

Prothena Corp plc  
Form 10-Q  
November 02, 2016

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

---

FORM 10-Q

---

(Mark One)

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2016

Or

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Commission file number: 001-35676

---

PROTHENA CORPORATION PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

---

Ireland 98-1111119  
(State or other jurisdiction of (I.R.S. Employer  
incorporation or organization) Identification Number)

Adelphi Plaza  
Upper George's Street  
Dún Laoghaire  
Co. Dublin, A96 T927, Ireland  
(Address of principal executive offices including Zip Code)  
Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 011-353-1-236-2500

---

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer  (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes  No

The number of ordinary shares outstanding as of October 21, 2016 was 34,488,428.

---

PROTHENA CORPORATION plc  
 Form 10-Q – QUARTERLY REPORT  
 For the Quarter Ended September 30, 2016  
 TABLE OF CONTENTS

	Page
<u>PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>Item 1. Financial Statements (unaudited)</u>	<u>1</u>
Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets as of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015	<u>1</u>
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015	<u>2</u>
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015	<u>3</u>
<u>Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>Item 2. Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations</u>	<u>15</u>
<u>Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk</u>	<u>23</u>
<u>Item 4. Controls and Procedures</u>	<u>23</u>
 <u>PART II. OTHER INFORMATION</u>	 <u>25</u>
<u>Item 1. Legal Proceedings</u>	<u>25</u>
<u>Item 1A. Risk Factors</u>	<u>25</u>
<u>Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds</u>	<u>46</u>
<u>Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities</u>	<u>46</u>
<u>Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures</u>	<u>46</u>
<u>Item 5. Other Information</u>	<u>47</u>
<u>Item 6. Exhibits</u>	<u>47</u>
 <u>SIGNATURES</u>	 <u>48</u>
 <u>EXHIBIT INDEX</u>	 <u>49</u>

## PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Prothena Corporation plc and Subsidiaries

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets

(in thousands, except share and per share data)

(unaudited)

	September 30, 2016	December 31, 2015
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 408,574	\$ 370,586
Receivable from Roche	409	509
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	6,655	6,308
Total current assets	415,638	377,403
Non-current assets:		
Property and equipment, net	51,738	3,862
Deferred tax assets	5,988	2,850
Restricted cash	4,056	—
Other non-current assets	2,162	1,121
Total non-current assets	63,944	7,833
Total assets	\$ 479,582	\$ 385,236
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 10,540	\$ 4,519
Accrued research and development	16,937	12,794
Income taxes payable, current	1,180	—
Other current liabilities	8,251	4,903
Total current liabilities	36,908	22,216
Non-current liabilities:		
Income taxes payable, non-current	98	98
Deferred rent	2,118	2,127
Build-to-suit lease obligation, non-current	39,358	—
Other liabilities	—	126
Total non-current liabilities	41,574	2,351
Total liabilities	78,482	24,567
Commitments and contingencies (Note 7)		
Shareholders' equity:		
Euro deferred shares, €22 nominal value:	—	—
Authorized shares — 10,000 at September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015		
Issued and outstanding shares — none at September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015		
Ordinary shares, \$0.01 par value:	344	317
Authorized shares — 100,000,000 at September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015		
Issued and outstanding shares — 34,456,309 and 31,744,102 at September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively		
Additional paid-in capital	641,064	489,455
Accumulated deficit	(240,308)	(129,103)
Total shareholders' equity	401,100	360,669
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 479,582	\$ 385,236

See accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.



Prothena Corporation plc and Subsidiaries  
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations  
(in thousands, except per share data)  
(unaudited)

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Collaboration revenue	\$286	\$429	\$884	\$1,300
Total revenue	286	429	884	1,300
Operating expenses:				
Research and development	26,838	17,185	79,690	40,549
General and administrative	16,136	5,905	31,452	16,476
Total operating expenses	42,974	23,090	111,142	57,025
Loss from operations	(42,688 )	(22,661 )	(110,258 )	(55,725 )
Other income (expense):				
Interest income, net	138	50	405	116
Other expense, net	(268 )	(127 )	(561 )	(147 )
Total other income (expense)	(130 )	(77 )	(156 )	(31 )
Loss before income taxes	(42,818 )	(22,738 )	(110,414 )	(55,756 )
Provision for income taxes	421	238	791	699
Net loss	\$(43,239)	\$(22,976)	\$(111,205)	\$(56,455)
Basic and diluted net loss per share	\$(1.26 )	\$(0.73 )	\$(3.25 )	\$(1.89 )
Shares used to compute basic and diluted net loss per share	34,413	31,441	34,266	29,893

See accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Prothena Corporation plc and Subsidiaries  
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows  
(in thousands)  
(unaudited)

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2016	2015
Operating activities		
Net loss	\$(111,205)	\$(56,455)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to cash used in operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	1,509	588
Share-based compensation	19,718	7,136
Excess tax benefit from share-based award exercises	(827)	(2,351)
Deferred income taxes	(3,156)	(704)
Interest expense under build-to-suit lease transaction	550	—
Loss on sublease	—	261
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Receivable from Roche	100	915
Receivable from related party	—	30
Other assets	(964)	304
Accounts payable, accruals and other liabilities	11,004	7,502
Net cash used in operating activities	(83,271)	(42,774)
Investing activities		
Purchases of property and equipment	(9,497)	(397)
Change in restricted cash	(4,056)	—
Net cash used in investing activities	(13,553)	(397)
Financing activities		
Proceeds from issuance of ordinary shares in public offering, net	128,777	131,481
Proceeds from issuance of ordinary shares upon exercise of stock options	2,396	3,562
Excess tax benefit from share-based award exercises	827	2,351
Proceeds from tenant improvement allowance under build-to-suit lease transaction	2,812	—
Net cash provided by financing activities	134,812	137,394
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	37,988	94,223
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the year	370,586	293,579
Cash and cash equivalents, end of the period	\$408,574	\$387,802
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information		
Cash paid for income taxes, net of refunds	\$1,557	\$442
Supplemental disclosures of non-cash investing and financing activities		
Acquisition of property and equipment included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$4,077	\$—
Amounts capitalized under build-to-suit lease transaction	\$38,584	\$—
Interest capitalized during construction period for build-to-suit lease transaction	\$713	\$—
Receivable from option exercises	\$76	\$—
Stock option shortfall	\$(18)	\$—
Offering costs included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$—	\$12
See accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.		





Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements  
(unaudited)

1. Organization

Description of Business

Prothena Corporation plc and its subsidiaries (“Prothena” or the “Company”) is a global, late-stage clinical biotechnology company seeking to fundamentally change the course of progressive diseases, with its clinical pipeline of novel therapeutic antibodies. Fueled by its deep scientific understanding built over decades of research in protein misfolding and cell adhesion - the root causes of many serious or currently untreatable amyloid and inflammatory diseases - Prothena is establishing a fully integrated research, development and commercial focus and has advanced several drug candidates into clinical studies while pursuing discovery of additional novel therapies.

The Company's pipeline of antibody-based product candidates target a number of potential indications including AL amyloidosis (NEOD001), Parkinson's disease and other related synucleinopathies (PRX002), inflammatory diseases including psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis (PRX003) and ATTR amyloidosis (PRX004).

The Company is a public limited company formed under the laws of Ireland. The Company separated from Elan Corporation, plc (“Elan”) on December 20, 2012. After the separation from Elan, and the related distribution of the Company's ordinary shares to Elan's shareholders, the Company's ordinary shares commenced trading on The Nasdaq Global Market under the symbol “PRTA” on December 21, 2012 and currently trade on The Nasdaq Global Select Market.

Liquidity and Business Risks

As of September 30, 2016, the Company had an accumulated deficit of \$240.3 million and cash and cash equivalents of \$408.6 million.

Based on the Company's business plans, management believes that the Company's cash and cash equivalents at September 30, 2016 are sufficient to meet its obligations for at least the next twelve months. To operate beyond such period, or if the Company elects to increase its spending on development programs significantly above current long-term plans or enters into potential licenses and or other acquisitions of complementary technologies, products or companies, the Company may need additional capital. The Company expects to continue to finance future cash needs that exceed its cash from operating activities primarily through its current cash and cash equivalents, its collaboration with Roche, and to the extent necessary, through proceeds from public or private equity or debt financings, loans and other collaborative agreements with corporate partners or other arrangements.

The Company is subject to a number of risks, including but not limited to: the uncertainty of the Company's research and development (“R&D”) efforts resulting in future successful commercial products; obtaining regulatory approval for its product candidates; its ability to successfully commercialize its product candidates, if approved; significant competition from larger organizations; reliance on the proprietary technology of others; dependence on key personnel; uncertain patent protection; dependence on corporate partners and collaborators; and possible restrictions on reimbursement from governmental agencies and healthcare organizations, as well as other changes in the healthcare industry.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Preparation and Presentation of Financial Information

These accompanying Unaudited Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. (“GAAP”) and with the instructions for Form 10-Q and Regulations S-X statements. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and notes required for complete financial statements. These interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes thereto contained in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) on February 25, 2016 (the "2015 Form 10-K"). These Unaudited Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements are presented in U.S. dollars, which is the functional currency of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries. These Unaudited Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements include the accounts of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries. All intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.



#### Unaudited Interim Financial Information

The accompanying Unaudited Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements and related disclosures are unaudited, have been prepared on the same basis as the annual consolidated financial statements and, in the opinion of management, reflect all adjustments, which include only normal recurring adjustments, necessary for a fair presentation of the results of operations for the periods presented. The year-end condensed consolidated balance sheet data was derived from audited financial statements, however certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP have been condensed or omitted. The condensed consolidated results of operations for any interim period are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full year or for any other future year or interim period.

#### Use of Estimates

The preparation of the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses, and related disclosures. On an ongoing basis, management evaluates its estimates, including critical accounting policies or estimates related to revenue recognition, share-based compensation and research and development expenses. The Company bases its estimates on historical experience and on various other market specific and other relevant assumptions that management believes to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Because of the uncertainties inherent in such estimates, actual results may differ materially from these estimates.

#### Significant Accounting Policies

There were no significant changes to the accounting policies during the nine months ended September 30, 2016, from the significant accounting policies described in Note 2 of the "Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements" in the 2015 Form 10-K, with the exception of those noted below.

#### Restricted Cash

Cash accounts that are restricted to withdrawal or usage are presented as restricted cash. As of September 30, 2016, the Company had \$4.1 million of restricted cash held by a bank in a certificate of deposit as collateral to a standby letter of credit under a build-to-suit lease. This amount is classified as a non-current asset in the Company's Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet. See Note 6 to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements regarding "Build-to-Suit Lease Accounting" for more information.

#### Build-to-Suit Leases

In certain lease arrangements, the Company is involved in the construction of the building. To the extent the Company is involved with the structural improvements of the construction project or takes construction risk prior to the commencement of a lease, ASC 840-40, "Leases – Sale-Leaseback Transactions (Subsection 05-5)," requires the Company to be considered the owner for accounting purposes of these types of projects during the construction period. Therefore, the Company records an asset in property and equipment, net on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets, including capitalized interest costs, for the replacement cost of the pre-existing building plus the amount of estimated construction costs and tenant improvements incurred by the landlord and the Company as of the balance sheet date. The Company records a corresponding build-to-suit lease obligation on its Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets representing the amounts paid by the lessor.

Once construction is completed, the Company considers the requirements for sale-leaseback accounting treatment, including evaluating whether all risks of ownership have been transferred back to the landlord, as evidenced by a lack of continuing involvement in the leased property. If the arrangement does not qualify for sale-leaseback accounting treatment, the building asset remains on the Company's Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets at its historical cost, and such asset is depreciated over its estimated useful life. The Company bifurcates its lease payments into a portion allocated to the building and a portion allocated to the parcel of land on which the building has been built. The portion of the lease payments allocated to the land is treated for accounting purposes as operating lease payments, and therefore is recorded as rent expense in the consolidated statements of operations. The portion of the lease payments allocated to the building is further bifurcated into a portion allocated to interest expense and a portion allocated to reduce the build-to-suit lease obligation. The interest rate used for the build-to-suit lease obligation represents the

Company's estimated incremental borrowing rate at inception of the lease, adjusted to reduce any built in loss. The initial recording of these assets and liabilities is classified as non-cash investing and financing items, respectively, for purposes of the consolidated statements of cash flows.

5

---

### Segment and Concentration of Risks

The Company operates in one segment. The Company's chief operating decision maker (the "CODM"), its Chief Executive Officer, manages the Company's operations on a consolidated basis for purposes of allocating resources. When evaluating the Company's financial performance, the CODM reviews all financial information on a consolidated basis.

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to concentration of credit risk consist of cash and cash equivalents and accounts receivable. The Company places its cash equivalents with high credit quality financial institutions and by policy, limits the amount of credit exposure with any one financial institution. Deposits held with banks may exceed the amount of insurance provided on such deposits. The Company has not experienced any losses on its deposits of cash and cash equivalents and its credit risk exposure is up to the extent recorded on the Company's Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets.

Receivable from Roche as of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015 are amounts due from Roche entities located in the U.S. and Switzerland under the License Agreement that became effective January 22, 2014. Revenue recorded in the Statements of Operations consists of reimbursement from Roche for research and development services. Credit risk exposure is up to the extent of amounts recorded on the Company's Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets.

As of September 30, 2016, \$51.0 million of the Company's long-lived assets were held in the U.S. and \$0.8 million were held in Ireland.

The Company does not own or operate facilities for the manufacture, storage, testing or distribution of preclinical or clinical supplies of any of its drug candidates. The Company instead contracts with and relies on third-parties to manufacture, store, test and distribute all preclinical development and clinical supplies of its drug candidates, and the Company plans to continue to do so for the foreseeable future. Currently, the Company has a single source of preclinical or clinical supplies for each of its drug candidates. A delay or inability to obtain such supply could have an adverse effect on the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations.

### Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update 2014-09 (ASU 2014-09), Revenue from Contracts with Customers. ASU 2014-09 supersedes the revenue recognition requirements in Revenue Recognition (Topic 605), and requires entities to recognize revenue in a way that depicts the transfer of promised goods and services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled to in exchange for those goods or services. ASU 2014-09 is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017, including interim periods within that reporting period, which for the Company is January 1, 2018. Early adoption is permitted after January 1, 2017. The standard permits the use of either retrospective or cumulative effect transition method. The Company is evaluating the impact the adoption of ASU 2014-09 will have on its consolidated financial statements. The Company has not yet selected a transition method nor has it determined the effect of the standard on its ongoing financial reporting.

In February 2016, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update 2016-02 (ASU 2016-02), Leases (ASC Topic 842), which will require lessees to recognize assets and liabilities for leases with lease terms of more than 12 months. Consistent with current GAAP, the recognition, measurement, and presentation of expenses and cash flows arising from a lease by a lessee primarily will depend on its classification as a finance or operating lease. However, unlike current GAAP, which requires only capital leases to be recognized on the balance sheet, the new guidance will require both types of leases to be recognized on the balance sheet. ASU 2016-02 is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2018, and interim periods within those years. Early adoption is permitted for all entities. The standard requires that entities use a modified retrospective approach for leases that exist or are entered into after the beginning of the earliest comparative period in the financial statements. Entities have the option to use certain relief. Full retrospective application is prohibited. The Company is evaluating the impact the adoption of ASU 2016-02 will have on its consolidated financial statements.

In March 2016, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update 2016-09 (ASU 2016-09), Improvements to Employee Share-Based Payment Accounting. Under the new guidance, additional paid-in capital pools will be eliminated and entities will be required to recognize the income tax effects of share-based awards in the income statement when

share-based awards vest or are settled. ASU 2016-09 also changes the classification of excess tax benefits on the statement of cash flows. It also will allow an employer to repurchase more of an employee's shares than it can currently for tax withholding purposes without triggering liability accounting and to make a policy election to either account for forfeitures as they occur or to continue the current practice of estimating forfeitures at the time of grant. ASU 2016-09 is effective prospectively for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2016, and interim periods within those years. Early adoption is permitted, but all of the guidance must be adopted in the same period. The Company is evaluating the impact the adoption of ASU 2016-09 will have on its consolidated financial statements.

In August 2016, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update 2016-15 (ASU 2016-15), Statement of Cash Flows - Classification of Certain Cash Receipts and Cash Payments, which clarifies existing guidance related to accounting for cash receipts and cash payments and classification of statement of cash flow. This guidance is effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those years, beginning after December 15, 2017, and early adoption is permitted. The Company is evaluating the impact the adoption of ASU 2016-15 will have on its consolidated financial statements.

### 3. Fair Value Measurements

The Company measures certain financial assets and liabilities at fair value on a recurring basis, including cash equivalents. Fair value is an exit price, representing the amount that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants. As such, fair value is a market-based measurement that should be determined based on assumptions that market participants would use in pricing an asset or a liability. A three-tier fair value hierarchy is established as a basis for considering such assumptions and for inputs used in the valuation methodologies in measuring fair value:

Level 1 — Observable inputs such as quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets.

Include other inputs that are based upon quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active, and model-based valuation techniques for

Level 2 which all significant inputs are observable in the market or can be derived from observable market data.

Where applicable, these models project future cash flows and discount the future amounts to a present value using market-based observable inputs including interest rate curves, foreign exchange rates, and credit ratings.

Level 3 Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activities, which would require the Company to develop its own assumptions.

The fair value hierarchy also requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs when measuring fair value. The carrying amounts of certain financial instruments, such as cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, approximate fair value due to their relatively short maturities, and low market interest rates, if applicable.

Based on the fair value hierarchy, the Company classifies its cash equivalents within Level 1. This is because the Company values its cash equivalents using quoted market prices. The Company's Level 1 securities consist of \$361.5 million and \$320.5 million in money market funds included in cash and cash equivalents at September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively.

