#### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

#### FORM 6-K

#### REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of March 2014

#### **BioLineRx Ltd.**

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

P.O. Box 45158 19 Hartum Street Jerusalem 91450, Israel (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F:

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Yes £ No x

#### Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure

A copy of the Management Presentation of BioLineRx Ltd. (the "Company") is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Item 7.01.

The information contained in Item 7.01 of this report and in Exhibit 99.1 shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act") or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

#### Item 8.01 Other Events.

On March 3, 2013, the Company issued a press release announcing that it intends, subject to market conditions, to offer and sell an indeterminate amount of its American Depositary Shares ("ADSs"), each representing ten of its ordinary shares ("Ordinary Shares"), par value NIS 0.01 per share, pursuant to a prospectus supplement, dated March 3, 2014, to the Company's prospectus dated August 14, 2012, filed as part of its effective shelf registration statement on Form F-3 (File No. 333-182997) previously filed with, and declared effective by, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

The Company expects to grant the underwriters an option to purchase up to an additional 15 percent of its ADSs, exercisable for 30 days after the pricing date of the ADSs offering. The offering is subject to market conditions, and there can be no assurance as to whether or when the offering may be completed, or as to the actual size or terms of the offering. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.2.

This Current Report on Form 6-K shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy nor shall there be any sale of ADSs in any state in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such state.

In connection with this offering, the Company has updated certain business and risk factor information. This information and risk factor disclosure is attached as Exhibit 99.3 to this Current Report on Form 6-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

#### (d) Exhibits

The following Exhibits are filed as part of this report:

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	Description of Exhibit	
99.1	Company Presentation	
99.2	Press Release dated March 3, 2014	
99.3	Business and risk factor disclosure	

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

BioLineRx Ltd.

By: /s/ Philip Serlin

Philip Serlin Chief Financial and Operating Officer

Dated: March 3, 2014



# **Forward Looking Statements**

This presentation contains "forward-looking statements." These statements include words like "may," "expects," "believes," "plans," "scheduled," and "intends," and describe opinions about future events. These forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties that may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of BioLineRx to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements.

# **Offering Summary**

Issuer	BioLineRx Ltd.	
Listing/Ticker	NASDAQ: BLRX	
Offering Size	Approximately \$20 million	
Securities Offered	ered Common Stock (ADSs)	
Expected Timing	March 4, 2014	
Use of Proceeds	Continued clinical development of lead programs (BL- 8040 and BL-7010) and general corporate purposes	
Book-runner	Roth Capital	
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# **BioLineRx - General**

- Founded in 2003 by Teva and other key players in Israeli Life Sciences industry
- Bridge "development gap" for Israeli assets
  - Leverage carefully selected early-stage technology, primarily at academia level, following proof of concept in animals (at a minimum)
  - Invest 3-6 years in asset through to major catalyst
  - Partner the asset (depending on the stage)
    - For commercialization
    - For late-stage clinical development
    - For early and mid-stage co-development
    - Current pipeline of 10 assets, 6 in clinical development
    - Traded on both NASDAQ and TASE under symbol "BLRX"

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# BioLineRx's Value Proposition Multiple shots on goal Several meaningful value inflection points in next 12 months Two assets in pivotal studies during next 12 months Two pharma assets regulated as devices Strategic relationships and access to Israeli technology





# **Main Pipeline Assets**





BL-8040: BEST-IN-CLASS CXCR4 ANTAGONIST FOR TREATMENT OF HEMATOLOGICAL CANCERS

# **BL-8040 Highlights**

- Indications: Acute myeloid leukemia (AML) & other hematological cancers
  - Orphan designation received from FDA for both AML and stem-cell mobilization
- Mode of Action: CXCR4 antagonism
  - CXCR4 over-expressed in >70% of tumors, and correlates with disease severity.
- Status: Phase II trial ongoing
- Product Highlights:
  - Induces apoptosis in cancer cells
  - Mobilizes cancer cells from bone marrow to peripheral blood
  - Sensitizes cancer cells to chemo- and bio-based anti-cancer therapy
  - Safety and mobilization activity demonstrated in Phase I/II study in myeloma patients

