offering sales agreement, pursuant to which Stifel, may, at BioLineRx's discretion and at such times as BioLineRx shall determine from time to time, sell up to a maximum of \$20,000,000 of its ADSs through an "at-the-market" program (the "ATM Program").

The ATM Program allows BioLineRx, subject to the terms of the agreement, to raise capital at times and in amounts deemed suitable by it to support its business plans. BioLineRx is not required to sell any ADSs at any time during the term of the ATM Program.

BioLineRx will pay Stifel a commission equal to 3.00% of the gross sales price of the ADSs for amounts of ADSs sold pursuant to the agreement. BioLineRx agreed to reimburse Stifel for its out-of-pocket expenses, including reasonable fees and expenses of counsel, in connection with the ATM Program.

In March 2014, in connection with its underwritten public offering of ADSs (see Note 18), the Company terminated the ATM Program. Thru the date of termination, the Company had not sold any shares pursuant to this agreement.

# f. Share-based payments

# 1) Stock option plan – general

In 2003, BioLineRx adopted the 2003 Share Option Plan (the "Plan"). The Plan provides for the granting of options and ordinary shares to the Company's employees, directors, consultants and other service providers. Options are issued at the determination of the Board of Directors in accordance with applicable law. The options are generally exercisable for a seven-year period and the grants generally vest over a four-year period - 50% after the first two years of service, and 25% for each subsequent additional year of service. As of December 31, 2013, there were 19,192,594 ordinary shares issuable upon the exercise of outstanding options under the Plan.

Ordinary shares resulting from grants under the Plan confer the same rights as all other ordinary shares of BioLineRx.

Company employees and directors are granted options under Section 102 of the Israeli Income Tax Ordinance (the "Ordinance"), primarily under the "capital gains" track. Non-employees of the Company (consultants and other service providers), as well as controlling shareholders in BioLineRx (as this term is defined in Section 32(9) of the Ordinance), are granted options under Section 3(i) of the Ordinance.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# NOTE 9 - EQUITY (cont.)

# f. Share-based payments (cont.)

### 1) Stock option plan – general (cont.)

In November 2011, the Board of Directors approved the re-pricing of approximately 3,700,000 outstanding "underwater" employee stock options (out of a total of approximately 6,200,000 stock options outstanding at that time). The weighted average remaining vesting period of the options subject to re-pricing was 1.1 years, with a weighted average exercise price of NIS 4.07 per share. Terms of the re-pricing were as follows: (i) the exercise price of the options was reduced to NIS 1.80 per share and (ii) one additional year of vesting was added to the remaining vesting period of the options. The re-pricing was not applicable to options already vested, and it did not apply to options held by directors or consultants. The total compensation cost associated with the re-pricing was approximately NIS 900,000, and is being recorded as an expense over the new vesting period of the re-priced options.

In May 2012, the Company's Board of Directors approved an increase from 14 million to 30 million to the total pool of authorized but unissued ordinary shares reserved for purposes of the Plan and any other present or future share incentive plans of the Company, subject to adjustments as provided in Section 14 of the Plan. As of December 31, 2013, there were 3,052,933 remaining authorized but unissued ordinary shares in the pool reserved for future share-based incentive grants.

In November 2012, the Board of Directors approved a two-year extension to the exercise period for 3,867,910 previously issued and outstanding employee stock options. This extension brought the total exercise period of such options in line with the seven-year exercise period generally used for most employee stock options that were previously granted. The total compensation cost associated with this extension was approximately NIS 680,000, and is being recorded as an expense over the vesting period of the options.

In August 2013, our Board of Directors approved amendments to the Plan to take into account changes in laws and regulations that had occurred since its adoption and to extend the term of the plan until November 2023.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# NOTE 9 – EQUITY (cont.)

# f. Share-based payments (cont.)

# 2) Employee stock options (cont.)

The following table contains additional information concerning options granted to employees and directors under the existing stock-option plans

Year ended December 31, 2011 2012 2013 Weighted Weighted Weighted average average average Number exercise price exercise price Number exercise price Number (in NIS) (in NIS) (in NIS) of options of options of options Outstanding at beginning of year 6,461,975 3.56 5,557,720 1.87 12,936,019 1.32 Granted 462,200 1.33 8,122,000 7,558,000 0.97 1.07 Forfeited and expired (1,336,974)3.75 (687,895)2.83 (1,629,755)1.35 Exercised (29,481)0.04 (55,806)0.04 (251,462)0.04 Outstanding at end of year 5,557,720 1.87 12,936,019 1.32 18,612,802 1.20 1.96 Exercisable at end of year 1,362,970 1,526,437 2.04 2,737,797 2.04

The total consideration received from the exercise of stock options during 2011, 2012 and 2013 was NIS 1,000, NIS 2,000 and NIS 10,000, respectively.

The weighted average prices of BioLineRx's shares on the dates of exercise were NIS 1.97, NIS 1.21 and NIS 0.78 for 2011, 2012 and 2013, respectively.

See Note 9f(1) regarding the option re-pricing carried out in November 2011.

Set forth below is data regarding the range of exercise prices and weighted-average remaining contractual life (in years) for the options outstanding at the end of each of the years indicated.

As of December 31,	Number of options outstanding	Range of exercise prices (in NIS)	Weighted average remaining contractual life (in years)
2011	5,557,720	0.04 - 5.04	3.85
2012	12,936,019	0.04 - 5.04	5.90
2013	18,612,802	0.04 - 5.04	5.70

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# NOTE 9 - EQUITY (cont.)

# f. Share-based payments (cont.)

# 2) Employee stock options (cont.)

The fair value of all options granted to employees through December 31, 2013 has been determined using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. These values are based on the following assumptions as of the applicable grant dates:

	2011	2012	2013
Expected dividend yield	0%	0%	0%
Expected volatility	62%	68%	69%
Risk-free interest rate	3%	3%	2%
Expected life of options (in years)	5	7	7

### 3) Stock options to consultants

From inception through December 31, 2006, the Company issued to consultants options for the purchase of 210,990 ordinary shares at an average exercise price of NIS 0.04 per share. In 2007, the Company issued options to consultants for the purchase of 144,242 ordinary shares at an average exercise price of NIS 2.13 per share. The options vest over four years and may be exercised for a period of ten years.

In 2010, the Company issued options to consultants for the purchase of 300,000 ordinary shares at an average exercise price of NIS 4.03 per share. The options vest over four years and may be exercised for a period of five years.

In 2012, the Company issued options to consultants for the purchase of 110,000 ordinary shares at an average exercise price of NIS 1.115 per share. The options vest over four years and may be exercised for a period of seven years.

In 2013, no options were issued to consultants.

Company management estimates the fair value of the options granted to consultants based on the value of services received over the vesting period of the applicable options. The value of such services (primarily in respect of clinical advisory services) is estimated based on the additional cash compensation the Company would need to pay if such options were not granted. The value of services recorded in 2011, 2012 and 2013 amounted to NIS 1,005,000, NIS 906,000 and NIS 140,000, respectively.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### NOTE 10 - TAXES ON INCOME

# a. Corporate taxation in Israel

The income of BioLineRx and BIJ Ltd. is taxed at standard Israeli corporate tax rates, which are were 24% in 2011 and 25% for both 2012 and 2013. Beginning 2014 and thereafter, the corporate tax rate will be 26.5%.

Capital gains recorded through December 31, 2013 were subject to a tax rate of 25%. Beginning 2014 and thereafter, capital gains will be subject to a tax rate of 26.5%.

BIJ LP is not subject to tax under Israeli tax law; rather, each of the partners thereof (BioLineRx and BIJ Ltd.) is liable for the tax applicable to the operations of BIJ LP in proportion to their respective share in BIJ LP's results.

#### b. Approved enterprise benefits

In May 2012, the Israeli Tax Authority ("ITA") approved BioLineRx's eligibility for tax benefits as a "Benefited Enterprise" under the Law for the Encouragement of Capital Investments, 5719-1959, as amended (the "Investments Law"), with respect to certain development programs (the "Eligible Projects").

Subject to compliance with the applicable requirements, the portion of undistributed income derived from Benefited Enterprise programs will be entitled to a tax exemption for a period of ten years commencing in the first year in which BioLineRx generates taxable income after setting off losses for Israeli tax purposes from prior years (see c. below). The ten-year period may not extend beyond 14 years from the beginning of the Benefited Enterprise's election year. BioLineRx received Benefited Enterprise status with respect to Eligible Projects beginning in the 2009 tax year, so depending on when the Benefited Enterprise programs begin to generate taxable income, the benefit period could continue through 2022. However, any distribution of income derived from Benefited Enterprise programs will result in such income being subject to a rate of corporate tax of 26.5%.

Beginning with tax year 2014, BioLineRx has the option to transition to a "Preferred Enterprise" regime under the Investments Law, according to which all income which is eligible for benefits under the regime would be subject to flat corporate tax rates of 6% in 2013 and 9% in 2014 and thereafter, whether or not distributed. If BioLineRx were to move its operations to a different part of Israel, these rates may be increased. A transition to a Preferred Enterprise regime may not be reversed.

In addition, the ITA approved BioLineRx's operations as an "Industrial Enterprise" under the Investments Law, meaning that BioLineRx is eligible for accelerated depreciation with respect to certain tangible assets belonging to its Benefited Enterprise. Should BioLineRx not meet the requirements for maintaining these benefits, they may be reduced or cancelled and, among other things, income deriving from the Eligible Projects would be subject to Israeli corporate tax at the standard rate of 26.5%.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# NOTE 10 - TAXES ON INCOME (cont.)

## c. Tax loss carryforwards

As of December 31, 2012 and 2013, the tax loss carryforwards of BioLineRx were approximately NIS 416,000,000 and NIS 467,000,000, respectively; and the tax loss carryforwards of BIJ Ltd. were approximately NIS 1,900,000 and NIS 2,000,000 at both dates. The tax loss carryforwards of both BioLineRx and the BIJ Ltd. have no expiration date.

The Company has not created deferred tax assets in respect of these tax loss carryforwards. See Note 2n.

# d. Tax assessments

In accordance with Israeli tax regulations, the tax assessments filed by BioLineRx and its Israeli subsidiaries through the 2008 tax year are considered final. BioLineRx USA has not yet been assessed for tax purposes.

# e. Theoretical taxes

As described in Note 2n, the Company has not recognized any deferred tax assets in the financial statements, as it does not expect to generate taxable income in the foreseeable future. The tax on the Company's income before taxes differs from the theoretical amount that would arise using the weighted average tax rate applicable to income of the consolidated entities as follows:

			Year ended Dece	mber 31,		
	2011		2012		2013	
		NIS in		NIS in		NIS in
		thousands		thousands		thousands
Loss before taxes	24%	(50,186)	25%	(76,270)	25%	(61,438)
Theoretical tax benefit		(12,045)		(19,068)		(15,360)
Disallowed deductions (tax exempt income):						
Gain on adjustment of warrants to fair value				(1,816)		(1,292)
Share-based compensation		967		785		760
Other		24		75		66
Increase in taxes for tax losses and timing						
differences incurred in the reporting						
year for which deferred taxes were not						
created		11,054		20,024		15,826
Taxes on income for the reported year		-	_	-	_	_

# f. Value-added tax (VAT)

BioLineRx is jointly registered for VAT purposes together with its Israeli subsidiaries.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# NOTE 11 – LOSS PER SHARE

The following table contains the data used in the computation of the basic loss per share:

	Year e	Year ended December 31,		
	2011	2012	2013	
	N	NIS in thousands		
Loss attributed to ordinary shares	(50,186)	(76,270)	(61,438)	
Number of shares used in basic calculation (in thousands)	123,587	169,405	224,885	
	<del></del>			
		NIS		
Basic loss per ordinary share	(0.41)	(0.45)	(0.27)	
Diluted loss per ordinary share	(0.41)	(0.45)	(0.27)	
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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# NOTE 12 – COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

#### a. Commitments

1) Agreement with the State of Israel for operation of the Incubator

The Company originally entered into a six-year agreement with the State of Israel to operate the Incubator, effective January 1, 2005 and expiring on December 31, 2010. In accordance with approval certificates subsequently received from the OCS, the Incubator agreement was extended for two additional periods, through December 31, 2013. Following the expiration of the agreement on December 31, 2013, the Company is currently in the process of winding down the Incubator's operations.

As part of the Incubator agreement between BIJ LP and the State of Israel, represented by the OCS, the State of Israel agreed to grant loans to BIJ LP to partially finance projects approved by the OCS. As security for such loans, the Incubator registered a first-ranking pledge in favor of the OCS. In accordance with the agreement, each pledge is specific to the loan for a specific project and includes a restriction on the transfer of, and/or licensing rights in, technologies that originate from the project, and on any equipment purchased for use in the project.

The proceeds from the sale or use of project-related intellectual property serve as the exclusive source for repayment of OCS loans financing such projects, and the sole collateral for the repayment of project loans are pledges on project-related intellectual property and assets purchased with loan proceeds. Upon termination of a project, the loan amounts are forgiven by the OCS.

In 2011, 2012 and 2013, the Company received NIS 3,021,000, NIS 2,661,000 and NIS 230,000, respectively, from the OCS, of which NIS 257,000, NIS 374,000 and NIS 50,000, respectively, are in respect of terminated projects. The Company has agreed with the OCS on procedures for the termination of projects by the Incubator and the action that should be taken to forgive loans received in respect of such terminated projects.

The Incubator agreement contained various restrictions regarding operation of the Incubator and the Incubator-funded projects, including restrictions on the terms of the licensing agreements with the project licensors (such restrictions primarily involved in securing the rights of the OCS in the project know-how), as well as compliance with the Israel R&D Law (the Encouragement of Research and Development in Industry Law) related to maintaining the intellectual property and manufacturing rights relating to OCS-funded projects in Israel.

The Company initially provided a bank guarantee to the OCS in the amount of NIS 8,100,000 to secure its liabilities under the Incubator agreement. Following two years from the initial date of the Incubator agreement, the amount of the guarantee was reduced every year by half the amount of the Incubator's reported approved expenses, subject to a minimum guarantee of NIS 1,350,000 (see Note 12b). Additionally, the rights in the various projects were pledged to the State to secure repayment of the loan from future project proceeds. The guarantee is expected to terminate in its entirety on March 31, 2014.

With respect to the accounting treatment of State loans, see Note 2q.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# NOTE 12 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES (cont.)

### a. Commitments (cont.)

### 2) Obligation to pay royalties to the State of Israel

The Company is required to pay royalties to the State of Israel (represented by the OCS), computed on the basis of proceeds from the sale or license of products whose development was supported by State grants. This obligation relates solely to the State's financial participation in the development of products by the Company outside the framework of the Incubator operated by BIJ LP.

In accordance with the terms of the financial participation, the State is entitled to royalties on the sale or license of any product whose development was supported with State participation. These royalties are generally 3% in the first three years from initial repayment, 4% of sales in the three subsequent years and 5% of sales in the seventh year until repayment of 100% of the grants (linked to the dollar) received by the Company plus annual interest at the LIBOR rate. Under certain circumstances, the royalty rate is calculated according to a formula based on the ratio of the participation by the State in the project to the total project costs incurred by the Company. As of December 31, 2013, the contingent liability for potential royalties payable by the Company for grants received amounts to NIS 740,000.

Following expiration of the Incubator agreement, and as a result of the termination of all Incubator-funded projects (except for BL-1040, the liability for which was repaid in full to the OCS during 2010), the Company had no contingent liability to the OCS in respect of loans received in the framework of the Incubator (see paragraph (1) above).

In connection with the in-licensing of BL-8040 from Biokine Therapeutics Ltd. ("Biokine"), and as a condition to OCS consent to the transaction, the Company agreed to abide by any obligations resulting from funds previously received by Biokine from the OCS. The contingent liability to the OCS assumed by the Company relating to this transaction amounts to approximately NIS 9,500,000 as of December 31, 2013. The Company has a full right of offset for amounts payable to the OCS from payments due to Biokine in the future. Therefore, in the opinion of management, the likelihood of any future Company payment obligation to the OCS with regard to this matter is remote.

### 3) Licensing agreements

From time to time, the Company enters into in-licensing agreements with academic institutions, research institutions and companies in connection with development of certain technologies (the "licensors").

The objective of each engagement with a licensor is to obtain rights for one or more drugs in the preliminary stages of development by the licensors, to continue joint development of the drugs by the Company and the licensors until advanced stages of development and, consequently, to manufacture, distribute and market the drugs or to out-license the development, manufacture and commercialization rights to third parties. Such post-development activities are carried out by either the Company and/or by companies or institutions to which the Company has entered into an out-license agreement, subject to certain restrictions stipulated in the various agreements.

The licenses that have been granted to the Company are broad and comprehensive, and generally include various provisions and usage rights, as follows: (i) territorial scope of the license (global); (ii) term of the license (unrestricted but not shorter than the life of the patent); and (iii) development of the therapeutic compound (allowing the Company to perform all development activities on its own, or by outsourcing under Company supervision, as well as out-licensing development under the license to other companies, subject to the provisions of the licensing agreements).

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# NOTE 12 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES (cont.)

# a. Commitments (cont.)

### 3) Licensing agreements (cont.)

According to the provisions of the licensing agreements, the intellectual property rights in the development of any licensed technology, through the date the applicable license agreement is effective, remain with the licensor, while the rights in products and/or other deliverables developed by the Company after the license is granted belong to the Company. In cases where the licensor has a claim to an invention that was jointly developed with the Company, the licensor also co-owns the related intellectual property. In any event, the scope of the license also covers these rights.

In addition, the Company generally undertakes in the licensing agreements to protect registered patents resulting from developments under the various licenses, to promote the registration of patents covering new developments in cooperation with the licensor, and to bear responsibility for all related costs. Pursuant to the various agreements, the Company will work to register the various patents worldwide, and if the Company decides not to initiate or continue a patent registration proceeding in a given country, the Company is required to notify the applicable licensor to this effect and the licensor will be entitled to take action for registration of the patent in such country.

The consideration paid pursuant to the licensing agreements generally includes several components that may be payable over the license period and that relate, inter alia, to the progress made in research and development activities, as well as commercial success, as follows: (a) one-time payment of up to \$200,000 and/or periodic payments of up to \$30,000 per year; (b) royalties on amounts the Company receives from an out-licensing transaction that generally range from 20% to 29.5% of net consideration, although in specific instances the royalty rate has been higher or lower than this range; (c) payments through the early stages of development (i.e. through the end of phase 2) of up to \$150,000; (d) payments of up to \$2,000,000 upon the achievement of milestones necessary for advancing to phase 3; (e) payments of up to \$5,000,000 from the end of a successful phase 3 trial through approval of the therapeutic compound; and f) royalties on sales of the final product resulting from development under the license or including any component thereof, ranging between 3%-5% of the Company's net sales of the product, although in specific instances the royalty rate has been higher or lower than this range.

The license agreements may be cancelled by the licensor only in specific circumstances, generally upon the occurrence of one of the following events: (a) the Company's failure to meet certain milestones stipulated in the applicable license agreement and appended timetables; (b) default, insolvency, receivership, liquidation, etc. of the Company that is not imposed and/or lifted within the timeframe stipulated in the license agreement; and (c) fundamental breach of the license agreement that is not corrected within the stipulated timeframe. The Company may generally cancel a license agreement with prior notice of 30 to 90 days, due to unsuccessful development or any other cause.

The Company has undertaken to indemnify certain licensors, their employees, officers, representatives or anyone acting on their behalf for any damage and/or expense that they may incur in connection with the Company's use of a license granted to it, all in accordance with the terms stipulated in the applicable license agreements.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# NOTE 12 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES (cont.)

### a. Commitments (cont.)

# 3) Licensing agreements (cont.)

Some of the license agreements are accompanied by consulting, support and cooperation agreements, pursuant to which the Company is committed to pay the various licensers a fixed monthly amount over the period stipulated in the agreement for their assistance in the continued research and development under the license.

#### 4) Lease agreements

- a) The Company has entered into an operating lease agreement in connection with the lease of its premises. The agreement will expire on December 15, 2014. The Company has an option to extend the lease agreement for one additional two-year period. The annual lease fees are linked to the dollar and amount to approximately NIS 830,000. As to bank deposits pledged to secure the Company's liability under the lease agreement, see Note 12b(2).
- b) The Company has entered into operating lease agreements in connection with a number of vehicles. The lease periods are generally for three years. The annual lease fees, linked to the CPI, are approximately NIS 1,076,000. To secure the terms of the lease agreements, the Company has made certain prepayments to the leasing companies, representing approximately two months of lease payments. These amounts have been recorded as prepaid expenses. See also Note 14b.

## 5) Early Development Program ("EDP") agreement

On the signature date of an investment agreement with Pan Atlantic Bank and Trust Limited ("Pan Atlantic") in 2007, BioLineRx also entered into an agreement with Pan Atlantic for the funding of an early development program (the "EDP Agreement"). According to the EDP Agreement, Pan Atlantic undertook to provide grants for the promotion of drug-development projects in the preliminary stages of research in an aggregate amount of up to \$5,000,000, in semi-annual "calls" of up to \$625,000 each. In parallel, for every dollar of EDP project funding provided by Pan Atlantic, BioLineRx committed to provide twenty cents of funding (i.e., a funding ratio of 5:1). Pan Atlantic's undertakings under the EDP agreement were not subject to Pan Atlantic being a lender to, or a shareholder of, BioLineRx. During 2012, Pan Atlantic fulfilled its entire \$5,000,000 funding commitment under the EDP agreement, and during 2013, the Company utilized the remaining funds available under the program.

In consideration for the EDP funding commitment, BioLineRx granted to Pan Atlantic the right to participate in a future public offering of BioLineRx outside of Israel, at the public offering price, in an amount of up to \$5,000,000. This right was exercised by Pan Atlantic in the Company's March 2014 underwritten public offering (see Note 18) and is no longer relevant for future Company financings.

During 2011 and 2012, the funding under the EDP agreement by Pan Atlantic amounted to NIS 4,455,000, NIS 1,867,000, respectively. The amounts recognized as a reduction of research and development expenses in 2011, 2012 and 2013 were NIS 3,589,000, NIS 3,955,000 and NIS 2,415,000, respectively.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# NOTE 12 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES (cont.)

# b. Contingent liabilities

Guarantees and liens:

- 1) As part of the Company's obligations under the Incubator agreement and to secure its liabilities to the OCS, the Company originally provided a NIS 8,100,000 bank guarantee (linked to the CPI) in favor of Israel's Ministry of Finance.
  - The guarantee is valid through March 2014. According to the Incubator agreement, after the two year anniversary of the initial date of the Incubator agreement, the amount of the guarantee has been reduced every year by half of the amount of the Incubator's reported approved expenses. As of December 31, 2013, the balance of the guarantee amounted to approximately NIS 1,350,000.
- 2) To secure the Company's liability to the lessor of its premises, the Company has pledged several dollar-denominated bank deposits in the aggregate amount of \$164,000 (NIS 570,000), which are presented under non-current assets.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# NOTE 13 – TRANSACTIONS AND BALANCES WITH RELATED PARTIES

# Transactions with related parties

Expenses (income):

	Year ended December 31,		
	2011	2012	2013
	NI	NIS in thousands	
Participation in EDP project funding*	(3,589)	(3,955)	(2,415)
Benefits to related parties:			
Compensation and benefits to senior management, including benefit component of option			
grants	5,463	5,354	5,738
Number of individuals to which this benefit related	5	5	5
Compensation and benefits to directors, including benefit component of option grants	591	549	692
Number of individuals to which this benefit related	4	5	6

<sup>\*</sup> This amount relates to a grant received from Pan Atlantic, in accordance with the EDP Agreement as detailed in Note 12a(5).

# **Key management compensation**

Key management includes directors (executive and non-executive), executive officers and the internal auditor. The compensation paid or payable to key management for services during each of the years indicated is presented below.

	Year ended December 31,		
	2011	2012	2013
	NIS in thousands		
Salaries and other short-term employee benefits	4,409	4,448	4,589
Post-employment benefits	357	441	436
Other long-term benefits	45	57	57
Share-based compensation	1,243	957	1,348
	6,054	5,903	6,430

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# NOTE 14 – SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT INFORMATION

# a. Other receivables

	Deceml	ber 31,
	2012	2013
	NIS in th	ousands
Withholding tax	398	-
Institutions	1,553	1,227
Grants receivable from the OCS	-	6
Other	303	16
	2,254	1,249

# b. Long-term prepaid expenses

The prepaid expenses relate to operating lease agreements in respect of the vehicles leased by the Company.

# c. Accounts payable and accruals

	December 31,	
	2012	2013
	NIS in thousands	
1) Trade:		
Accounts payable:		
In Israel	2,930	1,672
Overseas	9,353	6,273
	12,283	7,945
2) Other:		
Payroll and related expenses	815	714
Accrual for vacation and recreationpay	965	974
Accrued expenses	980	801
Grants on account of EDP project development financing not yet recognized in income	2,554	-
Other	129	10
	5,443	2,499

The carrying amounts of accounts payable and accruals approximate their fair value, as the effect of discounting is not material.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# NOTE 14 – SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT INFORMATION (cont.)

# ${\bf d.} \qquad {\bf Research\ and\ development\ expenses-net}$

	Year ended December 31,		
	2011	2012	2013
	NI	NIS in thousands	
Payroll and related expenses, including vehicles	16,052	14,283	12,794
Depreciation and amortization	1,468	1,433	817
Impairment of intellectual property	88	-	137
Patent-related expenses	4,243	5,363	3,250
Research and development services	23,651	43,940	25,545
Professional fees	1,942	1,981	655
Materials	141	148	60
Overseas travel	167	115	48
Office supplies and telephone	3,055	3,457	3,168
Other	891	338	227
	51,698	71,058	46,701
Less – OCS participation in research and development costs - see also Notes 12a(1) and (2)	(5,486)	(2,799)	(229)
Less – participation in research and development costs by a related party - see Note 13	(3,589)	(3,955)	(2,415)
	42,623	64,304	44,057

# e. Sales and marketing expenses

	Year	Year ended December 31,		
	2011	2012	2013	
		NIS in thousands		
Payroll and related expenses, including vehicles	1,425	1,841	1,752	
Marketing	1,428	1,044	2,001	
Overseas travel	455	342	348	
	3,308	3,227	4,101	

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# ${\bf NOTE~14-SUPPLEMENTARY~FINANCIAL~STATEMENT~INFORMATION~(cont.)}$

# f. General and administrative expenses

	Year ended December 31,		
	2011	2012	2013
	NIS in thousands		
Payroll and related expenses, including vehicles	6,380	6,664	6,855
Professional fees	4,283	4,708	4,183
Office supplies and telephone	105	79	53
Office maintenance	72	78	66
Insurance	433	618	513
Depreciation	95	91	330
Other	1,354	1,788	1,225
	12,722	14,026	13,225

# g. Non-operating income, net

	Year	Year ended December 31,		
	2011	2012	2013	
		NIS in thousands		
Issuance costs	-	(1,204)	(978)	
Changes in fair value of warrants	-	7,265	5,169	
Initial commitment and finder's fees associated with LPC agreement	-	(2,103)	-	
		3,958	4,191	

# h. Financial income

	Year ended December 31,		
	2011	2012	2013
	NIS in thousands		
Income from interest and exchange differences on deposits	12,730	8,819	2,600
	12,730	8,819	2,600

# i. Financial expenses

	Year ended December 31,		
	2011	2012	2013
	N	IS in thousands	
Exchange differences	4,196	7,393	6,774
Bank commissions	67	97	72
	4,263	7,490	6,846

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## NOTE 15 - BELLEROPHON AGREEMENT

During the third quarter of 2009, the Company entered into an out-licensing agreement with Bellerophon BCM, LLC ("Bellerophon") (f/k/a Ikaria Development Subsidiary One LLC), pursuant to which the Company granted Bellerophon an exclusive, worldwide license to develop, manufacture and commercialize BL-1040 – a compound for the treatment of patients that have suffered an acute myocardial infarction ("AMI"). The agreement was signed in July 2009 and the transaction closed in September 2009, following receipt by the Company of OCS approval for the transaction, and transfer by the Company to Bellerophon of all deliverables as stipulated under the agreement.