### 4. Composition of Certain Balance Sheet Items

Property and Equipment, net

Property and equipment, net consisted of the following (in thousands):

	September 30, 2016	December 31, 2015
Machinery and equipment	\$ 8,090	\$ 6,210
Leasehold improvements	2,770	2,828
Purchased computer software	313	167
Construction-in-progress build-to-suit	47,409	—
	58,582	9,205
Less: accumulated depreciation and amortization	(6,844 )	(5,343 )
Property and equipment, net	\$ 51,738	\$ 3,862

Depreciation expense was \$0.8 million and \$1.5 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, respectively, compared to \$0.2 million and \$0.6 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, respectively.





## Other Current Liabilities

Other current liabilities consisted of the following (in thousands):

	September 30, 2016	December 31, 2015
Payroll and related expenses	\$ 5,615	\$ 3,774
Professional services	819	325
Deferred rent	336	284
Other	1,481	520
Other current liabilities	\$ 8,251	\$ 4,903

## 5. Net income (loss) Per Ordinary Share

Basic net income (loss) per ordinary share is calculated by dividing net income (loss) by the weighted-average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the period. Shares used in diluted net income per ordinary share would include the dilutive effect of ordinary shares potentially issuable upon the exercise of stock options outstanding. However, potentially issuable ordinary shares are not used in computing diluted net loss per ordinary share as their effect would be anti-dilutive due to the loss recorded during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, and therefore diluted net loss per share is equal to basic net loss per share.

Net loss per ordinary share was determined as follows (in thousands, except per share amounts):

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2016		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015	
Numerator:				
Net loss	\$(43,239)	\$(22,976)	\$(111,205)	\$(56,455)
Denominator:				
Weighted-average ordinary shares outstanding	34,413	31,441	34,266	29,893
Net loss per share:				
Basic and diluted net loss per share	\$(1.26 )	\$(0.73 )	\$(3.25 )	\$(1.89 )

The equivalent ordinary shares not included in diluted net loss per share because their effect would be anti-dilutive are as follows (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2016		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015	
Stock options to purchase ordinary shares	4,170	3,306	4,170	3,306

## 6. Build-to-Suit Lease

In March 2016, the Company entered into a noncancelable operating sublease (the "Lease") to lease 128,751 square feet of office and laboratory space in South San Francisco, California (the "New Facility"). Subsequently, in April 2016, the Company took possession of the New Facility. The Lease includes a free rent period and escalating rent payments and has a term that expires on December 31, 2023, unless terminated earlier. The Lease provides that the Company's obligation to pay rent shall commence on the earlier of (i) the date that certain improvements to the New Facility are completed and (ii) August 1, 2016. The Company is obligated to make lease payments totaling approximately \$39.2 million over the lease term. The Lease further provides that the Company is obligated to pay to the sublandlord and

master landlord certain costs, including taxes and operating expenses.

In connection with this Lease, the Company is entitled to a tenant improvement allowance of up to \$14.2 million from the sublandlord and the master landlord, for the costs associated with the design, development and construction of tenant improvements for the New Facility. The Company is obligated to fund all costs incurred in excess of the tenant improvement allowance. The

8

---

scope of the planned tenant improvements do not qualify as “normal tenant improvements” under the lease accounting guidance. Accordingly, for accounting purposes, we have concluded the Company is the deemed owner of the building during the construction period. In connection with the Company’s accounting for this transaction, the Company capitalized \$36.0 million within property and equipment, net, including \$0.7 million for capitalized interest and recognized a corresponding build-to-suit obligation in other non-current liabilities in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets as of September 30, 2016. The Company has also recognized structural and non-structural tenant improvements totaling \$8.5 million and \$11.4 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 as an addition to the build-to-suit lease property for amounts incurred by the Company during the construction period, of which \$2.8 million were reimbursed by the landlord during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 through the tenant improvement allowance. The Company will increase the asset as additional building costs are incurred and increase the financing obligation as additional building costs reimbursements are received from the landlord during the construction period. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, we recorded rent expense associated with the ground lease of \$0.1 million and \$0.2 million, respectively in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations. Total interest, which represents the cost of financing obligation under the Lease agreement, was \$0.6 million and \$1.3 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, respectively, of which 0.2 million and \$0.6 million was recognized within the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations.

The Company obtained a standby letter of credit in April 2016 in the initial amount of \$4.1 million, which may be drawn down by the sublandlord in the event the Company fails to fully and faithfully perform all of its obligations under the Lease and to compensate the sublandlord for all losses and damages the sublandlord may suffer as a result of the occurrence of any default on the part of Company not cured within the applicable cure period. This standby letter of credit is collateralized by a certificate of deposit of the same amount which is classified as restricted cash.

## 7. Commitments and Contingencies

### Lease Commitments

The Company currently leases 50,400 square feet of office and research and development space located South San Francisco, California (the “Current Facility”), which lease expires on November 30, 2020. The operating lease for the Current Facility has an estimated annual rent payment of approximately \$2.1 million.

In December 2014, the Company entered into a noncancelable operating sublease (the "Sublease") with a third party to sublease a portion of its Current Facility to that party. This Sublease has a three-year term which commenced in January 2015, with options to extend for another year. The Company recognized a loss of \$0.4 million in the three months ended March 31, 2015 for the cash difference between the total payments associated with the Sublease, including executory costs, and the amount of Sublease rental receipts over the Sublease term. The Company expects to receive future minimum payments from this Sublease of \$0.1 million and \$0.3 million in 2016 and 2017, respectively, which is an offset to the lease payments below.

In August 2015, the Company entered into an agreement to lease 6,258 square feet of office space in Dublin, Ireland. This lease has a term of 10 years from commencement and provides for an option to terminate the lease at the end of the fifth year of the term. It is also subject to a rent review every five years. As a result of this noncancelable operating lease, the Company is obligated to make lease payments totaling approximately €2.0 million, or \$2.3 million as converted using exchange rate as of September 30, 2016, over the term of the lease, assuming current lease payments. Of this obligation, approximately \$2.1 million remain outstanding as of September 30, 2016.

Future minimum payments under noncancelable operating leases and future minimum rentals to be received under the Sublease as of September 30, 2016, are as follows (in thousands):

Year Ended December 31,	Operating Sublease	
	Lease	Rental
2016 (three months)	\$ 552	\$(131 )
2017	2,249	(316 )
2018	2,328	—

Edgar Filing: Prothena Corp plc - Form 10-Q

2019	2,412	—
2020	2,289	—
Thereafter	1,083	—
Total	\$ 10,913	\$ (447 )

9

---

The Company recognizes rent expense on a straight-line basis over the noncancelable lease term and records the difference between cash rent payments and the recognition of rent expense as a deferred rent liability. Where leases contain escalation clauses, rent abatements, and/or concessions, such as rent holidays and landlord or tenant incentives or allowances, the Company applies them in the determination of straight-line rent expense over the lease term. The Company records the tenant improvement allowance as deferred rent and associated expenditures as leasehold improvements that are being amortized over the shorter of their estimated useful life or the term of the lease. The Company records payments received from the Sublease as offset against the current period rent expense.

In June 2016, in connection with the Company's intent to vacate the Current Facility in December 2016, the Company accelerated depreciation related to the leasehold improvements and certain assets that are expected to remain at the Current Facility. The incremental depreciation associated with acceleration of the useful life was \$0.6 million and \$0.7 million, respectively, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016.

In July 2016, the Company, entered into an Agreement to Assign Lease (the "Assignment Agreement") with Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp. ("Merck"), a wholly owned subsidiary of Merck & Co., Inc., under which the Company agreed to assign to Merck, and Merck agreed to assume from the Company, all of the Company's right, title and interest as tenant in the lease for the Current Facility.

In July 2016, the Company, Merck, and the landlord entered into a Consent to Assignment and Amendment to Lease, effective as of July 5, 2016, pursuant to which the landlord consented to the Assignment Agreement and the assignment by the Company and the assumption by Merck of the Company's interest as tenant in the lease contemplated thereby (the "Assignment"), and agreed to release (a) the Company from all of its obligations as tenant under the lease and (b) the Company from all of its obligations as guarantor under that certain Guaranty of Lease dated as of December 21, 2012, in each case that accrue after the Assignment. The Company will account for the assignment when it occurs.

Under the Assignment Agreement, Merck will pay to the Company the amount of \$500,000 as consideration for the assignment of the Company's interest as tenant in the lease and the amount of \$100,000 as consideration for the Company's transfer to Merck of certain furniture, fixtures and equipment located at the Current Facility. Under the Assignment Agreement, the Assignment will occur five (5) business days after the date when the Company provides written notice to Merck that the Company has vacated and decommissioned the Current Facility and certain other customary conditions are satisfied. The Company intends to vacate the Current Facility when it completes construction at the New Facility.

The Assignment Agreement may be terminated by either party if the Assignment does not occur by April 30, 2017, although Merck may extend such date for an additional six (6) months upon notice to the Company. The Assignment Agreement will terminate on October 30, 2017 if the Assignment has not occurred on or before that date.

In March 2016, the Company entered into a noncancelable operating sublease in South San Francisco, California (the "New Facility"). The Company is considered the "accounting owner" of the New Facility as a build-to-suit property and has recorded a build-to-suit lease obligation on its consolidated balance sheet. Additional information regarding the build-to-suit lease is included in Note 6. "Build-To-Suit Lease." Future minimum payments under build-to-suit lease obligation as of September 30, 2016, are as follows (in thousands):

	Expected
	Cash
	Payments
Year Ended December 31,	Under
	Build-To-Suit
	Lease
	Obligation
2016 (three months)	\$ —

Edgar Filing: Prothena Corp plc - Form 10-Q

2017	3,275
2018	4,915
2019	5,803
2020	5,979
Thereafter	19,050
Total	\$ 39,022

Other Commitments

In the normal course of business, the Company enters into various firm purchase commitments primarily related to research and development activities. As of September 30, 2016, the Company had non-cancelable purchase commitments to suppliers for

\$21.6 million of which \$10.1 million is included in accrued current liabilities, and contractual obligations under license agreements of \$1.6 million of which \$0.1 million is included in accrued current liabilities. The following is a summary of the Company's non-cancelable purchase commitments and contractual obligations as of September 30, 2016 (in thousands):

	Total	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Thereafter
Purchase Obligations	\$21,559	\$21,217	\$144	\$107	\$59	\$32	\$ —
Contractual obligations under license agreements <sup>(1)</sup>	1,590	140	130	130	130	100	960
Total	\$23,149	\$21,357	\$274	\$237	\$189	\$132	\$ 960

<sup>(1)</sup> Excludes future obligations pursuant to the cost-sharing arrangement under the Company's License Agreement with Roche. Amounts of such obligations, if any, cannot be determined at this time.

#### 8. Roche License Agreement

In December 2013, the Company entered into the License Agreement with Roche to develop and commercialize certain antibodies that target -synuclein, including PRX002. The License Agreement was evaluated under ASC 605-25, "Multiple Element Arrangements". Under this License Agreement, the Company recognizes research reimbursement as collaboration revenue as earned. The Company recognized \$0.3 million and \$0.9 million as collaboration revenue for research reimbursement from Roche for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, respectively, as compared to \$0.4 million and \$1.1 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, respectively. Cost sharing payments to Roche are recorded as R&D expenses. The Company recognized \$1.0 million and \$2.4 million in R&D expenses for payments made to Roche during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, respectively, as compared to \$0.8 million and \$2.2 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, respectively. Reimbursement for development costs from Roche under the cost-sharing arrangement were allocated between license revenue and an offset to R&D expenses based on the relative selling price method until the full allocated consideration of \$35.6 million was recognized as license revenue, after which the full reimbursement is recorded as an offset to R&D expenses. In the year ended December 31, 2015, the Company reached the full allocated consideration of \$35.6 million recognized as license revenue; accordingly, future development revenue will be recorded as an offset to R&D expenses. Reimbursement for development costs from Roche during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 were \$1.1 million and \$3.0 million, respectively, of which \$nil and \$nil, was recognized as collaboration license revenue and \$1.1 million and \$3.0 million, respectively, were recognized as an offset to R&D expenses. Reimbursement for development costs from Roche during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 were \$1.2 million and \$4.2 million, respectively, of which \$nil and \$0.2 million, respectively, were recognized as collaboration license revenue and \$1.2 million and \$4.0 million, respectively, were recognized as an offset to R&D expenses.

The License Agreement provides that Roche would make an upfront payment to the Company of \$30.0 million, which was received in February 2014, and the clinical milestone payment of \$15.0 million triggered by the initiation of the Phase 1 study for PRX002 in the clinic, which was received in May 2014. The Company recognized the \$30.0 million upfront payment from Roche as collaboration license revenue in 2014 and concluded that the \$15.0 million clinical milestone is consistent with the definition of a substantive milestone included in ASU No. 2010-17, "Milestone Method of Revenue Recognition". Factors considered in this determination included scientific and regulatory risk that must be overcome to achieve each milestone, the level of effort and investment required to achieve the milestone, and the monetary value attributed to the milestone.

Accordingly, the Company recognized payments related to the achievement of this milestone when the milestone was achieved. The milestone payment was allocated to the units of accounting based on the relative selling price method for income statement classification purposes. The Company did not achieve any of the clinical and regulatory milestones under the License Agreement during the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015.

#### 9. Shareholders' Equity

##### Ordinary Shares

Edgar Filing: Prothena Corp plc - Form 10-Q

As of September 30, 2016, the Company had 100,000,000 ordinary shares authorized for issuance with a par value of \$0.01 per ordinary share and 34,456,309 ordinary shares issued and outstanding. Each ordinary share is entitled to one vote and, on a pro rata basis, to dividends when declared and the remaining assets of the Company in the event of a winding up.

11

---



#### Euro Deferred Shares

As of September 30, 2016, the Company had 10,000 Euro Deferred Shares authorized for issuance with a nominal value of €22 per share. No Euro Deferred Shares are outstanding at September 30, 2016. The rights and restrictions attaching to the Euro Deferred Shares rank pari passu with the ordinary shares and are treated as a single class in all respects.

#### January 2016 Offering

In January 2016, the Company completed an underwritten public offering of an aggregate of 2,587,500 of its ordinary shares at a public offering price of \$53.00 per ordinary share. The Company received aggregate net proceeds of approximately \$128.6 million, after deducting the underwriting discount and estimated offering costs.

#### 10. Share-Based Compensation

##### Amended and Restated 2012 Long Term Incentive Plan ("LTIP")

Employees and consultants of the Company, its subsidiaries and affiliates, as well as members of the Board, are eligible to receive equity awards under the LTIP. The LTIP provides for the grant of stock options, including incentive stock options and nonqualified stock options, stock appreciation rights ("SARS"), restricted shares, restricted share units ("RSUs"), cash or stock-based performance awards and other share-based awards to eligible individuals. Options under the LTIP may be granted for periods up to ten years. All options issued to date have had a ten year life.

The Company granted 132,500 and 1,252,975 share options during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, respectively, and 157,500 and 1,083,050 share options during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, respectively, under the LTIP. The Company's option awards generally vest over four years. In May 2016, the Company's shareholders approved an increase of 1,850,000 additional ordinary shares authorized for issuance under the LTIP. The aggregate number of ordinary shares authorized for issuance under the LTIP is 7,400,000 ordinary shares, and as of September 30, 2016, 2,475,187 ordinary shares remain available for grant and options to purchase 4,169,765 ordinary shares granted from the LTIP were outstanding with a weighted-average exercise price of approximately \$25.66 per share.

##### Share-based Compensation Expense

The Company estimates the fair value of share-based compensation on the date of grant using an option-pricing model. The Company uses the Black-Scholes model to value share-based compensation, excluding RSUs, which the Company values using the fair market value of its ordinary shares on the date of grant. The Black-Scholes option-pricing model determines the fair value of share-based payment awards based on the share price on the date of grant and is affected by assumptions regarding a number of complex and subjective variables. These variables include, but are not limited to, the Company's share price, volatility over the expected life of the awards and actual and projected employee stock option exercise behaviors. Since the Company does not have sufficient historical employee share option exercise data, the simplified method has been used to estimate the expected life of all options. The expected volatility was based on a combination of historical volatility for the Company's stock and the historical volatilities of several of the Company's publicly traded comparable companies. Although the fair value of share options granted by the Company is estimated by the Black-Scholes model, the estimated fair value may not be indicative of the fair value observed in a willing buyer and seller market transaction.

As share-based compensation expense recognized in the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements is based on awards ultimately expected to vest, it has been reduced for estimated forfeitures. Forfeitures are estimated at the time of grant and revised, if necessary, in subsequent periods if actual forfeitures differ from estimates. Forfeitures were estimated based on estimated future turnover and historical experience.

Share-based compensation expense will continue to have an adverse impact on the Company's results of operations, although it will have no impact on its overall financial position. The amount of unearned share-based compensation currently estimated to be expensed from now through the year 2019 related to unvested share-based payment awards at September 30, 2016 is \$39.1 million. The weighted-average period over which the unearned share-based compensation is expected to be recognized is 2.63 years. If there are any modifications or cancellations of the underlying unvested securities, the Company may be required to accelerate and/or increase any remaining unearned share-based compensation expense. Future share-based compensation expense and unearned share-based compensation will increase to the extent that the Company grants additional equity awards.

Share-based compensation expense recorded in these Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015 was based on awards granted under the LTIP. The following table summarizes share-based compensation expense for the periods presented (in thousands):

12

---

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Research and development <sup>(1)</sup>	1,990	\$1,220	\$5,227	\$2,953
General and administrative <sup>(2)</sup>	9,458	1,797	14,491	4,183
Total share-based compensation expense	\$11,448	\$3,017	\$19,718	\$7,136

Includes \$nil and \$nil for the three months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively, and \$nil and \$42,000<sup>(1)</sup> for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively, of share-based compensation expense related to options granted to a consultant.

Includes \$6.5 million and nil for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively, of<sup>(2)</sup> share-based compensation expense related to the accelerated vesting of stock options to the Company's former CEO upon his death.