# **AML - Treatment and Unmet Medical Need**

#### • AML is most common acute leukemia in adults

- Over 60,000 new cases recorded worldwide in 2010, growing to 130,000 by 2020
- 14,000 cases of AML diagnosed in the US  $\,$  in 2012  $\,$
- Majority of AML patients relapse and require repeated treatment cycles
- AML has poor prognosis less than 25% five-year survival
  - Over 10,000 fatalities from AML in the US in 2012
- AML treatment regimens have changed little in past 30 years
  - Treatment of AML is based largely on use of older chemotherapeutic drugs

# BL-8040 Mechanism Of Action

- Binds CXCR4 with high affinity (1-2 nM)
- Maintains extended inhibition of CXCR4 through long receptor occupancy (>24 hours)
- Works as inverse agonist of CXCR4
- Induces apoptosis of tumor cells dependent on CXCR4 for survival
- Increases sensitivity to anti-cancer agents by mobilizing tumor cells from protective microenvironment





# **Current BL-8040 Phase II Study in AML**

- Study summary
  - Open-label study under IND carried out at multiple centers in the US and Israel
  - Relapsed or refractory AML patients (up to 50 patients)

#### Study design

- Dose escalation phase up to 5 escalating doses (0.5-1.5 mg/kg)
- Expansion phase of safe, efficacious dose group

#### • Endpoints

- Safety and tolerability
- Efficacy
  - Clinical response based on bone marrow biopsy
  - Proportion of AML blasts in peripheral blood and bone marrow
  - Leukemic cell apoptosis in peripheral blood and bone marrow











# BL-8040 is Effective on FLT3 Mutated AML Cells (in-vivo)

Effect of BL-8040 in NSG mouse model with FLT3-mutated AML cells (MV4-11), in vivo



- Multiple BL-8040 injections induced apoptosis of AML cells in blood and BM

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# **BL-8040 is Effective on FLT3 Mutated AML Cells in comparison with AC220 (Quizartinib, Ambit)**

Effect of BL-8040 or AC220 in NSG mouse model with FLT3-mutated AML cells (MV4-11), in vivo



#### Results show:

- Similar efficacy of BL-8040 and AC220 (FLT-3 targeted therapy) in FLT3-mutated AML model
- Multiple BL-8040 injections reduced the number of AML cells in blood and BM

# **BL-8040 vs. Competitors**

	BL-8040 (BKT-140)	Mozobil (Plerixafor/AMD3100)	BMS-936564 (MDX1338)
Affinity with CXCR4	1-2 nM	84 nM	5nM
MOA	Inverse agonist	Antagonist (partial agonist)	Antagonist
Binding site	Extracellular domains in the CXCR4 receptor	Trans-membrane regions in the CXCR4 receptor	Extracellular domains in the CXCR4 receptor
PK (T1/2 in human)	0.3 - 0.7 hr	~3-5 hr	More than 24hr
Receptor occupancy	More than 24 hr	~2 hr	Not published
Inducing apoptosis in tumor cells	Induces apoptosis in preclinical models. Evidence of remarkable apoptosis in samples from patients administrated with 0.75 and 1 mg/kg (phase II).	None	Demonstrated apoptosis in preclinical models, modest effect in patients (ASH 2013)
Mobilization of Leukemic blasts	6-8 fold increase (6/8 patients, phase IIa)	2.5 fold (A phase I/II study, Blood 2012)	2.1-fold increase (14/24 patients in phase II study, ASH 2013)

#### Other remarks of BL-8040:

•BL-8040 synergizes with <u>Rituximab</u> and <u>Bendamustine</u> to stimulate Lymphoma cell death *in vitro*.

•BL-8040 synergize with Bortezomib (Velcade) to stimulate MM cell death in vitro.