In accordance with the agreement, Bellerophon is obligated to use commercially reasonable efforts to complete clinical development of and to commercialize BL-1040, and will bear all subsequent costs involved in the continued development of the product, the conduct and funding of its commercialization, and the prosecution and maintenance of patents.

Prior to execution of the agreement, the Company commenced a pilot phase 1/2 study designed to assess the safety and preliminary efficacy of BL-1040. According to the agreement, the Company was required to bear the costs related to completion of the study from that stage. Such costs, related to follow up and documentation of results, were accrued in 2009.

Total payments to the Company under the agreement (not including royalties) are up to \$282,500,000, subject to the achievement of certain milestones. Upon the closing of the agreement, the Company became entitled to the first payment in the amount of \$7,000,000, which was received in October 2009. In connection with this payment, the Company undertook to indemnify Bellerophon for any obligations it may have had to withhold taxes on such payment. In April 2011, the first milestone payment of \$10,000,000 was received, in respect of which withholding tax of 15% was deducted. The Company received a refund of the tax withheld in 2012. Approximately 50% of the remaining payments are subject to certain development and regulatory milestones and the rest are subject to commercialization milestones. The abovementioned first two payments were recognized as revenues in 2009, and future milestone payments will be recognized as revenues if and when their receipt will become probable and their amount can be reliably measured.

The Company is also entitled to royalties on the net sales of any product developed under the agreement, ranging from 11% to 15%, depending on annual net sales levels.

The out-licensing agreement with Bellerophon terminates on the date that the last patent rights in respect of BL-1040 are still valid (through at least 2029).

The Company is required to pay to the licensors of the BL-1040 compound 28% of all consideration received under the agreement.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## **NOTE 16 - CYPRESS AGREEMENT**

In June 2010, the Company entered into an exclusive, royalty-bearing out-licensing agreement with Cypress Bioscience, Inc. for the United States, Canada and Mexico (the "territories"), with regard to BL-1020, a therapeutic candidate for the treatment of schizophrenia. Under the agreement, Cypress Bioscience was obligated to use commercially reasonable efforts to develop, obtain regulatory approval for, and to commercialize BL-1020 in the territories, and was to bear all subsequent costs involved in the continued development of the product, the conduct and funding of its commercialization, and the prosecution and maintenance of patents in the territories. The agreement became effective in August 2010, upon receipt of the consent of the Office of the Chief Scientist of Israeli Ministry of Industry, Trade and Labor ("OCS").

The Company received an upfront fee of \$30,000,000 from Cypress Bioscience upon the effectiveness of the agreement. Upon receipt of this fee, the Company became obligated to repay grants received from the OCS regarding the BL-1020 project, in accordance with the Israeli R&D Law and as agreed with the OCS. Accordingly, during 2010, the Company recorded a liability to the OCS for the full amount of the grants received in respect of the project, in the total amount of \$4,500,000. The Company paid \$3,000,000 of this liability to the OCS in August 2010, leaving a remaining balance of \$1,500,000, which was reflected in current liabilities through December 31, 2012.

In May 2011, the Company signed an agreement, effective June 1, 2011, to reacquire all development and commercialization rights to BL-1020 granted to Cypress Bioscience pursuant to the license agreement signed in June 2010, as well as to terminate the license agreement. In consideration for the reacquisition of such rights, including substantially all materials required for timely commencement of the CLARITY clinical trial for BL-1020 that commenced in June 2011, the Company was obligated to pay Cypress Bioscience a 1% royalty on worldwide net sales of BL-1020 up to an aggregate cumulative amount of \$80,000,000. In addition, the Company was obligated to pay Cypress Bioscience 10% of all future one-time payments received in respect of BL-1020, not to exceed an aggregate cumulative amount of \$10,000,000, as reimbursement for costs that Cypress Bioscience incurred in developing the intellectual property portfolio, designing the CLARITY trial and conducting substantially all preparations to launch the trial.

In March 2013, the Company decided to terminate the CLARITY study. Following the study termination, as of March 31, 2013, the Company reversed the remaining liability to the OCS in respect of BL-1020, amounting to NIS 6,148,000, since it became more likely than not that such liability would not be repaid.

Following further analyses performed on the CLARITY study data during the second half of 2013, the Company announced the termination of the BL-1020 project in March 2014.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# **NOTE 17 – AGREEMENT WITH CTTQ**

In June 2013, the Company signed an out-licensing agreement with Jiangsu Chia-tai Tianqing Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. ("CTTQ"), the leading Chinese pharmaceutical company in the liver disease therapeutic area, for the development and commercialization of BL-8030, an orally available treatment for HCV in the pre-clinical stages of development. Under the terms of the agreement, the Company granted CTTQ exclusive rights to develop, manufacture and commercialize BL-8030 in China and Hong Kong. Pursuant to the agreement, CTTQ paid a small upfront license fee, and may pay future development, regulatory and commercialization milestones, for a total potential deal value of approximately \$30 million. In addition, the Company has the right to receive high single-digit royalties on future sales of the drug. The Company has retained the right to develop and commercialize BL-8030 in other parts of the world.

# NOTE 18 – EVENT SUBSEQUENT TO THE BALANCE SHEET DATE

In March 2014, the Company completed an underwritten public offering of 9,660,000 ADSs at a public offering price of \$2.50 per ADS. The offering raised a total of \$24.2 million, with net proceeds of approximately \$22.3 million.

# Amended and Restated 2003 Share Incentive Plan

(In compliance with Amendment No. 132 of the Israeli Tax Ordinance, 2002)

# 1. Name

This plan, as amended from time to time, shall be known as the "BioLineRx Ltd. Amended and Restated 2003 Share Incentive Plan" (the "Plan").

# 2. Purpose

The purpose and intent of the Plan is to provide incentive: (i) to retain, in the employ of the Company and its Affiliates (as defined below), persons of training, experience and ability, (ii) to attract new employees, directors, consultants, service providers and other entities, the services of which shall be considered valuable to the Company by the Board of the Company, (iii) to encourage the sense of proprietorship of such persons, and (iv) to stimulate the active interest of such persons in the development and financial success of the Company by providing them with opportunities to purchase shares in the Company, pursuant to the Plan.

## 3. **Definitions**

For purposes of the Plan and related documents, including the Incentive Agreement, the following definitions shall apply:

- 3.1. "Affiliate" means any "employing company" within the meaning of Section 102(a) of the Ordinance.
- 3.2. "Approved 102 Option" means an Option granted pursuant to Section 102(b) of the Ordinance and held in trust by a Trustee (as defined in Section 7) for the benefit of Grantee.
- 3.3. "Approved 102 Security" means an Approved 102 Option and/or an Approved 102 Share.
- 3.4. "Approved 102 Share" means a Share issued pursuant to Section 102(b) of the Ordinance or a Share issued upon the exercise of an Approved 102 Option, and held in trust by a Trustee (as defined in Section 7) for the benefit of a Grantee.
- 3.5. "Articles" means the Articles of Association of the Company, and any subsequent amendments or replacements thereto.
- 3.6. "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Company.
- 3.7. "Capital Gain Security (CGS)" as defined in Section 6.4.
- 3.8. "Cause" means (i) commitment of a serious breach of trust, including, but not limited to, theft, embezzlement, self-dealing; (ii) prohibited disclosure to unauthorized persons or entities of confidential or proprietary information of, or relating to, the Company and/or its Affiliates; (iii) the engaging by Grantee in any prohibited business or activities competitive to the business of the Company and/or its Affiliates; or (iv) any other action or omission which may be defined as Cause "justifiable cause" or the like in the respective Grantee's employment, consulting or service agreement with the Company or an Affiliate, as applicable, or under applicable law.
- 3.9. "Chairman" means the chairman of the Committee.
- 3.10. "Committee" means a share option / share incentive compensation committee appointed by the Board, as may be fixed from time to time by the Board.

- 3.11. "Companies Law" means the Israeli Companies Law 5759-1999, as now in effect or as hereafter amended.
- 3.12. "Company" means BioLineRx Ltd.
- 3.13. "Controlling Shareholder" shall have the meaning ascribed to it in Section 32(9) of the Ordinance.
- 3.14. "Date of Grant" means, the date of grant of a Security, as determined by the Board and set forth in Grantee's Incentive Agreement.
- 3.15. "Employee" means a person who is employed by the Company or its Affiliates, including an individual who is serving as a director or an office holder, but excluding Controlling Shareholder(s).
- 3.16. "Exercise Price" means the price for each Share subject to an Option.
- 3.17. "Expiration Date" means the date upon which an Option shall expire, as set forth in Section 10.2.
- 3.18. "Fair Market Value" means as of any date, the value of a Share determined as follows:
  - (i) If the Shares are listed on any established stock exchange or a national market system, including without limitation the NASDAQ National Market system, or the NASDAQ SmallCap Market of the NASDAQ Stock Market, the Fair Market Value shall be the closing sales price for such Shares (or the closing bid, if no sales were reported), as quoted on such exchange or system for the last market trading day prior to time of determination, as reported in the Wall Street Journal, or such other source as the Board or the Committee deems reliable. Without derogating from the above, to the extent the rules of the security exchange on which the Shares are registered require so, the Fair Market Value shall be determined in accordance with the average value of the Shares during the thirty (30) trading days preceding the date of determination, as reported on such securities exchange records, or any other source the Board deems reliable.
  - (ii) Otherwise, the Fair Market Value shall be determined in good faith by the Board of Directors.
  - (iii) In addition, for the purpose of determining the tax liability pursuant to Section 102(b)(3) of the Ordinance, if at the Date of Grant the Company's shares are listed on any established stock exchange or a national market system, the Fair Market Value of a Share at the Date of Grant shall be determined in accordance with the average value of the Company's shares on the thirty (30) trading days preceding the Date of Grant.
  - (iv) If the Shares are regularly quoted by a recognized securities dealer but selling prices are not reported, the Fair Market Value shall be the mean between the high bid and low asked prices for the Shares on the last market trading day prior to the day of determination, or;
  - (v) In the absence of an established market for the Shares, the Fair Market Value thereof shall be determined in good faith by the Board or the Committee.
- 3.19. "Grantee" means a person who receives or holds a Security under the Plan.
- 3.20. "Issuance Price" means the price for each share issued to a Grantee.
- 3.21. "Non-Employee" means a consultant, adviser, service provider, Controlling Shareholder or any other person who is not an Employee.
- 3.22. "**Ordinary Income Security (OIS)**" as defined in Section 6.5.
- 3.23. "Option" means an option to purchase one or more Shares of the Company pursuant to the Plan.

- 3.24. "102 Option" means any Option granted pursuant to Section 102 of the Ordinance to any person who is an Employee.
- 3.25. "102 Security" means a 102 Option and/or a 102 Share.
- 3.26. "102 Share" means a Share issued pursuant to Section 102 of the Ordinance or a Share issued upon the exercise of a 102 Option, to any person who is an Employee.
- 3.27. "3(i) Option" means an Option granted pursuant to Section 3(i) of the Ordinance to any person who is a Non-Employee.
- 3.28. "3(i) Security" means a 3(i) Option and/or a 3(i) Share.
- 3.29. "**3(i) Share**" means a Share issued pursuant to Section **3(i)** of the Ordinance or a Share issued upon the exercise of a **3(i)** Option, to any person who is an Non-Employee.
- 3.30. "Incentive Agreement" means the share option agreement or share incentive agreement between the Company and a Grantee that sets out the terms and conditions of a Security.
- 3.31. "Ordinance" means the Israeli Income Tax Ordinance [New Version] 1961, as now in effect or as hereafter amended.
- 3.32. "Plan" means this BioLineRx Ltd. Amended and Restated 2003 Share Incentive Plan.
- 3.33. "Section 102" means section 102 of the Ordinance as now in effect or as hereafter amended.
- 3.34. "Security" means an Option or a Share.
- 3.35. "Share" means an Ordinary Share, nominal value NIS 0.01 per share, of the Company.
- 3.36. "TASE" means the Tel-Aviv Stock Exchange.
- 3.37. "TASE Directives" means the directives, rules and regulations published by the TASE, as established from time to time.
- 3.38. "**Transaction**" means (i) a merger, consolidation or reorganization of the Company with or into any other corporation resulting in such other corporation being the surviving entity or the direct or indirect parent of the Company or resulting in the Company being the surviving entity and a change in the ownership of shares of the Company, such that another person or entity owning fifty percent (50%) or more of the outstanding voting power of the Company's securities by virtue of the transaction, or (ii) the sale or transfer of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company.
- 3.39. "Unapproved 102 Option" means an Option granted pursuant to Section 102(c) of the Ordinance.
- 3.40. "Unapproved 102 Security" means an Unapproved 102 Option and/or an Unapproved 102 Share.
- 3.41. "Unapproved 102 Share" means a Share issued pursuant to Section 102(c) of the Ordinance or a Share issued upon the exercise of an Unapproved 102 Option.
- 3.42. "Vesting Dates" means, as determined by the Board or by the Committee, the date as of which Grantee shall be entitled to exercise the Options or part of the Options.

# 4. Administration

4.1. The Plan will be administered by the Board or by a Committee. If a Committee is not appointed, the term Committee, whenever used herein, shall mean the Board. The Board shall appoint the members of the Committee and may, from time to time, remove members from, or add members to, the Committee and shall fill vacancies in the Committee however caused.

- 4.2. The Committee shall select one of its members as its Chairman and shall hold its meetings at such times and places as it shall determine. Actions taken by a majority of the members of the Committee, at a meeting at which a majority of its members is present, or acts reduced to or approved in writing by all members of the Committee, shall be the valid acts of the Committee. The Committee may appoint a Secretary, who shall keep records of its meetings and shall make such rules and regulations for the conduct of its business as it shall deem advisable.
- 4.3. Subject to the general terms and conditions of the Plan, the Committee shall have the full authority in its discretion, from time to time and at any time to: (i) designate Grantees to whom Securities shall be granted; (ii) determine the number of Shares to be covered by each Option; (iii) determine the time or times at which the same shall be granted; (iv) determine the Exercise Price of the Options and the Vesting Dates; (v) determine the Fair Market Value of the Shares; (vi) make an election as to the type of Approved 102 Securities; (vii) designate the type of Securities; (viii) determine any conditions on which the Options may be exercised and on which such Shares shall be paid for; and (ix) make all other determinations necessary or desirable for, or incidental to, the administration of the Plan
- 4.4. Notwithstanding the above, the Committee shall not be entitled to grant Options or issue Shares that are not underlying Options to Grantees, however, it will be authorized to issue Shares underlying Options which have been granted by the Board and duly exercised pursuant to the provisions herein in accordance with section 112(a)(5) of the Companies Law.
- 4.5. The Committee may, from time to time, adopt such rules and regulations for carrying out the Plan as it may deem necessary. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Committee may adopt special appendices and/or guidelines and provisions for persons who are residing in or employed in, or subject to, the taxes of, any domestic or foreign jurisdictions, to comply with applicable laws, regulations, or accounting, listing or other rules with respect to such domestic or foreign jurisdictions.
- 4.6. No member of the Board or of the Committee shall be liable for any act or determination made in good faith with respect to the Plan or any Security granted thereunder. Subject to the Company's decision and to all approvals legally required, each member of the Board or the Committee shall be indemnified and held harmless by the Company against any cost or expense (including counsel fees) reasonably incurred by him or her, or any liability (including any sum paid in settlement of a claim with the approval of the Company) arising out of any act or omission to act in connection with the Plan unless arising out of such member's own willful misconduct or bad faith, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law. Such indemnification shall be in addition to any rights of indemnification the member may have as a director or otherwise under the Company's Articles, any agreement, any vote of shareholders or disinterested directors, insurance policy or otherwise.
- 4.7. The interpretation and construction by the Committee of any provision of the Plan or of any Security thereunder shall be final and conclusive unless otherwise determined by the Board. The Committee may correct any defect, supply any omission or reconcile any inconsistency in the Plan or in any agreement relating thereto in the manner and to the extent it shall deem necessary to effectuate the purpose and intent of the Plan.
- 4.8. As long as the Company's securities are traded on the TASE, the Plan or any Securities granted or issued thereunder, shall be subject to the TASE Directives, as amended from time to time. If, as a result of any amendments or changes to the TASE Directives, any provision of the Plan or any grant document thereunder is incompliant with the TASE Directives, such provision shall be deemed amended as required in order to comply with the applicable TASE Directives, as shall be determined by the Board or Committee.

4.9. It is expressly intended that the Plan shall be administered in accordance with, and subject to the Company's Executive Compensation Policy for executive officers and directors, as shall be in effect from time to time. The Committee shall ensure that actions taken under the Plan, including without limitation, the grant of awards and administration and interpretation of the Plan, shall be made in accordance with such Executive Compensation Policy, as in effect from time to time.

# 5. Eligible Grantees

- 5.1. The persons eligible for participation in the Plan as Grantees shall include any Employees and/or Non-Employees of the Company or of any Affiliate; provided, however, that (i) Employees may only be granted 102 Securities; (ii) Non-Employees may only be granted 3(i) Securities; and (iii) Controlling Shareholders may only be granted 3(i) Securities. Notwithstanding the foregoing, employees and service providers of non-Israeli affiliates of the Company shall be entitled to participate in the Plan and receive grants of Securities hereunder in accordance with the terms of an Incentive Agreement and/or country-specific appendixes governing the grant of such Securities in a form approved by the Committee.
- 5.2. The grant of a Security to a Grantee hereunder, shall neither entitle such Grantee to participate, nor disqualify her/him from participating, in any other grant of Securities pursuant to the Plan or any other Share incentive plan of the Company.

# **Designation of Securities Pursuant to Section 102**

- 6.1. The Company may designate Securities granted to Employees pursuant to Section 102 as Unapproved 102 Securities or as Approved 102 Securities.
- 6.2. The grant of Approved 102 Securities may be made under the Plan only following its adoption by the Board as described in Section 18, and shall be conditioned upon the filing of the Plan with the Israeli Tax Authorities.
- 6.3. Approved 102 Securities may either be classified as Capital Gain Securities ("CGS") or Ordinary Income Securities ("OIS").
- 6.4. Approved 102 Securities elected and designated by the Company to qualify under the capital gain tax treatment in accordance with the provisions of Section 102(b)(2) shall be referred to herein as CGS.
- 6.5. Approved 102 Securities elected and designated by the Company to qualify under the ordinary income tax treatment in accordance with the provisions of Section 102(b)(1) shall be referred to herein as OIS.
- 6.6. The Company's election of the type of Approved 102 Securities as CGS or OIS granted to Employees (the "Election"), shall be appropriately filed with the Israeli Tax Authorities before the Date of Grant of any Approved 102 Securities.

Such Election shall become effective beginning the first Date of Grant of an Approved 102 Security under the Plan and shall remain in effect until at least the end of the year following the year during which the Company first granted Approved 102 Securities. The Election shall obligate the Company to grant only the type of Approved 102 Security it has elected, and shall apply to all Approved 102 Security granted during the period indicated herein, all in accordance with the provisions of Section 102(g) of the Ordinance. For the avoidance of doubt, such Election shall not prevent the Company from granting Unapproved 102 Securities simultaneously.

- 6.7. All Approved 102 Securities must be held in trust by a Trustee, as described in Section 7.
- 6.8. For the avoidance of doubt, the designation of Unapproved 102 Securities and Approved 102 Securities shall be subject to the terms and conditions set forth in Section 102 of the Ordinance and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

- 6.9. With regards to Approved 102 Securities, the provisions of the Plan and/or the Incentive Agreement shall be subject to the provisions of Section 102 and the Tax Assessing Officer's permit, and the said provisions and permit shall be deemed an integral part of the Plan and of the Incentive Agreement. Any provision of Section 102 and/or the said permit which is necessary in order to receive and/or to keep any tax benefit pursuant to Section 102, which is not expressly specified in the Plan or the Incentive Agreement, shall be considered binding upon the Company and the Grantees.
- 6.10. Approved 102 Securities will be deemed granted on the date approved by the Board and stated in a written or electronic notice by the Company, provided that effective as of such date or within the requisite period thereafter, the Approved 102 Securities have been deposited with a Trustee in accordance with the requirements of Section 102. Securities will only qualify as Approved 102 Securities if deposited with the Trustee within the term and in compliance with all conditions required by the Israeli Tax Authorities, as amended and updated from time to time.

## 7. Trustee

- 7.1. Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, Approved 102 Securities granted under the Plan and/or other shares received subsequently following any realization of rights with respect to such Securities, including without limitation bonus shares, shall be granted by the Company to a trustee designated by the Board and approved by the Israeli Tax Authorities in accordance with the provisions of Section 102(a) of the Ordinance (the "Trustee"), and held for the benefit of the Grantees for such period of time as required by Section 102 or any regulations, rules (including the Income Tax Rules (Tax Benefits in Stock Issuance to Employees), 2003) or orders or procedures promulgated thereunder (the "Holding Period"). In the event that the requirements for Approved 102 Securities are not met, then the Approved 102 Securities may be treated as Unapproved 102 Securities, all in accordance with the provisions of Section 102 and regulations promulgated thereunder.
- 7.2. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the Trustee shall not release any Approved 102 Shares prior to the full payment of Grantee's tax liabilities arising from Approved 102 Securities which were granted to Grantee.
- 7.3. With respect to any Approved 102 Securities, subject to the provisions of Section 102 and any rules or regulation or orders or procedures promulgated thereunder, a Grantee shall not sell or release from trust any Approved 102 Share and/or any share received subsequently following any realization of rights, including without limitation, bonus shares, until the lapse of the Holding Period required under Section 102 of the Ordinance. Notwithstanding the above, if any such sale or release occurs during the Holding Period, the sanctions under Section 102 of the Ordinance and under any rules or regulation or orders or procedures promulgated thereunder shall apply to and shall be borne by such Grantee.
- 7.4. Upon receipt of Approved 102 Securities, Grantee will sign an undertaking to release the Trustee from any liability in respect of any action or decision duly taken and bona fide executed in relation with the Plan, or any Approved 102 Security granted to Grantee thereunder.
- 7.5. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing contained herein shall prevent the Company from granting Unapproved 102 Securities and/or 3(i) Securities to a trustee designated by the Board, to be held for the benefit of Grantees, all in accordance with the terms and conditions specified by the Board.

#### 8. Reserved Shares

The Company has reserved sufficient authorized but unissued Shares for purposes of the Plan and any other present or future share incentive plans of the Company, subject to adjustments as provided in Section 14. All Shares under the Plan or under any other present or future share incentive plans, in respect of which the right of a Grantee hereunder or thereunder to hold or purchase the same shall, for any reason, terminate, expire or otherwise cease to exist, shall again be available for issuance and/or grant through Securities under the Plan and such other share incentive plans.

## 9. Grant of Securities

Each Security granted pursuant to the Plan shall be evidenced by a written Incentive Agreement between the Company and Grantee, in such form as the Board or the Committee shall from time to time approve. Each Incentive Agreement shall state, inter alia, the number of Shares covered thereby, the type of Security granted thereunder (whether a CGS, OIS, Unapproved 102 Security, 3(i) Security, or other designation), the dates when the Option may be exercised (if applicable), the Exercise Price (if applicable), and such other terms and conditions as the Committee at its discretion may prescribe, such as, without limitation, vesting or reverse vesting dates, provided that they are consistent with the Plan.

# 10. Term and Vesting of Securities

- 10.1. Subject to the provisions of this Plan, Options granted to a Grantee under the Plan shall vest and become exercisable following the vesting dates and for such number of Shares as set forth in such Grantee's Incentive Agreement, as determined by the Committee. As well, subject to the Plan, Shares issued to a Grantee shall be released from reverse vesting as set forth in the Grantee's Incentive Agreement, as determined by the Committee. A Security may be subject to such other terms and conditions on the time or times when it may be exercised or released from reverse vesting, as applicable, as the Committee may deem appropriate. The vesting or reverse vesting provisions of individual Securities may vary.
- 10.2. Options, to the extent not previously exercised, shall terminate forthwith upon the earlier of: (i) ten (10) years from the Date of Grant (unless otherwise specified in the Option Agreement); (ii) the expiration in accordance with Section 15; and (ii) the expiration of any extended period in any of the events set forth in section 13.

# 11. Issuance Price and Exercise Price

The Issuance Price or Exercise Price per Share issued or covered by each Option, as applicable, shall be determined by the Committee in its sole and absolute discretion; provided, however, that such Issuance Price or Exercise Price shall not be less than the nominal value of the Shares issued or of the Shares into which such Option is exercisable, as applicable. Each Incentive Agreement will contain the Issuance Price or Exercise Price determined for each Grantee.

## 12. Exercise of Options

- 12.1. Options shall be exercisable pursuant to the terms under which they were awarded and subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan.
- 12.2. The exercise of an Option shall be made by a written notice of exercise (the "Notice of Exercise") delivered by Grantee to the Company at its principal executive office, specifying the number of Shares to be purchased and accompanied by the payment of the Exercise Price, and containing such other terms and conditions as the Committee shall prescribe from time to time.
- 12.3. Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, but without derogating from the provisions of Section 13, if any Option has not been exercised and the Shares covered thereby not paid for until the Expiration Date, the Grantee's right to such Option and his/her right to acquire the underlying Shares of such Option shall terminate, all interests and rights of the Grantee in and to the same shall ipso facto expire, and, in the event that in connection therewith any Approved 102 Options are still held by the Trustee as aforesaid, the trust with respect thereto shall ipso facto expire and all of such Approved 102 Options shall again be subject for grant as provided in Section 8.

- 12.4. Each payment for Shares shall be in respect of a whole number of Shares, and shall be effected in cash or by a cashier's check payable to the order of the Company, or such other method of payment acceptable to the Company.
- 12.5. For the avoidance of doubt, Grantees shall not have any of the rights or privileges of shareholders of the Company in respect of any Shares, nor shall they be deemed to be a class of shareholders or creditors of the Company for purpose of the operation of sections 350 and 351 of the Companies Law or any successor to such section, until registration of Grantee as holder of such Shares in the Company's register of shareholders in accordance with the provisions of the Plan, but in case of Options and Shares held by the Trustee, subject to the provisions of Section 7.
- 12.6. In accordance with the applicable TASE Directives, and as long as the Company's Shares are traded on TASE, no exercise of Options will be permitted on the record date for the following events: (a) distribution of bonus shares; (b) rights offering; (c) the distribution of dividends; (d) unification of capital; (e) stock split; or (f) reduction in capital (any of the foregoing "Company Event"). In addition, if the "X Date" (as such term is defined in the TASE Directive) occurs prior to the record date of such Company Event, no exercise of Options will be permitted on such X Date.

# 13. Termination of Engagement

- 13.1. Subject to the provisions of Section 13.2, unless otherwise provided in the Grantee's Incentive Agreement, in the event that a Grantee ceases, for any reason, to be employed by or to provide services to the Company or an Affiliate, all Options granted to such Grantee will immediately expire upon such cessation. For the avoidance of doubt, unless expressly stated otherwise in the Grantee's Incentive Agreement, in case of such cessation of employment or service, the unvested portion of the Grantee's Option shall not continue to vest and shall immediately expire.
- 13.2. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary hereinabove and unless otherwise determined in the Grantee's Incentive Agreement, an Option may be exercised after the date of cessation of Optionee's employment or service with the Company or any Affiliates during an additional period of time beyond the date of such cessation, but only with respect to its vested portion at the time of such termination, as follows:
  - 13.2.1. If the Grantee's termination of employment or service is due to such Grantee's death or "Disability" (as hereinafter defined), then any of such Grantee's vested Options (to the extent exercisable at the time of the Grantee's termination of employment or service) shall be exercisable by the Grantee's legal representative, estate of other person to whom the Grantee's rights are transferred by will or by laws of descent of distribution for a period of twelve (12) months following such death or termination of employment or service due to "Disability" (but in no event after the expiration of the Option Term), and shall thereafter terminate.

For purposes hereof, "**Disability**" shall mean the inability, due to illness or injury, to engage in any gainful occupation for which the individual is suited by education, training or experience, which condition continues for at least six (6) consecutive months or an aggregate of six (6) months in any twelve (12)-month period.

13.2.2. If the Grantee's termination of employment or service is for any reason other than for Cause, then any of such Grantee's vested Options (to the extent exercisable at the time of the Grantee's termination of employment or service) shall be exercisable for a period of ninety (90) days following such termination of employment or service (but in no event after the expiration of the Option Term), and shall thereafter terminate; provided, however, that if the Grantee dies within such ninety-day period, such Options shall be exercisable by the Grantee's legal representative, estate or other person to whom the Grantee's rights are transferred by will or by laws of descent of distribution for a period of twelve (12) months following the Grantee's death (but in no event after the expiration of the Option Term), and shall thereafter terminate.