The fair value of the options granted to employees and non-employee directors during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015 was estimated as of the grant date using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model assuming the weighted-average assumptions listed in the following table:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Expected volatility	75.2%	77.0%	74.9%	76.2%
Risk-free interest rate	1.3%	1.8%	1.4%	1.8%
Expected dividend yield	—%	—%	—%	—%
Expected life (in years)	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
Weighted average grant date fair value	\$32.50	\$40.05	\$24.47	\$22.52

The fair value of employee stock options is being amortized on a straight-line basis over the requisite service period for each award. Each of the inputs discussed above is subjective and generally requires significant management judgment to determine.

The following table summarizes the Company's share option activity during the nine months ended September 30, 2016:

	Options	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Term (years)	Aggregate Intrinsic Value (in thousands)
Outstanding at December 31, 2015	3,142,364	\$ 21.36	8.14	\$ 146,917
Granted	1,252,975	37.31		
Exercised	(124,707 )	19.83		
Canceled	(100,867 )	43.53		
Outstanding at September 30, 2016	4,169,765	\$ 25.66	6.66	\$ 143,621
Vested and expected to vest at September 30, 2016	3,721,265	\$ 24.39	6.38	\$ 132,851
Vested at September 30, 2016	2,255,642	\$ 18.52	4.85	\$ 93,656

During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, the total intrinsic value of options exercised was \$2.7 million and \$4.1 million, respectively, and \$7.0 million and \$12.8 million during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, respectively, determined as of the date of exercise.

## 11. Income Taxes

The major taxing jurisdictions for the Company are Ireland and the U.S. The Company's income tax provision was \$421,000 and \$791,000 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, respectively, and \$238,000 and \$699,000 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, respectively. The provision for income taxes differs from the statutory tax rate of

12.5% applicable to Ireland primarily due to Irish net operating losses for which a tax provision benefit is not recognized and due to U.S. income taxed at different rates. The income tax provision reflects the estimate of the effective tax rate expected to be applicable for the full year and the Company re-evaluates this estimate each quarter based on its forecasted tax expense for the full year. Jurisdictions with a projected loss for the year where no tax benefit can be recognized are excluded from the estimated annual effective tax rate.

The Company's deferred tax assets are composed primarily of its Irish subsidiaries' net operating loss carryovers, state net operating loss carryforwards available to reduce future taxable income of the Company's U.S. subsidiary, federal and California research and development credit carryforward, shared-based compensation and other temporary differences. The Company maintains a valuation allowance against certain U.S. federal and state and Irish deferred tax assets. Each reporting period, the Company evaluates the need for a valuation allowance on its deferred tax assets by jurisdiction.

No provision for income tax in Ireland has been recognized on undistributed earnings of the Company's U.S. subsidiary because the Company considers such earnings to be indefinitely reinvested.

## ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, including this Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. These statements relate to, among other things, our strategy; our ability to rapidly assess biological activity of PRX003 in our Phase 1b clinical study; our plan to advance PRX003 into a Phase 2 clinical study; research and development ("R&D") and general and administrative ("G&A") expenses in 2016; and the sufficiency of our cash and cash equivalents. Forward-looking statements may include words such as "aim," "anticipate," "assume," "believe," "contemplate," "continue," "could," "due," "estimate," "expect," "goal," "intend," "may," "objective" "potential," "positioned," "seek," "should," "target," "will," "would," and other similar expressions that are predictions of or in future events and future trends, or the negative of these terms or other comparable terminology. Forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties, and actual events or results may differ materially. Factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially include, but are not limited to, the risks and uncertainties listed below as well as those discussed under "Risk Factors" in this Form 10-Q.

- our ability to obtain additional financing in future offerings;
- our operating losses;
- our ability to successfully complete research and development of our drug candidates;
- our ability to develop, manufacture and commercialize products;
- our collaboration with Roche pursuant to the License Agreement;
- our ability to protect our patents and other intellectual property;
- our ability to hire and retain key employees;
- tax treatment of our separation from Elan and subsequent distribution of our ordinary shares;
- our ability to maintain financial flexibility and sufficient cash, cash equivalents, and investments and other assets capable of being monetized to meet our liquidity requirements;
- potential disruptions in the U.S. and global capital and credit markets;
- government regulation of our industry;
- the volatility of our ordinary share price;
- business disruptions; and
- the other risks and uncertainties described in the "Risk Factors" section of this Form 10-Q.

We undertake no obligation to revise or update any forward-looking statements to reflect any event or circumstance that arises after the date of this report.

This discussion should be read in conjunction with the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes presented in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and the Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on February 25, 2016 (the "2015 Form 10-K").

### Overview

Prothena Corporation plc is a global, late-stage clinical biotechnology company seeking to fundamentally change the course of progressive diseases with its pipeline of novel therapeutic antibodies. Fueled by its deep scientific understanding built over decades of research in protein misfolding and cell adhesion – the root causes of many serious or currently untreatable amyloid and inflammatory diseases – Prothena has advanced several drug candidates into clinical trials while pursuing discovery of additional novel therapies.

Our pipeline of antibody-based product candidates target a number of potential indications including AL amyloidosis (NEOD001), Parkinson's disease and other related synucleinopathies (PRX002), inflammatory diseases including psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis (PRX003) and ATTR amyloidosis (PRX004).

We are a public limited company formed under the laws of Ireland. We separated from Elan Corporation, plc ("Elan") on December 20, 2012. After the separation from Elan, and the related distribution of the Company's ordinary shares to Elan's



shareholders, our ordinary shares began trading on The Nasdaq Global Market under the symbol "PRTA" on December 21, 2012 and currently trade on The Nasdaq Global Select Market.

#### Recent Developments

##### NEOD001 for AL Amyloidosis

NEOD001 is a monoclonal antibody that targets circulating misfolded soluble light chain and deposited insoluble amyloid for the potential treatment of AL amyloidosis.

In July 2016, new clinical data from the NEOD001 Phase 1/2 dose-escalation and expansion study was presented at the 15<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Amyloidosis (ISA) demonstrating improvements in three organ systems in previously-treated patients with AL amyloidosis. These new interim data from the Phase 1/2 study as of May 9, 2016, demonstrated best response rates from total cardiac- (n=36) and renal- (n=35) evaluable patients of 53% and 63%, respectively, that are consistent with the interim analysis from the dose-escalation phase published February 2016 in the Journal of Clinical Oncology (Gertz, et al, 2016). NEOD001-treated patients also demonstrated improvement of peripheral neuropathy, evidenced by a mean 35% decrease in the NIS-LL in the expansion cohort (n=11), leading to an 82% response rate. The Phase 1/2 study (N=69) consisted of previously-treated patients with AL amyloidosis and persistent organ dysfunction who received a mean of 2.5 prior lines of plasma cell directed therapy. NEOD001 continued to be safe and well tolerated, with study participants having received more than 900 monthly infusions with a mean treatment duration of 13.2 months.

In August 2016, we published a study in the journal Amyloid that further supports NEOD001's proposed mechanism of action and features preclinical data demonstrating the binding and phagocytosis clearance properties of NEOD001 and the related murine form of the antibody in tissue samples from multiple organs of patients with AL amyloidosis.

##### PRX003 for Inflammatory Diseases Including Psoriasis and Psoriatic Arthritis

PRX003 is a monoclonal antibody that targets CD146, also known as melanoma cell adhesion molecule (MCAM), for the potential treatment of inflammatory diseases, including psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis.

In September 2016, we announced plans to advance a Phase 2 clinical study of PRX003 in patients with psoriatic arthritis. PRX003 targets CD146, a cellular adhesion molecule expressed on the surface of Th17 cells, and is designed to block pro-inflammatory Th17 cells from infiltrating into tissue and releasing multiple cytokines that contribute to inflammatory disease pathology in psoriatic arthritis.

We recently initiated a double-blind, placebo-controlled Phase 1b multiple ascending dose study of PRX003 in patients with psoriasis. Because of the visual, defined nature of psoriasis, we expect to be able to rapidly assess the biological activity of PRX003 and establish a clinical foundation to inform the strategic clinical development pathway for psoriasis and/or other inflammatory indications. Prothena's plans to advance a Phase 2 clinical study of PRX003 in psoriatic arthritis, will be based on certain pre-specified criteria being met in an ongoing Phase 1b proof-of-biology study in patients with psoriasis.

#### Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

Management's discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations is based on our condensed consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. ("GAAP"). The preparation of these condensed consolidated financial statements requires us to make estimates and assumptions for the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues, expenses and related disclosures.



Except as noted below, there were no significant changes to our critical accounting policies and estimates during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 from the critical accounting policies and estimates disclosed in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations in our 2015 Form 10-K.

#### Build-to-Suit Lease Accounting

In certain lease arrangements, we are involved in the construction of the building. To the extent we are involved with structural improvements of the construction project or take construction risk prior to the commencement of a lease, Financial Accounting Standards Board, or FASB, Accounting Standards Codification, or ASC, 840-40, "Leases – Sale-Leaseback Transactions (Subsection 05-5)", requires us to be considered the owner for accounting purposes of these types of projects during the construction period. Therefore, we record an asset in property and equipment, net on the consolidated balance sheets, including capitalized

interest costs, for the replacement cost of the pre-existing building plus the amount of estimated construction costs and tenant improvements incurred by the landlord and us as of the balance sheet date. We record a corresponding build-to-suit lease obligation on our consolidated balance sheets representing the amounts paid by the lessor. Once construction is complete, we consider the requirements for sale-leaseback accounting treatment, including evaluating whether all risks of ownership have been transferred back to the landlord, as evidenced by a lack of continuing involvement in the leased property. If the arrangement does not qualify for sale-leaseback accounting treatment, the building asset remains on our consolidated balance sheets at its historical cost, and such asset is depreciated over its estimated useful life of 30 years. We bifurcate our lease payments into a portion allocated to the building, and a portion allocated to the parcel of land on which the building has been built. The portion of the lease payments allocated to the land are treated for accounting purposes as operating lease payments, and therefore recorded as rent expense in the consolidated statements of operations. The portion of the lease payments allocated to the building is further bifurcated into a portion allocated to interest expense and a portion allocated to reduce the build-to-suit lease obligation.

The interest rate used for the build-to-suit lease obligation represents our estimated incremental borrowing rate, adjusted to reduce any built in loss.

The initial recording of these assets and liabilities is classified as non-cash investing and financing items, respectively, for purposes of the consolidated statements of cash flows.

The most significant estimates used by management in accounting for build-to-suit leases and the impact of these estimates are as follows:

**Expected lease term-** Our expected lease term includes the contractual lease period. The expected lease term is used in determining the depreciable life of the asset or the straight-line rent recognition period for the portion of the lease payment allocable to the land component.

**Incremental borrowing rate-** We estimate our incremental borrowing rate. For build-to-suit leases recorded on our consolidated balance sheet with a related build-to-suit lease obligation, the incremental borrowing rate is used in allocating our rental payments between interest expense and a reduction of the outstanding build-to-suit lease obligation.

**Fair market value of leased asset-** The fair market value of a build-to-suit lease property is based on replacement cost of the pre-construction shell and comparable market data. Fair market value is used in determining the amount of the property asset and related build-to-suit lease obligation to be recognized on our consolidated balance sheet for build-to-suit leases.

#### Recent Accounting Pronouncements

Except as described in Note 2 to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements under the heading “Recent Accounting Pronouncements”, there have been no new accounting pronouncements or changes to accounting pronouncements during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, as compared to the recent accounting pronouncements described in our 2015 Form 10-K, that are of significance or potential significance to us.

#### Results of Operations

##### Comparison of Three and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016 and 2015

##### Revenue

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2016	2015	Percentage Change
Collaboration revenue	\$286	\$429	(33)%
Total revenue	\$286	\$429	(33)%

(Dollars in  
thousands)

Edgar Filing: Prothena Corp plc - Form 10-Q

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016	2015	Percentage Change
Collaboration revenue	\$884	\$1,300	(32)%
Total revenue	\$884	\$1,300	(32)%

17

---

Total revenue for the three months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015 was \$0.3 million and \$0.4 million, respectively, and was \$0.9 million and \$1.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

Collaboration revenue includes reimbursements under our License Agreement with Roche, which became effective January 2014. The portion of the amounts recognized as collaboration revenue for the milestone and the development reimbursements were based on the relative selling price method in applying multiple element accounting. See Note 7 to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements regarding "Roche License Agreement" for more information. Collaboration revenue for the three months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015 consisted of reimbursement for research services of \$0.3 million and \$0.4 million, respectively.

Collaboration revenue for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 consisted of reimbursement for research services of \$0.9 million. Conversely, collaboration revenue for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 consisted of the following amounts: reimbursement for research services of \$1.1 million, and reimbursement for development costs of \$4.2 million (of which \$0.2 million was recognized as collaboration license revenue and \$4.0 million was recognized as a reduction in research and development expenses).

#### Operating Expenses

	Three Months		Percentage	
	Ended		Change	
	September 30,			
	2016	2015		
	(Dollars in thousands)			
Research and development	\$26,838	\$17,185	56	%
General and administrative	16,136	5,905	173	%
Total operating expenses	\$42,974	\$23,090	86	%
	Nine Months		Percentage	
	Ended		Change	
	September 30,			
	2016	2015		
	(Dollars in thousands)			
Research and development	\$79,690	\$40,549	97	%
General and administrative	31,452	16,476	91	%
Total operating expenses	\$111,142	\$57,025	95	%

Total operating expenses consist of research and development ("R&D") expenses and general and administrative ("G&A") expenses. Our operating expenses for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 were \$43.0 million and \$111.1 million, respectively, and for three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 were \$23.1 million and \$57.0 million, respectively.

Our R&D expenses primarily consist of personnel costs and related expenses, including share-based compensation, external costs associated with preclinical activities and drug development related to our drug programs, including NEOD001, PRX002, PRX003, PRX004 and our discovery programs. Pursuant to our License Agreement with Roche, we make payments to Roche for our share of the development expenses incurred by Roche related to PRX002 program, which is included in our R&D expense. We recorded reimbursements from Roche for development and supply services based on the relative percentages as an offset to R&D expense.

Our G&A expenses primarily consist of professional service expenses and personnel costs and related expenses, including share-based compensation.

#### Research and Development Expenses

Our R&D expenses increased by \$9.7 million, or 56%, for the three months ended September 30, 2016, and increased by \$39.1 million, or 97%, for the nine months ended September 30, 2016, compared to the same periods in the prior year. The increase for the three months ended September 30, 2016 compared to the same period in the prior year was

primarily due to an increase in external expenses for product manufacturing primarily related to NEOD001 and to a lesser extent PRX004 and PRX003, higher personnel costs including share-based compensation expenses and higher external expenses for clinical trial costs associated with the NEOD001 program. The increase for the nine months ended September 30, 2016

compared to the same period in the prior year was primarily due to an increase in external expenses for product manufacturing primarily related to NEOD001 and PRX004 and higher external expenses related to clinical trial costs associated with the NEOD001 program and to a lesser extent PRX003, higher personnel costs including share-based compensation expenses and higher consulting costs.

Our research activities are aimed at developing new drug products. Our development activities involve the translation of our research into potential new drugs. R&D expenses include personnel costs and related expenses, external expenses associated with preclinical and drug development, materials, equipment and facilities costs that are allocated to clearly related R&D activities.

The following table sets forth the R&D expenses for our major programs (specifically, any program with successful first dosing in a Phase 1 clinical trial, which were NEOD001, PRX002 and PRX003) and other R&D expenses for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, and the cumulative amounts to date (in thousands):

	Three Months		Nine Months		Cumulative to Date
	Ended September 30, 2016	2015	Ended September 30, 2016	2015	
NEOD001 <sup>(1)</sup>	\$17,640	\$10,762	\$53,253	\$23,077	\$122,564
PRX002 <sup>(2)</sup>	1,959	2,068	5,151	5,845	42,933
PRX003 <sup>(3)</sup>	3,423	2,342	8,490	6,110	42,795
Other R&D <sup>(4)</sup>	3,816	2,013	12,796	5,517	
	\$26,838	\$17,185	\$79,690	\$40,549	

Cumulative R&D costs to date for NEOD001 include the costs incurred from the date when the program has been separately tracked in preclinical development. Expenditures in the early discovery stage are not tracked by program and accordingly have been excluded from this cumulative amount.

Cumulative R&D costs to date for PRX002 and related antibodies include the costs incurred from the date when the program has been separately tracked in preclinical development. Expenditures in the early discovery stage are not tracked by program and accordingly have been excluded from this cumulative amount. PRX002 cost include payments to Roche for our share of the development expenses incurred by Roche related to PRX002 programs and is net of reimbursements from Roche for development and supply services recorded as an offset to R&D expense. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, \$1.1 million and \$3.0 million, respectively, and \$1.2 million and \$4.0 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, respectively, were recorded as an offset to R&D expenses.

Cumulative R&D costs to date for PRX003 include the costs incurred from the date when the program has been separately tracked in preclinical development. Expenditures in the early discovery stage are not tracked by program and accordingly have been excluded from this cumulative amount.

Other R&D is comprised of preclinical development and discovery programs that have not progressed to first patient dosing in a Phase 1 clinical trial.

We expect our R&D expenses to continue to increase in 2016 over the prior year primarily due to increased spending for the NEOD001 program in connection with the ongoing VITAL Phase 3 clinical trial and the PRONTO Phase 2b clinical trial, and to a lesser extent increased spending for our PRX004 preclinical program.

#### General and Administrative Expenses

Our G&A expenses increased by \$10.2 million, or 173%, and \$15.0 million, or 91%, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, respectively, compared to the same periods in the prior year, primarily due to higher personnel costs, including share-based compensation expenses (including \$7.7 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 of share-based compensation expense related to the accelerated vesting of stock options and payments due to our former CEO's estate upon his death).

We expect our G&A expenses to continue to increase in 2016 over the prior year in support of our anticipated R&D growth with increases in personnel, legal and other administrative expenses.