•Combination of BL-8040 with <u>Imatinib</u> in CML cells overcomes the protective effect of stroma *in vitro*. •BL-8040 alone is highly efficient in eliminating lymphoma cells in the bone marrow and combined with <u>Rituximab</u> significantly reduces tumor load (in vivo). 23





# **BL-7010: Polymeric Binder for Celiac Disease**

- Indication: Celiac disease
- Mode of Action: Non-absorbable polymer with high affinity to gliadins (immunogenic peptides contained in gluten)
- Status: Phase I/II ongoing
- Product Highlights
  - Prevents pathological damage to small intestine
  - Non-absorbable
  - Non-toxic

# **Celiac Disease - Large Unmet Medical Need**

- 1% of world's population suffers from celiac disease
  - Number underestimated due to lack of awareness/diagnostic tools
  - Market projected to reach \$8 billion by 2019
- No current pharmacological agents approved for celiac
  - Only treatment option is life-long, strict gluten-free diet (GFD)
  - ~50% of celiac patients are symptomatic even with GFD
- Major interest shown by Big Pharma
  - AbbVie recently acquired rights to phase II asset from Alvine for \$70 million upfront





## **Preliminary ADME Shows BL-7010 is Excreted in Feces**

- [<sup>3</sup>H]-BL-7010 was given orally to SD rats (single dose and single dose after 21 days of dosing of non-labeled compound)
- Total urine and feces were collected from 0 to 12, 12 to 24, 24 to 36, 36 to 48 and 48 to 72 h after administration
- Blood was sampled at 30 min, 1, 2, 4, 8, 12, 24, 48 and 72 h and the organs were collected (small intestine, colon, liver, kidneys and spleen)
- Radioactivity in blood, urine, feces and organs was assessed

Rats	Dose of radioactivity after single dose (% of gavaged dose ± SD)	Dose of radioactivity after a 3-week treatment (% of gavaged dose ± SD)
Blood*	$0.09\pm0.09$	$0.13\pm0.02$
Organs**	$0.99\pm0.56$	$0.59\pm0.24$
Urines**	$1.82\pm0.19$	$1.92\pm0.15$
Feces**	$108\pm56$	$122 \pm 13$

\* average dose during the experiment

\*\* cumulative dose after 72 h

# **BL-7010 Clinical Program Overview**

Two studies in celiac disease patients are planned in 2014:

### •Phase I/II study in celiac patients (ongoing)

- Single and repeated ascending dose study
- Safety endpoints, no efficacy endpoints
- Assessment of systemic exposure
- Top-line results expected in mid-2014

#### •Efficacy study in celiac patients

- 6-week repeated oral administration
- Efficacy endpoints (primary and secondary) and safety endpoints

# **BL-7010 Phase I/II Study in Celiac Patients**

• Part 1: Single ascending administration phase (ongoing)

- Two alternating cohorts; 8 patients each (6 on BL-7010 and 2 on placebo)

- Up to 6 escalating administrations
- Population well controlled celiac patients = absence of gastrointestinal symptoms, with negative serology for transglutaminase 2 (TG2) and EMA antibodies (IgA)

#### • Part 2: 14-day repeated administration phase

- One cohort; 8 patients (6 on BL-7010 and 2 on placebo)
- Option for adding an additional cohort with different quantity of BL-7010, based on results of first repeated administration cohort


BL-1040: FIRST-IN-CLASS MYOCARDIAL IMPLANT FOR PREVENTION OF VENTRICULAR REMODELING FOLLOWING AMI

Out-licensed to Bellerophon (f/k/a Ikaria) and being developed as Bioabsorbable Cardiac Matrix (BCM)

# **BL-1040 Highlights**

- Indication: Cardiac remodeling post-AMI
- Mode of Action: Provides support to ischemic tissue during healing
- Status: CE Mark registration trial results expected in 2014
- Device designation (including FDA)
- Partnered with Bellerophon BCM (f/k/a Ikaria)



- Total deal structure \$282.5 million; \$17 million already received; 11-15% royalties
- All program costs funded by Bellerophon BCM
- Market Opportunity: > Billion dollar market\*

\*Based on a customized survey and report prepared for BioLineRx by Defined Health