- 13.2.3. In the event of termination for Cause, any Option held by such Grantee (whether or not vested) shall terminate immediately and the Grantee shall have no further rights to purchase Shares pursuant to such Option.
- 13.3. With respect to Unapproved 102 Securities, if the Grantee ceases to be employed by the Company or any Affiliate, the Grantee shall extend to the Company and/or its Affiliate a security or guarantee for the payment of tax due at the time of sale of Shares, all in accordance with the provisions of Section 102 and the rules, regulation or orders promulgated thereunder.

#### 14. Adjustment Upon Changes in Capitalization

Subject to any required action by the shareholders of the Company, the number and type of Shares covered by each outstanding Option, and the number of Shares which have been authorized for issuance under the Plan but which have not been issued or as to which no Options have yet been granted or which have been returned to the Plan upon cancellation or expiration of an Option or otherwise, as well as the Exercise Price, shall be proportionately adjusted for any increase or decrease in the number of issued Shares resulting from a stock split, stock dividend, combination, exchange of shares or reclassification of the Shares, all only if such triggering event generally applies to all Shares. The conversion of any convertible securities of the Company shall not be deemed to have been "effected without receipt of consideration." Notwithstanding the above, if the Company distributes bonus shares, the exercise price of the Options shall not be adjusted, however, the number of Shares covered by each outstanding Option and the number of Shares which have been authorized for issuance under the Plan but as to which no Options have yet been granted or which have been returned to the Plan upon cancellation or expiration of an Option, shall be proportionately adjusted to the increase. Any adjustment shall be made by the Committee, whose determination in that respect shall be final, binding and conclusive. Except as expressly provided herein, no issuance by the Company of shares of stock of any class, or securities convertible into shares of stock of any class, shall affect, and no adjustment by reason thereof shall be made with respect to, the number or price of Shares subject to the Plan.

# 15. Consequences of a Transaction, Dissolution, Right Issue or Distribution of Dividend.

- 15.1. **Dissolution; Transaction.** Upon the occurrence of any kind of Transaction or voluntarily liquidation or dissolution of the Company ("**Dissolution**"), any unexercised vested Options and any unvested Options existing at that time shall be automatically terminated.
- 15.2. Notwithstanding the aforesaid, in case of a Transaction that involves sale, transfer or disposal of the securities of the Company (including by way of a merger in which the Company is the surviving entity), the Grantee's Options then outstanding may be assumed or substituted for an appropriate number of shares of each class of shares or other securities and/or assets of the successor company in such Transaction (or a parent or subsidiary or another affiliate of such successor company) (the "Successor Company") as were distributed to the shareholders of the Company in respect of the Transaction. Furthermore, if the consideration received by the shareholders of the Company in respect of the Transaction was not solely common stock (or its equivalent) of the Successor Company, then the Committee may stipulate that the consideration to be received upon the exercise of Options shall be solely common stock (or its equivalent) of the Successor Company. As well, the Committee may stipulate that in lieu of any assumption of Options for shares or other securities of the Successor Company, such Options will be substituted for any other type of asset of the Successor Company as may be fair under the circumstances, including, but not limited to, cash amounts. In the case of such assumption and/or substitution of shares, appropriate adjustments shall be made to the Exercise Price of the Options to reflect such action, and all other terms and conditions of the Options, such as the vesting periods, shall remain in force.

- 15.3. The Company may notify all holders of vested but unexercised Options, at least 10 (ten) business days before the estimated day of closing of a Transaction or of Dissolution (as shall be determined by the Committee) of such expected event, and such holders shall be required to advise the Company within 7 (seven) days of such notice, whether they wish to exercise their vested Options, in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Plan (regardless of whether or not actual closing of the Transaction or the Dissolution occurs after more than such 7-day period). Such exercise may be contingent on actual closing of the Transaction or actual occurrence of the Dissolution. Upon the expiration of such 7-day period, no exercise of the Options shall be allowed unless specifically authorized by the Committee. With respect to a Transaction, the provisions of this Section 15.3 shall not apply in the event of an assumption or substitution under Section 15.2 apply, including in the event the Options are substituted for cash consideration.
- 15.4. If the Board determines in good faith that, in the context of a Transaction, certain Securities have no monetary value and thus do not entitle the holders of such Securities to any consideration under the terms of the Transaction, the Board may determine that such Securities shall terminate effective as of the effective date of the Transaction. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Board may provide for the termination of any Option, effective as of the effective date of the Transaction, that has an exercise price that is greater than the per share Fair Market Value at the time of such Transaction, without any consideration to the holder thereof.
- 15.5. It is the intention that the Committee's authority to make determinations, adjustments and clarifications in connection with the treatment of Securities shall be interpreted as widely as possible, to allow the Committee maximal power and flexibility to interpret and implement the provisions of the Plan in the event of a Transaction or Dissolution, provided that the Committee shall determine in good faith that a Grantee's rights are not thereby adversely affected without the Grantee's express written consent. Without derogating from the generality of the foregoing, the Committee shall have the authority, at its sole discretion, to determine that the treatment of Securities, whether vested or unvested, in a Transaction or Dissolution may differ among individual Grantees or groups of Grantees, provided that the overall economic impact of the different approaches determined by the Committee shall be substantively equivalent as of the date of the closing of the Transaction or determination of Dissolution.
- 15.6. **Rights Issue**. In the event that the Company offers all the shareholders of the Company securities of the Company by way of a rights issue, the exercise price of the Options shall not be adjusted, however, the number of Shares resulting from the exercise of the Options which have yet to be exercised on the date determining the right to acquire the aforesaid securities shall be adjusted to the benefit component of the rights issue as such is expressed by the ratio between the closing price of the Company's shares on the TASE on the last trading day prior to the X Date to the share's base price prior to the grant of such rights ("x-rights").
- 15.7. **Distribution of Dividends**. In the event of distribution of dividends, in cash of in kind, to all shareholders of the Company (including by way of court approved distribution pursuant to Section 303 of the Companies Law, or other applicable law), the exercise price of outstanding Options not yet exercised on the date determining the right to receive such dividend shall be adjusted and reduced by the gross dividend amount distributed by the Company per share (or its value in the event of dividend in kind). Other than the adjustments in the exercise price detailed herein, the distribution of dividend by the Company, in cash of in kind, will not affect the number of Shares covered by each outstanding Option and/or will not require the Company to make any other adjustments with respect to Options and or the Shares covered by each Option.

## 16. Transferability; Restrictions

- 16.1. No Option shall be assignable or transferable by the Grantee to whom granted otherwise than by will or the laws of descent and distribution, and an Option may be exercised during the lifetime of the Grantee only by such Grantee or by such Grantee's guardian or legal representative. The terms of such Option shall be binding upon the beneficiaries, executors, administrators, heirs and successors of such Grantee. The provisions of this Section 16.1 applying to Options shall apply to any Shares subject to reverse vesting, mutatis mutandis.
- 16.2. Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, if, upon a Transaction, all or substantially all of the shares of the Company are to be exchanged for securities of another company, then Grantee shall be obliged to exchange all Shares such Grantee was issued or purchased under the Plan, in accordance with the instructions then issued by the Board, whose determination shall be final.
- 16.3. Grantee acknowledges that, Grantee's right to sell the Shares may be subject to certain limitations (including a lock-up period), in connection with any registration of the offering of any securities of the Company under the securities laws of any jurisdiction, as will be required by the Company or its underwriters; and Grantee unconditionally agrees and accepts any such limitations.
- 16.4. By exercising an Option and/or by being issued a Share hereunder, Grantee agrees not to sell, transfer or otherwise dispose any of the Shares so purchased by Grantee except in compliance with the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the rules and regulations thereunder or any other applicable law, and Grantee further agrees that all certificates evidencing any of such shares shall be appropriately legended to reflect such restriction. Nothing herein shall be deemed to require the Company to register the Shares under the securities laws of any jurisdiction. The Company shall not register any transfer of Shares not made in accordance with the provisions of the Plan, the Company's Articles and any applicable law.

## 17. Shareholders Rights

- 17.1. The Grantee shall have no rights of a shareholder with respect to the Shares subject to the Plan until the Grantee shall have exercised the Option (if applicable), paid the Exercise Price thereof (if applicable) and become the record holder of the Shares.
- 17.2. With respect to all exercised Options or Shares issued under the Plan, the Grantee shall be entitled to receive dividends in accordance with the number of such Shares, and subject to any applicable taxation on distribution of dividends, and when applicable subject to the provisions of Section 102 and the rules, regulations or orders promulgated thereunder.

# 18. Term and Amendment of the Plan

- 18.1. The Plan shall be effective as of the day it was adopted by the Board, and shall expire on such date that is twenty (20) years following the Board adoption of the Plan
- 18.2. Subject to applicable laws, the Board may, at any time and from time to time, but when applicable, after consultation with the Trustee, terminate or amend the Plan in any respect. In no event, unless allowed under this Plan, may any action of the Company alter or impair the rights of a Grantee, without his consent, under any Security previously granted to him. Termination of the Plan shall not affect the Committee's ability to exercise the powers granted to it hereunder with respect to Securities granted under the Plan prior to the date of such termination.

#### 19. Tax Consequences

- 19.1. All tax consequences and/or obligations regarding other compulsory payments arising from the issuance of Shares, the grant or exercise of any Option, from the payment for, or the subsequent disposition of, Shares covered thereby or from any other event or act (of the Company, its Affiliates, the Trustee or the Grantee) hereunder, shall be borne solely by the Grantee, and the Company and/or its Affiliates, and/or the Trustee shall withhold taxes according to the requirements under the applicable laws, rules, and regulations, including withholding taxes at source. The Grantee shall indemnify the Company and/or its Affiliates and/or the Trustee, as applicable, and hold them harmless against and from any and all liability for any such tax (and compulsory payment, if any) or interest or penalty thereon, including without limitation, in respect of Approved 102 Securities, liabilities relating to the necessity to withhold, or to have withheld, any such tax (and compulsory payment, if any) from any payment made to the Grantee.
- 19.2. The Company or any of its Affiliates and the Trustee may make such provisions and take such steps as it/they may deem necessary or appropriate for the withholding of all taxes required by law to be withheld with respect to Securities granted under the Plan and the exercise, sale, transfer or other disposition thereof, including, but not limited, to (i) deducting the amount so required to be withheld from any other amount then or thereafter payable to a Grantee, including by deducting any such amount from a Grantee's salary or other amounts payable to the Grantee, to the maximum extent permitted under law and/or (ii) requiring a Grantee to pay to the Company or any of its Affiliates the amount so required to be withheld as a condition of the issuance, delivery, distribution or release of any Shares and/or (iii) by causing the exercise of Options and/or sale of Shares held by or on behalf of the Grantee to cover such liability. In addition, the Grantee will be required to pay any amount, including penalties, that exceeds the tax to be withheld and transferred to the tax authorities, pursuant to applicable tax laws, regulations and rules.
- 19.3. The Company and/or, when applicable, the Trustee, shall not be required to release any Share certificate to a Grantee until all required payments have been fully
- 19.4. With respect to Unapproved 102 Securities, if the Grantee ceases to be employed by the Company or any Affiliate, the Grantee shall extend to the Company and/or its Affiliate a security or guarantee for the payment of tax due at the time of sale of Shares to the satisfaction of the Company, all in accordance with the provisions of Section 102 and the Income Tax Rules (Tax Benefits in Stock Issuance to Employees), 2003.

#### 20. Miscellaneous

- 20.1. Continuance of Employment or Hired Services: Neither the Plan nor the grant of a Security hereunder shall impose any obligation on the Company or any Affiliate thereof to continue the employment or service of any Grantee, and nothing in the Plan or in any Security granted pursuant hereto shall confer upon any Grantee any right to continue in the employ or service of the Company or an Affiliate thereof, or restrict the right of the Company or an Affiliate to terminate such employment or service at any time.
- 20.2. <u>Lock up</u>: The Grantee will be subject to a lock-up period of up to ninety (90) days beginning on the effective date of any underwritten registration of the Company's securities (except to the extent that the relevant shares of the Grantee are part of such underwritten registration), or any longer period of time which may be required by the underwriters of such subsequent underwritten registration, or as shall be binding on all other shareholders of the Company.

- 20.3. <u>Governing Law and Jurisdiction</u>: The Plan and all instruments issued hereunder or in connection herewith, shall be governed by, and interpreted in accordance with, the laws of the State of Israel. The competent courts in Tel Aviv shall have sole and exclusive jurisdiction over any matters pertaining to the Plan.
- 20.4. <u>Multiple Agreements</u>: The terms of each Security may differ from other Securities granted under the Plan at the same time, or at any other time. The Committee may also grant more than one Security to a given Grantee during the term of the Plan, either in addition to, or in substitution for, one or more Securities previously granted to that Grantee. The grant of multiple Securities may be evidenced by a single Incentive Agreement or multiple Incentive Agreements, as determined by the Committee.
- 20.5. Non-Exclusivity of the Plan: The adoption of the Plan by the Board shall not be construed as amending, modifying or rescinding any previously approved incentive arrangement or as creating any limitations on the power of the Board to adopt such other incentive arrangements as it may deem desirable, including, without limitation, the granting of stock options otherwise than under the Plan, and such arrangements may be either applicable generally or only in specific cases.

# **Consulting Agreement**

This Consulting Agreement (the "**Agreement**") is entered into as of January 1, 2014 (the "**Effective Date**") by and between **BioLineRx Ltd.**, a company organized under the laws of the State of Israel, with its offices at 19 Hartum Street, P.O. Box 45158, Jerusalem 9777518 ("**BioLine**"), and **Arnon Aharon**, **M.D.**, I.D. number 023699796, with an address at 12 Yavne Street, Tel-Aviv 6579111 ("**Consultant**").

BioLine wishes to receive certain services from Consultant as an independent contractor, and Consultant is willing to provide such services to BioLine as an independent contractor.

In consideration of the foregoing and the mutual covenants and conditions hereinafter set forth, the parties agree as follows:

- 1. **Services.** Consultant shall provide BioLine with certain services specified in the attached **Exhibit A**, in accordance with BioLine's needs and requirements (the "**Services**"). Consultant shall perform Services faithfully, diligently and to the best of Consultant's skill and ability.
- Payment. In consideration for the full performance of the Services by Consultant, BioLine shall pay Consultant NIS 59,000 per month (the "Fees") for the provision of Services on a full-time basis (as defined in Exhibit A). During the period that Consultant provides less than full time (as set forth in Exhibit A), BioLine shall pay Consultant a portion of the Fees according to the agreed percentage of part-time work. The Fees are inclusive of all taxes, other than VAT. BioLine will not make deductions for taxes or social benefits from any amounts payable to Consultant, and any such taxes and other payments shall be the sole responsibility of Consultant. The Fees will be paid in arrears no later than the ninth day of each calendar month, against presentation of a valid VAT invoice (heshbonit mas) no later than the first day of that month. If BioLine is required to withhold any taxes at source, any amount withheld shall be deducted from the Fees. BioLine shall also reimburse Consultant for reasonable business expenses incurred by Consultant in providing the Services, in accordance with BioLine's policies as determined by BioLine from time to time, provided that such expenses have been approved in writing in advance by Consultant's supervisor. As a condition to reimbursement, Consultant shall be required to provide BioLine with all invoices, receipts and other evidence of expenditures as may be reasonably required by BioLine from time to time.
- 3. **Options**. As additional consideration for the performance of Services, and subject to the approval of the Board of Directors of BioLine and the execution of an option agreement and any other documents reasonably required by BioLine, Consultant shall be granted options to purchase Ordinary Shares par value NIS 0.01 each of BioLine, in the amount set forth in Exhibit A, to be granted pursuant to, and in accordance with, the terms and conditions of the share option plan adopted by BioLine.
- 4. **Proprietary Information, Confidentiality and Non-Competition.** By executing this Agreement, Consultant agrees to the provisions of BioLine's Proprietary Information, Confidentiality and Non-Competition Agreement attached as **Exhibit B** hereto. The terms of Consultant's engagement are personal and confidential, and Consultant undertakes to keep such terms in confidence and shall refrain from disclosing such terms to any third party.
- 5. BioLine Equipment.
- 5.1. Mobile Phone; Computer. During the term of this Agreement, Consultant shall be entitled to receive a mobile telephone. In addition, during the term of this Agreement, Consultant shall be entitled to receive a laptop computer. Consultant shall use such telephone and computer (together, the "Equipment") in a standard and reasonable manner, and in accordance with BioLine's policies. Consultant hereby agrees that any amount due from Consultant to BioLine in connection with the equipment (including charges for use above the authorized limit, compensation for loss or damage of the equipment, etc.) shall be deducted from the Fees owed to Consultant.

- 5.2. Automobile. BioLine will make available to Consultant an electronic refueling device (*Pazomat* or equivalent) for his personal car and pay for fuel used by Consultant. In accordance with BioLine policy, the parties will agree on a monthly quota of kilometers for which BioLine will pay fuel costs, and Consultant will be responsible for paying the cost of fuel for kilometers driven over the agreed quota. Any taxes arising out of the payment for fuel by the Company shall be borne by Consultant. Other than as specifically provided in this section, Consultant shall be responsible for all costs of maintenance, repair and insurance of his personal car. The electronic refueling device will be returned to BioLine immediately upon termination of Consultant's employment with BioLine for any reason, no later than the date of termination. Consultant shall not be entitled to have fuel costs paid by BioLine during unpaid leaves or absences, unless specifically approved by BioLine in writing. During the term of this Agreement, Consultant may request that instead of the arrangement described in this section, BioLine make available to Consultant a company vehicle, leased or owned by BioLine of a type to be agreed on by BioLine and Consultant, in accordance with company policies which may be amended from time to time.
- 5.3. <u>BioLine Property.</u> Consultant acknowledges and agrees that the Equipment, email account and any other device or account providing for transmittal and storage of information, which are placed at Consultant's disposal by BioLine during the term of this Agreement are and shall remain the property of BioLine. Consultant confirms its understanding that BioLine regularly reviews email correspondence and other information transmitted and stored by using the equipment stated above, and BioLine reserves the right to copy, store, present to others, and use such information. Consultant acknowledges and agrees that any messages and data sent from, received by, or stored in or upon BioLine's computers and communications systems are the sole property of BioLine, regardless of the form and/or content of these messages and data. Consultant should not consider messages and data sent from, received by, or stored in or upon BioLine's computer and communications systems to be private and should not send, receive, or store sensitive personal or private information using these systems. Consultant is deemed to have consented to any reasonable use, transfer and disclosure of all messages and data contained or sent via the BioLine's computer and communications systems, including electronic mail. Consultant shall fully comply with BioLine's policies regarding computer and network, as may be in effect from time to time.
- 6. **No Conflicts.** Consultant represents and warrants that Consultant's performance of this Agreement and the Services does not and will not breach or conflict with any agreement to which Consultant is or becomes a party, nor does it require the consent of any other person or entity. Consultant shall inform BioLine, immediately after Consultant becomes aware of it, of any matter or engagement that may in any way raise a conflict of interest between Consultant and BioLine or prevent Consultant from providing the Services.
- Independent Contractor. It is understood that Consultant is an independent contractor and not an employee of BioLine. Consultant has no authority to obligate BioLine by contract or otherwise. Consultant will not be considered an employee of BioLine or, other than as expressly provided in this Agreement, eligible for any right or benefit (including such rights and benefits that BioLine may grant to its employees). No deductions shall be made from the Fees nor any transfers made to any governmental or private entity except as set forth in this Agreement, and Consultant hereby waives any claim against BioLine based on such deductions or transfers not being made. If, as a result of a claim or suit by Consultant, a competent court of law rules that the relationship between BioLine and an employee of Consultant is an employer-employee relationship and that, as a result of such relationship, such employee of Consultant is entitled to rights or compensation from BioLine, the following will apply:

- a. the hourly wage of Consultant's employee as an employee of BioLine will be calculated according to the average monthly salary in Israel (as set forth in the National Insurance Law), assuming that a month consists of 186 hours; and
- b. Consultant shall fully indemnify BioLine for any damages, liabilities or other costs and expenses incurred in connection with any such determination, and BioLine shall be entitled to offset any amount due to Consultant resulting from the determination that an employer-employee relationship exists against any amount actually paid or due under this Agreement.

#### 8. Termination.

- 8.1. Either party may terminate this Agreement upon 30 days' written notice (the "**Notice Period**"); provided, however, that Sections 4 and 7 will survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement for any reason.
- 8.2. In the event of a termination for Cause (as defined below), BioLine may immediately terminate this Agreement effective as of the time of notice of the same, and without payment in lieu of prior notice. "Cause" means (i) a serious breach of trust including but not limited to theft, embezzlement, self-dealing, prohibited disclosure to unauthorized persons or entities of confidential or proprietary information of or relating to BioLine or its affiliates, and the engaging by Consultant in any prohibited business competitive to the business of BioLine; (ii) any willful failure to perform or failure to perform competently any of Consultant's fundamental functions or duties hereunder, which was not cured within thirty (30) days after receipt by Consultant of written notice thereof; or (iii) any fundamental breach of this Agreement by Consultant.
- 8.3. During the Notice Period, this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect and there shall be no change in Consultant's position with BioLine, the Fees or in any other obligations of either party hereunder, unless otherwise determined by BioLine in a written notice to Consultant, and Consultant shall cooperate with BioLine and assist BioLine with the integration into BioLine of the person who will assume Consultant's responsibilities. At the option of BioLine, Consultant shall during such period either continue with Consultant's duties or remain absent from BioLine's premises.
- 8.4. In any event of the termination of this Agreement, Consultant shall immediately return all company property, equipment, materials and documents, as well as all other documents and other materials of any nature pertaining to the Services. Under no circumstances will the Consultant have a lien over any property provided by or belonging to BioLine.
- 8.5. Without derogating from all of BioLine's rights according to the provisions of this Agreement and the law, both during the term of this Agreement and upon its termination, BioLine shall have the right to deduct from any payment to be paid to the Consultant any sum owed by Consultant to BioLine.
- 9. **Code of Business Conduct and Ethics; Internal Policies.** Consultant shall at all times comply with the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics attached hereto as **Exhibit D** (the "**Code**"), the Policy regarding Securities Trades by Company Personnel attached hereto as **Exhibit E** (the "**Insider Trading Policy**"), the Company's Internal Enforcement Policy attached hereto as **Exhibit F**, and all other internal policies and procedures of BioLine, as shall be updated from time. Updates to the Code, Insider Trading Policy and Internal Enforcement Policy, and copies of BioLine's other internal policies and procedures, can be obtained at BioLine's HR office. Consultant represents that he has read the Code and the policies attached as Exhibit E and F, will acquaint himself with BioLine's other internal policies and procedures and agrees to comply with their terms, including any amendments and updates thereto.

#### 10. Miscellaneous.

- 10.1. <u>Vacation</u>. During the term of this Agreement, Consultant shall be entitled to vacation in the number of working days per year as set forth in **Exhibit A**, as adjusted in accordance with applicable law. A "working day" shall mean Sunday to Thursday inclusive, and the use of said vacation days will be coordinated with BioLine. Consultant shall be entitled to accumulation and redemption of vacation days in accordance with BioLine's policy, which may be amended from time to time in BioLine's sole discretion.
- 10.2. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement and understanding between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, and supersedes all prior written or oral agreements with respect thereto. This Agreement may be assigned by BioLine. Consultant may not assign rights or delegate duties under this Agreement without the prior written consent of BioLine. The provisions of this Agreement will survive the assignment of this Agreement by BioLine to any successor or other assignee. This Agreement may not be modified except by written instrument signed by a duly authorized representative of each party hereto. No failure, delay of forbearance of either party in exercising any power or right hereunder will in any way restrict or diminish such party's rights and powers under this Agreement, or operate as a waiver of any breach or nonperformance by either party of any terms of conditions hereof. If it is determined under any applicable law that a certain provision set forth in this Agreement is invalid or unenforceable, such determination will not affect the remaining provisions of this Agreement. This Agreement will be governed by the laws of the State of Israel. Any dispute arising out of or in connection with this Agreement will be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the competent courts in Jerusalem, Israel.
- 11. **Counterparts.** For the convenience of the parties, this Agreement may be signed in counterparts, each of which will be an original instrument and all of which taken together will constitute one and the same Agreement. Delivery of a signed counterpart of this Agreement by e-mail or facsimile transmission will constitute valid and sufficient delivery thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the Effective Date.

BioLineRx Ltd. Arnon Aharon, M.D.

By: /s/ Kinneret Savitsky /s/ Arnon Aharon

Name: Kinneret Livnat Savitsky

Title: CEO

## Exhibit A

# Description of the Services and Other Matters

- 1. Consultant will provide services as Vice President of Medical Affairs, under the direct supervision and in compliance with the directives of the Chief Executive Officer and/or any individual designated by BioLine at its sole discretion. Consultant's Services may also include other services performed for affiliates of BioLine.
- 2. Consultant will provide Services as follows:
  - a. during January 2014, three full days per week at BioLine's offices in Jerusalem.
  - b. beginning February 1, 2014, on a full time basis of no less than 43 hours per week, five full days per week, Sunday through Thursday.

A "full day" means a work day of no less than 8.6 hours. Consultant may also work outside of regular working hours and outside of regular working days, as may be required by BioLine from time to time.

- 3. Beginning February 1, 2014, Consultant shall not undertake or accept any other paid or unpaid employment or occupation or engage in any other business activity except with the prior written consent of BioLine, which shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- 4. Consultant shall provide Services primarily at BioLine's facilities in Jerusalem. In addition, Consultant shall provide Services at such other places as are appropriate to the functions being performed by BioLine. Consultant acknowledges and agrees that his position may involve significant domestic and international travel.
- 5. Options to be granted in accordance with Section 3: 300,000
- Vacation days: 21 per year

# Exhibit B

## Proprietary Information, Confidentiality and Non-Competition Agreement

## 1. General.

- 1.1. All capitalized terms herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Consulting Agreement to which this Exhibit B is attached (the "Consulting Agreement"). For purposes of any undertaking of Consultant toward BioLine, the term BioLine shall include all subsidiaries and affiliates of BioLine.
- 1.2. Consultant's obligations and representations and BioLine's rights under this Exhibit B (this "**Agreement**") shall apply as of the Effective Date of the Consulting Agreement.
- 1.3. Consultant's undertakings hereunder shall remain in full force and effect after termination of this Agreement or the Consulting Agreement, or any renewal thereof
- 2. Consultant acknowledges that he/she has received and/or may receive information of a confidential and proprietary nature regarding the activities and business of BioLine, its parent companies, subsidiaries and/or affiliates, all whether in oral, written, graphic, or machine-readable form, or in any other form, including, but not limited to, (i) patents and patent applications and related information, (ii) trade secrets and industrial secrets, and (iii) drugs, compounds, molecules, building blocks, chemical libraries, reaction protocols for chemical libraries, chemical structures, chemical design and model relationship data, chemical databases, assays, samples, media and other biological materials, procedures and formulations for producing any such materials, products, processes, ideas, know-how, trade secrets, drawings, inventions, improvements, formulas, equations, methods, developmental or experimental work, research or clinical data, discoveries, developments, designs, techniques, instruments, devices, computer software and hardware related to the current, future and/or proposed products and services, and including, without limitation, information regarding research, development, new service offerings or products, marketing and selling, business plans, forecasts, business methods, budgets, finances, licensing, collaboration and development arrangements, prices and costs, buying habits and practices, contact and mailing lists and databases, vendors, customers and clients, and potential business opportunities, and personnel (collectively, "Confidential Information"). Confidential Information may also include information furnished to BioLine by third parties, which, for purposes of this Agreement, shall all be deemed Confidential Information. The Confidential Information and all right, title and interest therein will remain at all times the exclusive property of BioLine (or any third party entrusting its own Confidential Information to BioLine).
- 3. At all times during the term of the Consulting Agreement and thereafter, Consultant will hold all Confidential Information in strictest confidence and will not disclose, use, or make any copies thereof. Consultant hereby assigns to BioLine any rights that Consultant may have or acquire in such Confidential Information and recognize that all Confidential Information shall be the sole property of BioLine and its assigns or licensors, as applicable.
- 4. Consultant will promptly disclose and describe to BioLine all inventions, improvements, designs, concepts, techniques, methods, processes, know how, and trade secrets, whether or not patentable, copyrightable or protectable as trade secrets that are made, developed, conceived or first reduced to practice or created by Consultant, whether alone or jointly with others, during Consultant's engagement with BioLine (i) which relate to BioLine's business or actual or demonstrably anticipated research or development, (ii) which are developed in whole or in part on BioLine's time or with the use of any of BioLine's Confidential Information or other information, equipment, supplies, facilities or trade secret information, or (iii) which result directly or indirectly from any work performed by Consultant for BioLine (the "Inventions," and each an "Invention").