## Other Income (Expense)

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2016		2015		Percentage Change
	(Dollars in thousands)				
Interest income (expense), net	\$138	\$50	176		%
Other expense, net	(268)	(127)	111		%
Total Other Income (Expense)	\$(130)	\$(77)	69		%

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016		2015		Percentage Change
	(Dollars in thousands)				
Interest income (expense), net	\$405	\$116	249		%
Other expense, net	(561)	(147)	282		%
Total Other Income (Expense)	\$(156)	\$(31)	403		%

Interest income (expense), net increased by \$88,000, or 176%, and increased by \$289,000, or 249%, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, respectively. The increase for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 compared to the same period in the prior year was primarily due to higher balances in our cash and money market accounts offset in part by interest expense associated with the build-to-suit lease transaction. Other expense, net for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 were primarily due to foreign exchange losses from transactions with vendors denominated in Euros.

## Provision for Income Taxes

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2016		2015		Percentage Change
	(Dollars in thousands)				
Provision for income taxes	\$421	\$238	77		%

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016		2015		Percentage Change
	(Dollars in thousands)				
Provision for income taxes	\$791	\$699	13		%

The tax provisions were \$0.4 million and \$0.8 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, respectively, and \$0.2 million and \$0.7 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, respectively. The tax provisions for all periods presented reflect U.S. federal taxes associated with recurring profits attributable to



intercompany services that the Company's U.S. subsidiary performs for the Company. No tax benefit has been recorded related to tax losses recognized in Ireland and any deferred tax assets for those losses are offset by a valuation allowance.

## Liquidity and Capital Resources

## Overview

	September 30, 2016	December 31, 2015
Working capital	\$ 378,730	\$ 355,187
Cash and cash equivalents	408,574	370,586
Total assets	479,582	385,236
Total liabilities	78,482	24,567
Total shareholders' equity	401,100	360,669

Working capital was \$378.7 million as of September 30, 2016, an increase of \$23.5 million from working capital of \$355.2 million as of December 31, 2015. This increase in working capital during the nine months ended September 30, 2016 was principally attributable to a higher net cash and cash equivalents balance resulting from the net proceeds of \$128.6 million from our public offering in January 2016, partially offset by use of cash for operating expenses during the same period.

As of September 30, 2016, we had \$408.6 million in cash and cash equivalents. Although we believe, based on our current business plans, that our existing cash and cash equivalents will be sufficient to meet our obligations for at least the next twelve months, we anticipate that we will require additional capital in the future in order to continue the research and development of our drug candidates and preparation for commercialization. As of September 30, 2016, \$30.8 million of our outstanding cash and cash equivalents related to U.S. operations that management asserts was permanently reinvested. We do not intend to repatriate these funds. However, if these funds were repatriated back to Ireland we would incur a withholding tax from the dividend distribution.

We have based this estimate on assumptions that may prove to be wrong, and we could use our available capital resources sooner than we currently expect. Because of the numerous risks and uncertainties associated with the development and commercialization of our product candidates, we are unable to estimate the amounts of increased capital outlays and operating expenses associated with completing the development of our product candidates. Our future capital requirements will depend on numerous factors, including, without limitation, the timing of initiation, progress, results and costs of our clinical trials; the results of our research and preclinical studies; the costs of clinical manufacturing and of establishing commercial manufacturing arrangements; the costs of preparing, filing and prosecuting patent applications and maintaining, enforcing and defending intellectual property-related claims; the costs and timing of capital asset purchases; our ability to establish research collaborations, strategic collaborations, licensing or other arrangements; the costs to satisfy our obligations under current and potential future collaborations; and the timing, receipt, and amount of revenues or royalties, if any, from any approved drug candidates. Pursuant to the License Agreement with Roche, in the U.S., we and Roche share all development and commercialization costs, as well as profits, all of which will be allocated 70% to Roche and 30% to us, for PRX002 in the Parkinson's disease indication, as well as any other Licensed Products and/or indications for which we opt in to co-develop and co-fund. In order to develop and obtain regulatory approval for our potential products we will need to raise substantial additional funds. We expect to raise any such additional funds through public or private equity or debt financings, collaborative agreements with corporate partners or other arrangements. We cannot assume that such additional financings will be available on acceptable terms, if at all, and such financings may only be available on terms dilutive to our shareholders.

## Cash Flows for the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016 and 2015

The following table summarizes, for the periods indicated, selected items in our Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (in thousands):

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2016	2015
Net cash used in operating activities	\$(83,271)	\$(42,774)
Net cash used in investing activities	(13,553)	(397)

Edgar Filing: Prothena Corp plc - Form 10-Q

Net cash provided by financing activities	134,812	137,394
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	\$37,988	\$94,223

21

---

Cash Used in Operating Activities

Net cash used in operating activities was \$83.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2016, primarily due to use of \$111.1 million for operating expenses (adjusted to exclude non-cash charges), which was partially offset by an increase in accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

Net cash used in operating activities was \$42.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015, primarily due to use of \$57.0 million for operating expenses (adjusted to exclude non-cash charges) and increases in accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

Cash Used in Investing Activities

Net cash used in investing activities was \$13.6 million and \$397,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively. Net cash used in investing activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 related primarily to \$9.5 million of purchases of property and equipment and \$4.1 million restricted cash that collateralized the standby letter of credit related to the March 2016 sublease for our New Facility. Net cash used in investing activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 related to purchases of property and equipment.

Cash Provided by Financing Activities

Net cash provided by financing activities was \$134.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2016, primarily from the net proceeds of \$128.6 million from our January 2016 public offering, \$2.8 million from our landlord for tenant improvement allowance related to our build-to-suit lease, and \$3.2 million from issuance of common stock upon exercise of stock options and excess tax benefit from stock option exercises.

Net cash provided by financing activities was \$137.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015, primarily from net proceeds of \$131.5 million from our April 2015 public offering and from issuance of common stock upon exercise of stock options and excess tax benefit from stock option exercises.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

At September 30, 2016, we were not a party to any off-balance sheet arrangements that have, or are reasonably likely to have, a current or future effect on our financial condition, changes in financial condition, revenue or expenses, results of operations, liquidity, capital expenditures or capital resources.

Contractual Obligations

Our main contractual obligations as of September 30, 2016 consist of minimum cash payments under a build-to-suit lease obligation of \$39.0 million, operating leases of \$10.9 million, purchase obligations of \$21.6 million (of which \$10.1 million is included in accrued current liabilities) and contractual obligations under license agreements of \$1.6 million (of which \$0.1 million is included in accrued current liabilities). Purchase obligations represent our non-cancelable purchase commitments to suppliers. Operating leases represent our future minimum rental commitments under our non-cancelable operating leases.

The following is a summary of our contractual obligations as of September 30, 2016 (in thousands):

	Total	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Thereafter
Operating leases <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 10,913	\$ 552	\$ 2,249	\$ 2,328	\$ 2,412	\$ 2,289	\$ 1,083
Minimum cash payments under build-to-suit lease obligation <sup>(1)</sup>	39,022	—	3,275	4,915	5,803	5,979	19,050
Purchase obligations	21,559	21,217	144	107	59	32	—
Contractual obligations under license agreements <sup>(2)</sup>	1,590	140	130	130	130	100	960
Total	\$ 73,084	\$ 21,909	\$ 5,798	\$ 7,480	\$ 8,404	\$ 8,400	\$ 21,093

<sup>(1)</sup> See Note 7, "Commitments and Contingencies," to our consolidated financial statements.

<sup>(2)</sup> Excludes future obligations pursuant to the cost-sharing arrangement under our License Agreement with Roche. Amounts of such obligations, if any, cannot be determined at this time.

### ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

#### Foreign Currency Risk

Our business is primarily conducted in U.S. dollars except for our agreements with contract manufacturers for clinical supplies which are denominated in Euros. We recorded a loss on foreign currency exchange rate differences of approximately \$558,000 and \$147,000 during the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively. At this time, we do not believe that our foreign exchange risk is material. However, if we continue or increase our business activities that require the use of foreign currencies, we may incur losses if the Euro and other such currencies strengthen against the U.S. dollar.

#### Interest Rate Risk

Our exposure to interest rate risk is limited to our cash equivalents, which consist of accounts maintained in money market funds. We have assessed that there is no material exposure to interest rate risk given the nature of money market funds. In general, money market funds are not subject to interest rate risk because the interest paid on such funds fluctuates with the prevailing interest rate. Accordingly, our interest income fluctuates with short-term market conditions.

In the future, we anticipate that our exposure to interest rate risk will primarily be related to our investment portfolio. We intend to invest any surplus funds in accordance with a policy approved by our board of directors which will specify the categories, allocations, and ratings of securities we may consider for investment. The primary objectives of our investment policy are to preserve principal and maintain proper liquidity to meet our operating requirements. Our investment policy also specifies credit quality standards for our investments and limits the amount of credit exposure to any single issue, issuer or type of investment.

#### Credit Risk

Our receivable from Roche as of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015 are amounts due from Roche entities located in the U.S. and Switzerland under the License Agreement with Roche.

Financial instruments that potentially subject us to concentration of credit risk consist of cash and cash equivalents and accounts receivable. We place our cash and cash equivalents with high credit quality financial institutions and pursuant to our investment policy, we limit the amount of credit exposure with any one financial institution. Deposits held with banks may exceed the amount of insurance provided on such deposits. We have not experienced any losses on our deposits of cash and cash equivalents.

### ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

#### Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Our management, with the participation of our chief executive officer ("CEO") and chief financial officer ("CFO") evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures pursuant to Rule 13a-15 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), as of the end of the period covered by this Form 10-Q.

Based on this evaluation, our CEO and CFO concluded that, as of September 30, 2016, our disclosure controls and procedures are designed and are effective to provide reasonable assurance that information we are required to disclose in reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our CEO and CFO, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

#### Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting identified in management's evaluation pursuant to Rules 13a-15(d) or 15d-15(d) of the Exchange Act during our fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2016 that materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

#### Limitations on Effectiveness of Controls and Procedures

Internal control over financial reporting has inherent limitations. Internal control over financial reporting is a process that involves human diligence and compliance and is subject to lapses in judgment and breakdowns resulting from human failures. Internal control over financial reporting also can be circumvented by collusion or improper management override. Because of such limitations, there is a risk that material misstatements will not be prevented or detected on a timely basis by internal control over financial reporting. However, these inherent limitations are known

features of the financial reporting process. Therefore, it is possible to design into the process safeguards to reduce, though not eliminate, this risk.

Our management recognizes that any controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable assurance of achieving the desired control objectives. In addition, the design of disclosure controls and procedures must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints and that management necessarily applies its judgment in evaluating the benefits of possible controls and procedures relative to their costs.

## PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

### ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

We are not currently a party to any material legal proceedings. We may at times be involved in litigation and other legal claims in the ordinary course of business. When appropriate in management's estimation, we may record reserves in our financial statements for pending litigation and other claims.

### ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

Investing in our ordinary shares involves a high degree of risk. Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for 2015 (filed with the SEC on February 25, 2016) includes a detailed discussion of our business and the risks to our business. You should carefully read that Form 10-K. You should also read and carefully consider the risks described below and the other information in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. The occurrence of any of the events or developments described below could harm our business, financial condition, results of operations and/or growth prospects. In such an event, the market price of our ordinary shares could decline, and you may lose all or part of your investment. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us or that we currently deem immaterial also may impair our business operations.

#### Risks Relating to Our Financial Position, Our Need for Additional Capital and Our Business

We anticipate that we will incur losses for the foreseeable future and we may never sustain profitability.

We may not generate the cash that is necessary to finance our operations in the foreseeable future. We incurred net losses of \$80.6 million, \$7.2 million and \$41.0 million for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively. We expect to continue to incur substantial losses for the foreseeable future as we:

conduct our Phase 3, Phase 2b and open label extension ("OLE") clinical trials for NEOD001, conduct our Phase 1b clinical trial for PRX002, conduct our Phase 1b clinical trial for PRX003, and initiate additional clinical trials for these and other programs;

- develop and commercialize our product candidates, including NEOD001, PRX002, PRX003 and PRX004;

• complete preclinical development of other product candidates and initiate clinical trials, if supported by positive preclinical data; and

• pursue our early stage research and seek to identify additional drug candidates and potentially acquire rights from third parties to drug candidates through licenses, acquisitions or other means.

We must generate significant revenue to achieve and maintain profitability. Even if we succeed in discovering, developing and commercializing one or more drug candidates, we may not be able to generate sufficient revenue and we may never be able to achieve or sustain profitability.

We will require additional capital to fund our operations, and if we are unable to obtain such capital, we will be unable to successfully develop and commercialize drug candidates.

As of September 30, 2016, we had cash and cash equivalents of \$408.6 million. Although we believe, based on our current business plans, that our existing cash and cash equivalents will be sufficient to meet our obligations for at least the next twelve months, we anticipate that we will require additional capital in the future in order to continue the research and development, and eventually commercialization, of our drug candidates. Our future capital requirements will depend on many factors that are currently unknown to us, including, without limitation:

• the timing of initiation, progress, results and costs of our clinical trials, including our Phase 3, Phase 2b and OLE clinical trials for NEOD001, our Phase 1b clinical trial for PRX002, and our Phase 1b clinical trial for PRX003;

• the timing, initiation, progress, results and costs of these and our other research, development and commercialization activities, including in connection with PRX002 under our License Agreement with Roche;

• the results of our research and preclinical studies;

• the costs of clinical manufacturing and of establishing commercial manufacturing arrangements and other commercialization needs;



the costs of preparing, filing and prosecuting patent applications and maintaining, enforcing and defending intellectual property-related claims;

our ability to establish research collaborations, strategic collaborations, licensing or other arrangements;

the costs to satisfy our obligations under potential future collaborations; and

the timing, receipt, and amount of revenues or royalties, if any, from any approved drug candidates.

We have based our expectations relating to liquidity and capital resources on assumptions that may prove to be wrong, and we could use our available capital resources sooner than we currently expect. Because of the numerous risks and uncertainties associated with the development and commercialization of our product candidates, we are unable to estimate the amounts of increased capital outlays and operating expenses associated with completing the development and commercialization of our current product candidates.

In the pharmaceutical industry, the research and development process is lengthy and involves a high degree of risk and uncertainty. This process is conducted in various stages and, during each stage, there is a substantial risk that product candidates in our research and development pipeline will experience difficulties, delays or failures. This makes it difficult to estimate the total costs to complete our ongoing clinical trials and to estimate anticipated completion dates with any degree of accuracy, which raises concerns that attempts to quantify costs and provide estimates of timing may be misleading by implying a greater degree of certainty than actually exists.

In order to develop and obtain regulatory approval for our product candidates we will need to raise substantial additional funds. We expect to raise any such additional funds through public or private equity or debt financings, collaborative agreements with corporate partners or other arrangements. We cannot assure you that additional funds will be available when we need them on terms that are acceptable to us, or at all. General market conditions may make it very difficult for us to seek or obtain financing from the capital markets. If we raise additional funds by issuing equity securities, substantial dilution to existing shareholders would result. If we raise additional funds by incurring debt financing, the terms of the debt may involve significant cash payment obligations as well as covenants and specific financial ratios that may restrict our ability to operate our business. We may be required to relinquish rights to our technologies or drug candidates or grant licenses on terms that are not favorable to us in order to raise additional funds through strategic alliances, joint ventures or licensing arrangements.

If adequate funds are not available on a timely basis, we may be required to:

terminate or delay clinical trials or other development for one or more of our drug candidates;

delay arrangements for activities that may be necessary to commercialize our drug candidates;

curtail or eliminate our drug research and development programs that are designed to identify new drug candidates; or  
cease operations.

In addition, if we do not meet our payment obligations to third parties as they come due, we may be subject to litigation claims. Even if we are successful in defending against these claims, litigation could result in substantial costs and distract management, and may have unfavorable results that could further adversely impact our financial condition.

The results of the United Kingdom's referendum on withdrawal from the European Union could have a negative effect on global economic conditions, financial markets and our business.

In June 2016, a majority of voters in the United Kingdom (the "UK") elected in a national referendum to withdraw from the European Union (the "EU"). The referendum was advisory, and the terms of any withdrawal are subject to a negotiation period that could last at least two years after the government of the UK formally initiates a withdrawal process. Nevertheless, the referendum has created significant uncertainty about the future relationship between the UK and the EU, including with respect to the laws and regulations that will apply as the UK determines which EU laws to replace or replicate in the event of a withdrawal. The referendum has also given rise to calls for the governments of other EU member states to consider withdrawal. These developments, or the perception that any of them could occur, have had and may continue to have a material adverse effect on global economic conditions and the stability of global financial markets, and may significantly reduce global market liquidity and restrict the ability of key market participants to operate in certain financial markets. Any of these factors could depress economic activity and restrict access to capital, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of

operations and reduce the price of our ordinary shares.

26

---

Our future success depends on our ability to retain key personnel and to attract, retain and motivate qualified personnel.

We are highly dependent on key personnel, including Dr. Gene G. Kinney, our President and Chief Executive Officer. There can be no assurance that we will be able to retain Dr. Kinney or any of our key personnel. The loss of the services of Dr. Kinney or any other person on which we become highly dependent might impede the achievement of our research, development and commercial objectives. Recruiting and retaining qualified scientific and other personnel will also be critical to our success. We may not be able to attract and retain these personnel on acceptable terms given the competition among numerous pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies for similar personnel. We also experience competition for the hiring of scientific personnel from universities and research institutions.

Our collaborators, prospective collaborators and suppliers may need assurances that our financial resources and stability on a stand-alone basis are sufficient to satisfy their requirements for doing or continuing to do business with us.

Some of our collaborators, prospective collaborators and suppliers may need assurances that our financial resources and stability on a stand-alone basis are sufficient to satisfy their requirements for doing or continuing to do business with us. If our collaborators, prospective collaborators or suppliers are not satisfied with our financial resources and stability, it could have a material adverse effect on our ability to develop our drug candidates, enter into licenses or other agreements and on our business, financial condition or results of operations.

Certain of our historical financial information is not necessarily representative of the results we would have achieved as a separate, publicly traded company and may not be a reliable indicator of our future results.