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# <section-header> Promising Results from Pilot Study Designated as device by regulatory authorities (including FDA) Diot study in Europe - completed January 2010 27 patients, safety and preliminary efficacy in patients with primary MI at high risk for LV remodeling 9 sites: 6 in Germany, 3 in Belgium State study study of completed superior efficacy in patients with cardiac enzymes or occlusions, arrhythmias, elevations in cardiac enzymes or occlusions Comparison to historical data suggests superior efficacy

# **BL-1040 Pivotal Clinical Development Program**

## Pivotal CE Mark Registration trial progressing at full steam

- ~75 sites currently active in nine countries (including 15 sites in US)
- Placebo controlled, 306 patients, six-month follow-up
- Endpoints: End diastolic volume, QLQ, six-minute walk test
- Results expected in 2014

## • US pivotal trial in planning stages

- Final discussions with FDA
- Placebo controlled, >1,000 patients, 12-month follow-up

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# **BL-5010 Highlights**

- Novel formulation for non-surgical removal of skin lesions
- Status: CE mark registration trial to commence in H1 2014
- Product Highlights:
  - Medical device classification in EU
  - Single application office-based treatment
  - Pilot study completed with outstanding results
    - ~97% removal rate; 94% good/excellent cosmetic results
  - State-of-the-art applicator (BL-5010P) developed for streamlined application
  - Short time to market

# **BL-5010 Roadmap**

### • Pivotal CE Mark Registration study to commence in H1 2014

- Bridging study of BL-5010 pen-like applicator in seborrheic keratosis
- Regulatory submissions have been completed
- Study results are expected H2 2014
- Commence CE-mark registration process in H2 2014
- Clinical study in additional indication to commence in H214
- US market will be addressed following European approval

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# **Biologics Collaboration with JHL Biotech**

# • Collaboration deal inked in January with JHL Biotech for BL-9020, monoclonal antibody for treatment of Type 1 diabetes

- JHL responsible for manufacturing
- BioLineRx responsible for pre-clinical activities
- JHL receives commercialization rights in China & South Asia

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- Each party responsible for clinical development in its territory, with data sharing
- JHL Biotech is rising star in development and manufacturing of biologics
  - Top-tier shareholders, such as Kleiner Perkins and Sequoia Capital
  - 2 world-class manufacturing facilities, designed and built in partnership with GE Healthcare

## • Collaboration forms basis for development of additional biologics

- Israel is outstanding source of biologic compounds (especially antibodies)

\*Gur et al., Nature Immunology, 2010 45

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# **Financial Summary**

- Available cash as of December 31, 2013 ~\$18.2 million
  - Annual burn rate ~\$12 million
  - Cash expected to last into mid-2015
- Number of employees 45
  - Approximately 2/3 with advanced degrees
  - Capital structure (on basis of ADSs)
  - 24.1 million outstanding basic capital
  - 29.6 million outstanding fully diluted capital
- Shareholder base approximately 50% US-based

# **Analyst Coverage**

## **BioLineRx Ltd. is followed by the analysts listed below:**

Analyst	Firm
Robert Hazlett	Roth Capital Partners, LLC
Raghuram Selvaraju	Aegis Capital Corp.
Robin Davison; Jason Zhang	Edison Investment Research

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# Bench to Bedside to Partner

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#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

#### **BioLineRx** Announces Underwritten Public Offering of up to \$21 Million of its American Depositary Shares

Jerusalem, March 3, 2014 - BioLineRx (NASDAQ: BLRX; TASE: BLRX), a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company dedicated to identifying, in-licensing and developing promising therapeutic candidates, today announced that it has commenced an underwritten public offering up to \$21 million of its American Depositary Shares ("ADSs"), each representing ten (10) of its Ordinary Shares. All of the ADSs in the offering are to be sold by BioLineRx.

Roth Capital Partners is acting as sole book-running manager for the offering. Maxim Group LLC is acting as co-manager. BioLineRx intends to grant the underwriters a 30-day option to purchase up to an additional 15 percent of the amount sold to cover over-allotments, if any. The offering is subject to market conditions, and there can be no assurance as to whether or when the offering may be completed, or as to the actual size or terms of the offering.