5. Consultant hereby assigns and agrees to assign in the future (when any such Inventions or Proprietary Rights (defined below) are first reduced to practice or first fixed in a tangible medium, as applicable) to BioLine or its designee(s) all of Consultant's right, title and interest in and to any and all Inventions (and all Proprietary Rights with respect thereto) whether or not patentable or registrable under copyright or similar statutes. Consultant further specifically assigns to BioLine all original works of authorship, including any related moral rights, which are made by Consultant (solely or jointly with others) during the term of the Consulting Agreement which are protectable by copyright pursuant to applicable copyright law. Consultant also agrees to assign all of his right, title and interest in and to any particular Invention to any third party, including without limitation government agency, as directed by BioLine. Consultant hereby waives and irrevocably quitclaims to BioLine any and all claims, of any nature whatsoever, that Consultant now has or may hereafter have for infringement of any and all rights in Inventions and Proprietary Rights. To the extent any moral rights cannot be assigned under applicable law and to the extent the following is allowed by the laws in the various countries where moral rights exist, Consultant hereby waives such moral rights and consent to any action of BioLine that would violate such moral rights in the absence of such consent.

The term "**Proprietary Rights**" shall mean: (i) patents, whether in the form of utility patents or design patents and all pending applications for such patents; (ii) trademarks, trade names, service marks, designs, logos, trade dress, and trade styles, whether or not registered, and all pending applications for registration of the same; (iii) copyrights or copyrightable material, including moral rights, including but not limited to books, articles and publications, whether or not registered, and all pending applications for registration of the same; and (iv) all other intellectual property rights throughout the world.

- 6. Consultant specifically acknowledges and agrees that Consultant's duties with BioLine may entail the invention and development of new ideas, technologies, products and other confidential and proprietary information, and that the creation of any such intellectual property is an inherent part of Consultant's duties with BioLine. Consultant expressly agrees that the consideration paid to Consultant pursuant to his Consulting Agreement constitutes the sole consideration to which Consultant may be entitled to for the assignment of any and all Inventions or Proprietary Rights made, developed, conceived or first reduced to practice or created by Consultant (or with his assistance or contribution) including, without limitation, in accordance with Section 134 of the Patent Law, 5727-1967 (the "Patent Law"), and Consultant shall not be entitled to receive any additional consideration in this respect whatsoever. Without derogating from the aforesaid, it is hereby clarified that the level of Consultant's compensation and consideration has been established based upon the aforementioned waiver of rights to receive any such additional royalties, consideration or other payments. The above will apply to any "Service Inventions" as defined in the Patent Law. It being clarified that under no circumstances will Consultant be deemed to have any Proprietary Right in any Service Invention, notwithstanding the provision or non-provision of any notice of an invention and/or BioLine's response to any such notice, under Section 132(b) of the Patent Law. This Agreement is expressly intended to be an agreement with regard to the terms and conditions of consideration for Service Inventions in accordance with Section 134 of the Patent Law.
- 7. Consultant will assist BioLine in every proper way to obtain, and from time to time enforce, any Proprietary Rights relating to any Inventions in any and all countries. To that end Consultant will execute, verify and deliver such documents and perform such other acts (including appearances as a witness) as BioLine may reasonably request for use in applying for, obtaining, perfecting, evidencing, sustaining and enforcing such Proprietary Rights and the assignment thereof. In addition, Consultant will execute, verify and deliver assignments of such Proprietary Rights to BioLine or its designee. Consultant's obligation to assist BioLine with respect to Proprietary Rights relating to any such Inventions in any and all countries shall continue indefinitely beyond termination of the Consulting Agreement for any reason (the "Termination Date"), but BioLine shall compensate Consultant at a reasonable rate after the Termination Date for the time actually spent by Consultant at BioLine's request on such assistance.

- 8. If BioLine is unable for any reason, after reasonable effort, to secure Consultant's signature on any document needed in connection with the actions specified in the preceding paragraph, Consultant hereby irrevocably designates and appoints BioLine and its duly authorized officers and agents as Consultant's agent and attorney in fact, which appointment is coupled with an interest, to act for and in Consultant's behalf to execute, verify and file any such documents and to do all other lawfully permitted acts to further the purposes of the preceding paragraph with the same legal force and effect as if executed by Consultant. Consultant hereby waives and holds BioLine harmless from any and all claims, of any nature whatsoever, which Consultant now or may hereafter have for infringement of any Proprietary Rights assigned hereunder to BioLine.
- 9. Consultant agrees to keep and maintain adequate and current records (in the form of notes, sketches, drawings and in any other form that may be required by BioLine) of all Confidential Information developed by Consultant and all Inventions made by Consultant during the term of the Consulting Agreement to BioLine, which records shall be available to and remain the sole property of BioLine at all times.
- 10. During the term of the Consulting Agreement, Consultant will not improperly use or disclose any confidential information or trade secrets, if any, of any former employer or any other person to whom Consultant has an obligation of confidentiality, and Consultant will not bring onto the premises of BioLine any unpublished documents or any property belonging to any former employer or any other person to whom Consultant has an obligation of confidentiality unless consented to in writing by that former employer or person.
- 11. Upon the earlier of (i) a written request by BioLine; or (ii) the expiration or termination of the engagement, Consultant shall promptly return to BioLine all Confidential Information, together with any and all copies or excerpts thereof and any and all other information directly or indirectly derived therefrom. Return or destruction of the Confidential Information as required hereunder shall not affect Consultant's remaining obligations pursuant to this Agreement.

#### 12. Non-Competition; Non Solicitation.

- 12.1. In consideration of Consultant's terms of engagement, which include special compensation for Consultant's undertakings under this Section 12, and in order to enable BioLine to effectively protect its Proprietary Information, Consultant undertakes that during the term of the Consulting Agreement and for a period of twelve (12) months from the Termination Date, Consultant will not directly or indirectly: (i) carry on or hold an interest in any company, venture, entity or other business (including, without limitation, as a shareholder other than a minority interest in a publicly traded company) which directly competes with the products or services of BioLine (a "Competing Business"); (ii) act as a consultant, Consultant or officer or in any managerial capacity in a Competing Business, or supply in direct competition with BioLine services to any person who, to Consultant's knowledge, was provided with services by BioLine any time during the twelve (12) months immediately prior to the Termination Date; (iii) solicit, canvass or approach or endeavor to solicit, canvass or approach any person who, to Consultant's knowledge, was provided with services by BioLine at any time during the twelve (12) months immediately prior to the Termination Date; or (iv) employ, solicit or entice away or endeavor to solicit or entice away from BioLine any person employed by BioLine any time during the twelve (12) months immediately prior the Termination Date with a view to inducing that person to leave such employment and to act for another employer in the same or a similar capacity.
- 12.2. Insofar as the protective covenants set forth in this Agreement are concerned, Consultant specifically acknowledges, stipulates and agrees as follows: (i) the protective covenants are reasonable and necessary to protect the goodwill, property and Proprietary Information of BioLine, and the operations and business of BioLine; and (ii) the time duration of the protective covenants is reasonable and necessary to protect the goodwill and the operations and business of BioLine, and does not impose a greater restraint than is necessary to protect the goodwill or other business interests of BioLine. Nevertheless, if any of the restrictions set forth in this Agreement is found by a court having jurisdiction to be unreasonable or overly-broad as to geographic area, scope or time or to be otherwise unenforceable, the parties intend for the restrictions set forth in this Agreement to be reformed, modified and redefined by such court so as to be reasonable and enforceable and, as so modified by such court, to be fully enforced.

- 13. Consultant represents that Consultant's performance of all the terms of the Consulting Agreement and this Agreement does not and will not breach any agreement to keep in confidence information acquired by Consultant in confidence or in trust prior to Consultant's relationship with BioLine. Consultant has not entered into, and agrees that he/she will not enter into, any agreement either written or oral in conflict herewith.
- 14. Consultant hereby agrees that if the Consulting Agreement is terminated, Consultant shall notify any new employer or client of Consultant 's rights and obligations under this Agreement.
- 15. Consultant acknowledges that any violation or threatened violation of this Agreement may cause irreparable injury to BioLine, entitling BioLine to seek injunctive relief in addition to all other legal remedies.
- 16. Consultant recognizes and agrees that: (i) this Agreement is necessary and essential to protect the business of BioLine and to realize and derive all the benefits, rights and expectations of conducting BioLine's business; (ii) the area and duration of the protective covenants contained herein are in all things reasonable; and (iii) good and valuable consideration exists under the Consulting Agreement, for Consultant's agreement to be bound by the provisions of this Agreement.
- 17. The terms of Section 10.2 of the Consulting Agreement shall apply to this Agreement.
- 18. CONSULTANT ACKNOWLEDGES THAT HE/SHE HAS READ THIS AGREEMENT CAREFULLY, UNDERSTANDS ITS TERMS AND HAS BEEN GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS IT WITH INDEPENDENT LEGAL COUNSEL.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date of the Consulting Agreement.

BioLineRx Ltd.

Arnon Aharon, M.D.

By: /s/ Kinneret Savitsky

/s/ Arnon Aharon

Name: Kinneret Livnat Savitsky

Title: CEO

# Exhibit C

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# Exhibit D BioLineRx Ltd. Code of Business Conduct and Ethics

Effective as of January 1, 2011

# POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy of BioLineRx Ltd. (the "Company") to conduct its affairs in accordance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations of the jurisdictions in which it does business. This Code of Business Conduct and Ethics (this "Code") applies to the Company's employees, officers and directors. This Code is designed to promote:

- · honest and ethical conduct by all of the Company's employees, officers and directors, including the ethical handling by such persons of actual or apparent conflicts of interest between personal and professional relationships;
- · full, fair, accurate, timely and understandable disclosure in the reports and documents the Company files with, or submits to, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") or the Israeli Securities Authority ("ISA"), and in other public communications made by the Company;
- · compliance with applicable governmental laws, rules and regulations;
- the prompt internal reporting to the appropriate person of violations of this Code; and
- Accountability for adherence to this Code.

All directors, officers and employees of the Company are subject to this Code and are expected to adhere to and comply with those principles and procedures set forth in this Code that apply to them. The Company will take such disciplinary or preventative action as it deems appropriate to address any existing or potential violation of this Code brought to its attention.

### APPROVALS AND WAIVERS

Certain provisions of this Code require you to act, or to refrain from acting, unless prior approval is received from the appropriate person. Employees requesting approval pursuant to this Code should request such approval in writing from the Compliance Officer. Approvals relating to Executive Officers and Directors must be obtained from the Company's Board of Directors. All other approvals may be granted by the Compliance Officer, or such officer's designee.

Other provisions of this Code require you to act, or to refrain from acting, in a particular manner and do not permit exceptions based on obtaining an approval. Waiver of those provisions relating to Executive Officers, senior financial officers and Directors may only be granted by the Board of Directors.

## RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMPLIANCE

## Your responsibility

You are obligated to adhere to this policy in the performance of your job responsibilities. When faced with a situation that requires an evaluation of what is, and what is not, proper business conduct, begin by applying the following criteria:

- Is the course of conduct legal?
- Is the course of conduct in accordance with the guidelines set forth in this Code and with Company policies and procedures?
- Would you or the Company be compromised or embarrassed if the situation were known by your co-workers or the public?
- Does the intended course of conduct have the appearance of impropriety?

If you are unable to answer "yes" to the first two questions and "no" to the second two questions with certainty, seek advice through the channels described under the section entitled "To seek advice or report non-compliance."

**Remember** that failure to report a violation of this Code is itself a violation.

# To seek advice or report non-compliance

If you suspect non-compliance, or have a question as to any aspect of this Code, including its interpretation, application or compliance therewith, regarding yourself or any other employee of BioLineRx, you must seek the advice of the appropriate Company authority, such as your immediate supervisor, human resources manager or General Counsel. If for any reason you feel uncomfortable discussing your concerns or questions with these individuals, or if you are dissatisfied with their responses, seek advice from the Internal Auditor. If you prefer, you may correspond anonymously with the Internal Auditor through our confidential mailbox: <a href="mailto:biolinerx@deloitte.co.il">biolinerx@deloitte.co.il</a>.

# The Company Compliance Team:

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## Disciplinary action

The Company intends to prevent the occurrence of conduct not in compliance with the Code, applicable laws or regulations, or other policies, procedures and guidelines prepared by our Company and its business units and to halt any such conduct that may occur as soon as reasonably possible after its discovery. Allegations of non-compliance with the Code will be investigated whenever necessary and evaluated at the proper level(s). Those found to be in violation of this Code are subject to appropriate disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment. Criminal misconduct may be referred to the appropriate legal authorities for prosecution.

# When in doubt . . .

If you think you are being asked to behave or conduct business in an illegal, unethical or otherwise inappropriate manner, or you suspect others of such behavior, immediately report your concerns through the channels described above. You will *not* be penalized for reporting what you believe, in good faith, to be a breach of the Code; even if it later turns out that a violation has not occurred.

## THE EMPLOYMENT RELATIONSHIP

## Terms of employment

BioLineRx employees are generally employed by the Company either pursuant to an employment contract or other arrangement. Subject to applicable law, both the employee and the employer are legally allowed to terminate the employment at will. This BioLineRx Code may be revised from time to time at the Company's discretion and is not a contract of employment.

## Anti-discrimination and anti-harassment

BioLineRx hires, pays, promotes and makes other employment decisions based upon lawful factors, such as qualifications and performance, and without regard to race, sex, color, religion, age, national origin, sexual orientation, disability or any other basis that is protected under applicable law.

# Drug and alcohol abuse and drug-free workplace

BioLineRx prohibits the illegal use, sale, purchase, transfer, possession or presence in one's system of drugs, other than medically prescribed drugs, while on the Company's premises.

#### Workplace violence

BioLineRx does not tolerate workplace violence or threats of violence committed by or against employees or property.

# Conflict of interest and opportunities for personal gain

All Directors, officers and employees must avoid relationships, activities or interests that conflict or appear to conflict with the interests of the Company. Directors, officers and all employees have an obligation to promptly disclose to their supervisor or local internal auditor any relationship, activity or interest that could possibly involve or appear to involve an actual or potential conflict of interest. If you are unsure whether something is a conflict of interest you are obligated to promptly disclose it to your supervisor.

## **Related Party Transactions**

All Directors, officers and employees should immediately inform a representative of the Finance Department or General Counsel at the outset of negotiations or contacts regarding a potential transaction between an entity or a person related to a Director, officer or employee of BioLineRx or its subsidiaries and BioLineRx or its subsidiaries and in any event prior to completion of any such transaction (without regard to size or materiality).

#### Acceptance and giving entertainment or gifts

You may never accept bribes, kickbacks, or other types of unusual payments from any organization or individual seeking to do business with, doing business with, or competing with BioLineRx. You may accept gifts or entertainment of nominal value as part of the normal business process if public knowledge of your acceptance would cause the Company no conceivable embarrassment. In accordance with foreign laws, you are prohibited from directly or indirectly authorizing, offering, promising or giving anything of value to a foreign governmental official as a means of influencing or inducing the official to obtain or retain business for BioLineRx.

#### Fraud

You may not engage in fraudulent conduct. "Fraud" is the deliberate practice of deception in order to receive unfair or unlawful gain.

# **Financial reporting**

All financial and other records of the Company are required to accurately and fairly reflect the Company's assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses.

# Outside employment or consulting

Employment as a consultant, officer, or manager of another business organization requires prior written management approval. Outside employment or consulting must never interfere with your job performance, utilize Company property or facilities, involve the implicit or explicit sponsorship of the Company, or create the possibility of adverse publicity for the Company.

#### Political activity and contributions

Requiring anyone at BioLineRx to make a personal or corporate contribution to any candidate, political party, or holder of any governmental office is prohibited. You are free to participate in lawful political activity.

#### Company records and accounts

All Company records and accounts are the property of BioLineRx. Company records and accounts must be maintained at all times in reasonable detail and in a manner that accurately reflects all business and financial transactions, including the disposition of assets. The destruction or falsification of a document in order to impede a litigation, governmental investigation, audit or examination is prohibited and may lead to prosecution for obstruction of justice.

# Protection of the Company's Property

All employees should endeavor to protect the Company's property, plant and other tangible and intangible assets. Company property should not be used for non-Company business, though incidental personal use may be permitted.

#### Expense accounts

The Company recognizes its responsibility to reimburse you for legitimate business expenses. Those expenses should be within reasonable limits and commensurate with the nature of the business assignment. You are expected to fully and clearly document business expenses and comply with the travel policy, which applies to your business unit/locale.

#### **Employee privacy**

Company information about employees is confidential and only those with a legitimate, work-related need may access such information. BioLineRx will not release any information about you to entities outside the Company without your written authorization or unless required to do so by applicable law, pursuant to a summons, subpoena or court order, or as deemed appropriate by the Company.

# Proprietary information and intellectual property

Proprietary business, technical, personal information or any trade secret of the Company and its employees, customers and suppliers is considered confidential and must be safeguarded. Intellectual property developed by you or by others for the Company, or for which the Company has secured rights from others, should be used only for the benefit of the Company. Accordingly, all intellectual property rights derived from confidential information or other materials made, originated or developed by the employees shall belong exclusively to the Company, and the employees who are the inventors or developers of such intellectual property rights or benefits therein or deriving therefrom. You may not disclose proprietary information of the Company, its employees, customers, former employees, former customers or suppliers. These prohibitions continue even if you cease being employed by the Company for any reason.

#### Corporate data security

Corporate data refers to all information collected, created, processed and/or maintained in the normal course of BioLineRx's business. The data may be in manual form (examples include verbal, handwritten, typed onto hard copy, microfilmed, photocopied or computer printouts), electronic form (examples include e-mails, voice-mails, computer memory, magnetic tape, cassette, disk, or diskette), or BioLineRx specific information included in computer applications programs, personal computing software, or operating system software.

All BioLineRx employees and any other person having physical or electronic access to corporate data are responsible for safeguarding corporate data by knowing and keeping such corporate data confidential.

## **Electronic communications**

You may not access or use BioLineRx's electronic and wire communications systems without appropriate authority. No individual shall use the passwords or codes of another individual in order to gain access to that individual's e-mail, voice mail, or Internet communications on BioLineRx's systems unless first authorized to do so by that individual or the Company. These systems are provided for Company business, and only occasional personal use of the systems is permissible. Occasional personal use means minimal and infrequent use that does not interfere with BioLineRx business or job performance. BioLineRx's systems may not be used to access or transmit material that could embarrass, harass, or offend other persons.

## **External communications**

Requests for financial or business information, for interviews with any BioLineRx employee including comments or responding to requests relating to BioLineRx or its business, or the issuance of any press releases by any BioLineRx employee must be referred to the Company's Chief Financial Officer.

## **Public disclosure requirements**

All reports and submissions ("Reports") of BioLineRx to the SEC, NASDAQ, the Israel Securities Authority and the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange must comply with applicable legal and exchange requirements and may not contain material misstatements or omit material facts.

# RELATIONSHIPS WITH BUSINESS ENTITIES AND AUTHORITIES

#### Product quality

We are committed to making safe quality products for our sublicensees and future users of our products. We expect each BioLineRx employees to contribute to these standards by providing high quality work, being fully familiar with applicable laws and regulations that are pertinent to their areas of responsibility and participating in training programs provided by the Company covering broad ranges of activities. Employees are also encouraged to exert diligence in identifying and preventing practices that could impair product quality, safety or compliance with law.

### **Economic Sanctions**

BioLineRx employees must comply with the applicable laws and regulations relating to economic and trade sanctions and embargoes against certain countries or entities. This includes refraining from indirect facilitation of a prohibited transaction.

### Foreign corrupt practices and anti-boycott laws

In accordance with local and/or foreign laws, BioLineRx employees are prohibited from directly or indirectly authorizing, offering, promising or giving anything of value to a foreign governmental official as a means of influencing or inducing the official to obtain or retain business for BioLineRx. BioLineRx employees also are required to comply with applicable corrupt practices laws and anti-boycott laws that prohibit participation in certain foreign boycotts.

### Securities laws compliance/insider trading

All BioLineRx employees must strictly obey all laws that prohibit the trading of securities based on prior knowledge of "material," "non-public" information about BioLineRx. You may not trade BioLineRx stock, nor recommend to others that they trade BioLineRx stock, until such information has been publicly disclosed. These restrictions also apply to any trading, including securities of other companies, based on material, non-public information about customers, competitors or business partners of BioLineRx, either when trading BioLineRx securities or the securities of these other companies as well.

### Unfair trade practices and fair dealing

All BioLineRx employees must comply with applicable laws in their place of employment and the laws of other applicable jurisdictions that prohibit unfair or deceptive business acts and practices, as well as unfair competition

## **Environmental protection**

As a Company we are committed to full compliance with all applicable environmental protection laws and expect your individual cooperation

## Health and safety

Employees must observe safe practices on their jobs, report any injury or accident at work promptly and follow Company security and emergency policies and procedures.

### Exhibit E

### BIOLINERX LTD.

### STATEMENT OF COMPANY POLICY

## SECURITIES TRADES BY BIOLINERX LTD. PERSONNEL

BioLineRx Ltd. (the "Company") has adopted the following Policy regarding trading by Company personnel in the Company's securities. The Policy applies to *all* Company personnel, including directors, officers, employees and consultants of the Company and its subsidiaries.

### The Need for a Policy

This Policy has been developed:

- · to educate all Company personnel;
- · to set forth guidelines for courses of action;
- · to protect the Company and all of its personnel against legal liability; and
- · to preserve the reputation of the Company and its personnel for integrity and ethical conduct.

Since the Company is a public company with its ordinary shares traded on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange and its American Depositary Shares on the Nasdaq Capital Market, transactions in the Company's securities are subject to both Israeli and United States federal securities laws and regulations. These laws and regulations make it illegal for an individual to buy or sell securities of the Company while aware of "inside information." The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and the Israel Securities Authority (ISA) take insider trading very seriously and devote significant resources to uncovering the activity and to prosecuting offenders. Liability may extend not only to the individuals who trade on "inside information," but also to their "tippers," people who leak the inside information to the individuals who trade. The Company and "controlling persons" of the Company may also be liable for violations by Company employees.

In addition to responding to the statutes and regulations, we are adopting this Policy to avoid even the appearance of improper conduct on the part of anyone employed by or associated with the Company (not just "insiders").

### The Consequences

The consequences of insider trading violations can be severe. The following are examples under U.S. law applicable to the Company:

For **individuals** who trade on inside information (or tip information to others):

- · a civil penalty of up to three times the profit gained or loss avoided;
- $\cdot$   $\,$  a criminal fine (no matter how small the profit) of up to \$5 million; and
- · a jail term of up to twenty years.

For a **company** (as well as possibly any supervisory person) that fails to take appropriate steps to prevent illegal trading:

- · a civil penalty of the greater of \$1 million or three times the profit gained or loss avoided as a result of the employee's violation; and
- · a criminal penalty of up to \$25 million.

Any of the above consequences – or even an SEC or ISA investigation that does not result in prosecution – can tarnish one's reputation and irreparably damage a career. In addition, if an employee violates this Policy, Company-imposed sanctions, including dismissal for cause, could result from failing to comply with the Company's policy or procedures.

### **Our Policy**

It is the Company's policy that no Company personnel nor any related persons may buy or sell securities of the Company while aware of material nonpublic information or engage in any other action to take advantage of, or pass on to others, that information.

This Policy also applies with equal force to information relating to any other company, including our collaborators, partners, suppliers, customers and others, obtained by Company personnel during the course of his or her service to or employment by the Company.

Transactions that may be necessary or justifiable for independent reasons (such as the need to raise money for an emergency expenditure) are no exception. Even the appearance of an improper transaction must be avoided to preserve our reputation for adhering to the highest standards of conduct.

*Policy Administrator.* This Policy shall be administered by the "Policy Administrator," who shall initially be the Chief Financial and Operating Officer. The Policy Administrator may, however, change from time to time, and you are encouraged to consult the copy of this Policy that is included on the Company's website to obtain current information concerning the Policy Administrator.

Material Non-Public Information. Material non-public information (i.e., "inside information") is any information that:

- is not generally known to the public, and
- · which, if publicly known, would likely affect either the market price of the Company's securities or a person's decision to buy, sell or hold the Company's securities.

Information "generally known to the public" is information released to the press or the industry and after public investors and the market have had a reasonable period of time to evaluate and react to the information. All other information is regarded as non-public.

Examples of Material Information. Common examples of information that will frequently be regarded as material are:

- · quarterly or annual earnings results;
- projections of future results or sales;
- · earnings or losses;
- · news of a pending or proposed merger, acquisition or tender offer;
- · an important financing transaction;

- · significant clinical or regulatory developments;
- the entry into or termination of a significant collaboration, joint venture or strategic alliance;
- changes in management;
- · significant new products or discoveries;
- · plans regarding strategy or significant capital investments;
- · impending bankruptcy or financial liquidity problems;
- · criminal charge or government investigations;
- · internal financial information which departs from what the market would expect; and
- · the gain or loss of any significant contract or agreement.

Either positive or negative information may be material. We emphasize that this list is merely illustrative.

**Twenty-Twenty Hindsight.** Remember, if your securities transactions become the subject of scrutiny, they will be viewed after-the-fact with the benefit of hindsight. As a result, before engaging in any transaction, you should carefully consider how regulators and others might view your transaction in hindsight.

**Transactions by Family Members and Others in Your Household.** These restrictions also apply to your "immediate family members" – that is, a spouse, parent, child or sibling and any other family member who shares the same address as, or is financially dependent on you. Employees are expected to be responsible for the compliance of all family members with this Policy. Employees are also expected to be responsible for the compliance of other persons who live in their household, whether or not related, with this Policy.

**Tipping Information to Others.** Whether the information is proprietary information about the Company or information that could have an impact on our stock price, Company personnel must not pass the information on to others. The above penalties apply, whether or not you derive any monetary benefit from another person's actions. *Inside information is often inadvertently disclosed or overheard in casual, social conversations. Care must be taken to avoid such disclosures.* 

When Information is Public. As you can appreciate, it is also improper for Company personnel to trade the Company's securities immediately after the Company has made a public announcement of material information. Since the Company's shareholders and the investing public should be afforded time to receive information and to act upon it, as a general rule you should not engage in any transactions until the beginning of the second business day after the information has been released. Thus, if an announcement is made on a Monday, Wednesday generally would be the first day on which you should trade. If an announcement is made on a Friday, Tuesday generally would be the first day on which you should trade. However, if the information released is complex, such as a prospective major financing or other transaction, it may be necessary to allow additional time for the information to be absorbed by investors. In such circumstances, you will be notified by the Policy Administrator regarding a suitable waiting period before trading.

**Prevention of Insider Trading by Others.** If you become aware of a potential insider trading violation, you must immediately advise the Policy Administrator. You should also take steps, where appropriate, to prevent persons under your supervision or control from using inside information for trading purposes.

**Confidentiality.** Serious problems could be caused for the Company by the unauthorized disclosure of internal information about the Company, whether or not for the purpose of facilitating improper trading in the securities of the Company. Company employees should not discuss internal company matters or developments with anyone outside of the Company, except as required in the performance of regular corporate duties.

This prohibition applies specifically (but not exclusively) to inquiries about the Company that may be made by the financial press, investment analysts or others in the financial community. It is important that all such communications on behalf of the Company be through an appropriately designated officer under carefully controlled circumstances. Unless you are expressly authorized to the contrary, if you receive any inquiries of this nature, you should decline comment and refer the inquirer to the Chief Financial and Operating Officer.