Prior to our separation from Elan on December 20, 2012, our financial results previously were included within the consolidated results of Elan. Therefore, certain historical financial information we have included or incorporated by reference in this report, to the extent it includes information for periods prior to our separation from Elan, might not reflect what our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows would have been had we been an independent, publicly traded company during those periods presented or what our results of operations, financial position and cash flows will be in the future. This is primarily because:

- our historical financial information reflects allocations for services historically provided to us by Elan, which allocations may not reflect the costs we will incur for similar services in the future as an independent company; subsequent to our separation from Elan, the cost of capital for our business has been and may continue to be higher than Elan's cost of capital prior to the separation because Elan's cost of debt was lower than ours has been and will likely continue to be; and

- our historical financial information does not reflect changes that we have incurred as a result of the separation from Elan, including changes in the cost structure, personnel needs, financing and operations of the contributed business as a result of the separation from Elan and from reduced economies of scale.

We are also responsible for the additional costs associated with being an independent, public company, including costs related to corporate governance and compliance with the rules of The Nasdaq Stock Market ("Nasdaq") and the SEC. In addition, we incur costs and expenses, including professional fees, to comply with Irish corporate and tax laws and financial reporting requirements and costs and expenses incurred in connection with holding the meetings of our board of directors in Ireland. Prior to our separation from Elan, our business was operated by Elan as part of its broader corporate organization, rather than as an independent company. Elan or one of its affiliates performed various corporate functions for us, including, but not limited to, legal, treasury, accounting, auditing, risk management, information technology, human resources, corporate affairs, tax administration, certain governance functions and external reporting. Our historical financial results for periods prior to our separation from Elan include allocations of corporate expenses from Elan for these and similar functions. These allocations of cash and non-cash expenses are less than the comparable expenses we have incurred thus far as a separate publicly traded company. Therefore, certain financial information in this report might not be indicative of our future performance as an independent company.

The agreements we entered into with Elan involve conflicts of interest and therefore may have materially disadvantageous terms to us.

We entered into certain agreements with Elan in connection with our separation from Elan, which set forth the main terms of the separation and provided a framework for our initial relationship with Elan. These agreements may have

terms that are materially disadvantageous to us or are otherwise not as favorable as those that might be negotiated between unaffiliated third parties. In December 2013, Elan was acquired by Perrigo Company plc ("Perrigo"), and in February 2014 Perrigo caused Elan to sell all of its shares of Prothena in an underwritten offering. As a result of the acquisition of Elan by Perrigo and the subsequent sale of all of its shares of Prothena, Perrigo may be less willing to collaborate with us in connection with the agreements to which we and Elan are a party and other matters.

We may be adversely affected by earthquakes or other natural disasters

We have a key facility and operations in the San Francisco Bay Area of Northern California, which in the past has experienced severe earthquakes. If an earthquake, other natural disaster or similar event were to occur and prevent us from using all or a significant portion of those operations or local critical infrastructure, or that otherwise disrupts our operations, it could be difficult or, in certain cases, impossible for us to continue our business for a substantial period of time. We have disaster recovery and business continuity plans, but they may prove to be inadequate in the event of a natural disaster or similar event. We may incur substantial expenses if our disaster recovery and business continuity plans prove to be inadequate. We do not carry earthquake insurance. Furthermore, third parties upon which we are materially dependent upon may be vulnerable to natural disasters or similar events. Accordingly, such a natural disaster or similar event could have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations.

#### Risks Related to the Discovery, Development and Regulatory Approval of Drug Candidates

Our success is largely dependent on the success of our research and development programs. Our drug candidates are in various stages of development and we may not be able to successfully discover, develop, obtain regulatory approval for or commercialize any drug candidates.

The success of our business depends substantially upon our ability to discover, develop, obtain regulatory approval for and commercialize our drug candidates successfully. Our research and development programs are prone to the significant and likely risks of failure inherent in drug development. We intend to continue to invest most of our time and financial resources in our research and development programs.

Although we have ongoing Phase 3, Phase 2b and OLE clinical trials for NEOD001, a Phase 1b clinical trial for PRX002, a Phase 1b clinical trial for PRX003 and are in preclinical development for PRX004, there is no assurance that this work will support further development of these drug candidates. In addition, we currently do not, and may never, have any other drug candidates in clinical trials and we have not identified drug candidates for many of our research programs.

Before obtaining regulatory approvals for the commercial sale of any drug candidate for a target indication, we must demonstrate with substantial evidence gathered in adequate and well-controlled clinical trials, and, with respect to approval in the U.S., to the satisfaction of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (the "FDA") or, with respect to approval in other countries, similar regulatory authorities in those countries, that the drug candidate is safe and effective for use for that target indication. Satisfaction of these and other regulatory requirements is costly, time consuming, uncertain, and subject to unanticipated delays. Despite our efforts, our drug candidates may not:

- offer improvement over existing, comparable products;
- be proven safe and effective in clinical trials; or
- meet applicable regulatory standards.

Positive results in preclinical studies of a drug candidate may not be predictive of similar results in humans during clinical trials, and promising results from early clinical trials of a drug candidate may not be replicated in later clinical trials. Interim results of a clinical trial do not necessarily predict final results. A number of companies in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries have suffered significant setbacks in late-stage clinical trials even after achieving promising results in early-stage development. Accordingly, the results from completed preclinical studies and clinical trials for our drug candidates may not be predictive of the results we may obtain in later stage trials or studies. Our preclinical studies or clinical trials may produce negative or inconclusive results, and we may decide, or regulators may require us, to conduct additional preclinical studies or clinical trials, or to discontinue clinical trials altogether.

Furthermore, we have not marketed, distributed or sold any products. Our success will, in addition to the factors discussed above, depend on the successful commercialization of our drug candidates, which may require:

- obtaining and maintaining commercial manufacturing arrangements with third-party manufacturers;
- collaborating with pharmaceutical companies or contract sales organizations to market and sell any approved drug; or
- acceptance of any approved drug in the medical community and by patients and third-party payors.



Many of these factors are beyond our control. We do not expect any of our drug candidates to be commercially available for several years and some or all may never become commercially available. Accordingly, we may never generate revenues through the sale of products.

If clinical trials of our drug candidates are prolonged, delayed, suspended or terminated, we may be unable to commercialize our drug candidates on a timely basis, which would require us to incur additional costs and delay our receipt of any revenue from potential product sales.

We cannot predict whether we will encounter problems with our Phase 3, Phase 2b or OLE clinical trials for NEOD001, our Phase 1b clinical trial for PRX002, our Phase 1b clinical trial for PRX003, or any future clinical trials that will cause us or any regulatory authority to delay or suspend those clinical trials or delay the analysis of data derived from them. A number of events, including any of the following, could delay the completion of our planned clinical trials and negatively impact our ability to obtain regulatory approval for, and to market and sell, a particular drug candidate:

- conditions imposed on us by the FDA or any foreign regulatory authority regarding the scope or design of our clinical trials;
  - delays in obtaining, or our inability to obtain, required approvals from institutional review boards ("IRBs") or other reviewing entities at clinical sites selected for participation in our clinical trials;
  - insufficient supply or deficient quality of our drug candidates or other materials necessary to conduct our clinical trials;
  - delays in obtaining regulatory agency agreement for the conduct of our clinical trials;
  - lower than anticipated enrollment and retention rate of subjects in clinical trials for a variety of reasons, including size of patient population, nature of trial protocol, the availability of other treatments for the relevant disease and competition from other clinical trial programs for similar indications;
  - serious and unexpected drug-related side effects experienced by patients in clinical trials; or
  - failure of our third-party contractors and collaborators to meet their contractual obligations to us in a timely manner.
- Clinical trials may also be delayed or terminated as a result of ambiguous or negative interim results. In addition, a clinical trial may be suspended or terminated by us, the FDA, the IRBs at the sites where the IRBs are overseeing a trial, or a data safety monitoring board ("DSMB") overseeing the clinical trial at issue, or other regulatory authorities due to a number of factors, including:
- failure to conduct the clinical trial in accordance with regulatory requirements or our clinical protocols;
  - inspection of the clinical trial operations or trial sites by the FDA or other regulatory authorities resulting in the imposition of a clinical hold;
  - varying interpretation of data by the FDA or other regulatory authorities;
  - requirement by the FDA or other regulatory authorities to perform additional studies;
  - failure to achieve primary or secondary endpoints or other failure to demonstrate efficacy;
  - unforeseen safety issues; or
  - lack of adequate funding to continue the clinical trial.

Additionally, changes in regulatory requirements and guidance may occur and we may need to amend clinical trial protocols to reflect these changes. Amendments may require us to resubmit our clinical trial protocols to regulatory authorities and IRBs for reexamination, which may impact the cost, timing or successful completion of a clinical trial. We do not know whether our clinical trials will be conducted as planned, will need to be restructured or will be completed on schedule, if at all. Delays in our clinical trials will result in increased development costs for our drug candidates. In addition, if we experience delays in the completion of, or if we terminate, any of our clinical trials, the commercial prospects for our drug candidates may be delayed or harmed and our ability to generate product revenues will be delayed or jeopardized. Furthermore, many of the factors that cause, or lead to, a delay in the commencement or completion of clinical trials may also ultimately lead to the denial of regulatory approval of a drug candidate.

The regulatory approval processes of the FDA and comparable foreign authorities are lengthy, time consuming and inherently unpredictable, and if we are ultimately unable to obtain regulatory approval for our drug candidates, our business will be substantially harmed.

The time required to obtain approval by the FDA and comparable foreign authorities is inherently unpredictable but typically takes many years following the commencement of clinical trials and depends upon numerous factors, including the substantial discretion of the regulatory authorities. In addition, approval policies, regulations, or the type and amount of clinical data necessary to gain approval may change during the course of a drug candidate's clinical development and may vary among jurisdictions. We have not obtained regulatory approval for any drug candidate and it is possible that none of our existing drug candidates or any drug candidates we may seek to develop in the future will ever obtain regulatory approval.

Our drug candidates could fail to receive regulatory approval for many reasons, including the following:

- the FDA or comparable foreign regulatory authorities may disagree with the design or implementation of our clinical trials;
- we may be unable to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the FDA or comparable foreign regulatory authorities that a drug candidate is safe and effective for its proposed indication;
- the results of clinical trials may not meet the level of statistical significance required by the FDA or comparable foreign regulatory authorities for approval;
- we may be unable to demonstrate that a drug candidate's clinical and other benefits outweigh its safety risks;
- the FDA or comparable foreign regulatory authorities may disagree with our interpretation of data from preclinical studies or clinical trials;
- the data collected from clinical trials of our drug candidates may not be sufficient to support the submission of a Biologics License Application ("BLA") or other submission or to obtain regulatory approval in the U.S. or elsewhere;
- the FDA or comparable foreign regulatory authorities may fail to approve the manufacturing processes or facilities of third-party manufacturers with which we contract for clinical and commercial supplies; or
- the approval policies or regulations of the FDA or comparable foreign regulatory authorities may significantly change in a manner rendering our clinical data insufficient for approval.

This lengthy approval process as well as the unpredictability of future clinical trial results may result in our failing to obtain regulatory approval to market our drug candidates, which would significantly harm our business, results of operations and prospects. In addition, even if we were to obtain approval, regulatory authorities may approve any of our drug candidates for fewer or more limited indications than we request, may not approve the price we intend to charge for our products, may grant approval contingent on the performance of costly post-marketing clinical trials, or may approve a drug candidate with a label that does not include the labeling claims necessary or desirable for the successful commercialization of that drug candidate. Any of the foregoing scenarios could materially harm the commercial prospects for our drug candidates.

We rely on obtaining and maintaining orphan drug exclusivity for NEOD001, if approved, but cannot ensure that we will enjoy market exclusivity in a particular market.

NEOD001 has been granted orphan drug designation by the FDA for the treatment of AL and AA amyloidosis and by the European Medicines Agency (the "EMA") for the treatment of AL amyloidosis. Under the Orphan Drug Act, the FDA may designate a product as an orphan drug if it is intended to treat a rare disease or condition, defined as a disease or condition that affects a patient population of fewer than 200,000 in the U.S., or a patient population greater than 200,000 in the U.S. where there is no reasonable expectation that the cost of developing the drug will be recovered from sales in the U.S. In the EU, the EMA's Committee for Orphan Medicinal Products grants orphan drug designation to promote the development of products that are intended for the diagnosis, prevention, or treatment of a life-threatening or chronically debilitating condition affecting not more than five in 10,000 persons in the EU.

Additionally, designation is granted for products intended for the diagnosis, prevention, or treatment of a life-threatening, seriously debilitating or serious and chronic condition when, without incentives, it is unlikely that sales of the drug in the EU would be sufficient to justify the necessary investment in developing the drug or biological product or where there is no satisfactory method of diagnosis, prevention, or treatment, or, if such a method exists, the medicine must be of significant benefit to those affected by the condition.



In the U.S., orphan drug designation entitles a party to financial incentives such as opportunities for grant funding towards clinical trial costs, tax advantages, and user-fee waivers. In addition, if a product receives the first FDA approval for the indication

30

---

for which it has orphan designation, the product is entitled to orphan drug exclusivity, which means the FDA may not approve any other application to market the same drug for the same indication for a period of seven years, except in limited circumstances, such as a showing of clinical superiority over the product with orphan exclusivity or where the manufacturer is unable to assure sufficient product quantity. In the EU, orphan drug designation entitles a party to financial incentives such as reduction of fees or fee waivers and ten years of market exclusivity following drug or biological product approval. This period may be reduced to six years if the orphan drug designation criteria are no longer met, including where it is shown that the product is sufficiently profitable not to justify maintenance of market exclusivity.

Even though we have obtained orphan drug designation for NEOD001 in the U.S. and the EU, we may not be the first to obtain marketing approval for any particular orphan indication due to the uncertainties associated with developing pharmaceutical products. Further, even if we obtain orphan drug designation for a product, that exclusivity may not effectively protect the product from competition from different drugs with different active moieties which may be approved for the same condition. Orphan drug designation neither shortens the development time or regulatory review time of a drug nor gives the drug any advantage in the regulatory review or approval process. Even if one of our drug candidates receives orphan exclusivity, the FDA may still approve other drugs that have a different active ingredient for use in treating the same indication or disease, or may approve an application to market the same drug for the same indication that shows clinical superiority over our product. Furthermore, the FDA may waive orphan exclusivity if we are unable to manufacture sufficient supply of our product.

Even if our drug candidates receive regulatory approval in one country or jurisdiction, we may never receive approval or commercialize our products in other countries or jurisdictions.

In order to market drug candidates in a particular country or jurisdiction, we must establish and comply with numerous and varying regulatory requirements of that country or jurisdiction, including with respect to safety and efficacy. Approval procedures vary among countries and can involve additional product testing and additional administrative review periods. The time required to obtain approval in other countries might differ from that required to obtain, for example, FDA approval in the U.S. The regulatory approval process in other countries may include all of the risks detailed above regarding FDA approval in the U.S. as well as other risks. Regulatory approval in one country or jurisdiction does not ensure regulatory approval in another country or jurisdiction, but a failure or delay in obtaining regulatory approval in one country may have a negative effect on the regulatory process in others. Failure to obtain regulatory approval in one country or jurisdiction or any delay or setback in obtaining such approval would impair our ability to develop other markets for our drug candidates.

Both before and after marketing approval, our drug candidates are subject to ongoing regulatory requirements and continued regulatory review, and if we fail to comply with these continuing requirements, we could be subject to a variety of sanctions and the sale of any approved products could be suspended.

Both before and after regulatory approval to market a particular drug candidate, the manufacturing, labeling, packaging, adverse event reporting, storage, advertising, promotion, distribution and record keeping related to the product are subject to extensive, ongoing regulatory requirements. These requirements include submissions of safety and other post-marketing information and reports, registration, as well as continued compliance with current good manufacturing practice ("cGMP") requirements and current good clinical practice ("cGCP") requirements for any clinical trials that we conduct post-approval. Any regulatory approvals that we receive for our drug candidates may also be subject to limitations on the approved indicated uses for which the product may be marketed or to the conditions of approval, or contain requirements for potentially costly post-marketing testing, including Phase 4 clinical trials, and surveillance to monitor the safety and efficacy of the drug candidate. Later discovery of previously unknown problems with a product, including adverse events of unanticipated severity or frequency, or with our third-party manufacturers or manufacturing processes, or failure to comply with the regulatory requirements of the FDA and other applicable U.S. and foreign regulatory authorities could subject us to administrative or judicially imposed sanctions, including:

- restrictions on the marketing of our products or their manufacturing processes;
- warning letters;
- civil or criminal penalties;

- fines;
- injunctions;
- product seizures or detentions;
- import or export bans;
- voluntary or mandatory product recalls and related publicity requirements;

31

---

- suspension or withdrawal of regulatory approvals;
- total or partial suspension of production; and
- refusal to approve pending applications for marketing approval of new products or supplements to approved applications.

The FDA's policies may change and additional government regulations may be enacted that could prevent, limit or delay regulatory approval of our drug candidates. If we are slow or unable to adapt to changes in existing requirements or the adoption of new requirements or policies, or if we are not able to maintain regulatory compliance, we may lose any marketing approval that we may have obtained, which would adversely affect our business, prospects and ability to achieve or sustain profitability.

If side effects are identified during the time our drug candidates are in development or after they are approved and on the market, we may choose to or be required to perform lengthy additional clinical trials, discontinue development of the affected drug candidate, change the labeling of any such products, or withdraw any such products from the market, any of which would hinder or preclude our ability to generate revenues.

Undesirable side effects caused by our drug candidates could cause us or regulatory authorities to interrupt, delay or halt clinical trials and could result in a more restrictive label or the delay or denial of regulatory approval by the FDA or other comparable foreign authorities. The drug-related side effects could affect patient recruitment or the ability of enrolled patients to complete the trial or result in potential product liability claims. Any of these occurrences may harm our business, financial condition and prospects significantly. Even if any of our drug candidates receives marketing approval, as greater numbers of patients use a drug following its approval, an increase in the incidence of side effects or the incidence of other post-approval problems that were not seen or anticipated during pre-approval clinical trials could result in a number of potentially significant negative consequences, including:

- regulatory authorities may withdraw their approval of the product;
- regulatory authorities may require the addition of labeling statements, such as warnings or contraindications; we may be required to change the way the product is administered, conduct additional clinical trials or change the labeling of the product;
- we could be sued and held liable for harm caused to patients; and
- our reputation may suffer.