The shares will be issued pursuant to a shelf registration statement that was previously filed with, and declared effective by, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). A preliminary prospectus supplement related to the offering has been filed with the SEC and is available on the SEC's website located at www.sec.gov. A final prospectus supplement related to the offering will be filed with the SEC.

This press release does not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy nor shall there be any sale of these securities in any state or jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such state or jurisdiction. Any offer, if at all, will be made only by means of a prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus forming a part of the effective registration statement, copies of which may be obtained, when available, from Roth Capital Partners, 888 San Clemente, Newport Beach, CA 92660, (800) 678-9147.

#### About BioLineRx

BioLineRx is a publicly-traded, clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company dedicated to identifying, in-licensing and developing promising therapeutic candidates. The Company in-licenses novel compounds primarily from academic institutions and biotech companies based in Israel, develops them through pre-clinical and/or clinical stages, and then partners with pharmaceutical companies for advanced clinical development and/or commercialization.

BioLineRx's current portfolio consists of a variety of clinical and pre-clinical projects, including: BL-1040 for prevention of pathological cardiac remodeling following a myocardial infarction, which has been out-licensed to Bellerophon BCM (f/k/a Ikaria) and is in the midst of a pivotal CE-Mark registration trial; BL-8040 for treating acute myeloid leukemia (AML) and other hematological indications, which is in the midst of a Phase 2 study; BL-7010 for celiac disease, which is in the midst of a Phase 1/2 study; and BL-5010 for non-surgical removal of skin lesions, which is expected to commence a pivotal CE-mark registration trial in the first half of 2014.

For more information on BioLineRx, please visit <u>www.biolinerx.com</u> or download the investor relations mobile device app, which allows users access to the Company's 'SEC documents, press releases, and events. BioLineRx's' IR app is available on the iTunes App Store as well as the Google Play Store.

Various statements in this release concerning BioLineRx's future expectations constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements include words such as "may," "expects," "anticipates," "believes," and "intends," and describe opinions about future events. These forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties that may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of BioLineRx to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Some of these risks are: changes in relationships with collaborators; the impact of competitive products and technological changes; risks relating to the development of new products; and the ability to implement technological improvements. These and other factors are more fully discussed in the "Risk Factors" section of BioLineRx's most recent annual report on Form 20-F filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 12, 2013. In addition, any forward-looking statements and should not be relied upon as representing its views as of any subsequent date. BioLineRx does not assume any obligation to update any forward-looking statements unless required by law.

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#### **Our Business**

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) and other hematological indications; BL-7010, a novel co-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 no commercial sales of any of our therapeutic candidates. Our strategy includes commercializing our therapeutic candidates through out-licensing 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.

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

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#### BL-1040

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 placebocontrolled, 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 U.S.

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 former 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.

#### BL-8040

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, 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 U.S., 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 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.

#### BL-7010

Our third clinical-stage therapeutic candidate, BL-7010, is a novel, non-absorbable, orally available 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.

#### BL-5010

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. 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

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. Fifty-six percent of patients recorded a decrease in rectal bleeding of at least 1 point and 69% had a rectal-bleeding sub-score of  $\leq 1$  (and no rectal bleeding was seen at all in six of these 11 patients). Fifty percent of patients completing study treatment also met the secondary endpoint assessed by the partial Mayo score, while all other patients were clinically stable or demonstrated some improvement. Furthermore, 50% demonstrated 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.

In November 2013, we announced additional results from the phase 2 a proof-of-concept study showing significant improvement of disease measurements in biopsies taken from the patients treated with BL-7040. 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.

#### BL-8020

Our sixth clinical-stage therapeutic candidate, BL-8020, is an orally available treatment for HCV and other viral indications. BL-8020 acts via a unique mechanism of action, by inhibiting 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 , which demonstrated, in the few patients recruited, both safety and tolerability. Due to a number of considerations, including a re-prioritization of our pipeline, in January 2014, we agreed with the licensors, Genoscience and Panmed Inc., or Panmed, that as of April 1, 2014, the license agreement would be terminated and that we would enter into a collaboration agreement. Pursuant to the collaboration agreement, the licensors agreed to take over development of the drug and pay us a percentage of future revenues from the product, and we agreed to supply, at the licensors' request and cost, 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.