Nothing in this Policy is meant to limit or change the obligations of confidentiality and non-use of non-public information that directors, officers, employees and consultants of the Company by virtue of their positions or their agreements with the Company. Such obligations also apply in the context of any electronic chat room or electronic bulletin board, including participation under a pseudonym.

### **Additional Prohibited Transactions**

Since we believe it is generally improper and inappropriate for Company personnel to engage in short-term or speculative transactions involving the Company's securities, it is our policy that such personnel should not engage in any of the following activities with respect to the Company's securities:

- · Trading in the Company's securities on a short-term basis. Any ordinary shares of the Company purchased in the open market should be held for a minimum of 60 days.
- · Short sales of the Company's securities.
- Use of the Company's securities to secure a margin or other loan, except in limited cases with the prior approval of the Policy Administrator.
- · Transactions in straddles, collars, or other similar risk reduction devices, except in limited cases with the prior approval of the Policy Administrator.
- Transactions in publicly-traded options relating to the Company's securities (i.e., options that are not granted by the Company), except in limited cases with the prior approval of the Policy Administrator.

### Trading Blackouts Applicable to all Company Personnel

While it is never permissible to trade based on material non-public information, we are implementing procedures to help prevent inadvertent violations and avoid even the appearance of an improper transaction (which could result, for example, where Company personnel engage in a trade while unaware of a pending major development).

**Prohibited Periods for Trading.** No person to whom this Policy is applicable may trade in the Company's securities during the following periods:

- the periods starting on the 15<sup>th</sup> day after the close of each fiscal quarter and ending at the beginning of the second business day after the release of the Company's financial results for each quarter and, in the case of the fourth quarter, financial results for the year end; and
- · any other periods as determined by the Company. You will be notified by e-mail when you may not trade in the Company's securities during such periods, and you will also be notified when trading restrictions are lifted.

There are no restrictions on exercising options without a sale. Selling the shares held as a result of exercising options is subject to the restrictions set forth above.

#### Pre-Clearance of Trades

In order to ensure and maintain compliance with this Policy, all transactions in the Company's securities (acquisitions, dispositions, transfers, etc.), including the execution of Trading Plans (as defined below), by directors, members of Executive Management, financial team members and designated employees must be pre-cleared in advance by the Policy Administrator. If you are a member of one of the groups listed above and you contemplate a transaction in the Company's securities, you must contact the Policy Administrator or other designated individual prior to executing the transaction. The Policy Administrator will use his reasonable best efforts to provide approval or disapproval as soon as practicable. You must wait until receiving pre-clearance to execute the transaction. Neither the Company nor the Policy Administrator shall be liable for any delays that may occur due to the pre-clearance process. If the transaction is pre-cleared by the Policy Administrator, it must be executed by the end of the second business day after receipt of pre-clearance. Notwithstanding receipt of pre-clearance of a transaction, if you become aware of material nonpublic information after receiving the pre-clearance but prior to the execution of the transaction, you may not execute the transaction.

Please note that such pre-clearance does not provide the insider with immunity from investigation or suit; it is the responsibility of the individual to comply with the applicable securities laws and regulations.

#### **Exception for Trading Plans**

Notwithstanding the restrictions and prohibitions on trading in the Company securities as set forth in this Policy, persons subject to this Policy are permitted to effect transactions in Company securities pursuant to approved trading plans established under Rule 10b5-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Trading Plans"), including transactions during the prohibited periods discussed above. Rule 10b5-1 requires that these transactions be made pursuant to a plan that was established while the person was not in possession of material non-public information. In order to comply with this Policy, the Company must pre-approve any such Trading Plan prior to its effectiveness. Company personnel seeking to establish a Trading Plan should contact the Policy Administrator.

## Application of this Policy to Persons Who Cease to be Associated with the Company

The laws against insider trading continue to apply to anyone who has material non-public information about the Company. Therefore, even if an individual ceases to be employed by or associated with the Company, that person is prohibited by law from trading any securities of the Company for so long as he or she possesses material non-public information.

# Company Assistance

Any person who has any questions about specific transactions or this Policy in general may obtain additional guidance from the Policy Administrator. Remember, however, the ultimate responsibility for adhering to the Policy and avoiding improper transactions rests with you. In this regard, it is imperative that you use your best judgment.

## Certifications

As a condition to continuing employment, all employees will be required to certify their understanding of and intent to comply with this Policy. Members of the Board of Directors, Senior Management and other personnel may be required to certify compliance on an annual basis.

## Certification

The undersigned hereby certifies that he/she has a Trades by Company Personnel, a copy of which was distri	ead and understands, and agrees to comply with, the Company's Statement of Company Policy regarding Securities buted with this Certification.
Date:	Signature
	Name: (Please Print)
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# Exhibit F

# BIOLINERX LTD.

Intra-Organizational Enforcement Plan

Pursuant to and in accordance with the Law for the Improvement of Internal Enforcement Proceedings in the Israel Securities Authority, 5770-2010

This plan was approved by the Board of Directors of the Company on December 22, 2012 and has been updated as of October 2013.

- 1. Contents
- 2. Senior officer declaration
- 3. General information on an administrative enforcement plan
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- 12. Annex A

#### 2. Senior officer declaration

### 2.1 CEO's message

The status of BioLineRx as a public company confers on it both advantages and responsibility. The main market for trading the Company's shares is the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange. Therefore, we are subject to the Israeli Securities Law and the enforcement thereof by the Israel Securities Authority ("ISA"). When the ISA learns of breaches of the law, it has the power to sue companies and individuals in criminal proceedings and (after amendments to the law from 2011) to impose fines and other sanctions without the need to apply to the courts.

The administrative enforcement plan is intended to help us comply with the law, to correctly address violations and to demonstrate to the ISA that we treat seriously anything that is related to the offering of our shares. Understanding the plan and enforcing it in day-to-day life provides a solid basis for the investors' trust in particular and for the Company's public reputation in general.

Similarly to our code of business and ethics, this plan is intended for each and every Company employee, manager and Board member.

I request and expect your personal commitment to the enforcement of the procedure and full cooperation in its application.

This procedure is a living procedure which may change from time to time pursuant to relevant laws and regulations and according to the lessons learned during the assimilation of the plan.

I trust each and every one of you to comply with both the written plan and its spirit.

Dr. Kinneret Savitsky CEO

### 3. General information on an administrative enforcement plan

# 3.1 Improvement of Internal Enforcement Proceedings in the ISA Law, 5770-2010

The Law for the Improvement of Internal Enforcement Proceedings in the Israel Securities Authority, 5770-2010 (the "Law"), which was approved by the Knesset in January 2011, constitutes a significant change that requires reporting companies to immediately address the requirements of the new Law. The main parts of the Law regulate the establishment of an administrative committee that will deal with violations in the area of securities. If the committee reaches the conclusion that it was proven at the level of proof which is customary in civil law (a probability of more than 50%) that a violation was committed, it will be authorized to institute various means of enforcement against the violating party.

The committee will deal with various violations that are related to the Securities Law, 5728-1968 (the "Securities Law") and other relevant laws. The common feature of such violations is that the *mens rea* that is set forth therein is at most that of negligence.

The means of enforcement that the committee will be authorized to impose will be significant fines, a demand to pay damages to the party injured by the violation, a payment to the State treasury which derives from profits that were generated as a result of the violation, a demand to institute acts to remedy the violation and prevent its recurrence, a prohibition on holding office in certain bodies, a suspension or revocation of a license and suspended punishment.

As is known, the Law establishes, inter alia, the strict responsibility of the CEO, due to which enforcement measures can be imposed as set forth in the Law.

- (a) "The CEO of the corporation and a partner other than a limited partner, are obligated to supervise and institute any and all reasonable means under the circumstances of the case to prevent the commission of a violation by the corporation or partnership, as the case may be, or by any of their employees."
- (b) If a violation is committed the presumption is that the CEO of the corporation or a partner other than a limited partner in the partnership, as the case may be, has breached his obligation pursuant to Subsection (a) **and may be subject to one or more of the means of enforcement** as specified below...unless he proves that he has fulfilled his obligation pursuant to Subsection (a):
- (c) If the corporation has established **adequate procedures to prevent a violation** as provided in Subsection (b), **appointed an officer** on its behalf to supervise the compliance therewith, including with regard to providing guidance to the corporation's employees for the compliance therewith, and **instituted reasonable steps to remedy the violation and prevent the recurrence thereof**, the presumption is that the CEO or the partner, as the case may be, **has fulfilled his obligation** as provided in Subsection (a).

According to commentators, all the provisions of Subsection (c) lead to an <u>internal enforcement plan</u>. So, too, thought the Israel Securities Authority (the "ISA"), when in August 2011 it released a **Document on criteria for recognition of an internal enforcement plan in the area of securities and investment management** (the "ISA **Document**") and set forth that:

"The application in practice of an efficient enforcement plan by the corporation may be viewed favorably by the ISA with respect to the corporation or individuals therein in the context of its discretion in respect of the exercise of its powers of enforcement pursuant to the law."

The ISA's Document sets forth the standards that will be examined by the ISA when deliberating and deciding whether an efficient enforcement plan exists at a corporation. Based on the requirements of the Law, the ISA's Document and the understanding of the Company's management, the relevant information and instructions have been incorporated into the enforcement plan document that is set forth below.

## 3.2 What is an enforcement plan

This internal enforcement plan document is a document that is unique to the Company which set forth the activities to be undertaken in order to prevent the violations listed in the schedule to the administrative enforcement law.

### 3.3 Objectives of an enforcement plan

The creation, implementation and assimilation of a correct and suitable enforcement plan can constitute a dual safety mechanism for the Company and the individuals therein:

### **ü** Minimization of the possibility of the occurrence of a violation

Through the establishment of clear procedures, presentation of standards for conduct and implementation of controls for the application thereof in the day-to-day activity, ensuring that any and all individuals taking part in the Company's relevant activity are aware of their obligation and the manner of their compliance therewith.

# ü Immediate effect on the examining entity in the event that a violation occurs

As stated in the Law and in the ISA's Document, an enforcement plan is an indication that the Company (its managers and directors) has done everything within its power to try to prevent violations. Such a plan will provide a defense to their benefit whereby they have instituted any and all reasonable measures to prevent the offence for a body which is examining and/or dealing with an occurrence of a violation.

The primary objective of the enforcement plan is to ensure the proper activity of the Company in accordance with any and all regulatory obligations and desired standard of conduct insofar as the same are relevant to the Securities Law and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

The plan intends to establish existing proper conduct, to create a compilation of information and procedures that are relevant to the organization and to assimilate the conduct which is desired and required of each and every one of the Company's employees and officers and to promote an organizational culture of compliance with and respect for the Law

All employees and/or officers should be able to consult the document if and when they encounter an issue pertaining to the content of the plan and to find answers with regard to the conduct that is appropriate and expected of them, whether it is a procedure which offers guidance on how to act or a referral to consultation with a relevant body.

#### 3.4 Applicability of the enforcement plan

This plan applies to BioLineRx (the "Company") by virtue of its being a public company whose shares are listed on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange. The plan applies to all of the Company's echelons, i.e. the Company's employees, senior officers, managers and directors. It is important to emphasize that the plan also applies to the employees of any and all subsidiaries of the Company in view of their involvement with the operations of the parent company.

#### 3.5 Prohibition on insurance and indemnification

The Law explicitly contains a prohibition on insurance and/or indemnification in respect of violations of the Law.

The Law establishes that a proceeding to impose a pecuniary sanction, an administrative proceeding or an arrangement proceeding cannot be insured. A pecuniary sanction imposed on a corporation, its controlling shareholder or an employee in a proceeding as aforesaid cannot be indemnified or paid, either directly or indirectly.

However, an employee can be indemnified or insured for payment to the party injured by the violation and additionally for expenses that he shall have incurred in relation to a proceeding that was conducted in the matter of the employee, irrespective of the results of the proceeding.

In November 2011, the Company's articles of association and letters of insurance and indemnification of the officers were updated accordingly, such that a provision was set forth that permits the insurance and/or indemnification pursuant to the provisions of the Securities Law.

# 3.6 Documentation and provision of documents for inspection and storing of documents

The Law and the schedules include a reference to the issue of providing documents for inspection. As part of the enforcement plan and its procedures, the Company is obligated to make available for inspection any and all relevant documents (for example, a prospectus that was authorized for publication, a registration document or any and all reports, opinions, approvals, reports or notices that were filed) at its head office.

Relevant procedures shall specify the responsibility for the fulfillment of the right of inspection insofar as will be required.

## 4. Organizational structure and division of functions and responsibility

## 4.1 Organizational structure for the issue of administrative enforcement (areas of responsibility, reporting chain, decision making, etc.)

### 4.1.1 Responsibility of the Board of Directors and its committees

### 4.1.1.1 Formulation and adoption of the Company's internal enforcement plan

As the body responsible for outlining the Company's policy and supervising its performance and acts, the Board of Directors (including its committees) plays a central and decisive role in the **formulation and adoption of the Company's internal enforcement plan** and it bears the overall responsibility for the supervision over the actual performance thereof.

Pursuant to the ISA's requirement that the Board of Directors determine which body is responsible for the supervision over the performance of the enforcement plan (the "**Responsible Body**"), whether the Board of Directors itself or the Audit Committee or any other committee thereof, the Board of Directors determined that the Audit Committee shall be the Responsible Body as aforesaid.\*

Such responsibility of the Audit Committee as the Responsible Body shall be applied through:

- 1. Special-purpose meetings for the presentation of the subject.
- 2. Presentation, discussion and approval of the outline of the enforcement plan project.
- 3. Presentation of the findings of the mapping of the existing situation (compliance survey) and deliberation on the recommendations deriving therefrom.
- 4. Presentation, discussion and approval of the procedures comprising the internal enforcement plan.
- 5. Approval of the final plan.

The Audit Committee shall be involved in the implementation of the plan during the usual conduct of business as specified below.

The Audit Committee, including all of the members thereof, will take an active part in all stages of the formulation and adoption of the plan:

- · Setting the enforcement plan into motion
- Mapping of the existing situation
- Formulation of the plan and its procedures
- · Formulation of the assimilation plan
- · Ongoing monitoring

This Plan was approved by the Audit Committee on March 21, 2012 and by the Board of Directors on March 22, 2012.

### 4.1.1.2 Implementation of the plan

The Responsible Body shall oversee the enforcement plan and ensure that it is executed by way of receiving periodic reports from the Enforcement Officer and management, discussing them same and examining the means of action employed by the Company as arising therefrom. The Audit Committee shall ensure that the Audit Committee and management review the need to update and refresh the plan once a year.

The implementation of the plan shall be performed *inter alia* through ongoing reporting as specified above and through the assimilation plan as the same is specified in Chapter 11 of this plan.

## 4.1.1.3 Supervision of the enforcement plan

The Responsible Body, i.e. the Audit Committee, shall supervise the plan's performance. To this end, the internal auditor's audit plan for 2013, includes follow-up of the implementation of the administrative enforcement plan.

### 4.1.1.4 Handling violations of the enforcement proceedings

The Responsible Body shall ensure that the provisions of the enforcement procedures are applied in practice. In addition, the Responsible Body shall ensure that violations of the plan will be appropriately handled, the deficiencies corrected, conclusions drawn, and in the appropriate cases, measures taken against the violating parties.

(\*) Relevant quotations from the minutes of the Board of Directors and Audit Committee are attached hereto, marked as Annex A.

The manner of contact and reporting is specified in Chapter 7 of this plan and was approved by the Audit Committee and Board of Directors as part of the plan's approval. The Company shall approve in each procedure separately, insofar as necessary, the required sanctions and disciplinary action.

### 4.1.1.5 Reporting to the Board of Directors and the Audit Committee

The Audit Committee as the Responsible Body or a body authorized thereby shall report as needed and at least annually to the Board of Directors on the implementation of the enforcement plan and related issues at the Committee's discretion.

A report to the Board of Directors may include but is not limited to supervision of the implementation of the plan through demanding periodic reports on the approval of the enforcement plan, updating the plan and its procedures, appointing relevant bodies, and the results of the supervision of the implementation and effectiveness of the plan.

#### 4.1.2 Responsibility of the CEO/management – steering committee

The ISA's Document provided that the CEO is the officer with supervisory responsibility to ensure the compliance of the Company and its employees with the securities laws through the shaping of the internal enforcement mechanisms.

Management is responsible for the shaping and formulation of the enforcement plan and its presentation for the Audit Committee's approval. In addition it is responsible for the ongoing implementation of the plan.

Management shall act through the Enforcement Officer, Adv. Norman Kotler, as appointed on February 5, 2012, and through the Chief Financial & Operating Officer, Philip Serlin, CPA.

As part of the fulfillment of such obligation, the CEO has appointed a <u>steering committee</u> to shape the internal enforcement mechanisms. The steering committee includes the following:

Chief Financial & Operating Officer

**Executive Director of Finance and Reporting** 

General Counsel and Internal Enforcement Officer

The steering committee is responsible for shaping the enforcement mechanisms, performing the compliance survey, writing the enforcement and assimilation plan and obtaining the suitable approvals from the relevant bodies.

### 4.1.3 Responsibility of the Chief Financial & Operating Officer

The Chief Financial & Operating Officer, as management's representative, is responsible for leading and managing the process of writing the enforcement plan and determining the mechanisms included therein.

Such power includes review and approval of the compliance survey, the enforcement plan and the procedures included therein.

The Chief Financial & Operating Officer as the direct supervisor of the Enforcement Officer shall supervise his activity as the officer responsible for internal enforcement.

## 4.1.4 Responsibility of the General Counsel and Internal Enforcement Officer

The General Counsel of the Company, as the officer in charge of the compliance culture and proper corporate governance in the Company and as the officer responsible for the compliance of the Company, its officers, managers and employee with the laws and regulations that apply to them, is involved in shaping, implementing and ensuring the compliance with the enforcement plan and examining the suitability of the mechanisms set forth in the enforcement plan and its procedures to the laws that apply to the Company.

The General Counsel shall take an active part in the deliberations of the steering committee of which he is a member, and by virtue of his appointment as the Internal Enforcement Officer (also to be referred to in this plan as the "Officer") at the Company shall act to fulfill his obligations.

## Responsibility

The Officer shall in practice lead the implementation of the enforcement plan. Powers shall be conferred on the Officer, enabling him to carry out the processes and mechanisms included in the enforcement plan and that are *inter alia* specified in the standards in the ISA Document and in Chapter 6 of this plan, "Appointment of the Enforcement Officer"

The Officer's responsibilities and the acts for the implementation of the enforcement plan are specified in the assimilation plan in Chapter 11.

For any question or query on the issue of the enforcement plan, please contact the Officer:

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### Determination of a work plan for the fulfillment of all of his obligations pursuant to this plan

The Officer shall be responsible to add as an annex

### 4.1.5 Internal auditor's responsibility

The Internal Audit Law, 5752-1992, provides that the internal auditor of the Company is, *inter alia*, the body responsible for the examination of issues such as: the propriety of the actions of the Company and the officers, the fulfillment of the provisions that are binding on the Company and the carrying out of decision-making processes according to proper procedures and, consequently, contributes to the Company's compliance and enforcement mechanisms.

In accordance with his or her in-depth familiarity with internal control at the Company, the internal auditor shall take an active part in the deliberations and shaping of the enforcement plan insofar as will be required.

## Ongoing supervision:

One of the roles of the internal auditor in the context of an enforcement plan is supervising the activity of the Officer and the enforcement plan (as defined in the ISA Document).

In order to perform such role, the auditor shall set include a periodic audit in his or her work plan, which may include:

Examining the relevance and effectiveness of the enforcement plan, the effectiveness of the Officer's actions, examining the compliance with the enforcement plan and its procedures once every four years, handling irregular cases that were identified, completing the acts required in the enforcement plan within the required timelines.

### 5. Guiding principles/issues addressed

BioLine is a dual-listed company that is listed on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange and on NASDAQ in the U.S.

The Company's reporting obligations derive mainly from the requirements of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), and the reports deriving from its compliance with SEC's requirements are also published in the ISA's reporting system.

Pursuant to an examination of the violations in the Fifth and Seventh Schedules to the Law, and an examination of the relevance to the Company by the General Counsel and the Officer, the following issues were found to be relevant to the enforcement plan.

### 5.1 Prospectus/annual report process

Corporations publish a prospectus as part of the process of offering securities or bonds. In addition, under U.S. law, the Company is required to file an annual report with the SEC. The process of preparation of the annual report is similar to the one related to the preparation of a prospectus. The purpose of the prospectus and the annual report is to provide to the general public and to the reasonable investor in particular information that is essential to the decision to purchase the Company's securities.

In view of the Company's dual listing, it is obligated to institute a process with regard to a prospectus or annual report (and which is relevant to the process at the main stock exchange) upon the completion of which, the Company shall be able to publish a full, reliable and up-to-date prospectus or report that is approved by any and all relevant bodies and meets all of the regulatory requirements.

The process shall be regulated in the context of a procedure or a checklist, specifying the acts that are required and which shall be updated from time to time and as necessary.

## 5.2 Reports to the SEC and ISA

The purpose of the reports to the ISA is to update the investors and supervisory bodies on the Company's condition and on developments or changes in its activity that may be relevant to the investing public. The Company's reports are based on the reports to the SEC and which are required thereby.

All of the reports must include full, reliable and current information and to fulfill any and all relevant regulatory requirements.

A reporting obligation exists in various cases which affects the content and manner of reporting. This plan deals with three issues that arise from the obligations that apply as a result of the Fifth and Seventh Schedules

**5.2.1 Periodic reports** – In addition to an extensive annual report, a public company is required to release financial statements on a quarterly basis. In the Company's case, the structure and content of the reports are audited and supervised according to international accounting standards and the rules of the SEC.

Establishing an internal procedure regarding periodic reporting will assist the Company in minimizing the risks related to the deadline for and appropriateness of the periodic reporting, and the fulfillment and enforcement thereof will assist in the prevention of failures on the part of employees and officers with regard to the subject, directly or indirectly.

**5.2.2 Immediate reports** – BioLine, as a dual public company, is required to immediately report (according to SEC's reporting rules) material events which may have an effect on the price of the Company's securities. The identification of the need to report, the decision on the need to report, the weighing of conflicting interests, the timing and content of the report, requires the Company to have an orderly process, which includes the identification of information which may have to be reported, the consultation with regard to the need to report, and the actual reporting, all within the timeframes prescribed in by applicable regulations.

The purpose of establishing a process and determining rules of activity and conduct is to provide current, accurate and full reporting to the SEC, the ISA and the public, on issues that are regulated in the securities laws and the regulations thereunder.

Establishing an internal procedure regarding immediate reports will assist the Company in minimizing the risks related to the deadline for and appropriateness of the periodic reporting, and the fulfillment and enforcement thereof will assist in the prevention of failures on the part of employees and officers with regard to the subject, directly or indirectly.

#### 5.3 Prohibition on the use of inside information

Inside information is "information on developments in the company, changes in its condition, expected developments or changes, or other information about the company, which is unknown to the public and which, were it to become known to the public, would result in a material change in the price of the Company's security or the price of another security of which the Company's security is a basic asset." It was determined in the legislation that the use of inside information for the purpose of a securities transaction or its transmission to another, are prohibited by law.

Each corporation is required to adopt rules and guidelines in order to fulfill Chapter H1 of the Securities Law including all of its provisions, as well as the U.S. laws which relate to such issue, all in order to prevent the use of inside information by the Company's employees and other bodies.

It is necessary to put in place a process to cover the identification of the sensitive information, clarify the prohibition to use the same and assimilate it among any and all persons who come into contact with such information.

Establishing an internal procedure regarding the use of inside information will assist the Company in minimizing the risks related to the deadline for and appropriateness of the periodic reporting, and the fulfillment and enforcement thereof will assist in the prevention of failures on the part of employees and officers with regard to the subject, directly or indirectly.

## 5.4 Transactions with interested parties

Interested party transactions are transactions entered into between one of the interested parties of the company (or between a company affiliated with that party or a person related to it) and the company. Such transactions contain a potential for a conflict of interests that is higher than in ordinary transactions. Therefore, applicable laws and regulations set forth conditions to the approval of such type of transactions, *inter alia*, the manner of approval thereof by various organs of the corporation (including, under circumstances set forth in the law, an approval by a general meeting of a majority of the shareholders of the company from among the those shareholders who do not have a personal interest in relation to the transaction), and the disclosure to the public of the terms and conditions of the transaction.

In view of the regulatory requirements concerning the identification of such transactions, the manner of approval thereof and reporting thereon, a controlled process should be put in place concerning the subject, in order to reduce the related risks and assist in the prevention of failures in the matter.

### 5.5 Procedure for period end closing

In accordance with the Companies Law, 5759-1999, the Securities Law and U.S. securities laws, public companies must abide by all disclosure rules and prepare proper financial statements covering all accounting operations. Companies must therefore operate in accordance with orderly and well-defined work procedures, and generate reports conform to accepted accounting practices, according to the provisions of the law. The procedure for period end closing, which is in the advanced stage of drafting, intended to set in order the preparation of the Company's financial statements.

### 6. Appointment of an Internal Enforcement Officer

#### 6.1 Appointment of an Officer

The Officer shall have the skills, knowledge and experience that are appropriate for his position and areas of responsibility and shall be a manager in the Company who is familiar with the Company's activity and the business and regulatory environment in which it operates.

The Company's management and the Audit Committee shall ensure that the Officer is given the powers and provided with suitable resources such that they will enable him to fulfill his duties and exercise his powers (as will be specified below) in an optimal manner.

#### 6.2 The appointment and approval (and change) process

The candidacy of the Officer shall be presented to the Audit Committee together with management's recommendation to appoint him as the Officer, after the presentation of his skills and experience. For the purpose of management and implementation of the internal enforcement plan, on February 5, 2012, the Audit Committee appointed Adv. Norman Kotler for the position of Internal Enforcement Officer.<sup>1</sup>

As set forth in the ISA Document, it was determined that the appointment of a new officer and/or removal of the Officer from his position require the management's recommendation and the approval of the Audit Committee.

### 6.3 Powers

The Officer's first and foremost authority is to implement the internal enforcement plan and lead the actual acts of enforcement pursuant to the plan, the requirements of the Law and the recommendations of the ISA and/or any other relevant body.

The Officer's powers include but are not limited to the powers listed in the ISA Document:

#### 6.3.1 Ongoing supervision:

The Company, through the Officer, shall ensure on an ongoing basis that the plan is actually implemented in order to achieve its goals as specified above.

Such supervision shall be performed through:

<u>Formulation of periodic reports</u> which include the means and actions that were taken in order to ensure the implementation of the plan, suspicionsof violations that were raised and how they were addressed, examination of relevance, updates and progress of assimilation of the plan, etc.

<u>Presentation of the reports</u> to the Company's management and/or Audit Committee and/or Board of Directors and deliberation on the data reported by the forum to be determined.

Reporting of issues requiring immediate attention to the Company's management and/or Audit Committee and/or Board of Directors.

<u>Documentation of the processes related to formulation of the plan</u>, and the means that were instituted to implement the plan and to handle violations, as well as documentation, provision of documents for inspection and preservation of documents pursuant to the provisions of the Law.

### 6.3.2 Investigating suspected violations:

In any case of a suspected violation brought to his knowledge, the Officer shall act to investigate the facts together with a special-purpose team to be appointed by the Chief Financial & Operating Officer, and if it transpires that there was a failure and a violation has occurred, he shall examine the reasons for the failure.

# 6.3.3 Remedying the violation:

The Officer shall act to remedy the discovered violation or failure as soon as possible and in accordance with the guidelines and approvals of the relevant bodies (the committee, managers and officers that are affected by the change, etc.)

### 6.3.4 Reporting the violation:

The Officer shall report the failure to the CEO, Chief Financial & Operating Officer, and according to the severity of the case, also to the chairman of the Audit Committee/Board of Directors, all according to the reporting requirements in this plan.

Insofar as the CEO and/or Chief Financial & Operating Officer are involved in the failure, the Officer shall contact the chairman of the Audit Committee. Insofar as the members of the Committee are involved in the matter, the Officer shall contact the internal auditor.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>See quote from the minutes of an Audit Committee meeting dated February 5, 2012, which appears in Annex A.