Any of these events could substantially increase the costs and expenses of developing, commercializing and marketing any such drug candidates or could harm or prevent sales of any approved products.

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

Some of our research and development activities involve the controlled storage, use, and disposal of hazardous materials. We are subject to federal, state, local and international laws and regulations governing the use, manufacture, storage, handling, and disposal of these hazardous materials. Although we believe that our safety procedures for the 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 the event of an accident, state or federal authorities may curtail our use of these materials, and we could be liable for any civil damages that result, which may exceed our financial resources and may seriously harm our business. Because we believe that our laboratory and materials handling policies and practices sufficiently mitigate the likelihood of materials liability or third-party claims, we currently carry no insurance covering such claims. An accident could damage, or force us to shut down, our operations.

#### Risks Related to the Commercialization of Our Drug Candidates

Even if any of our drug candidates receives regulatory approval, if such approved product does not achieve broad market acceptance, the revenues that we generate from sales of the product will be limited.

Even if any drug candidates we may develop or acquire in the future obtain regulatory approval, they may not gain broad market acceptance among physicians, healthcare payors, patients and the medical community. The degree of market acceptance for any approved drug candidate will depend on a number of factors, including:

- the indication and label for the product and the timing of introduction of competitive products;



- demonstration of clinical safety and efficacy compared to other products;
- prevalence and severity of adverse side effects;
- availability of coverage and adequate reimbursement from managed care plans and other third-party payors;
- convenience and ease of administration;
- cost-effectiveness;
- other potential advantages of alternative treatment methods; and
- the effectiveness of marketing and distribution support of the product.

Consequently, even if we discover, develop and commercialize a product, the product may fail to achieve broad market acceptance and we may not be able to generate significant revenue from the product.

The success of PRX002 in the United States is dependent upon the strength and performance of our collaboration with Roche. If we fail to maintain our existing collaboration with Roche, such termination would likely have a material adverse effect on our ability to develop and commercialize PRX002 and our business. Furthermore, if we opt out of profit and loss sharing with Roche, our revenues from PRX002 will be reduced.

The success of sales of PRX002 in the U.S. will be dependent on the ability of Roche to successfully develop in collaboration with us, and launch and commercialize PRX002, if approved by the FDA, pursuant to the License Agreement we entered into in December 2013. Our collaboration with Roche is complex, particularly with respect to future U.S. commercialization of PRX002, with respect to financial provisions, allocations of responsibilities, cost estimates and the respective rights of the parties in decision making. Accordingly, significant aspects of the development and commercialization of PRX002 require Roche to execute its responsibilities under the arrangement, or require Roche's agreement or approval, prior to implementation, which could cause significant delays that may materially impact the potential success of PRX002 in the U.S. In addition, Roche may under some circumstances independently develop products that compete with PRX002, or Roche may decide to not commit sufficient resources to the development, commercialization, marketing and distribution of PRX002. If we are not able to collaborate effectively with Roche on plans and efforts to develop and commercialize PRX002, our business could be materially adversely affected.

Furthermore, the terms of the License Agreement provide that Roche has the ability to terminate such arrangement for any reason after the first anniversary of the License Agreement at any time upon 90 days' notice (if prior to first commercial sale) or 180 days' notice (if after first commercial sale). For example, Roche may determine that the outcomes of clinical trials have made PRX002 a less attractive commercial product and terminate our collaboration. If the License Agreement is terminated, our business and our ability to generate revenue from sales of PRX002 could be substantially harmed as we will be required to develop, commercialize and build our own sales and marketing organization or enter into another strategic collaboration in order to develop and commercialize PRX002 in the U.S. Such efforts may not be successful and, even if successful, would require substantial time and resources to carry out. The manner in which Roche launches PRX002, including the timing of launch and potential pricing, will have a significant impact on the ultimate success of PRX002 in the U.S., and the success of the overall commercial arrangement with Roche. If launch of commercial sales of PRX002 in the U.S. by Roche is delayed or prevented, our revenue will suffer and our stock price may decline. Further, if launch and resulting sales by Roche are not deemed successful, our business would be harmed and our stock price may decline. Any lesser effort by Roche in its PRX002 sales and marketing efforts may result in lower revenue and thus lower profits with respect to the U.S. The outcome of Roche's commercialization efforts in the U.S. could also have a negative effect on investors' perception of potential sales of PRX002 outside of the U.S., which could also cause a decline in our stock price.

Furthermore, pursuant to the License Agreement, we are responsible for 30% of all development and commercialization costs for PRX002 for the treatment of Parkinson's disease in the U.S., and for any future Licensed Products and/or indications that we opt to co-develop, in each case unless we elect to opt out of profit and loss sharing. If we elect to opt out of profit and loss sharing, we will instead receive sales milestones and royalties, and our revenue, if any, from PRX002 will be reduced.

Our right to co-develop PRX002 and other Licensed Products under the License Agreement will terminate if we commence certain studies for a competitive product that treats Parkinson's disease or other indications that we opted to

co-develop. In addition, our right to co-promote PRX002 and other Licensed Products will terminate if we commence a Phase 3 study for a competitive product that treats Parkinson's disease.

Moreover, under the terms of the License Agreement, we rely on Roche to provide us estimates of their costs, revenue and revenue adjustments and royalties, which estimates we use in preparing our quarterly and annual financial reports. If the underlying assumptions on which Roche's estimates were based prove to be incorrect, actual results or revised estimates supplied by Roche that are materially different from the original estimates could require us to adjust the estimates included in our reported financial results. If material, these adjustments could require us to restate previously reported financial results, which could have a negative effect on our stock price.

Our ability to receive any significant revenue from PRX002 will be dependent on Roche's efforts and our participation in profit and loss sharing, and may result in lower levels of income than if we marketed or developed our product candidates entirely on our own. Roche may not fulfill its obligations or carry out marketing activities for PRX002 as diligently as we would like. We could also become involved in disputes with Roche, which could lead to delays in or termination of development or commercialization activities and time-consuming and expensive litigation or arbitration. If Roche terminates or breaches the License Agreement, or otherwise decides not to complete its obligations in a timely manner, the chances of successfully developing, commercializing or marketing PRX002 would be materially and adversely affected.

Outside of the United States, we are solely dependent on the efforts and commitments of Roche, either directly or through third parties, to further develop and commercialize PRX002. If Roche's efforts are unsuccessful, our ability to generate future product sales from PRX002 outside the United States would be significantly reduced.

Under our License Agreement, outside of the U.S., Roche has responsibility for developing and commercializing PRX002 and any future Licensed Products targeting  $\alpha$ -synuclein. As a consequence, any progress and commercial success outside of the U.S. is dependent solely on Roche's efforts and commitment to the program. For example, Roche may delay, reduce or terminate development efforts relating to PRX002 outside of the U.S., or under some circumstances independently develop products that compete with PRX002, or decide not to commit sufficient resources to the commercialization, marketing and distribution of PRX002.

In the event that Roche does not diligently develop and commercialize PRX002, the License Agreement provides us the right to terminate the License Agreement in connection with a material breach uncured for 90 days after notice thereof. However, our ability to enforce the provisions of the License Agreement so as to obtain meaningful recourse within a reasonable timeframe is uncertain. Further, any decision to pursue available remedies including termination would impact the potential success of PRX002, including inside the U.S., and we may choose not to terminate as we may not be able to find another partner and any new collaboration likely will not provide comparable financial terms to those in our arrangement with Roche. In the event of our termination, this may require us to develop and commercialize PRX002 on our own, which is likely to result in significant additional expense and delay. Significant changes in Roche's business strategy, resource commitment and the willingness or ability of Roche to complete its obligations under our arrangement could materially affect the potential success of the product. Furthermore, if Roche does not successfully develop and commercialize PRX002 outside of the U.S., our potential to generate future revenue outside of the U.S. would be significantly reduced.

If we are unable to establish sales and marketing capabilities or enter into agreements with third parties to market and sell approved products, we may be unable to generate product revenue.

We do not currently have an organization for the sales, marketing and distribution of pharmaceutical products. In order to market any products that may be approved by the FDA, we must build our sales, marketing, managerial and other non-technical capabilities or make arrangements with third parties to perform these services.

We have entered into the License Agreement with Roche for the development of PRX002 and may develop our own sales force and marketing infrastructure to co-promote PRX002 in the U.S. for the treatment of Parkinson's disease and any future Licensed Products approved for Parkinson's disease in the U.S. If we exercise our co-promotion option and are unable to develop our own sales force and marketing infrastructure to effectively commercialize PRX002 or other Licensed Products, our ability to generate additional revenue from potential sales of PRX002 or such products in the U.S. may be harmed. In addition, our right to co-promote PRX002 and other Licensed Products will terminate if we commence a Phase 3 study for a competitive product that treats Parkinson's disease.

For our other approved products, if we are unable to establish adequate sales, marketing and distribution capabilities, whether independently or with third parties, we may not be able to generate product revenue and may not become



profitable.

If government and third-party payors fail to provide coverage and adequate reimbursement rates for any of our drug candidates that receive regulatory approval, our revenue and prospects for profitability will be harmed.

In both domestic and foreign markets, our sales of any future products will depend in part upon the availability of reimbursement from third-party payors. Such third-party payors include government health programs such as Medicare, managed

34

---

care providers, private health insurers, and other organizations. There is significant uncertainty related to the third-party coverage and reimbursement of newly approved drugs. Coverage and reimbursement may not be available for any drug that we or our collaborators commercialize and, even if these are available, the level of reimbursement may not be satisfactory. Third-party payors often rely upon Medicare coverage policy and payment limitations in setting their own reimbursement policies. Third-party payors are also increasingly attempting to contain healthcare costs by demanding price discounts or rebates limiting both coverage and the amounts that they will pay for new drugs, and, as a result, they may not cover or provide adequate payment for our drug candidates. We might need to conduct post-marketing studies in order to demonstrate the cost-effectiveness of any future products to such payors' satisfaction. Such studies might require us to commit a significant amount of management time and financial and other resources. Our future products might not ultimately be considered cost-effective. Adequate third-party reimbursement might not be available to enable us to maintain price levels sufficient to realize an appropriate return on investment in product development. If coverage and adequate reimbursement are not available or reimbursement is available only to limited levels, we or our collaborators may not be able to successfully commercialize any product candidates for which marketing approval is obtained.

The regulations that govern marketing approvals, pricing, coverage and reimbursement for new drugs vary widely from country to country. Current and future legislation may significantly change the approval requirements in ways that could involve additional costs and cause delays in obtaining approvals. Some countries require approval of the sale price of a drug before it can be marketed. In many countries, the pricing review period begins after marketing or licensing approval is granted. In some foreign markets, prescription pharmaceutical pricing remains subject to continuing governmental control even after initial approval is granted. As a result, we or our collaborators might obtain marketing approval for a drug in a particular country, but then be subject to price regulations that delay commercial launch of the drug, possibly for lengthy time periods, and negatively impact our ability to generate revenue from the sale of the drug in that country. Adverse pricing limitations may hinder our ability to recoup our investment in one or more drug candidates, even if our drug candidates obtain marketing approval.

U.S. and foreign governments continue to propose and pass legislation designed to reduce the cost of healthcare. In the U.S., we expect that there will continue to be federal and state proposals to implement similar governmental controls. In addition, recent changes in the Medicare program and increasing emphasis on managed care in the U.S. will continue to put pressure on pharmaceutical product pricing. For example, in 2010, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, as amended by the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act (collectively, the "Healthcare Reform Law"), was enacted. The Healthcare Reform Law substantially changes the way healthcare is financed by both governmental and private insurers and significantly affects the pharmaceutical industry. Among the provisions of the Healthcare Reform Law of importance to the pharmaceutical industry are the following:

- an annual, nondeductible fee on any entity that manufactures or imports certain branded prescription drugs and biologic agents, apportioned among these entities according to their market share in certain government healthcare programs;
- an increase in the minimum rebates a manufacturer must pay under the Medicaid Drug Rebate Program to 23.1% and 13.0% of the average manufacturer price for branded and generic drugs, respectively;
- expansion of healthcare fraud and abuse laws, including the False Claims Act and the Anti-Kickback Statute, new government investigative powers and enhanced penalties for non-compliance;
- a new Medicare Part D coverage gap discount program, under which manufacturers must agree to offer 50 percent point-of-sale discounts off negotiated prices of applicable brand drugs to eligible beneficiaries during their coverage gap period, as a condition for the manufacturer's outpatient drugs to be covered under Medicare Part D;
- extension of manufacturers' Medicaid rebate liability to covered drugs dispensed to individuals who are enrolled in Medicaid managed care organizations;
- expansion of eligibility criteria for Medicaid programs by, among other things, allowing states to offer Medicaid coverage to additional individuals and by adding new mandatory eligibility categories for certain individuals with income at or below 133% of the federal poverty level, thereby potentially increasing a manufacturer's Medicaid rebate liability;
- a licensure framework for follow-on biologic products;

- expansion of the entities eligible for discounts under the Public Health Service pharmaceutical pricing program;
- new requirements under the federal Open Payments program and its implementing regulations;
- a new requirement to annually report drug samples that manufacturers and distributors provide to physicians; and

35

---

a new Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute to oversee, identify priorities in, and conduct comparative clinical effectiveness research, along with funding for such research.

In addition, other legislative changes have been proposed and adopted since the Healthcare Reform Law was enacted. These changes include aggregate reductions to Medicare payments to providers of up to 2% per fiscal year, which went into effect in 2013 and will stay in effect through 2024 unless additional congressional action is taken. In 2013, President Obama signed into law the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012, which, among other things, further reduced Medicare payments to several types of providers and increased the statute of limitations period for the government to recover overpayments to providers from three to five years. These new laws may result in additional reductions in Medicare and other healthcare funding, which could have a material adverse effect on customers for our drugs, if approved, and, accordingly, our financial operations.

We expect that the Healthcare Reform Law, as well as other healthcare reform measures that may be adopted in the future, may result in more rigorous coverage criteria and in additional downward pressure on the price that we receive for any approved drug. Legislation and regulations affecting the pricing of pharmaceuticals might change before our drug candidates are approved for marketing. Any reduction in reimbursement from Medicare or other government healthcare programs may result in a similar reduction in payments from private payors. The implementation of cost containment measures or other healthcare reforms may prevent us from being able to generate revenue, attain profitability or commercialize our drugs.

There can be no assurance that our drug candidates, if they are approved for sale in the U.S. or in other countries, will be considered medically reasonable and necessary for a specific indication, that they will be considered cost-effective by third-party payors, that coverage or an adequate level of reimbursement will be available, or that third-party payors' reimbursement policies will not adversely affect our ability to sell our drug candidates profitably if they are approved for sale.

The markets for our drug candidates are subject to intense competition. If we are unable to compete effectively, our drug candidates may be rendered noncompetitive or obsolete.

The research, development and commercialization of new drugs is highly competitive. We will face competition with respect to all drug candidates we may develop or commercialize in the future from pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies worldwide. The key factors affecting the success of any approved product will be its indication, label, efficacy, safety profile, drug interactions, method of administration, pricing, coverage, reimbursement and level of promotional activity relative to those of competing drugs.

Furthermore, many large pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, academic institutions, governmental agencies and other public and private research organizations are pursuing the development of novel drugs that target the same indications we are targeting with our research and development program. We face, and expect to continue to face, intense and increasing competition as new products enter the market and advanced technologies become available.

Many of our competitors have:

- significantly greater financial, technical and human resources than we have and may be better equipped to discover, develop, manufacture and commercialize drug candidates;
- more extensive experience in preclinical testing and clinical trials, obtaining regulatory approvals and manufacturing and marketing pharmaceutical products;
- drug candidates that have been approved or are in late-stage clinical development; and/or
- collaborative arrangements in our target markets with leading companies and research institutions.

Competitive products may render our research and development program obsolete or noncompetitive before we can recover the expenses of developing and commercializing our drug candidates. Furthermore, the development of new treatment methods and/or the widespread adoption or increased utilization of any vaccine or development of other products or treatments for the diseases we are targeting could render any of our drug candidates noncompetitive, obsolete or uneconomical. If we successfully develop and obtain approval for a drug candidate, we will face competition based on the safety and effectiveness of the approved product, the timing of its entry into the market in relation to competitive products in development, the availability and cost of supply, marketing and sales capabilities, coverage, reimbursement, price, patent position and other factors. Even if we successfully develop drug candidates but

those drug candidates do not achieve and maintain market acceptance, our business will not be successful.

Our drug candidates for which we intend to seek approval as biologic products may face competition sooner than anticipated.

Our drug candidates are regulated by the FDA as biologic products and we intend to seek approval for these products pursuant to the BLA pathway. The Biologics Price Competition and Innovation Act of 2009 (the "BPCIA") created an abbreviated pathway for the approval of biosimilar and interchangeable biologic products. The abbreviated regulatory pathway establishes legal authority for the FDA to review and approve biosimilar biologics, including the possible designation of a biosimilar as "interchangeable"

based on its similarity to an existing brand product. Under the BPCIA, an application for a biosimilar product cannot be approved by the FDA until 12 years after the original branded product was approved under a BLA. The law is complex and is still being interpreted and implemented by the FDA. As a result, its ultimate impact, implementation, and meaning are subject to uncertainty. While it is uncertain when such processes intended to implement BPCIA may be fully adopted by the FDA, any such processes could have a material adverse effect on the future commercial prospects for our biologic products.

We believe that any of our drug candidates approved as a biologic product under a BLA should qualify for the 12-year period of exclusivity. However, there is a risk that this exclusivity could be shortened due to congressional action or otherwise, or that the FDA will not consider our drug candidates to be reference products for competing products, potentially creating the opportunity for generic competition sooner than anticipated. Moreover, the extent to which a biosimilar, once approved, will be substituted for any one of our reference products in a way that is similar to traditional generic substitution for non-biologic products is not yet clear, and will depend on a number of marketplace and regulatory factors that are still developing.