#### **Our Product Development Approach**

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. In the last several years, 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.

#### RISK FACTORS

Investing in our Ordinary Shares or ADSs involves a high degree of risk. You should carefully consider the specific risks described below, including, but not limited to, the risks included in our Current Report on Form 6-K filed March 3, 2014, before making an investment decision. Any of the risks we describe below could cause our business, financial condition or operating results to suffer. The market price of our Ordinary Shares and ADSs could decline if one or more of these risks and uncertainties develop into actual events. 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 46.1 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2013, NIS 76.3 million in 2012 and NIS 50.2 million in 2011. As of September 30, 2013, we had an accumulated deficit of approximately NIS 490.4 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 September 30, 2013, we held cash and short-term investments of approximately \$20.3 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, will be sufficient to meet our requirements through the middle of 2015. We have funded our operations primarily through public (in Israel) 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, government funding, and public and private grants, 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, 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-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 outlicensing 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-5010, 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 or the studies on the 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 acute myocardial infarction 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 Tolero Pharmaceuticals, filanesib developed by MEI Pharma; Rigosertib developed by Onconova Therapeutics and Sanofiabine 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.

Several compounds are currently under development for celiac disease including larazotide acetate (Alba Therapeutic Corp.) inhibiting 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 following a gluten free diet. BL-7010 as well as the treatments specified above are 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 cream-based treatments. Picato (Leo Pharma) and Metvix<sup>®</sup> (Galderma Pharma SA) 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 Tysebri (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, Inc.). 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 (AjinomotoCo) 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 (DAA's) 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 (teleprevir, 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.

#### 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 supply, 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 manufacturers, 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 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 Gestion Univalor, 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 "Summary — 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 see the amount of four investment in the project increases. These in-license agreements last either throughout the life of the patents that are the subject of the agreements, or with respect to other licensed technology, for a number of years after the first commercial sale of the relevant product.

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. The results of 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 like us. 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 trests, 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 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 successfully against us. Furthermore, whether or not we are ultimately successful in defending any claims, we might be required to direct significant policies 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 in-license 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 license agreement with IPC. Under the BL-5010 license agreement plan, including meeting certain specified diligence goals. In November 2007, we in-licensed the rights to BL-7010 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 divelopment plan, including meeting certain specified diligence goals. In November 2007, we in-licensed the rights to BL-7040 license agreement plan, including meeting certain specified diligence goals. In September 1 accordance with a specified development plan, including meeting certain specified dilegence goals. In January 2012, we in-licensed the rights to 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 and Genoscience. Und

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 inlicensing 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-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 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 employees.

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 solely out of the revenues generated by that project. If revenues are not achieved with respect to a project, the loan for the project will be forgiven, subject to certain terms and conditions. If revenues are achieved with respect to a project, the loans will be repaid from such revenues, with interest. All intellectual property held by the incubator for development through the incubator program was pledged as security for our obligations under the incubator agreement and is subject to restrictions imposed by the OCS with respect to transfer abroad of rights to manufacture products based on the intellectual property or of rights to the intellectual property iself.

#### **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 2013, 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 2013, 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-to-market 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 3, 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 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.

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.

#### 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 conflicts 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 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 versities addition 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 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 escalate in the future to to ravel to Israel during periods of heightened unrest or tension, forcing us to make alternative arrangements when necessary. In addition, the political and security situation

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 2010, 2011 or 2012, 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 September 30, 2013, we have received approximately NIS 75.7 million (\$12.4 million) in funding from the OCS, of which approximately NIS 53.4 million (\$15.1 million) was funding provided to our biotechnology incubator. The aggregate funding amount includes funding of approximately NIS 48.2 million (\$13.6 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 know-how 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 approval should we wish to transfer this technology or development out of

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.

## 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 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.

#### It may be difficult to enforce a U.S. judgment against us and our officers and directors 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.