#### 6.3.5 Preventing the recurrence of the violation

The Officer shall introduce new procedures or amendments to existing procedures, as well as controls over them, and approve the same with the relevant bodies. For the sake of clarity, by virtue of his position as the General Counsel of the Company, and for the purpose of performing his role as the Officer, the Officer shall have direct access at all times to any and all offices and documents of the Company and to any and all records and information at the Company, all as required, in his discretion, for his work.

Naturally, any and all inquiries and actions performed at the Company as part of the enforcement plan shall be performed in accordance with the law and without harming or disrupting any investigation or inquiry by law of which the Company is aware.

In any case of doubt whether or not an issue is within the Officer's jurisdiction, the Officer or any other party shall consult with the Audit Committee.

### 6.4 Supervision over the Officer

As stated above, and as will be further specified below, the Audit Committee is responsible for the appointment and the termination of the appointment of the Officer.

The Chief Financial & Operating Officer is the direct supervisor of the General Counsel and Officer, and authority is conferred on him accordingly.

The supervision over the Officer's activity and the implementation of the enforcement plan is within the responsibility of the internal auditor in the context of his or her ongoing work and at the request of the Audit Committee (such supervision shall be performed pursuant to the audit plan to be approved by the Audit Committee).

### 6.5 Officer's reporting responsibility

The Officer shall report a failure to the CEO, Chief Financial & Operating Officer, and according to the severity of the case, also to the chairman of the Audit Committee/Board of Directors, all according to the reporting requirements in this plan.

The report to the Chief Financial & Operating Officer shall be performed after an initial inquiry proceeding by the Officer that shall include an initial factual inquiry.

The report to the Chief Financial & Operating Officer shall be performed no later than two working days after having first learned of the suspected violation, and in any event, no later than four days from the date on which the report shall have been made to him.

Insofar as the Chief Financial & Operating Officer and/or CEO are involved in the failing, the Officer shall contact the chairman of the Board of Directors or the Audit Committee. Insofar as members of the Audit Committee are involved in the matter, the Officer shall contact the internal auditor.

### 7. Contact and reporting

### 7.1 Possibilities of contact and reporting in the event of a suspected violation

According to requirements and expectations, the Company has set forth internal mechanisms which enable the officers, directors, employees and service providers of the Company to report and warn about deficiencies and failures in relation to the fulfillment of the provisions of the securities laws or violations of the plan.

The reporting mechanisms for administrative enforcement issues shall be identical to those prevailing at the Company (reporting mechanisms upon a breach of the code of ethics, contacting and reporting to the internal auditor, etc.).

### a. Employees, officers and directors

In any case of a suspected violation or improper conduct, the Company's employees, officers and directors have the possibility (and sometimes the obligation) to contact their direct supervisor, the internal auditor and/or the chairman of the Audit Committee.

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## b. Service providers

The Officer is responsible for adding a method of reporting by external parties.

In order that all relevant parties shall be aware of their reporting obligation and of the various possibilities of reporting a possible suspected violation, this information shall be passed on to all relevant parties in the context of this document, the training programs, the Company's website, engagement agreements, employment documents, etc.

All of the relevant parties shall be familiar with the existence of the enforcement plan, the main parts of the plan and where it may be inspected, as well as the method of reporting and the rights of the reporting party (anonymity/confidentiality/favorable consideration in the event that he is the violating party, etc.).

The Officer shall confirm that once a year the aforesaid information is communicated to relevant bodies in an initiated manner (for example a dedicated e-mail)

The Officer shall confirm that the manner of approaching him is available at all times.

#### 7.2 [intentionally omitted]

## 7.3 External reporting

There are situations in which a violation or a suspected violation of the securities laws requires reporting to the competent authorities (the ISA or the Israeli Police, as the case may require).

Even in those cases in which there is no reporting obligation, voluntary disclosure should be considered, since the ISA Document states that the ISA's enforcement considerations in exercising its powers in respect of corporations and individuals include the factors of voluntary disclosure by the corporation and the corporation's cooperation with the ISA.

Situations where there is a legal obligation to report to the ISA include among others situations in which an item was published which may mislead a reasonable investor or trading was done based on inside information.

In all situations in which there is no reporting obligation, the Officer shall discuss the need to report with the Chief Financial & Operating Officer and outside legal advisors. Their conclusion and the considerations that led thereto shall be brought for deliberation by the Audit Committee which shall be convened for such purpose.

General Counsel together with the Chief Financial & Operating Officer shall report to the competent authorities in accordance with the Company's decision and soon after the date of the decision.

#### 8. Sanctions in events of violation and failure to report

As mentioned above, one of the functions of an enforcement plan is to encourage an organizational culture of compliance with, and respect for, the law. The ISA Document makes clear that "a culture of compliance means that the corporation is obligated to prevent violations of the law and to handle violations and violating parties with the appropriate measures."

#### 8.1 Determination of sanctions in events of violation

In view of the ISA determination that "the Company shall institute suitable measures against violating parties, including, in appropriate cases, disciplinary action in respect of anyone violating the provisions of the securities laws or the provisions of the enforcement plan", the Company shall set forth in each procedure separately, insofar as necessary, the disciplinary action that is required.

### 9. Findings of a mapping of the existing situation

Pursuant to Chapter 7 in the ISA Document: "Adjustment of the plan to the corporation and the unique circumstances thereof, after the performance of a compliance survey in the area of the securities laws".

A summary of the first survey that was performed by Deloitte – Brightman Almagor Zohar, the Company's consultants for the enforcement plan project, is available in the Officer's files.

### 10. Relevant procedures

Pursuant to the compliance survey, the Company has formulated the internal procedures that are specified below, while considering the Company's structure, its unique features, and the potential risks and deficiencies in the area of the compliance with the securities laws to which it is exposed. The role of the procedures is to regulate and determine rules of activity and conduct, the purpose of which is to prevent violations of securities laws as well as to create work processes which will address and control such processes.

#### 10.1 Statement of Company Policy – Securities Trades by BioLineRx Ltd. personnel

The draft procedure was approved by the Board of Directors on May 15, 2012. The procedure in its final form was approved by the Company's management on June 6, 2012. The Chief Financial and Operating Officer was appointed as the officer responsible for the procedure.

The procedure is relevant to all of the Company's employees and to those who come into contact with information which may constitute inside information.

### 10.2 Transactions involving interested and related parties

The procedure was approved for the first time in December 2010. An amendment to the procedure was approved by the Company's management on July 3, 2012 and by the Audit Committee and Board of Directors in November 2012.

The Executive Director of Finance and Reporting and the General Counsel were appointed as the officers responsible for the procedure.

The procedure is mainly relevant to directors, other officers, the finance department and the General Counsel.

### 10.3 Procedure for prospectus/annual report/other reports to the SEC and ISA (Disclosure Controls)

The procedure was approved by Company management in September 2012 and by the Audit Committee and Board of Directors in November 2012.

The Chief Financial and Operating Officer and the General Counsel were appointed as the officers responsible for the procedure.

The procedure is relevant primarily to the Finance Department and the General Counsel

## 10.4 Period end closing procedure

(in progress)
Approved on
Appointed as procedure officer: Manager of Reporting and Control
The procedure is relevant to the Chief Financial and Operating Officer and the Finance Department

### 11. Assimilation plan

### 11.1 Background

An enforcement plan is a mechanism to encourage compliance which is binding on all of a company's employees, managers and officers.

This document is not intended just for display and the familiarity with its content and the implementation hereof are material to the Company.

Therefore, the Company examined various possible mechanisms for the purpose of assimilation of the enforcement plan and the procedures related hereto, and established the selected mechanisms in an assimilation plan that is brought below.

The purpose of the assimilation plan is to promote and ensure the commitment of all of the relevant parties to the plan, their knowledge of the main parts hereof and the actual implementation hereof in all of their activity.

### 11.2 Presentation of the enforcement plan

After the completion of the enforcement plan and its approval by the relevant bodies, the plan shall be presented to all of the employees and managers at a Company meeting. At such meeting, the CEO of the Company shall present the main parts of the plan, the importance of compliance herewith, the role of the Enforcement Officer and the manner of publication of the plan.

Following the presentation of the plan, the plan and the procedures related hereto shall be posted on the Company's website (path/link) and be sent via e-mail to the distribution list of all of the Company's employees and managers.

A printed copy is to be kept at the offices of the Company's CEO, Enforcement Officer and the Company's auditor.

The Enforcement Officer shall examine the need for updating the general documents of the Company (like, for example, disciplinary code, the employment agreements, code of conduct, etc., as well as specific related procedures – employee initiation procedure, inside information procedure, etc.) in order that they include a reference to the subject of administrative enforcement.

## From the ISA Document:

Measures shall be taken in order to ensure the commitment of all echelons of the corporation to the aforesaid procedures, for example, through the establishment of such commitment in the disciplinary code or employment agreements.

### 11.3 Implementation and assimilation of the enforcement plan

### Publication of the enforcement plan

The enforcement plan shall be published on the Company's portal/website and distributed via e-mail to all of the Company's employees.

Following any updates of the enforcement plan, an e-mail shall be sent with a summary of the changes to all of the Company's employees.

### Team/forum of assimilation of the administrative enforcement plan

The steering committee referred to in Section 4.1.2 shall arrange for the implementation of the internal enforcement assimilation plan and the approval of any updates or modifications that will be performed.

### New employee

Each new employee, upon his or her arrival at the Company and in the context of the employee's initiation process as conducted by HR, shall be given access to the enforcement plan, be required to read the main parts hereof and sign that he or she has read the plan.

During the first month of his employment, the new employee will be required to participate in training by the Internal Enforcement Officer on the subject of administrative enforcement.

## New officer

Each new officer shall participate in a talk with the Administrative Enforcement Officer at which the internal enforcement plan will be presented to him. At the end of the meeting, the officer shall sign a document in which he declares that he has read the plan and undertakes to comply with all provisions hereof that are relevant to him. The officer shall also receive a copy of the plan via e-mail or a link to its location on the Company's website.

### Assimilation and periodic communication - Company employees and managers

In order to ensure that all employees are aware of the obligations that apply to them by virtue of the Improvement of Internal Enforcement Proceedings in the ISA Law and the enforcement plan, a training session procedure shall be assimilated for all of the Company's employees and managers as well as the Company's officers.

#### Alternatives:

- a. Frontal training sessions shall be held by the Officer on behalf of the Company or by an outside body. The training sessions shall be performed at least once a year. The training sessions shall include a review of the enforcement plan, possible violations and reporting methods.
- b. Written training sessions. At least once a year the Officer shall send a presentation via e-mail to the employees that will include an employee guide a review of the enforcement plan, possible violations and reporting methods. The employee shall be required to send a return e-mail to the Officer in which he confirms that he has read the content of the guide and undertakes to act according thereto.

The course presentation shall be attached as an annex.

Each employee shall complete the course at least once a year.

Every November the Officer shall distribute a request via e-mail to all of the Company's employees and managers to complete the course within one month from the e-mail's distribution date.

Toward the expiration of such period (about one week before the target date) the Officer shall distribute a reminder e-mail to all of the Company's employees and managers. At the end of the period the Officer shall examine the response rate. In each case where an employee/manager shall have failed to fulfill the request, the Officer shall send an e-mail to the aforesaid employees and their managers, informing that they are required to complete the course and the proficiency test within 5 working days. Employees and managers who will fail to fulfill such demand shall be liable for sanctions by the Company pursuant to Chapter 8 of the enforcement plan.

The Enforcement Officer shall confirm that 100% of the Company's employees and managers have participated in the course over the year. At the end of the year, the Enforcement Officer shall issue a report with regard to the administrative enforcement which shall include the percentage of the employees who shall have participated in training in such year.

The course shall be maintained and updated by the Enforcement Officer pursuant to changes in the enforcement plan and/or the assimilation plan.

# Assimilation and periodic communication – officers/Board of Directors

The officers and Board of Directors shall participate in frontal training sessions held by the Officer on behalf of the Company or an outside body. The training sessions shall be held at least once a year. The training sessions shall include a review of the enforcement plan, possible violations, reporting methods.

The Enforcement Officer shall confirm that 100% of the Company's officers/Board of Directors have participated in frontal training sessions over the year and if not, he shall arrange to make up the missing sessions towards the end of the year.

# $11.4 \qquad \quad Implementation \ and \ assimilation \ of \ the \ related \ procedures \ in \ the \ enforcement \ plan$

The Enforcement Officer, in collaboration with the relevant bodies (such as HR), shall map the populations that are relevant to the procedures related to the enforcement plan and determine which employees are required to participate in an assimilation process for each of the procedures (the "Mapping and Classification Process").

### Such process shall be performed at least once a year.

According to the Mapping and Classification Process, the employee shall receive the procedures that are relevant to his areas of responsibility and be required to sign a document whereby he understands their content and is committed to act according thereto. After the signing by him, the direct supervisor and the Officer shall sign in confirmation and receipt of the document. The Enforcement Officer shall also monitor the employees' aforesaid signatures of the procedures to confirm that they comply with the Mapping and Classification Process and that all of the relevant employees have signed their commitment to all of the procedures that are relevant to their functions and areas of responsibility.

The steering committee responsible for the implementation of the enforcement plan shall confirm that 100% of the employees have signed the procedures that were sent to them.

### 11.5 Assimilation among parties external to the Company

As part of his work plan, the Officer shall define parties external to the Company that are obligated to comply with the enforcement plan and/or the related procedures, and have them sign the relevant procedures to attest that they have read and understood the obligations that apply to them by virtue of the Law, the enforcement plan and the procedures.

## **Existing engagements**

Insofar as necessary, an annex to the contract shall be added to existing engagements in which the external party undertakes to information security and prevention of misuse of inside information in particular, and to the fulfillment of any and all regulatory obligations that apply to such party, including the Improvement of Internal Enforcement Proceedings in the ISA Law in general.

#### New engagements

Any new engagements with an external party shall be performed after the signing by such party of a confidentiality and engagement agreements. As part of such agreements, the external party shall undertake to maintain information security, prevent misuse of inside information in particular, and in general fulfill any and all regulatory obligations that apply to such party including the Improvement of Internal Enforcement Proceedings in the ISA Law.

### 11.6 Monitoring of and reporting on the assimilation of the enforcement plan and the related procedures

The Officer shall examine the fulfillment of the assimilation plan and report to the relevant bodies as set forth in Chapter 4 of the enforcement plan.

## 11.7 Assimilation acts pursuant to the updating of the enforcement plan

Once a year and as necessary the Officer shall examine the need for updating the assimilation plan as it is presented below.

The plan's update shall be approved by the steering committee in the course of a meeting that will be convened to deliberate on the matter.

In respect of each update of the enforcement plan, the Officer shall examine the need to inform all parties about the main changes or the full, updated enforcement plan and shall choose the best suited means of assimilation in order to communicate the changes and/or the updated enforcement plan.

In addition, in respect of each change the Officer shall examine the need for updating the existing assimilation plan and assimilation tools.

The essential elements of the assimilation plan were approved by the Audit Committee and Board of Directors as part of the approval of the enforcement plan.

### ANNEX A

### **Decisions of the Board of Directors and Audit Committee**

Audit Committee decision from February 5, 2012:

"RESOLVED, that Norman Kotler, Adv., be appointed the person responsible for implementation of the Company's Administrative Enforcement Plan."

Audit Committee decision from March 21, 2012:

"RESOLVED, to approve the Administrative Enforcement Plan as presented to the Committee and to recommend approval of the Plan by the Board of Directors."

Board of Directors decision from March 22, 2012:

"RESOLVED, to approve the Administrative Enforcement Plan as presented to the Board, with such non-substantive changes that may be subsequently made after further review by management and Deloitte."

Board of Directors decision from November 13, 2013:

"RESOLVED, to ratify the appointment and authorization of the Audit Committee as the "responsible entity" for supervising the implementation of the Company's Internal Enforcement Plan beginning November 24, 2011."

#### LICENSE AGREEMENT

This License Agreement (the "**Agreement**") is entered into as of this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2011 (the "**Effective Date**"), by and among **BioLineRx**, **Ltd.**, a company formed pursuant to the laws of the State of Israel, having a place of business at 19 Hartum Street, P.O. Box 45158, Jerusalem, 91450, Israel ("**BioLine**" or "**Licensee**"), and **Valorisation-Recherche**, **Limited Partnership**, a limited partnership duly constituted under the laws of the Province of Quebec, having its principal place of business at 3535 Queen-Mary Road, Suite 220, Montreal, Quebec, H3V 1H8, acting through its general partner **GESTION UNIVALOR**, **LIMITED PARTNERSHIP**, a limited partnership duly constituted and having its principal place of business at the same address, itself acting by its general partner **UNIVALOR INC.**, a corporation duly constituted and having its head office at the same address, itself represented herein by Hélène Perron, its Interim Managing Director, duly authorized for the purpose hereof as she so declares; ("**Licensor**").

WHEREAS, in the course of research at the Université de Montréal (University of Montreal) ("**UdeM**") the Researchers (as defined herein) developed a technology relating to Polymeric binders for celiac disease bearing reference number VAL-424-UM (as further defined below, the "**Invention**");

WHEREAS, the rights and title to the foregoing Invention vest solely with the Licensor having been assigned to Licensor by UdeM; and

WHEREAS, BioLine wishes to obtain an exclusive license with respect to the Invention in order to develop and commercialize products based on the Invention, and Licensor wishes to grant BioLine such a license with respect to the Invention, all in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto, intending to be legally bound, hereby agree as follows:

### 1. Definitions.

Whenever used in this Agreement with an initial capital letter, the terms defined in this Section 1, whether used in the singular or the plural, shall have the meanings specified below.

"Additional Ingredient" shall mean any compound or substance owned by BioLine or to which it has rights which (i) is contained in a product and (ii) when administered to a patient has a therapeutic or prophylactic clinical effect independent of a Licensed Product, either directly or by acting synergistically with or otherwise enhancing the effect of other compounds or substances contained in such product.

"Affiliate" shall mean, with respect to a party, any person, organization or entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with, such party, including, with respect to a limited partnership, its limited partners, general partners, and any person, organization or entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with, such party. For purposes of this definition only, "control" of another person, organization or entity shall mean the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the activities, management or policies of such person, organization or entity, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise. Without limiting the foregoing, control shall be presumed to exist when a person, organization or entity (i) owns or directly controls 50% or more of the outstanding voting stock or other ownership interest of the other organization or entity, or (ii) possesses, directly or indirectly, the power to elect or appoint 50% or more of the members of the governing body of the organization or other entity. A list of all Affiliates of BioLineRx Ltd. as of the Effective Date of this Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit A. BioLine may, from time to time, update such list in which case it will provide notice thereof to Licensor.

- "Calendar Quarter" shall mean the respective periods of 3 consecutive calendar months ending on March 31, June 30, September 30 or December 31, for so long as this Agreement is in effect.
  - "Combination Product" shall mean a product, substance or device which comprises a Licensed Product and at least one Additional Ingredient.
- "Commercially Reasonable Efforts" shall mean (i) with respect to any objective of development and commercialization of a Licensed Product, reasonable, diligent, good faith efforts to accomplish such objective that would normally be used in the ordinary course of business and research to accomplish a similar objective under similar circumstances by an entity comparable in size and resources to BioLine on the Effective Date; and (ii) with respect to research, development and commercialization of any Licensed Product hereunder, shall mean those efforts and resources that would be normally used by an entity comparable in size and resources to BioLine on the Effective Date for a product which is of similar market potential at a similar stage in its development or product life as such Licensed Product.
  - "Development Plan" shall have the meaning set out in Section 5.1.
  - "Exercise Notice" shall have the meaning set out in Section 2.0.
- "First Commercial Sale" shall mean the first sale of a Licensed Product by BioLine, anyone on its behalf, an Affiliate of BioLine or a Sublicensee, in any form or manner, to an unaffiliated third party (those parties not regarded to as BioLine Affiliates), after Regulatory Approval has been achieved, if necessary, in the country in which such Licensed Product is sold. Sales for test marketing, sampling and promotional uses, clinical trial purposes, compassionate or similar use shall not be considered to constitute a First Commercial Sale.
  - "FDA" shall mean the United States Food and Drug Administration.

"Improvements" shall mean any and all further innovations, inventions, ideas, designs, concepts, discoveries, developments, new derived material and modifications or enhancements related to or concerning the Invention and the Licensed Patents, if applicable, whether or not patentable, or otherwise protectable as trade secrets or under any other intellectual property regime, which cannot be incorporated into or exploited in relation to the development and commercialization of the Licensed Products or used in any manner without infringing one or more claims relating to the Licensed Patents, and which are brought to practice, conceived, developed or acquired after the Effective Date and prior to the termination or expiration of this Agreement.

For the purpose of the present Agreement, Improvements shall be limited to Improvements developed, made, conceived or created by BioLine, its Affiliates and/or Sublicensees shall be referred to herein as the "BioLine Improvements"; and Improvements developed, made, conceived or created by UdeM under the direction of Jean-Christophe Leroux and assigned to Licensor shall be referred to herein as the "Licensor Improvements".

"Invention" shall mean the invention(s) disclosed in the U.S., foreign or international patents and/or patent applications listed in Exhibit B attached hereto.

"Licensed Patents" shall mean (i) the U.S., foreign or international patent and/or patent applications set forth on Exhibit B attached hereto, (ii) all pending patent applications, including, without limitation all provisional applications, substitutions, continuations, continuations-in-part, divisions, reissues, renewals, and patents granted thereon, all patents-of-addition, reissue patents, re-examinations and extensions or restorations by existing or future extension or restoration mechanisms, including, without limitation, supplementary protection certificates or the equivalent thereof, all related to the foregoing, and (iii) any new patents to be filed (if any) regarding the Invention or Licensor Improvements, if any, which have not been patented or applied for as of the Effective Date. Exhibit B shall include and shall be updated from time to time to reflect inclusion of new Licensed Patents.

"Licensed Product" shall mean any product that comprises, contains or incorporates, in whole or in part, the Invention and/or the Licensed Patents and/or related Improvements, if any.

"M&A Transaction" shall mean a transaction in which all or substantially all of the assets of BioLine to which the subject matter of this Agreement relates and/or all or substantially all of the assets or share capital of BioLine are acquired by or assigned to a third party.

"Net Sales" shall mean the gross amount billed or invoiced by or on behalf of BioLine and/or its Affiliates (the "Invoicing Entity") on sales of Licensed Products or of services relating thereto (whether made before or after the First Commercial Sale of the Licensed Product), in any form or manner, to an unaffiliated third party (those parties not regarded to as BioLine Affiliates), attributable to the commercial exploitation of the Licensed Patents throughout the Territory (and not only in those territories where patent protection for the technology has been sought and/or obtained), less the following: (a) customary trade, quantity, or cash discounts to the extent actually allowed and taken; (b) amounts repaid or credited by reason of rejection or return; (c) to the extent separately stated on purchase orders, invoices, or other documents of sale, any taxes or other governmental charges levied on the production, sale, transportation, import, export, delivery, or use of a Licensed Product which is paid by or on behalf of the Invoicing Entity; and (d) outbound transportation, packing and delivery charges, as well as prepaid freight (including shipping insurance) actually incurred; provided, however, that

- (i) In any transfers of Licensed Products between the Invoicing Entity and an Affiliate of the Invoicing Entity not for the purpose of resale by such Affiliate, Net Sales shall be equal to the fair market value of the Licensed Products so transferred, assuming an arm's length transaction made in the ordinary course of business; and
- (ii) In the event that the Invoicing Entity, or the Affiliate of the Invoicing Entity, receives non-monetary consideration for any Licensed Products or in the case of transactions not at arm's length with a non-Affiliate of the Invoicing Entity, Net Sales shall be calculated based on the fair market value of such consideration or transaction in relation to such Licensed Products, assuming an arm's length transaction made in the ordinary course of business.

Sales of Licensed Products by an Invoicing Party to an Affiliate of such Invoicing Party, for resale by such Affiliate, shall not be deemed Net Sales and Net Sales shall be determined based on the total amount invoiced or billed by such Affiliate on resale to an independent third party purchaser (including but not limited to distributors, wholesalers and end-users of Products).

"Regulatory Agency" shall mean the FDA or equivalent agency or government body of another country.

"Regulatory Approval" shall mean (i) approval by the FDA permitting commercial sale of a Licensed Product, or (ii) any comparable approval permitting commercial sale of a Licensed Product granted by the applicable Regulatory Agency in any other country or jurisdiction.

"Researchers" shall mean Dr. Jean-Christophe Leroux, professor at UdeM at the time of the Invention; and M. Mohamad Nasser Eddine, post-doctoral fellow at UdeM at the time of Invention.

"Sublicense" shall mean any right granted, license given, or agreement entered into, by BioLine to or with any other person or entity, under or with respect to or permitting any use of any of the Invention, Licensed Patents or the Improvements, if any, or otherwise permitting the development, manufacture, marketing, distribution and/or sale of Licensed Products (regardless of whether such grant of rights, license given or agreement entered into is referred to or is described as a sublicense or as an agreement with respect to the development and/or manufacture and/or sale and/or distribution and/or marketing of Licensed Products). For the avoidance of doubt, an M&A Transaction will not be regarded as a Sublicense.

**"Sublicense Receipts"** shall mean any payments or other consideration that BioLine or an Affiliate of BioLine or any entity on their behalf (excluding a Sublicensee) received in connection with a Sublicense, or the grant of an option to obtain a Sublicense, including without limitation royalties, license fees, milestone payments, license maintenance fees and equity; *provided, however*, that in the event that BioLine or an Affiliate of BioLine or any entity on their behalf (excluding a Sublicensee) receives non-monetary consideration in connection with a Sublicense or the grant of an option to obtain a Sublicense or in the case of transactions not at arm's length, Sublicense Receipts shall be calculated based on the fair market value of such consideration or transaction, assuming an arm's length transaction made in the ordinary course of business; and *provided further*, solely in the case of an arm's length transaction, that Sublicense Receipts will be reduced by any amounts returned by BioLine or an Affiliate to a Sublicensee on account of refunds or rebates given in respect of Sublicense Receipts.

"Sublicensee" shall mean a person or entity granted a Sublicense in accordance with Section 2.2, including any sublicensees of other Sublicensees.

"Territory" shall mean all the countries and territories of the world.

"Third Party License" shall mean a license from an unaffiliated third party (those parties not regarded as BioLine Affiliates) to one or more valid and enforceable patents issued in the United States or any other jurisdiction, the claims of which cover one or more functional components that is essential for the efficacy of the Licensed Product. For the avoidance of doubt, a license granting rights related to an Additional Ingredient shall not be a Third Party License.

#### 2. License Grant and Sublicenses.

- **2.0. Exercise of Right to Receive License.** Bioline shall have 60 days following the Effective Date of this Agreement to conduct its own due diligence on the Invention and the Licensed Patents. The License (as such term is defined in Section 2.1 below) shall come into force and effect upon receipt by Licensor of notice in writing from BioLine that it desires to obtain the License (the "**Exercise Notice**"), which Exercise Notice may be delivered to Licensor by no later than 60 days following the Effective Date of this Agreement. Upon provision of the Exercise Notice, BioLine shall (i) provide the Licensor with the Development Plan; (ii) pay Licensor the Past Patent Fees as per Section 6.1; and (iii) pay Licensor the License Issue Fee as per Section 6.2.
- 2.1. License. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, Licensor hereby grants to BioLine an exclusive, royalty-bearing, worldwide license (the "License") under Licensor's rights in the Invention and the Licensed Patents to research, have researched, develop, have developed, manufacture, have manufactured, use, market, distribute, offer for sale, sell, have sold, export and import Licensed Products and/or provide services relating thereto. For purposes of this Section 2.1 and subject to Sections 2.2 and 2.3, the term "exclusive" means that Licensor shall not, during the term of this Agreement, grant such licenses or rights to any third party or engage in any of the foregoing.
- **2.2. Rights Reserved.** The parties acknowledge and accept that the license granted pursuant to this Agreement is subject to the royalty free rights of UdeM and the Researchers to use the Invention and Licensed Patents solely for academic (i.e. non-commercial) research and teaching purposes, all subject to the confidentiality restrictions and publication terms imposed pursuant to this Agreement in Article 8.
- 2.3 No Further Grant. This Agreement shall not be interpreted or construed as granting to BioLine any rights, express or implied, by estoppel or otherwise, to any patents, patent applications, inventions, methods, technical information, confidential information, proprietary information, expertise, know-how, trade secrets, or knowledge not specifically licensed under Section 2.1 of this Agreement; and all rights not expressly granted to BioLine by this Agreement are expressly reserved by Licensor. BioLine acknowledges and accepts, and shall cause it Affiliates and Sublicensee to acknowledge and accept, not to contest the property, validity and the rights to use the Invention and Licensed Patents licensed by Licensor hereunder, and represents and warrants that it will not do or let anything be done which might affect the rights of Licensor in such Invention and/or Licensed Patents. It is understood and agreed that BioLine or its Affiliates or Sublicensees will not request or obtain any such property right or right to use the Invention and/or Licensed Patents, except as otherwise stated herein.