We may be subject, directly or indirectly, to federal and state anti-kickback, fraud and abuse, false claims, physician payment transparency, health information privacy and security, and other healthcare laws and regulations, which could expose us to criminal sanctions, civil penalties, contractual damages, reputational harm, administrative burdens and diminished profits and future earnings.

If we obtain FDA approval for any of our drug candidates and begin commercializing those products in the U.S., our operations may be directly, or indirectly through our customers, subject to various federal and state fraud and abuse and other healthcare laws and regulations, including, without limitation, the federal Anti-Kickback Statute and the federal False Claims Act, which may constrain the business or financial arrangements and relationships through which we sell, market and distribute any drugs for which we obtain marketing approval. In addition, we may be subject to physician payment transparency laws and patient privacy regulation by both the federal government and the states and foreign jurisdictions in which we conduct our business. The laws that may affect our ability to operate include: the federal Anti-Kickback Statute, which prohibits, among other things, persons from knowingly and willfully soliciting, receiving, offering or paying remuneration, directly or indirectly, in cash or in kind, to induce or reward, or in return for, either the referral of an individual for, or the purchase or recommendation of an item or service reimbursable under a federal healthcare program, such as the Medicare and Medicaid programs;

federal civil and criminal false claims laws and civil monetary penalty laws, including the federal False Claims Act, which impose criminal and civil penalties, including civil whistleblower or qui tam actions, against individuals or entities for knowingly presenting, or causing to be presented, claims for payment from Medicare, Medicaid, or other third-party payors that are false or fraudulent or making a false statement to avoid, decrease or conceal an obligation to pay money to the federal government;

the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA"), which created new federal criminal statutes that impose criminal and civil liability for executing a scheme to defraud any healthcare benefit program and making false statements relating to healthcare matters;

the federal Physician Payment Sunshine Act, which requires manufacturers of drugs, devices, biologics and medical supplies for which payment is available under Medicare, Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program, with specific exceptions, to report annually to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services ("CMS") information related to "payments or other transfers of value" made to physicians, which is defined to include doctors, dentists, optometrists, podiatrists and chiropractors, and teaching hospitals and applicable manufacturers and applicable group purchasing organizations to report annually to CMS ownership and investment interests held by the physicians and their immediate family members. The period between August 1, 2013 and December 31, 2013 was the first reporting period, and manufacturers were required to report aggregate payment data by March 31, 2014, and were required to report detailed payment data and submit legal attestation to the accuracy of such data during Phase 2 of the program (which began in May 2014). Thereafter, manufacturers must submit reports by the 90th day of each subsequent calendar year;

HIPAA, as amended by the Health Information Technology and Clinical Health Act, and its implementing regulations, which impose obligations on covered healthcare providers, health plans, and healthcare clearinghouses, as

well as their business associates that create, receive, maintain or transmit individually identifiable health information for or on behalf of a covered entity, with respect to safeguarding the privacy, security and transmission of individually identifiable health information; and analogous state and foreign laws and regulations, such as state anti-kickback and false claims laws, which may apply to sales or marketing arrangements and claims involving healthcare items or services reimbursed by non-governmental third-party payors, including private insurers; state and foreign laws that require pharmaceutical companies to comply

with the pharmaceutical industry's voluntary compliance guidelines and the relevant compliance guidance promulgated by the federal government or otherwise restrict payments that may be made to healthcare providers; state and foreign laws that require drug manufacturers to report information related to payments and other transfers of value to physicians and other healthcare providers or marketing expenditures; and state and foreign laws governing the privacy and security of health information in certain circumstances, many of which differ from each other in significant ways and often are not preempted by HIPAA, thus complicating compliance efforts.

Further, the Healthcare Reform Law, among other things, amended the intent requirements of the federal Anti-Kickback Statute and the criminal statutes governing healthcare fraud. A person or entity can now be found guilty of violating the statute without actual knowledge of the statute or specific intent to violate it. In addition, the Healthcare Reform Law provided that the government may assert that a claim including items or services resulting from a violation of the federal Anti-Kickback Statute constitutes a false or fraudulent claim for purposes of the federal False Claims Act.

Efforts to ensure that our business arrangements with third parties will comply with applicable healthcare laws and regulations may involve substantial costs. It is possible that governmental authorities will conclude that our business practices may not comply with current or future statutes, regulations or case law involving applicable fraud and abuse or other healthcare laws and regulations. If our operations are found to be in violation of any of the laws described above or any other governmental regulations that apply to us, we may be subject to significant civil, criminal, and administrative penalties, including, without limitation, exclusion from participation in government healthcare programs, such as Medicare and Medicaid, imprisonment, damages, fines and the curtailment or restructuring of our operations, any of which could adversely affect our ability to operate our business and our results of operations. If any of the physicians or other healthcare providers or entities with whom we expect to do business, including our collaborators, is found not to be in compliance with applicable laws, it may be subject to criminal, civil or administrative sanctions, including exclusions from participation in government healthcare programs, which could also adversely affect our business.

If a successful product liability or clinical trial claim or series of claims is brought against us for uninsured liabilities or in excess of insured liabilities, we could incur substantial liability.

The use of our drug candidates in clinical trials and the sale of any products for which we obtain marketing approval will expose us to the risk of product liability and clinical trial liability claims. Product liability claims might be brought against us by consumers, health care providers or others selling or otherwise coming into contact with our products. Clinical trial liability claims may be filed against us for damages suffered by clinical trial subjects or their families. If we cannot successfully defend ourselves against product liability claims, we could incur substantial liabilities. In addition, regardless of merit or eventual outcome, product liability claims may result in:

- decreased demand for any approved drug candidates;
- impairment of our business reputation;
- withdrawal of clinical trial participants;
- costs of related litigation;
- distraction of management's attention;
- substantial monetary awards to patients or other claimants; and
- loss of revenues; and the inability to successfully commercialize any approved drug candidates.

We currently have clinical trial liability insurance coverage in the aggregate amount of \$10.0 million for all of our clinical trials in all jurisdictions; we have an additional \$5.0 million in coverage for certain clinical trials in certain jurisdictions. However, our insurance coverage may not be sufficient to reimburse us for any expenses or losses we may suffer. Moreover, insurance coverage is becoming increasingly expensive, and, in the future, we may not be able to maintain insurance coverage at a reasonable cost or in sufficient amounts to protect us against losses due to liability. If and when we obtain marketing approval for any of our drug candidates, we intend to expand our insurance coverage to include the sale of commercial products; however, we may be unable to obtain this product liability insurance on commercially reasonable terms. On occasion, large judgments have been awarded in class action lawsuits based on drugs that had unanticipated side effects. A successful product liability claim or series of claims brought against us could cause our ordinary share price to decline and, if judgments exceed our insurance coverage,



could decrease our cash and adversely affect our business.

38

---

### Risks Related to Our Dependence on Third Parties

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

We do not have the ability to independently conduct clinical trials for our drug candidates, and we rely on third parties, such as consultants, contract research organizations, medical institutions, and clinical investigators, to assist us with these activities. Our reliance on these third parties for clinical development activities results in reduced control over these activities. Furthermore, these third parties may also have relationships with other entities, some of which may be our competitors. Although we have and will enter into agreements with these third parties, we will be responsible for confirming that our clinical trials are conducted in accordance with their general investigational plans and protocols. Moreover, the FDA requires us to comply with regulations and standards, commonly referred to as cGCPs, for conducting, recording and reporting the results of clinical trials to assure that data and reported results are credible and accurate and that the trial participants are adequately protected. Our reliance on third parties does not relieve us of these responsibilities and requirements. If we or any of our third party contractors fail to comply with applicable cGCPs, the clinical data generated in our clinical trials may be deemed unreliable and the FDA, EMA or comparable foreign regulatory authorities may require us to perform additional clinical trials before approving our marketing applications. We cannot assure you that upon inspection by a given regulatory authority, such regulatory authority will determine that any of our clinical trials complies with cGCP regulations. In addition, our clinical trials must be conducted with product produced under cGMP regulations. Our failure to comply with these regulations may require us to repeat clinical trials, which would delay the regulatory approval process.

To date, we believe our consultants, contract research organizations and other third parties with which we are working have performed well; however, if these third parties do not successfully carry out their contractual duties, meet expected deadlines, or comply with applicable regulations, we may be required to replace them. Although we believe that there are a number of other third-party contractors we could engage to continue these activities, we may not be able to enter into arrangements with alternative third-party contractors or to do so on commercially reasonable terms, which may result in a delay of our planned clinical trials. Accordingly, we may be delayed in obtaining regulatory approvals for our drug candidates and may be delayed in our efforts to successfully develop our drug candidates.

In addition, our third-party contractors are not our employees, and except for remedies available to us under our agreements with such third-party contractors, we cannot control whether or not they devote sufficient time and resources to our ongoing clinical, nonclinical and preclinical programs. If third-party contractors do not successfully carry out their contractual duties or obligations or meet expected deadlines, if they need to be replaced or if the quality or accuracy of the clinical data they obtain is compromised due to the failure to adhere to our clinical protocols, regulatory requirements or for other reasons, our clinical trials may be extended, delayed or terminated and we may not be able to obtain regulatory approval for or successfully commercialize our drug candidates. As a result, our results of operations and the commercial prospects for our drug candidates would be harmed, our costs could increase and our ability to generate revenues could be delayed.

If we do not establish additional strategic collaborations, we may have to alter our research and development plans. Our drug research and development programs and potential commercialization of our drug candidates will require substantial additional cash to fund expenses. Our strategy includes potentially collaborating with additional leading pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies to assist us in furthering development and potential commercialization of some of our drug candidates, in some or all geographies. It may be difficult to enter into one or more of such collaborations in the future. We face significant competition in seeking appropriate collaborators and these collaborations are complex and time-consuming to negotiate and document. We may not be able to negotiate collaborations on acceptable terms, or at all, in which case we may have to curtail the development of a particular drug candidate, reduce or delay its development program or one or more of our other development programs, delay its potential commercialization or increase our expenditures and undertake development or commercialization activities at our own expense. If we elect to increase our expenditures to fund development or commercialization activities on our own, we will need to obtain additional capital, which may not be available to us on acceptable terms, or at all. If we do not have sufficient funds, we will not be able to bring our drug candidates to market and generate product

revenue.

We have no manufacturing capacity and depend on third-party manufacturers to produce our preclinical and clinical trial drug supplies, and will depend on third-party manufacturers to produce any drug supplies for commercial sale. We do not own or operate facilities for the manufacture, storage, testing or distribution of preclinical or clinical supplies of any of our drug candidates. We instead contract with and rely on third-parties to manufacture, store, test and distribute pre-clinical and clinical supplies of our drug candidates, and we plan to continue to do so for the foreseeable future.

Boehringer Ingelheim Biopharmaceuticals GmbH & Co. KG (“BI”) has manufactured and is contracted to continue to manufacture clinical supplies of our drug candidate NEOD001 for its clinical trials. We are dependent on BI to continue to

39

---

manufacture these clinical supplies. We have contracted with Rentschler Biotechnologie GmbH (“Rentschler”) to develop the capability to manufacture drug substance for future commercial supply of NEOD001, if we obtain regulatory approval to market NEOD001. The technology transfer from BI to Rentschler, in order for Rentschler to develop that manufacturing capability, is on-going. In order to be able to use drug substance supplied by Rentschler for commercial purposes, we will need to first establish comparability of drug substance manufactured by Rentschler with clinical supplies manufactured by BI and used by us in clinical development of NEOD001.

BI also manufactured clinical supplies of our drug candidate PRX002 for our completed Phase 1 single ascending dose and on-going multiple ascending dose trials. It is intended that Roche, with whom we are collaborating on development of PRX002, will manufacture clinical supplies for any Phase 2 and subsequent clinical trials. The technology transfer from BI to Roche, in order for Roche to assume that manufacturing, has been completed.

BI is also our third-party manufacturer of clinical supplies of our drug candidate PRX003. We are dependent on BI to continue to manufacture these clinical supplies.

Any performance failure or capacity limitation on the part of our existing or future third-party manufacturers could delay preclinical or clinical development or regulatory approval of our drug candidates or commercialization of any approved products, which could result in additional losses, deprive us of potential product revenue and have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Our drug candidates require precise, high quality manufacturing that meet regulatory requirements and standards. Failure by our third-party manufacturers to achieve and maintain high manufacturing standards could result in patient injury or death, product recalls or withdrawals, delays or failures in testing or delivery, cost overruns, or other problems that could seriously hurt our business. Third-party manufacturers could encounter difficulties involving production yields, quality control, and quality assurance. These manufacturers are subject to ongoing periodic and unannounced inspections by the FDA, EMA and other regulatory agencies to ensure strict compliance with cGMPs and other applicable government regulations and corresponding foreign standards; however, we do not have control over third-party manufacturers’ compliance with these regulations and standards.

If a third-party manufacturer cannot perform as agreed or does not have sufficient capacity to meet our requirements, we may be required to replace it or qualify an additional third-party manufacturer. Although we believe there are a number of potential alternative manufacturers, we may incur additional costs and delays in identifying and qualifying any new third-party manufacturer, due to the technology transfer to such new manufacturer and because the FDA, EMA and/or other regulatory authorities must approve any new manufacturer prior to manufacturing our drug candidates. Such approval would require successful technology transfer, comparability and other testing and compliance inspections. Transferring manufacturing to a new manufacturer could therefore interrupt supply, delay our clinical trials and any commercial launch and/or increase our costs for our drug candidates, which could have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations.

We anticipate continued reliance on third-party manufacturers if we are successful in obtaining marketing approval from the FDA and other regulatory agencies for any of our drug candidates, and our commercialization of any of our drug candidates may be halted, delayed or made less profitable if those third parties fail to obtain or maintain necessary regulatory approvals, fail to provide us with sufficient quantities of drug product or fail to do so at acceptable quality levels or prices.

To date, our drug candidates have been manufactured in smaller quantities for preclinical and clinical testing by third-party manufacturers. If the FDA or other regulatory agencies approve any of our drug candidates for commercial sale, we expect that we would continue to rely, at least initially, on third-party manufacturers to produce commercial quantities of approved drug candidates. These manufacturers may not be able to successfully increase the manufacturing capacity for any approved drug candidates in a timely or economic manner, or at all. Significant scale-up of manufacturing may require additional validation studies, which the FDA must review and approve. If third party manufacturers are unable to successfully increase the manufacturing capacity for a drug candidate, or we are unable to establish our own manufacturing capabilities, the commercial launch of any approved products may be delayed or there may be a shortage in supply, which in turn could have a material adverse effect on our business.

In addition, the facilities used by our contract manufacturers to manufacture our drug candidates must be approved by the FDA pursuant to inspections that will be conducted after we submit a BLA to the FDA. We do not control the manufacturing process of, and are completely dependent on, our contract manufacturing partners for compliance with cGMPs, for manufacture of both active drug substances and finished drug products. If our contract manufacturers cannot successfully manufacture material that conforms to our specifications and the strict regulatory requirements of the FDA or other regulatory authorities, they will not be able to secure and/or maintain regulatory approval for their manufacturing facilities. If the FDA or a comparable foreign regulatory authority does not approve these facilities for the manufacture of our drug candidates or if it withdraws any such approval

in the future, we may need to find alternative manufacturing facilities, which would significantly impact our ability to develop, obtain regulatory approval for or market our drug candidates, if approved.

We depend on third-party suppliers for key raw materials used in our manufacturing processes, and the loss of these third-party suppliers or their inability to supply us with adequate raw materials could harm our business.

We rely on third-party suppliers for the raw materials required for the production of our drug candidates. Our dependence on these third-party suppliers and the challenges we may face in obtaining adequate supplies of raw materials involve several risks, including limited control over pricing, availability, quality and delivery schedules. We cannot be certain that our suppliers will continue to provide us with the quantities of these raw materials that we require or satisfy our anticipated specifications and quality requirements. Any supply interruption in limited or sole sourced raw materials could materially harm our ability to manufacture our products until a new source of supply, if any, could be identified and qualified. Although we believe there are currently several other suppliers of these raw materials, we may be unable to find a sufficient alternative supply channel in a reasonable time or on commercially reasonable terms. Any performance failure on the part of our suppliers could delay the development and potential commercialization of our drug candidates, including limiting supplies necessary for clinical trials and regulatory approvals, which would have a material adverse effect on our business.

#### Risks Related to Our Intellectual Property

If we are unable to adequately protect or enforce the intellectual property relating to our drug candidates our ability to successfully commercialize our drug candidates will be harmed.

Our success depends in part on our ability to obtain patent protection both in the U.S. and in other countries for our drug candidates. Our ability to protect our drug candidates from unauthorized or infringing use by third parties depends in substantial part on our ability to obtain and maintain valid and enforceable patents. Due to evolving legal standards relating to the patentability, validity and enforceability of patents covering pharmaceutical inventions and the scope of claims made under these patents, our ability to obtain, maintain and enforce patents is uncertain and involves complex legal and factual questions. Accordingly, rights under any issued patents may not provide us with sufficient protection for our drug candidates or provide sufficient protection to afford us a commercial advantage against competitive products or processes.