#### 2.4. Sublicenses.

- **2.4.1.** Sublicense Grant. BioLine shall be entitled to grant Sublicenses or other rights to third parties under the license granted pursuant to Section 2.1. Such Sublicenses shall be made for consideration and in arm's length transactions. BioLine acknowledges that it shall be solely responsible for the enforcement of the terms of any Sublicense and the full and complete accomplishment by said Sublicensee of all of BioLine's obligations in this Agreement. For better clarity, no Sublicense agreement shall relieve BioLine or its Affiliates of any of its obligations under this Agreement, including the obligation to pay Licensor Royalties or any other amounts due pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
- **2.4.2.** Sublicense Agreements. Sublicenses shall only be granted pursuant to written agreements which shall be consistent with the terms of the present Agreement (except that the royalty rates may be different than those set forth in this Agreement). BioLine shall provide Licensor with a copy of (i) the proposed final draft of each sublicense agreement into which it enters for Licensor's review fifteen (15) days prior to the contemplated date of execution thereof, it being recognized that due to the nature of commercial negotiations such draft may be subject to change immediately prior to the execution thereof and BioLine may not be able to provide Licensor with such absolute final draft prior to execution, and (ii) the final executed version of each sublicense agreement into which it enters thirty (30) days of receipt of an executed draft thereof from the Sublicensee. For avoidance of doubt, it is hereby clarified that should the final executed version include material changes from the proposed final draft provided to Licensor for review pursuant to the foregoing, BioLine shall specifically notify Licensor of such material changes prior to execution. In addition, should any such Sublicense be written in a language other than English or French, BioLine shall provide Licensor with an English translation of the Sublicense certified in accordance with Section 13.14. Each such sublicense agreement shall contain, *inter alia*, provisions to the following effect:

**2.4.2.1.** All provisions necessary to ensure BioLine's ability to perform its obligations under this Agreement, including reporting and audit requirements;

**2.4.2.2.** Any Sublicense shall contain provisions confirming the reserved rights as provided in Section 2.2, and the rights of Licensor as provided in Section 2.3, and shall also include reasonable diligence obligations (as determined by BioLine having reference to the scope of the rights that are the subject of such Sublicense).

**2.4.2.3.** In the event of termination of the license set forth in Section 2.1 above, any existing agreements that contain a Sublicense of, or other grant of right with respect to the Invention or the Licensed Patents, shall terminate to the extent of such Sublicense or other grant of right; *provided*, *however*, that, for each Sublicensee, upon termination of the Sublicense agreement with such Sublicensee, if the Sublicensee is not then in breach of such Sublicense agreement with BioLine such that BioLine would have the right to terminate such Sublicense and that such Sublicensee desires to keep its rights to use the Invention or the Licensed Patents, subject to Sublicensee's undertaking to indemnify Licensor as provided in Section 11 of the present Agreement, Licensor shall be obligated, at its discretion, to either (i) take over the Sublicense, or (ii) enter into a new agreement with such Sublicensee on substantially the same terms as those contained in such Sublicense agreement; and *provided*, *further*, that such terms shall be amended, if necessary, to the extent required to ensure that such Sublicense agreement does not impose any obligations or liabilities on Licensor which are not included in this Agreement. For the avoidance of doubt, and without limiting the generality of the above, the exclusion of warranties and the limitations of representations herein stated shall be applicable to the Sublicense that would be effective between the Licensor and the Sublicensee and in no event shall Licensor be responsible or liable for any cost, payment of any kind (including for damages), act, action, obligation, collaboration or assistance if such is not expressly stated in this Agreement as being the responsibility of the Licensor.

- **2.4.3.** A Sublicensee shall be entitled to sublicense its rights under a Sublicense agreement, and so forth through a chain of sublicenses, *provided* that each such sublicense shall be subject to the terms specified in Section 2.4.1 above.
- 2.5. Contractors and Affiliates. BioLine shall have the right to utilize third party contractors or Affiliates in connection with BioLine's activities in exploiting the license granted hereunder. Provided that such contractors or Affiliates perform activities on BioLine's behalf, and BioLine maintains control of and remains solely responsible for such activities, the provisions of Section 2.4 shall not apply with respect to such contractors or Affiliates. For the avoidance of doubt, sublicenses to Affiliates of BioLine shall not be considered Sublicenses under this Agreement, provided however that (i) each such Affiliate to whom BioLine grants any rights on the Invention or on the Licensed Patents under the present Agreement shall be considered as a licensee and shall abide by the terms and conditions of the present Agreement, (ii) BioLine undertakes to diligently inform Licensor of the identity of each Affiliate that has been granted such rights and the nature and scope of such rights, and (iii) BioLine shall obtain from such Affiliate a written undertaking to abide by the terms and conditions of the present Agreement with a copy to Licensor of such undertaking. BioLine shall be responsible for ensuring that any such Affiliate shall abide by the terms and conditions of the present Agreement.

### 3. Title and Improvements.

**3.1. Title.** Subject to the license granted to BioLine pursuant to the terms of this Agreement and the reserved rights as provided in Section 2.2 of this Agreement, all rights, title and interest in and to the Invention and Licensed Patents are, as of the Effective Date of this Agreement, owned solely and exclusively by Licensor by way of assignment from UdeM.

**3.2. Improvements.** The BioLine Improvements, and all intellectual property rights related thereto, shall be the sole property of BioLine, its Affiliates and/or any Sublicensees, as the case may be. In addition, and for the avoidance of doubt, (i) the results of the activities carried out pursuant to the Development Plan or any amendments thereof, including any invention, patent, product, material, method, process, technique, know-how, data, information or other result which do not form part of the Licensed Patents, discovered in the course of or arising from the performance by BioLine, its Affiliates and/or its Sublicensees of the development work pursuant to Article 5 below, and (ii) any regulatory filing or approval, filed or obtained by BioLine, its Affiliates and/or Sublicensees in respect of the Licensed Products, shall be the sole property of BioLine, its Affiliates and/or any Sublicensees, as the case may be.

#### 4. Patent Filing, Prosecution and Maintenance.

- **4.1. Filing.** BioLine shall have the first right to prepare, file, prosecute and maintain any patent applications and patents in respect of the Invention, including the Licensed Patents, at BioLine's sole expense. BioLine shall (i) provide Licensor with copies of material correspondence with its patent agents, (ii) notify promptly and inform Licensor of all relevant communications made between BioLine and any government patent offices in relation to the Licensed Patents, and (iii) take in consideration any comments that Licensor may have in regards to the Licensed Patents. BioLine shall not agree to the deletion of any claims of the Licensed Patents without first consulting with the Licensor and obtaining the Licensor's prior written consent, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld. In any event, BioLine shall pursue its activities hereunder in good faith and agrees that it will provide all the reasonable efforts necessary to obtain and maintain patent protection of the Invention in at least the following countries: Canada, the United States, France, Italy and Belgium. Licensor undertakes to cooperate in a timely manner with BioLine's efforts hereunder, including by executing any documents as may be required for such purpose at BioLine's reasonable request and full expense.
- **4.2. No Warranty.** Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to be a warranty by any of the parties that they can or will be able to obtain patents on patent applications included in the Licensed Patents, or that any of the Licensed Patents will afford adequate or commercially worthwhile protection.

#### 5. Development Plan and Reporting.

**5.1. Diligence.** BioLine shall use Commercially Reasonable Efforts, and/or shall cause its Affiliates and/or Sublicensees to use Commercially Reasonable Efforts, to develop Licensed Products, at its or their own expense, all in accordance with the written plan and reasonable estimated timetable for the development of Licensed Products (the "**Development Plan**"), a copy of which is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit C</u>. The Development Plan may be modified from time to time by BioLine as required in order to achieve the commercialization goals set forth above. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, BioLine itself or through its Affiliates or Sublicensees must have enrolled a first patient in Phase I study of a Regulatory Agency for a first indication no later than thirty-five (35) months from the Effective Date, and must have enrolled a first patient in Phase II study of a Regulatory Agency for a first indication no later than seventy (70) months from the Effective Date (the "**Minimum Diligence**"). The Parties hereby acknowledge that the Minimum Diligence may only be amended by the written consent of all Parties.

- **5.2. Effect of Non-diligence.** If BioLine (directly or through its Affiliates or Sublicensees) has not achieved the performance milestones set out in Exhibit C (including any revision thereof according to this Agreement) within the timelines set out for each milestone or the Minimum Diligence as provided in Section 5.1 of this Agreement (the "**Diligence Default**") and this Agreement is still in force and effect, then BioLine shall pay Licensor (i) four thousand Canadian dollars (CAD \$4,000) each calendar month for the first 6 calendar months following such failure date; (ii) seven thousand five hundred Canadian dollars (CAD \$7,500) each calendar month for the second 6 calendar months following such failure date; and (iii) thereafter fifteen thousand Canadian dollars (CAD \$15,000) each calendar month as long as such Diligence Default is not cured.
- **5.3. Progress Reports.** BioLine shall provide Licensor with quarterly progress reports which shall summarize the material activities undertaken by BioLine, its Affiliates, Sublicensees and/or contractors, as applicable, with respect to the Licensed Technology and the Development Plan and/or the Licensed Products during the period which the report covers. Where necessary, in Licensor's reasonable opinion, Licensor may request an update regarding BioLine's material activities undertaken with respect to the Licensed Technology, the Development Plan or the Licensed Products, in between the provision of the aforementioned progress reports.

#### 6. Consideration.

In consideration for the grant of the license pursuant to this Agreement, BioLine shall pay the Licensor the following consideration:

- **6.1 Past Patent Fees.** Upon provision of the Exercise Notice, BioLine shall reimburse Licensor a portion of all past documented patents costs consisting in a lump sum amount of [\*] Canadian Dollars (CAD \$[\*]), plus applicable taxes, a summary of which is attached hereto as Exhibit D.
- **6.2. License Issue Fee.** Upon provision of the Exercise Notice, BioLine shall pay to Licensor a non-refundable license issue fee in the amount of [\*] Canadian dollars (CAD \$25,000).
- **6.3 License Maintenance Fee.** BioLine shall pay to Licensor an annual non-refundable License Maintenance Fee in the amount of [\*] Canadian dollars (CAD \$[\*]), payable commencing on the date of the first anniversary of the execution of this Agreement and annually thereafter, and fully creditable against payments on Sublicence Receipts due in accordance to Section 6.6 hereinafter for that same period. Notwithstanding the above, no License Maintenance Fee shall be due or payable to Licensor by BioLine in any period of time during which BioLine pays to Licensor the Minimum Annual Royalties as set forth in Section 6.4.1 hereunder.

## 6.4. Royalty Payments.

- **6.4.1. Minimum Annual Royalties.** Commencing on the date of the First Commercial Sale made by BioLine, its Affiliates or Sublicensees, BioLine shall pay to Licensor a minimum annual royalty, fully creditable against Royalties due in accordance to Section 6.4.2 hereinafter, calculated as follows:
  - **6.4.1.1** [\*] Canadian dollars (CAD \$[\*]) on January 1st following the first anniversary of the First Commercial Sale; and
- **6.4.1.2** [\*] Canadian dollars (CAD \$[\*]) on January 1st following the second anniversary of the First Commercial Sale, and on January 1st of every succeeding calendar year.
- **Royalties.** In the event that BioLine itself or any of its Affiliates or any entity on their behalf (excluding a Sublicensee) will actually manufacture and/or sell in any way or manner Licensed Products under the license, then BioLine will pay to Licensor [\*] percent ([\*]%) of Net Sales made in a country where there is a Licensed Patents and one and three quarter percent ([\*]%) of Net Sales made in a country where there is no Licensed Patents. Any Minimum Annual Royalties paid in accordance to Section 6.4.1 above shall be credited against any payments due in accordance to this Section 6.4.2.
- **6.5. Milestone Payments.** BioLine shall make the following non-refundable milestone payments to Licensor within thirty (30) days after the first achievement of each milestone event for a Licensed Product as set forth in this Section 6.5 by BioLine or its Affiliates or Sublicensees. Each milestone payment by BioLine to Licensor hereunder shall be payable only once, regardless of the number of times achieved by the Licensed Products:

Milestone Event	Milestone Payment		
Enrolment of the first patient in the first Phase I clinical trial relating to the Licensed Products	1. All remaining past documented patents costs not already paid under Section 6.1 of this Agreement in the total amount of [*] Canadian dollars and [*] (CAD \$), plus applicable taxes, a summary of which is attached hereto as Exhibit D; and		
	2. The greater of the following amounts:  (i) [*] Canadian dollars (CAD \$[*]); or  (ii) [*] percent ([*]%) of any milestone payment received by BioLine from Sublicense(s) in relation thereto.		

Milestone Event		Milestone Paymen		
first Phase II	2. Enrolment of the first patient in the first Phase II clinical trial relating to the Licensed Products.		following amounts:  [*]Canadian dollars (CAD \$[*]); or  [*]percent ([*]%) of any milestone payment received by license(s) in relation thereto.	
	of the first patient in the clinical trial relating to the ducts	The greater of the following amounts:  (i) [*] Canadian dollars (CAD \$150,00)  (ii) [*] percent ([*]%) of any milestone  BioLine from sublicense(s) in relation thereto.		
	ling of a new drug IDA) or equivalent for the lucts	(ii) To	e following amounts:  [*] Canadian dollars (CAD \$[*]); or  Twenty-two percent (22%) of any milestone payment ine from sublicense(s) in relation thereto.	
from any rele	a first regulatory approval want registration authority PD or EMEA) for the ducts	(ii) [*	lowing amounts:  *] Canadian dollars (CAD \$[*])  *] percent ([*]%) of any milestonse(s) in relation thereto.	-

- **6.6. Payments on Sublicense Receipts.** BioLine shall pay Licensor sublicense fees derived from exploitation of the license granted hereunder as follows:
  - **6.6.1.** [\*] percent ([\*]%) of Sublicense Receipts prior to commencement of a Phase I study; or
  - **6.6.2.** percent ([\*]%) of Sublicense Receipts if such consideration is paid subsequent to the commencement of a Phase I study.

- **6.7. Combination Products.** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth herein, in the event a Licensed Product is sold by BioLine or an Affiliate of BioLine, or any entity on their behalf (excluding a Sublicensee), in the form of a Combination Product, Net Sales from such Combination Product, for purposes of determining royalty payments, shall be determined by multiplying the actual Net Sales of such Combination Product during the applicable royalty reporting period, by the fraction A/(A+B) where: "A" is the average sale price of the Licensed Product contained in the Combination Product when sold separately by such entity; and "B" is the average price of the other Additional Ingredients included in the Combination Product when sold separately by its supplier, in each case during the applicable royalty reporting period or if sales of both the Licensed Product and/or other Additional Ingredients did not occur in such period, then in the most recent royalty reporting period in which sales of both occurred. In the event that such average sale price cannot be determined for both the Licensed Product and all other Additional Ingredients included in the Combination Product, Net Sales for the purpose of determining royalty payments shall be calculated by multiplying the Net Sales of the Combination Products by the fraction of C/(C+D) where "C" is the fair market value of the Licensed Product; and "D" is the fair market value of all other Additional Ingredients included in the Combination Product. In such event, the parties shall negotiate in good faith to arrive at a determination of the respective fair market values of the Licensed Product and all other Additional Ingredients included in the Combination Product.
- **6.8. Third Party Payments.** If, at any time, BioLine or an Affiliate of BioLine as provided in Section 2.5 of this Agreement or any entity on their behalf (including a Sublicensee) is required to pay commercially reasonable royalties or similar payments to one or more third parties for a Third Party License (the "**Third Party Payments**"), the royalties and payments on Sublicense Receipts payable to Licensor shall be reduced by the amount of such payments to such third parties; *provided, however*, that the royalties and payments on Sublicense Receipts payable to Licensor shall, in no event, be reduced by more than 50% of the royalties and payments on Sublicense Receipts, as the case may be, that would have been paid to Licensor if no deduction of payments for a Third Party License had be made. In the event that the Sublicense Receipts received by BioLine already include a deduction of Third Party Payments, no deduction related to Third Party Payments shall be applied by BioLine to the payments on Sublicense Receipts payable to Licensor.

## 7. Reports; Payments; Records.

#### 7.1. Reports and Payments.

- **7.1.1.** *Reports.* Within sixty (60) days after the conclusion of each Calendar Quarter commencing with the first Calendar Quarter in which BioLine or an Affiliate of BioLine first receives Net Sales or Sublicense Receipts, as the case may be, BioLine shall deliver to Licensor a report containing the following information:
- (a) the number of units of Licensed Products sold by BioLine or any party acting on its behalf and/or its Affiliates in each country for the applicable Calendar Quarter;
- **(b)** the gross amount billed or invoiced for the Licensed Product sold by BioLine or any party acting on its behalf and its Affiliates in each country during the applicable Calendar Quarter;
  - (c) a calculation of Net Sales for the applicable Calendar Quarter in each country, including a listing of applicable deductions;

- (d) a calculation of any Sublicense Receipts for the applicable Calendar Quarter;
- (e) the total amount payable to Licensor in Canadian dollars on Net Sales and on Sublicense Receipts for the applicable Calendar Quarter, together with the exchange rates used for conversion; and
- (f) notice of any deductions arising from obligations to make payments to third parties in respect of a Third Party License pursuant to Section 6.8.

The report shall state if no amounts are due to Licensor for any Calendar Quarter.

- **7.1.2.** *Payment.* Concurrent with the delivery of each report delivered pursuant to Section 7.1.1, BioLine shall remit to Licensor all amounts due pursuant to Section 6 for the applicable Calendar Quarter.
- Records. BioLine shall maintain, and shall cause anyone acting on its behalf, its Affiliates and Sublicensees to maintain, complete and accurate records of 7.2. Licensed Products that are made, used, marketed or sold under this Agreement, any amounts payable to Licensor in relation to such Licensed Products and all Sublicense Receipts received by BioLine, anyone acting on its behalf and its Affiliates, which records shall contain sufficient information to permit the Licensor to confirm the accuracy of any reports or notifications delivered to Licensor under Section 7.1. The relevant party shall retain such records relating to a given Calendar Quarter for at least five (5) years after the conclusion of that Calendar Quarter. During such five (5) year period, Licensor shall have the right, at Licensor's expense, to cause an independent, certified public accountant, who is bound by a suitable confidentiality arrangement with BioLine, to inspect BioLine's or the relevant Affiliates' records during normal business hours for the sole purpose of verifying any reports and payments delivered under this Agreement. Such accountant shall not disclose to Licensor or any third party any information gained during the course of such inspection, except that such accountant may disclose to Licensor and BioLine information gained during the course of such inspection relating to the accuracy of reports and payments delivered under this Agreement. In addition, Licensor may request that BioLine, through an independent, certified public accountant, inspect during normal business hours the books of account, records and other relevant documentation of anyone acting on its behalf or any Sublicensees, to the extent relevant or necessary for the sole purpose of verifying the accuracy of reports and payments delivered under this Agreement. The parties shall reconcile any underpayment or overpayment within thirty (30) days after the accountant delivers the results of the audit. In the event that any audit performed under this Section 7.2 reveals an underpayment in excess of five percent (5%) in any calendar year, BioLine (on behalf of the audited Affiliates of BioLine) shall bear the full cost of such audit. Licensor may exercise its rights under this Section 7.2 only once every year and only with reasonable prior notice to BioLine. BioLine shall cause its Affiliates and Sublicensees to comply with the terms of this Section 7.2.
- 7.3. **Report.** BioLine shall furnish Licensor, and shall cause its Affiliates who make, use, market or sell Licensed Products to furnish Licensor, within ninety (90) days after the end of each calendar year, commencing at the end of the calendar year of the First Commercial Sale, with a report, relating to royalties and other payments due to Licensor pursuant to this Agreement in respect to the previous calendar year and containing the same details as those specified in Section 7.1 in respect to the previous calendar year.

**7.4. Payment Method, Currency and Interest.** Each payment due to Licensor under this Agreement shall be made by wire transfer of funds to Licensor's accounts in accordance with written instructions provided by Licensor. BioLine shall make payment of amounts due to Licensor under this Agreement in Canadian Dollars. If any payment amount due to BioLine is derived from a currency other than Canadian dollars, said amount will be converted into Canadian dollars using the daily spot rate for that currency as quoted by the Bank of Canada on the last business day of the Royalty Period in respect of which the Royalties are due. Any amount due to Licensor under this Agreement and made to Licensor more than thirty (30) days after the delay stipulated herein for its payment shall bear interest at a yearly interest rate of twelve percent (12%) calculated daily and compounded on a monthly basis.

#### 7.5. Taxes.

- **7.5.1.** The parties acknowledge that based on their mutual understanding as of the Effective Date current Canadian tax laws do not require the payment of any value added or consumption taxes on amounts paid by BioLine to Licensor hereunder. In the event of any changes in such tax laws, administrative interpretations or treaties that may change current rules as applicable to such payments, BioLine shall be responsible for the payment of any such taxes to the appropriate tax authority.
- 7.5.2. If applicable laws require that taxes be withheld from any amounts due to Licensor under this Agreement, BioLine shall (a) deduct these taxes from the remittable amount, (b) pay the taxes to the proper taxing authority, and (c) promptly deliver to Licensor a statement including the amount of tax withheld and justification therefore, and such other information as may be necessary for tax credit purposes. In the event that Licensor may be exempt from or may obtain a reduction of any applicable withholding taxes, BioLine shall reasonably collaborate and assist Licensor in order to allow Licensor to benefit from such exemption or reduction of such withholding taxes.

#### 8. Confidential Information

### 8.1 Confidentiality.

Licensor Confidential Information. BioLine agrees that, without the prior written consent of Licensor, in each case, during the term of this Agreement and for five (5) years thereafter, it will keep confidential, and not disclose or use Licensor Confidential Information (as defined below) other than for the purposes of this Agreement. BioLine shall treat such Licensor Confidential Information with the same degree of confidentiality as it keeps its own confidential information, but in all events no less than a reasonable degree of confidentiality. BioLine may disclose the Licensor Confidential Information only (a) to employees and consultants of BioLine or of its Affiliates or Sublicensees who have a "need to know" such information in order to enable BioLine to exercise its rights or fulfill its obligations under this Agreement and are legally bound by agreements which impose confidentiality and non-use obligations substantially comparable to those set forth in this Agreement, and (b) to actual and potential business partners, collaborators, investors, contractors, service providers and consultants, provided, however, in each case, that such recipient of Confidential Information first enters into a legally binding agreement with BioLine which imposes confidentiality and non-use obligations with respect to Confidential Information substantially comparable to those set forth in this Agreement and has a minimum term of five (5) years from date of signature of the binding agreement. For purposes of this Agreement, "Licensor Confidential Information" means any research, academic, scientific, technical, trade or business information relating to the subject matter of this Agreement designated as confidential or which otherwise should reasonably be construed under the circumstances as being confidential disclosed by or on behalf of the Licensor or any of its employees, consultants (including employees or consultants of its general or limited partners) or UdeM's employees, researchers (including the Researchers) or students, to BioLine, whether in oral, written, graphic or machine-readable form, except to the extent such information: (i) was known to BioLine at the time it was disclosed, other than by previous disclosure by or on behalf of the Licensor, as evidenced by BioLine's written records at the time of disclosure; (ii) is at the time of disclosure or later becomes publicly known under circumstances involving no breach of this Agreement, as evidenced by BioLine's written records at the time of disclosure; (iii) is lawfully and in good faith made available to BioLine by a third party who is not subject to obligations of confidentiality to the Licensor with respect to such information, as evidenced by BioLine's written records at the time of disclosure; or (iv) is independently developed by BioLine without the use of or reference to the Licensor Confidential Information, as demonstrated by documentary evidence.

**8.1.2.** BioLine Confidential Information. Licensor agrees that, without the prior written consent of BioLine, in each case, during the term of this Agreement and for five (5) years thereafter, it will keep confidential, and not disclose or use BioLine Confidential Information (as defined below) other than for the purposes of this Agreement. Licensor shall treat such BioLine Confidential Information with the same degree of confidentiality as it keeps its own confidential information, but in all events no less than a reasonable degree of confidentiality. Licensor may disclose the BioLine Confidential Information only to employees and consultants of Licensor or of its Affiliates who have a "need to know" such information in order to enable Licensor to exercise its rights or fulfill its obligations under this Agreement and are legally bound by agreements which impose confidentiality and non-use obligations substantially comparable to those set forth in this Agreement. For purposes of this Agreement, "BioLine Confidential Information" means any research, scientific, technical, trade or business information relating to the subject matter of this Agreement designated as confidential or which otherwise should reasonably be construed under the circumstances as being confidential disclosed by or on behalf of BioLine pursuant to this Agreement, whether in oral, written, graphic or machine-readable form, except to the extent such information: (i) was known to Licensor at the time it was disclosed, other than by previous disclosure by or on behalf of BioLine as evidenced by Licensor's written records at the time of disclosure; (ii) is lawfully and in good faith made available to Licensor by a third party who is not subject to obligations of confidentiality to BioLine with respect to such information, as evidenced by Licensor's written records at the time of disclosure; (ii) is lawfully and in good faith made available to Licensor by a third party who is not subject to obligations of confidentiality to BioLine with respect

- **8.2.** Disclosure of Agreement. Each party may disclose non-commercial or non-confidential terms of this Agreement to the extent required, in the reasonable opinion of such party's legal counsel, to comply with applicable laws, as well as to Sublicensees and prospective and current investors, pursuant to appropriate non-disclosure arrangements. If a party discloses this Agreement or any of the terms hereof in accordance with this Section 8.2, such party agrees, at its own expense, to seek confidential treatment of portions of this Agreement or such terms, as may be reasonably requested by the other party. Notwithstanding the above, each party may disclose commercial or confidential terms of this Agreement, as necessary or required under applicable laws and regulations, including Israeli and Canadian and other applicable securities laws and the regulations of the Tel-Aviv Stock Exchange or the Toronto Stock Exchange and other applicable exchanges and, in any such events, shall promptly advise the other party thereof. Licensor may disclose the commercial terms of this Agreement to UdeM and the Researchers only to the extent required to establish the monetary returns to be distributed to UdeM and the Researchers.
- **8.3.** *Publicity.* Without derogating from Section 8.2 and Section 8.4, either party may make announcements, publications, presentations and similar disclosures (i) relating to the general subject matter of this Agreement, (ii) in connection with the marketing or sale of any Licensed Products, or (iii) in respect of the progress of the exercise of the license granted hereunder without the approval of the other party, *provided*, *however*, that in so doing the party does not disclose any of the other party's Confidential Information, (as defined above), or the commercial terms of this Agreement without having obtained the prior written consent of the other party. Except as provided in the immediately preceding sentence, no party will make any public announcement regarding this Agreement without the prior written approval of the other party.

#### 8.4 Publications.

- **8.4.1.** Except for UdeM's students' master or doctorate theses, Licensor shall ensure that no publications in writing, in scientific journals or otherwise, or presentations or other oral disclosures at scientific conventions relating to the Development Plan or the Licensor Improvements and which are subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, are published or presented, as the case may be, by it or by the Researchers, or at the Researchers' direction, without the prior written consent of BioLine, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- **8.4.2.** The Licensor shall provide BioLine with a written copy of the material to be so submitted or presented, and shall allow BioLine to review such submission to determine whether the publication or presentation contains subject matter for which patent protection should be sought prior to publication or presentation. BioLine undertakes to reply in writing to any such request for consent by the Licensor within 30 days of application. If no response is made within this period, such consent shall be deemed to be granted.

**8.4.3.** Should BioLine decide not to allow publication or presentation as provided above, publication shall be postponed for a period of not more than 3 months from the date of submission of the request to BioLine, in order to enable the necessary patent filings to be made. After such 3 months period, the Researchers shall be free to publish or present the postponed publication in any manner they see fit.

## 9. Patent Infringement.

#### 9.1 Enforcement of Licensed Patents.

- **9.1.1.** *Notice.* In the event any party becomes aware of any possible or actual infringement or unauthorized possession, knowledge or use of any Licensed Patents by a third-party (collectively, an "**Infringement**"), that party shall promptly notify the other party and provide it with details in its possession regarding such Infringement.
- **9.1.2.** *Suit by BioLine*. BioLine shall have the right, but not the obligation, to take action in the prosecution, prevention, or termination of any Infringement. Should BioLine elect to bring suit against an infringer and Licensor is joined as party plaintiff in any such suit, Licensor shall have the right to approve the counsel selected by BioLine to represent BioLine and Licensor, such approval not to be unreasonably withheld. The expenses of such suit or suits that BioLine elects to bring, including any expenses of Licensor incurred in conjunction with the prosecution of such suits or the settlement thereof, shall be paid for entirely by BioLine and BioLine shall hold Licensor free, clear and harmless from and against any and all costs of such litigation, including reasonable attorneys' fees. BioLine shall not compromise or settle such litigation without the prior written consent of Licensor, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. In the event BioLine exercises its right to sue pursuant to this Section 9.1.2, it shall first reimburse itself out of any sums recovered in such suit or in settlement thereof for all costs and expenses of every kind and character, including reasonable attorneys' fees, necessarily involved in the prosecution of any such suit. If, after such reimbursement, any funds shall remain from said recovery, then Licensor shall receive an amount equal to twenty-five percent (25%) of such funds and the remaining seventy-five percent (75%) of such funds shall be retained by BioLine.
- 9.1.3. Suit by Licensor. If BioLine does not take action in the prosecution, prevention, or termination of any Infringement pursuant to Section 9.1.2 above, and has not commenced negotiations with the infringer for the discontinuance of said Infringement, within ninety (90) days after receipt of notice to BioLine by Licensor of the existence of an Infringement, Licensor may elect, at its sole and complete discretion, to do so. Should Licensor elect to bring suit against an infringer and BioLine is joined as party plaintiff in any such suit, BioLine shall have the right to approve the counsel selected by Licensor to represent Licensor and BioLine, such approval not to be unreasonably withheld. The expenses of such suit or suits that Licensor elects to bring, including any expenses of BioLine incurred in conjunction with the prosecution of such suits or the settlement thereof, shall be paid for entirely by Licensor and Licensor shall hold BioLine free, clear and harmless from and against any and all costs of such litigation, including reasonable attorneys' fees. Licensor shall not compromise or settle such litigation without the prior written consent of BioLine, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. In the event Licensor exercises its right to sue pursuant to this Section 9.1.3, it shall first reimburse itself out of any sums recovered in such suit or in settlement thereof for all costs and expenses of every kind and character, including reasonable attorneys' fees, necessarily involved in the prosecution of any such suit. If, after such reimbursement, any funds shall remain from said recovery, then BioLine shall receive an amount equal to twenty-five percent (25%) of such funds and the remaining seventy-five percent (75%) of such funds shall be retained by Licensor.

- **9.1.4.** *Own Counsel.* Each party shall always have the right to be represented by counsel of its own selection and at its own expense in any suit instituted under this Section 9 by the other party for Infringement.
- **9.1.5.** *Cooperation.* Each party agrees to cooperate fully in any action under this Section 9 which is controlled by the other party, provided that the controlling party reimburses the cooperating party promptly for any reasonable costs and expenses incurred by the cooperating party in connection with providing such assistance.
- 9.1.6. Standing. If a party lacks standing and the other party has standing to bring any such suit, action or proceeding, then such other party (the "Requested Party") shall do so at the request of and at the full costs and expenses of the requesting party (the "Requesting Party"). The Requesting Party shall pay in advance to the Requested Party any and all anticipated costs of such suit, action or proceeding, including attorneys' fees and shall hold the Requested Party free, clear and harmless from and against any and all costs resulting from such litigation. If a party determines, (the "Determining Party"), that it is necessary for the other party (the "Determined Party"), to join any such suit, action or proceeding, the Determined Party shall execute all papers and perform such other acts as may be reasonably required in the circumstances at the full costs and expenses of the Determining Party. The Determining Party shall pay in advance to the Determined Party any and all anticipated costs of such joining of any such suit, action or proceeding, including attorneys' fees and shall hold the Determined Party free, clear and harmless from and against any and all costs resulting from such litigation.
- **9.2 Legal Action against a Party.** Each party will provide the other party with prompt written notice detailing as many facts as possible concerning any claim, threat, action, suit or proceeding brought against it (including Affiliates or Sublicensees), alleging the infringement of the intellectual property rights of a third party by reason of the discovery, development, manufacture, use, sale, importation, or offer for sale of a Licensed Product or otherwise due to the use or practice of the Invention and Licensed Patents or a claim challenging the validity or ownership of the Licensed Patents. The parties shall consult with each other in good faith to decide what action, if any, should be taken in respect of such third-party claim.

#### 10. Representations and Warranties; Limitation of Liability.

10.1. Representations of Licensor. Licensor hereby represents and warrants to BioLine that, (i) to the best of its knowledge, by virtue of assignment from UdeM, it has sole and exclusive ownership of the Licensed Patents and/or patent applications listed in Exhibit B attached hereto; (ii) no rights in or to the Invention and/or the Licensed Patents have been granted to a third party that are in force and valid as of the Effective Date and that are inconsistent with the rights granted to BioLine under this Agreement; (iii) to the best of its knowledge, it has the right to grant the license granted under this Agreement free and clear of liens, encumbrances and security interests and, to its best knowledge, third party claims; (iv) it will not transfer, assign, grant rights to, sell, lease or otherwise dispose of or encumber the Invention and/or the Licensed Patents other than as may be expressly permitted herein; and (v) it has not been notified of any legal claims, demands, threats or proceeding in writing or otherwise of any sort by any third party against the Licenser contesting the ownership or validity of the Invention and/or any of the Licensed Patents, or claiming that the practice of the Invention and/or any of the Licensed Patents in the manner contemplated by this Agreement would infringe the rights of such third party and, to the best of our knowledge without having conducted a complete due diligence on the matter, nor any reason to expect the same.

- **10.2. Undertakings of BioLine.** BioLine undertakes that it will, and shall cause any third party that acts on its behalf or an Affiliate that is granted rights to the Invention or Licensed Patents as provided pursuant to this Agreement to (i) respect all of its obligations found herein or in any other agreement with Licensor; and (ii) not, directly or indirectly, engage in any activities concerning the Licensed Patents which is contrary to applicable laws.
- **10.3. Joint Representations and Warranties.** Licensor hereby represents and warrants to BioLine, and BioLine hereby represents and warrants to the Licensor, that it has full power and authority to enter into and perform its obligations pursuant to this Agreement and to consummate the transactions contemplated herein and that the individual signing this Agreement on its behalf below has the authority to do so and to bind that party to the terms of this Agreement.
- 10.4. Compliance with Law and Assumption of Costs. BioLine undertakes that it will comply, and shall require that any parties acting on its behalf and its Affiliates and Sublicensees comply, with applicable laws and regulations and in full respect of accepted ethical principles relating to the development, manufacture, use, sale, or any other disposition of Licensed Products. The Parties recognize that all costs related to any developments, clinical trials, regulatory approvals and commercialization of the Invention and the Licensed Patents shall be the full responsibility of BioLine. BioLine may, at its sole and complete discretion, transfer to its Affiliates or its Sublicensees such costs or part thereof.
- **10.5. No Warranty.** Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, neither party makes any warranty with respect to any technology, patents, goods, services, rights or other subject matter of this Agreement, and each party hereby disclaims warranties of merchantability, fitness for a particular purpose and non-infringement with respect to any and all of the foregoing.
- 10.6. Patentability, validity and scope of Licensed Patents. Licensor does not make any warranties or representations, express or implied, concerning the validity and patentability of the Invention, Licensed Patents, the intellectual property rights related thereto, the Licensed Products or whether or not the exercise of the rights licensed under this Agreement will result in the infringement of any intellectual property right held by third parties. BioLine acknowledges that it has been advised by Licensor to undertake its own due diligence with respect to the Invention and the Licensed Patents.
- 10.7. No Warranty of Merchantability of Licensed Patents. Licensor makes no warranties, express, implied or statutory, and assume no liabilities or responsibilities with respect to (i) the use, sale or other disposition by BioLine, its Affiliates, Sublicensees, vendees or transferees of Licensed Products using the Licensed Patents, or (ii) any representations or warranties that BioLine or its Affiliates may extend. Licensor does not warrant that the underlying technology described in or claimed as inventions in any of the Licensed Patents is error free or that it will meet BioLine's requirements. All implied warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose are expressly disclaimed and excluded. The entire risk as to the results and performance of the underlying technology described in or claimed as an invention in any of the Licensed Patents and any Licensed Products, services or methods based on the underlying technology described in or claimed as an invention in any of the Licensed Patents is assumed by BioLine.

**10.8. Limitation of Liability.** Notwithstanding anything else in this Agreement or otherwise, neither Licensor nor BioLine will be liable to the other with respect to any subject matter of this Agreement under any contract, negligence, strict liability or other legal or equitable theory for (i) any indirect, incidental, consequential or punitive damages or lost profits or (ii) cost of procurement of substitute goods, technology or services, even if advised of the possibility of such liabilities; *provided*, *however*, that the exclusion of (i) above shall not apply to BioLine's indemnity obligation set out in Section 11.1, *provided*, *further*, that BioLine's maximum exposure for the damages set out in (i) above shall be limited to a maximum of CDN \$2,500,000.

#### 11. Indemnification.

- 11.1. Indemnity. BioLine shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Licensor, its limited and general partners and their respective directors, officers, employees and agents and their respective successors, heirs and assigns (the "Licensor Indemnitees"), against any and all liability, damage, loss, or expense (including reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses of litigation) incurred by or imposed upon any of the Licensor Indemnitees in connection with any claims, suits, actions, demands or judgments ("Claims") arising out of any theory of liability (including without limitation actions in the form of tort, warranty, or strict liability and regardless of whether such action has any factual basis) concerning: (i) the use of the Invention and Licensed Patents by BioLine or any party acting on its behalf, on its behalf or any of its Affiliates or Sublicensees, or concerning any Licensed Product, process, or service that is developed, made, used, manufactured, promoted, sold or otherwise disposed of pursuant to any right or license granted by Licensor to BioLine under this Agreement (except in cases where, and to the extent that, such Claims result from the gross negligence or willful misconduct on the part of Licensor, in which case Licensor shall indemnify BioLine and the provisions hereof shall apply mutatis mutandis); and (ii) the gross negligence or willful misconduct by BioLine or any party acting on its behalf, or any of its Affiliates or Sublicensees.
- 11.2. **Procedures.** If Licensor receives notice of any Claim, Licensor shall, as promptly as is reasonably possible, give BioLine notice of such Claim; *provided, however*, that failure to give such notice promptly shall only relieve BioLine of any indemnification obligation it may have hereunder to the extent such failure diminishes the ability of BioLine to respond to or to defend the Licensor Indemnitee against such Claim. Licensor and BioLine shall consult and cooperate with each other regarding the response to and the defense of any such Claim and BioLine shall, upon its acknowledgment in writing of its obligation to indemnify the Licensor Indemnitee, be entitled to and shall assume the defense or represent the interests of the Licensor Indemnitee in respect of such Claim, that shall include the right to select and direct legal counsel and other consultants to appear in proceedings on behalf of the Licensor Indemnitee and to propose, accept or reject offers of settlement, all at its sole cost; *provided, however*, that no such settlement shall be made without the written consent of the Licensor, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld. Nothing herein shall prevent the Licensor from retaining its own counsel and participating in its own defense at its own cost and expense.

**11.3. Insurance.** BioLine shall maintain insurance that is reasonably adequate to fulfill any potential obligation to the Licensor Indemnitees consistent with industry standards. BioLine shall provide Licensor, upon request, with written evidence of such insurance.

## 12. Term and Termination.

- **12.1. Term.** The term of this Agreement shall commence on the Effective Date and, unless earlier terminated as provided in this Section 12, shall continue in full force and effect and shall expire upon the later of the expiration of the last valid patent claim in or covered by any patent application related to any of the Invention, the Improvements, the Licensed Patents or any other patent pertaining to the Invention or the Improvements, whichever expires last.
- **12.2. Effect of Expiration.** Following the expiration of this Agreement pursuant to Section 12.1 (and provided the Agreement has not been earlier terminated pursuant to Section 12.3, in which case Section 12.4.1 shall apply), BioLine shall have a royalty-bearing, non-exclusive, worldwide license (with the right to grant Sublicenses) under the same terms stated above in Sections 2, 6.4.2 and 6.6 under Licensor's rights in the Invention to research, have researched, develop, have developed, manufacture, have manufactured, use, market, distribute, have distributed, offer for sale, sell, have sold, export and import Licensed Products and/or provide services relating thereto. In addition, following any expiration as aforesaid, each party will return to the other party, or destroy or have destroyed any Confidential Information of the other party, except that each party may retain one secure archival copy thereof as may be required by applicable law.

#### 12.3. Termination.

- **12.3.0.** *Automatic Nullity.* Except for the terms of this Section 12.3.0, this Agreement shall be null and void as if it was never signed in the event that BioLine does not deliver the Exercise Notice to Licensor within the time period specified in Section 2.0. In such event, each Party hereby gives to the other Party a complete release and discharge in relation to the subject matter of this Agreement, except that the parties shall remain bound by the terms and conditions set forth in the Non-Disclosure and Non Use Agreement dated August 27th, 2010.
  - 12.3.1. Termination without Cause. BioLine may terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to Licensor.
  - **12.3.2.** *Termination for Default.*

12.3.2.1. In the event that BioLine commits a material breach of its obligations under this Agreement and fails to cure that breach within sixty (60) days after receiving written notice thereof from Licensor, Licensor may terminate this Agreement immediately upon written notice to BioLine. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that any breach is not susceptible of cure within the stated period and BioLine diligently informs the Licensor in writing of such and uses diligent good faith efforts to cure such breach, the stated period will be extended by an additional thirty (30) days.

12.3.2.2. In the event that Licensor commits a material breach of its obligations under this Agreement and fails to cure that breach within sixty (60) days after receiving written notice thereof from BioLine, BioLine may terminate this Agreement immediately upon written notice to Licensor. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that any breach is not susceptible of cure within the stated period and Licensor diligently informs BioLine in writing of such and uses diligent good faith efforts to cure such breach, the stated period will be extended by an additional thirty (30) days.

#### **12.3.3.** *Bankruptcy.*

**12.3.3.1.** Either BioLine or Licensor may terminate this Agreement upon notice to the other if the other party becomes insolvent, is adjudged bankrupt, applies for judicial or extra-judicial settlement with its creditors, makes an assignment for the benefit of its creditors, voluntarily files for bankruptcy or has a receiver or trustee (or the like) in bankruptcy appointed by reason of its insolvency, or in the event an involuntary bankruptcy action is filed against the other party and not dismissed within ninety (90) days, or if the other party becomes the subject of liquidation or dissolution proceedings or otherwise discontinues business.

**12.3.3.2.** Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event a receiver or trustee (or the like) is appointed or either party has entered into a settlement with its creditors and the other party is otherwise meeting its obligations pursuant to this Agreement, and such trustee (or the like) or creditors assume all the obligations set forth in this Agreement, this Agreement may not be terminated as contemplated under Section 12.3.3.1 during such period as long as it is not breached in any way or manner.

#### 12.4. Effect of Termination.

12.4.1.Termination of Rights. Upon termination by BioLine pursuant to Section 12.3.1, 12.3.2 or 12.3.3 hereof (except in the circumstances set out in Section 12.3.3.2), or by Licensor pursuant to Sections 12.3.2 or 12.3.3 hereof (except in the circumstances set out in Section 12.3.3.2): (a) the rights and licenses granted to BioLine under Section 2 shall terminate; (b) all rights in and to the Invention and License Patents shall revert to Licensor and BioLine and its Affiliates shall not be entitled to make any further use whatsoever of the Invention and Licensed Patents nor shall BioLine research, develop, manufacture, use, market, distribute, offer for sale, sell, export or import Licensed Products and/or provide services relating thereto; and (c) with respect to any Sublicense, such Sublicense shall terminate unless such Sublicensee desires to keep its rights to use the Invention and the Licensed Patents, in which case – subject to the Sublicensee's undertaking to indemnify Licensor as provided in Section 11 of the present Agreement – Licensor shall be obligated, at its discretion, to either (i) take over the Sublicensee, or (ii) to enter into a new agreement with such Sublicensee on substantially the same terms as those contained in such Sublicense agreement; and provided, further, that such terms shall be amended, if necessary, to the extent required to ensure that such Sublicense agreement does not impose any obligations or liabilities on Licensor which are not included in this Agreement. For the avoidance of doubt, and without limiting the generality of the above, the exclusion of warranties and the limitations of representations herein stated shall be applicable to the Sublicense that would be effective between the Licensor and the Sublicensee and in no event shall Licensor be responsible or liable for any cost, payment of any kind (including for damages), act, action, obligation, collaboration or assistance if such is not expressly stated in this Agreement as being the responsibility of the Licensor. I

**12.4.2.** Rights on BioLine Improvements. In the event that this Agreement is terminated by Licensor pursuant to Sections 12.3.2.1 or 12.3.3, or by BioLine pursuant to Section 12.3.1, Licensor, at its discretion and upon written request and subject to undertaking to pay BioLine fifteen percent (15%) of any Net Proceeds (as defined below) actually received by Licensor or Licensor's designate or assignee from the commercialization of the BioLine Improvements, shall have an exclusive (subject to the rights herein granted to UdeM), transferable, worldwide and unlimited license, with the right to grant sub-licenses, to use and exploit the BioLine Improvements in the Territory solely for use in connection with the Licensed Technology. BioLine shall also grant UdeM an unlimited, perpetual and royalty-free right to use the BioLine Improvements for academic (i.e. non-commercial) research and teaching purposes only, conditional to confidentiality restrictions consistent with the terms of this Agreement. Licensor shall pay to BioLine amounts, if any, payable under this Section 12.4.2, within ninety (90) days of receipt of the relevant Net Proceeds.

For the purpose of this section, the term "Net Proceeds" means royalties or license fees actually received by Licensor or Licensor's designate or any assignee in respect of such license with a third party after deduction of all costs, fees and expenses actually incurred by Licensor in connection with such license (including, without limitation, patent costs, and all attorneys' fees and expenses and other costs and expenses in connection with the negotiation and conclusion of such license).

- **12.4.3.** *Accruing Obligations*. Termination of this Agreement shall not relieve the parties of obligations occurring prior to such termination, including obligations to pay amounts accruing hereunder up to the date of termination.
- **12.5. Survival.** The parties' respective rights, obligations and duties under Sections 8, 10, 11, 12.2, 12.4, 13.2, 13.3, 13.4 and 13.14, as well as any rights, obligations and duties which by their nature extend beyond the expiration or termination of this Agreement, shall survive any expiration or termination of this Agreement including any obligation to pay any fees due to Licensor, arising from the provisions of this Agreement, and being received following termination or expiration.

#### 13. Miscellaneous.

- **13.1. Entire Agreement.** This Agreement is the sole agreement with respect to the subject matter hereof and except as expressly set forth herein, supersedes all other agreements and understandings between the parties with respect to same.
- **13.2. Notices.** Unless otherwise specifically provided, all notices required or permitted by this Agreement shall be in writing and may be delivered personally, or may be sent by facsimile or certified mail, return receipt requested, to the following addresses, unless the parties are subsequently notified of any change of address in accordance with this Section 13.2:

If to BioLineRx, Ltd.

19 Hartum Street P.O. Box 45158 Jerusalem 91450

Israel

Attention: Chief Financial Officer

Fax: +972-2-548-9101

With a copy (which shall not constitute

notice) to:

Yigal Arnon & Co., Law Offices

22 Rivlin Street Jerusalem, 94263

Israel

Attention: Barry Levenfeld, Adv.

Fax: +972-2-623-9236

If to the Licensor:

Valorisation-Recherche, Limited Partnership

Civic address:

3535, Queen-Mary Road, suite 220 Montréal (Québec) H3V 1H8

Postal address:

P.O. Box 6079, Station Centre-ville Montréal (Québec) H3C 3A7

Attention: Hélène Perron, Interim Managing-Director

Fax: (514) 340-3204

Any notice shall be deemed to have been received as follows: (i) by personal delivery, upon receipt; (ii) by facsimile or email, receipt confirmed, one (1) business day after transmission or dispatch; (iii) by airmail, three (3) business days after delivery to the postal authorities by the party serving notice.

- **13.3. Governing Law and Jurisdiction.** This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Province of Ontario, without regard to the application of principles of conflicts of law, except for matters of patent law, which, other than for matters of inventorship on patents, shall be governed by the patent laws of the relevant country of the patent. The parties hereby consent to personal jurisdiction in the Province of Ontario and agree that any lawsuit they file to enforce their respective rights under this Agreement shall be brought in the competent court in Toronto, Ontario.
- **13.4. Binding Effect.** This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties and their respective legal representatives, successors and permitted assigns.
  - **13.5. Headings.** Section and subsection headings are inserted for convenience of reference only and do not form a part of this Agreement.
  - 13.6. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed simultaneously in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original.
- **13.7. Amendment; Waiver.** This Agreement may be amended, modified, superseded or canceled, and any of the terms may be waived, only by a written instrument executed by each party or, in the case of waiver, by the party waiving compliance. The delay or failure of any party at any time or times to require performance of any provisions hereof shall in no manner affect the rights at a later time to enforce the same. No waiver by either party of any condition or of the breach of any term contained in this Agreement, whether by conduct, or otherwise, in any one or more instances, shall be deemed to be, or considered as, a further or continuing waiver of any such condition or of the breach of such term or any other term of this Agreement.
- **13.8. No Agency or Partnership.** Nothing contained in this Agreement shall give any party the right to bind another, or be deemed to constitute either party as agents for each other or as partners with each other.
- **13.9. Assignment and Successors.** This Agreement may not be assigned by either party, without the consent of the other, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, except that each party may, without such consent, assign this Agreement and the rights, obligations and interests of such party, in whole or in part, to any of its Affiliates, to any purchaser of all or substantially all of its assets or research to which the subject matter of this Agreement relates, or to any successor corporation resulting from any merger or consolidation of such party with or into such corporation.
- **13.10. Force Majeure.** Neither party will be responsible for delays resulting from causes beyond the reasonable control of such party, including without limitation, regulatory delay, fire, explosion, flood, war, strike, or riot, provided that the non-performing party uses commercially reasonable efforts to avoid or remove such causes of non-performance and continues performance under this Agreement with reasonable dispatch whenever such causes are removed.
- **13.11. Interpretation.** The parties hereto acknowledge and agree that: (i) each party and its counsel reviewed and negotiated the terms and provisions of this Agreement and have contributed to its revision; (ii) the rule of construction to the effect that any ambiguities are resolved against the drafting party shall not be employed in the interpretation of this Agreement; and (iii) the terms and provisions of this Agreement shall be construed fairly as to both parties hereto and not in favor of or against either party, regardless of which party was generally responsible for the preparation of this Agreement.

- **13.12. Severability.** If any provision of this Agreement is or becomes invalid or is ruled invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction or is deemed unenforceable, it is the intention of the parties that the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected.
- **13.14. Language.** The parties hereto confirm that it is their wish that this Agreement be drawn up in English only. Should any notice, document or agreement related to this Agreement be written in a language other than English, the party who is giving such notice, document or agreement shall provide the other party with an English translation, certified in writing to be a true and exact translation by a signed statement of an officer of that party, at his own cost. Les parties aux présentes confirment leur volonté que cette convention soit rédigée en anglais seulement. Si un avis, document ou entente relié à la présente convention était écrit dans une langue autre que l'anglais, la partie qui le produit sera tenue de fournir à l'autre partie une traduction en langue anglaise de ce document, certifiée vraie et conforme par déclaration écrite et signée d'un officier de cette partie, à ses propres frais.

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# [Signature page to License Agreement]

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed in two (2) originals by their duly authorized representatives as of the date first written above.

Valorisation-Recherche, Limited Partnership, acting through its general partner Gestion Univalor, limited partnership, itself acting through its general partner Univalor Inc.

By: <u>/s/ Hélène Perron</u> Name: Hélène Perron

Title: Interim Managing Director

BioLineRx, Ltd.

By: <u>/s/ Kinneret Savitsky</u> Name: Kinneret Savitsky

Title: CEO

By: <u>/s/ Philip Serlin</u> Name: Philip Serlin

Title: Chief Financial and Operating Officer

# Exhibit A

# Affiliates of BioLineRx Ltd:

- · BioLine Innovations Jerusalem, Ltd.
- $\cdot$   $\;$  BioLine Innovations Jerusalem, Limited Partnership
- · BioLineRx USA, Inc

# Exhibit B

Patents and/or patent applications

РСТ	Priority date: 14-NOV-2005 (US) PCT No.: PCT/CA2006/001784 WIPO No.: WO/2007/053935
Title	Pharmaceutical Composition comprising Polymeric Binders with non-hydrolysable covalent bonds and their use in treating Celiac disease
National Entries (Pub. nb)	
Albania (AL)	
Australia (AU2006312953)	
Brazil (BR)	
Canada (CA2629327)	
China (CN101360505)	
Croatia (HR)	
European Union (EP1948201)	
Hong Kong (HK)	
India (IN)	
Israel (IL)	
<b>Japan</b> (JP2009515838)	
Mexico (MX2008006233)	
Russia Federation (RU2008123835)	
South Africa (ZA200804197)	
United States (US2008254099)	

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# CERTIFICATION OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER UNDER SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT

### I, Kinneret Savitsky, certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 20-F of BioLineRx Ltd.;
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the company as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The company's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the company and have:
  - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the company, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the company's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the company's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the period covered by the annual report that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the company's internal control over financial reporting;
- 5. The company's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the company's auditors and the audit committee of the company's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the company's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the company's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: March 17, 2014

<u>/s/ Kinneret Savitsky</u> Kinneret Savitsky, Ph.D. Chief Executive Officer

# CERTIFICATION OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER UNDER SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT

#### I, Philip Serlin, certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 20-F of BioLineRx Ltd.;
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the company as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The company's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the company and have:
  - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the company, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the company's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the company's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the period covered by the annual report that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the company's internal control over financial reporting;
- 5. The company's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the company's auditors and the audit committee of the company's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the company's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the company's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: March 17, 2014

/s/ Philip Serlin
Philip Serlin
Chief Financial and Operating Officer

# CERTIFICATION OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER UNDER SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as created by Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, the undersigned officer of BioLineRx Ltd. (the "Company") hereby certifies to such officer's knowledge that:

- (i) the accompanying Annual Report on Form 20-F of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2013 (the "Report") fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or Section 15(d), as applicable, of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; and
  - (ii) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Dated: March 17, 2014

/s/ Kinneret Savitsky Kinneret Savitsky, Ph.D. Chief Executive Officer

The foregoing certification is being furnished solely to accompany the Report pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, and is not being filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and is not to be incorporated by reference to any filing of the Company, whether made before or after the date hereof, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing.

# CERTIFICATION OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER UNDER SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as created by Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, the undersigned officer of BioLineRx Ltd. (the "Company") hereby certifies to such officer's knowledge that:

- (i) the accompanying Annual Report on Form 20-F of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2013 (the "Report") fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or Section 15(d), as applicable, of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; and
  - (ii) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Dated: March 17, 2014

## /s/ Philip Serlin

Philip Serlin

Chief Financial and Operating Officer

The foregoing certification is being furnished solely to accompany the Report pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, and is not being filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and is not to be incorporated by reference to any filing of the Company, whether made before or after the date hereof, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing.



## CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statements on Form S-8 (Nos. 333-176419 and 333-183976) and on Form F-3 (Nos. 333-179792 and 333-182997) of BIOLINERX LTD. (the "Company"), of our report dated March 17, 2014, relating to the financial statements of the Company, which appears in this Form 20-F.

Tel-Aviv, Israel March 17, 2014 /s/ Kesselman & Kesselman Certified Public Accountants (Isr.) A member firm of PricewaterhouseCoopers International Limited

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