In addition, we cannot guarantee that any patents will issue from any pending or future patent applications owned by or licensed to us or our affiliates. Even if patents have issued or will issue, we cannot guarantee that the claims of these patents are or will be valid or enforceable or will provide us with any significant protection against competitive products or otherwise be commercially valuable to us. Patent applications in the U.S. are maintained in confidence for up to 18 months after their filing. In some cases, however, patent applications remain confidential in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (the "USPTO") for the entire time prior to issuance as a U.S. patent. Similarly, publication of discoveries in the scientific or patent literature often lags behind actual discoveries. Consequently, we cannot be certain that we or our licensors or co-owners were the first to invent, or the first to file patent applications on, our drug candidates or their use as drugs. In the event that a third party has also filed a U.S. patent application relating to our drug candidates or a similar invention, we may have to participate in interference or derivation proceedings declared by the USPTO to determine priority of invention in the U.S. The costs of these proceedings could be substantial and it is possible that our efforts would be unsuccessful, resulting in a loss of our U.S. patent position. Furthermore, we may not have identified all U.S. and foreign patents or published applications that affect our business either by blocking our ability to commercialize our drugs or by covering similar technologies. Composition-of-matter patents on the biological or chemical active pharmaceutical ingredient are generally considered to be the strongest form of intellectual property protection for pharmaceutical products, as such patents provide protection without regard to any method of use. We cannot be certain that the claims in our patent applications covering composition-of-matter of our product candidates will be considered patentable by the USPTO and courts in the U.S. or by the patent offices and courts in foreign countries, nor can we be certain that the claims in our issued composition-of-matter patents will not be found invalid or unenforceable if challenged. Method-of-use patents protect the use of a product for the specified method. This type of patent does not prevent a competitor from making and marketing a product that is identical to our product for an indication that is outside the scope of the patented method. Moreover, even if competitors do not actively promote their product for our targeted indications, physicians may prescribe these products "off-label."

Although off-label prescriptions may infringe or contribute to the infringement of method-of-use patents, the practice is common and such infringement is difficult to prevent or prosecute.

Recent patent reform legislation could increase the uncertainties and costs surrounding the prosecution of our patent applications and the enforcement or defense of our issued patents. In 2011, the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act (the "Leahy-Smith Act") was signed into law. The Leahy-Smith Act includes a number of significant changes to U.S. patent law. These include provisions that affect the way patent applications are prosecuted, redefine prior art, may affect patent litigation, and switch the U.S. patent system from a "first-to-invent" system to a "first-to-file" system. Under a "first-to-file" system, assuming the other requirements for patentability are met, the first inventor to file a patent application generally will be entitled to the patent on an

invention regardless of whether another inventor had made the invention earlier. The USPTO subsequently developed new regulations and procedures to govern administration of the Leahy-Smith Act, and many of the substantive changes to patent law associated with the Leahy-Smith Act, and in particular, the first-to-file provisions, only became effective in 2013. Accordingly, it is not clear what, if any, impact the Leahy-Smith Act will have on the operation of our business. However, the Leahy-Smith Act and its implementation could increase the uncertainties and costs surrounding the prosecution of our patent applications and the enforcement or defense of our issued patents, all of which could have a material adverse effect on our business and financial condition.

We may be subject to a third-party preissuance submission of prior art to the USPTO, or become involved in opposition, derivation, reexamination, inter partes review, post-grant review, or other patent office proceedings or litigation, in the U.S. or elsewhere, challenging our patent rights or the patent rights of others. An adverse determination in any such submission, proceeding or litigation could reduce the scope of, or invalidate, our patent rights, allow third parties to commercialize our technology or products and compete directly with us, without payment to us, or result in our inability to manufacture or commercialize products without infringing third party patent rights. We may not be able to protect our intellectual property rights throughout the world.

The laws of some foreign jurisdictions do not protect intellectual property rights to the same extent as in the U.S. and many companies have encountered significant difficulties in protecting and defending such rights in foreign jurisdictions. If we encounter such difficulties in protecting or are otherwise precluded from effectively protecting our intellectual property rights in foreign jurisdictions, our business prospects could be substantially harmed.

We license patent rights from third-party owners. Such licenses may be subject to early termination if we fail to comply with our obligations in our licenses with third parties, which could result in the loss of rights or technology that are material to our business.

We are a party to licenses that give us rights to third-party intellectual property that is necessary or useful for our business, and we may enter into additional licenses in the future. Under these license agreements we are obligated to pay the licensor fees, which may include annual license fees, milestone payments, royalties, a percentage of revenues associated with the licensed technology and a percentage of sublicensing revenue. In addition, under certain of such agreements, we are required to diligently pursue the development of products using the licensed technology. If we fail to comply with these obligations and fail to cure our breach within a specified period of time, the licensor may have the right to terminate the applicable license, in which event we could lose valuable rights and technology that are material to our business.

If the licensor retains control of prosecution of the patents and patent applications licensed to us, we may have limited or no control over the manner in which the licensor chooses to prosecute or maintain its patents and patent applications and have limited or no right to continue to prosecute any patents or patent applications that the licensor elects to abandon.

Litigation regarding patents, patent applications and other proprietary rights may be expensive and time consuming. If we are involved in such litigation, it could cause delays in bringing drug candidates to market and harm our ability to operate.

Our success will depend in part on our ability to operate without infringing the proprietary rights of third parties. Although we are not currently aware of any litigation or other proceedings or third-party claims of intellectual property infringement related to our drug candidates, the pharmaceutical industry is characterized by extensive litigation regarding patents and other intellectual property rights. Other parties may hold or obtain patents in the future and allege that the use of our technologies infringes these patent claims or that we are employing their proprietary technology without authorization.

In addition, third parties may challenge or infringe upon our existing or future patents. Proceedings involving our patents or patent applications or those of others could result in adverse decisions regarding:

- the patentability of our inventions relating to our drug candidates; and/or
- the enforceability, validity or scope of protection offered by our patents relating to our drug candidates.

Even if we are successful in these proceedings, we may incur substantial costs and divert management time and attention in pursuing these proceedings, which could have a material adverse effect on us.





If we are unable to avoid infringing the patent rights of others, we may be required to seek a license, defend an infringement action or challenge the validity of the patents in court. Patent litigation is costly and time consuming. We may not have sufficient resources to bring these actions to a successful conclusion. In addition, if we do not obtain a license, develop or obtain non-infringing technology, fail to defend an infringement action successfully or have infringed patents declared invalid, we may:

- incur substantial monetary damages;
- encounter significant delays in bringing our drug candidates to market; and/or
- be precluded from participating in the manufacture, use or sale of our drug candidates or methods of treatment requiring licenses.

If our trademarks and trade names are not adequately protected, then we may not be able to build name recognition in our markets of interest and our business may be adversely affected.

Our registered or unregistered trademarks or trade names may be challenged, infringed, circumvented or declared generic or determined to be infringing on other marks. We may not be able to protect our rights to these trademarks and trade names, which we need to build name recognition by potential partners or customers in our markets of interest. Over the long term, if we are unable to establish name recognition based on our trademarks and trade names, then we may not be able to compete effectively and our business may be adversely affected.

We may be unable to adequately prevent disclosure of trade secrets and other proprietary information.

We rely on trade secrets to protect our proprietary technologies, especially where we do not believe patent protection is appropriate or obtainable; however, trade secrets are difficult to protect. We rely in part on confidentiality agreements with our employees, consultants, outside scientific collaborators, sponsored researchers, and other advisors to protect our trade secrets and other proprietary information. These agreements may not effectively prevent disclosure of confidential information and may not provide an adequate remedy in the event of unauthorized disclosure of confidential information. In addition, others may independently discover our trade secrets and proprietary information. Costly and time consuming litigation could be necessary to enforce and determine the scope of our proprietary rights, and failure to obtain or maintain trade secret protection could adversely affect our competitive business position.

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

Many of our employees were previously employed at universities, Elan or Elan subsidiaries, or other biotechnology or pharmaceutical companies, including our competitors or potential competitors. Although we try to ensure that our employees do not use the proprietary information or know-how of others in their work for us, we may be subject to claims that we or these employees have used or disclosed intellectual property, including trade secrets or other proprietary information, of any such employee's former employer. Litigation may be necessary to defend against these claims. If we fail in defending any such claims, in addition to paying monetary damages, we may lose valuable intellectual property rights or personnel. Even if we are successful in defending against such claims, litigation could result in substantial costs and be a distraction to management.

#### Risks Related to Our Ordinary Shares

The market price of our ordinary shares may fluctuate widely.

Our ordinary shares commenced trading on The Nasdaq Global Market on December 21, 2012 and currently trade on The Nasdaq Global Select Market. We cannot predict the prices at which our ordinary shares may trade. The market price of our ordinary shares may fluctuate widely, depending upon many factors, some of which may be beyond our control, including:

- our ability to obtain financing as needed;
- progress in and results from our ongoing or future clinical trials;
- our collaboration with Roche pursuant to the License Agreement to develop and commercialize PRX002, as well as any future Licensed Products targeting  $\alpha$ -synuclein;
- failure or delays in advancing our preclinical drug candidates or other drug candidates we may develop in the future, into clinical trials;
- results of clinical trials conducted by others on drugs that would compete with our drug candidates;

- issues in manufacturing our drug candidates;

43

---

- regulatory developments or enforcement in the U.S. and foreign countries;
- developments or disputes concerning patents or other proprietary rights;
- introduction of technological innovations or new commercial products by our competitors;
- changes in estimates or recommendations by securities analysts, if any, who cover our company;
- public concern over our drug candidates;
- litigation;
- future sales of our ordinary shares;
- general market conditions;
- changes in the structure of healthcare payment systems;
- failure of any of our drug candidates, if approved, to achieve commercial success;
- economic and other external factors or other disasters or crises;
- period-to-period fluctuations in our financial results;
- overall fluctuations in U.S. equity markets;
- our quarterly or annual results, or those of other companies in our industry;
- announcements by us or our competitors of significant acquisitions or dispositions;
- the operating and ordinary share price performance of other comparable companies;
- investor perception of our company and the drug development industry;
- natural or environmental disasters that investors believe may affect us; or
- fluctuations in the budgets of federal, state and local governmental entities around the world.

These and other external factors may cause the market price and demand for our ordinary shares to fluctuate substantially, which may limit or prevent investors from readily selling their ordinary shares and may otherwise negatively affect the liquidity of our ordinary shares. In particular, stock markets in general have experienced volatility that has often been unrelated to the operating performance of a particular company. These broad market fluctuations may adversely affect the trading price of our ordinary shares. In the past, when the market price of a stock has been volatile, some holders of that stock have instituted securities class action litigation against the company that issued the stock. If any of our shareholders brought a lawsuit against us, we could incur substantial costs defending the lawsuit. Such a lawsuit could also divert the time and attention of our management.

Your percentage ownership in Prothena may be diluted in the future.

As with any publicly traded company, your percentage ownership in us may be diluted in the future because of equity issuances for acquisitions, capital raising transactions or otherwise. We may need to raise additional capital in the future. If we are able to raise additional capital, we may issue equity or convertible debt instruments, which may severely dilute your ownership interest in us. In addition, we intend to continue to grant option awards to our directors, officers and employees, which would dilute your ownership stake in us. As of September 30, 2016, the number of ordinary shares available for issuance pursuant to outstanding and future equity awards under our equity plan was 6,644,952.

If we are unable to maintain effective internal controls, our business could be adversely affected.

We are subject to the reporting and other obligations under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, including the requirements of Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, which require annual management assessments of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting. The rules governing the standards that must be met for management to assess our internal control over financial reporting are complex and require significant documentation, testing and possible remediation to meet the detailed standards under the rules. During the course of its testing, our management may identify material weaknesses or deficiencies which may not be remedied in time to meet the deadline imposed by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. These

reporting and other obligations place significant demands on our management and administrative and operational resources, including accounting resources.

Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting. Our internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of our financial statements for external purposes in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. During the course of our review and testing of our internal controls, we may identify deficiencies and be unable to remediate them before we must provide the required reports. Furthermore, if we have a material weakness in our internal controls over financial reporting, we may not detect errors on a timely basis and our consolidated financial statements may be materially misstated. We or our independent registered public accounting firm, when required, may not be able to conclude on an ongoing basis that we have effective internal control over financial reporting, which could harm our operating results, cause investors to lose confidence in our reported financial information and cause the trading price of our stock to fall.

We cannot provide assurance that a material weakness will not occur in the future, or that we will be able to conclude on an ongoing basis that we have effective internal controls over financial reporting in accordance with Section 404 and the related rules and regulations of the SEC when required. A material weakness in internal control over financial reporting is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over financial reporting, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of a company's annual or interim consolidated financial statements will not be prevented or detected on a timely basis by the company's internal controls. If we cannot in the future favorably assess, or our independent registered public accounting firm, when required, is unable to provide an unqualified attestation report on, the effectiveness of our internal controls over financial reporting, investor confidence in the reliability of our financial reports may be adversely affected, which could have a material adverse effect on our share price. In addition, any failure to report our financial results on an accurate and timely basis could result in sanctions, lawsuits, delisting of our shares from the Nasdaq Global Select Market or other adverse consequences that would have an adverse effect on our business, financial position and results of operations.

If we were treated as a passive foreign investment company for U.S. federal income tax purposes, it could result in adverse U.S. federal income tax consequences to United States holders of our ordinary shares.

Significant potential adverse U.S. federal income tax implications generally apply to U.S. investors owning shares of a passive foreign investment company ("PFIC"), directly or indirectly. In general, we would be a PFIC for a taxable year if either (i) 75% or more of its income constitutes passive income (the "income test") or (ii) 50% or more of our assets produce passive income (the "asset test"). Changes in the composition of our active or passive income, passive assets or fair market value may cause us to become a PFIC. A separate determination must be made each taxable year as to whether we are a PFIC (after the close of each taxable year).

We do not believe we were a PFIC for U.S. federal income tax purposes for our taxable years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 or 2013. However, the application of the PFIC rules is subject to uncertainties in a number of respects, and we cannot assure that the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") will not take a contrary position. We also cannot assure that we will not be a PFIC for U.S. federal income tax purposes for any future taxable year.

Irish law differs from the laws in effect in the United States and may afford less protection to holders of our ordinary shares.

It may not be possible to enforce court judgments obtained in the U.S. against us in Ireland based on the civil liability provisions of the U.S. federal or state securities laws. In addition, there is uncertainty as to whether the courts of Ireland would recognize or enforce judgments of U.S. courts obtained against us or our directors or officers based on the civil liabilities provisions of the U.S. federal or state securities laws or hear actions against us or those persons based on those laws. We have been advised that the U.S. currently does not have a treaty with Ireland providing for the reciprocal recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters. Therefore, a final judgment for the payment of money rendered by any U.S. federal or state court based on civil liability, whether or not based solely on federal or state securities laws, would not automatically be enforceable in Ireland.

As an Irish incorporated company, we are governed by the Irish Companies Act 2014, which differ in some material respects from laws generally applicable to U.S. corporations and shareholders, including, among others, differences relating to interested director and officer transactions and shareholder lawsuits. Likewise, the duties of directors and

officers of an Irish company generally are owed to the company only. Shareholders of Irish companies generally do not have a personal right of action against directors or officers of the company and may exercise such rights of action on behalf of the company only in limited circumstances. Accordingly, holders of our ordinary shares may have more difficulty protecting their interests than would holders of securities of a corporation incorporated in a jurisdiction of the U.S.

45

---

Irish law differs from the laws in effect in the United States with respect to defending unwanted takeover proposals and may give our board of directors less ability to control negotiations with hostile offerors.

We are subject to the Irish Takeover Panel Act, 1997, Takeover Rules, 2013. Under those Irish Takeover Rules, our Board is not permitted to take any action that might frustrate an offer for our ordinary shares once our Board has received an approach that may lead to an offer or has reason to believe that such an offer is or may be imminent, subject to certain exceptions. Potentially frustrating actions such as (i) the issue of ordinary shares, options or convertible securities, (ii) material acquisitions or disposals, (iii) entering into contracts other than in the ordinary course of business or (iv) any action, other than seeking alternative offers, which may result in frustration of an offer, are prohibited during the course of an offer or at any earlier time during which our Board has reason to believe an offer is or may be imminent. These provisions may give our Board less ability to control negotiations with hostile offerors and protect the interests of holders of ordinary shares than would be the case for a corporation incorporated in a jurisdiction of the U.S.

Transfers of our ordinary shares may be subject to Irish stamp duty.

Transfers of our ordinary shares effected by means of the transfer of book entry interests in DTC should not be subject to Irish stamp duty. However, if a shareholder holds our ordinary shares directly rather than beneficially through DTC any transfer of those ordinary shares could be subject to Irish stamp duty (currently at the rate of 1% of the higher of the price paid or the market value of the ordinary shares acquired). Payment of Irish stamp duty is generally a legal obligation of the transferee. The potential for stamp duty could adversely affect the price of your ordinary shares.

We do not anticipate paying cash dividends, and accordingly, shareholders must rely on ordinary share appreciation for any return on their investment.

We anticipate losing money for the foreseeable future and, even if we do ever turn a profit, we intend to retain future earnings, if any, for the development, operation and expansion of our business. Thus, we do not anticipate declaring or paying any cash dividends for the foreseeable future. Therefore, the success of an investment in our ordinary shares will depend upon appreciation in their value and in order to receive any income or realize a return on your investment, you will need to sell your Prothena ordinary shares. There can be no assurance that our ordinary shares will maintain their price or appreciate in value.

Dividends paid by us may be subject to Irish dividend withholding tax.

Although we do not currently anticipate paying cash dividends, if we were to do so in the future, a dividend withholding tax (currently at a rate of 20%) may arise. A number of exemptions from dividend withholding tax exist such that shareholders resident in the U.S. and shareholders resident in other countries that have entered into a double taxation treaty with Ireland may be entitled to exemptions from dividend withholding tax subject to the completion of certain dividend withholding tax declaration forms.

Shareholders entitled to an exemption from Irish dividend withholding tax on any dividends received from us will not be subject to Irish income tax in respect of those dividends, unless they have some connection with Ireland other than their shareholding (for example, they are resident in Ireland). Shareholders who receive dividends subject to Irish dividend withholding tax will generally have no further liability to Irish income tax on those dividends.

Prothena ordinary shares received by means of a gift or inheritance could be subject to Irish capital acquisitions tax. Irish capital acquisitions tax ("CAT") could apply to a gift or inheritance of our ordinary shares irrespective of the place of residence, ordinary residence or domicile of the parties. This is because our ordinary shares will be regarded as property situated in Ireland. The person who receives the gift or inheritance has primary liability for CAT. Gifts and inheritances passing between spouses are exempt from CAT. It is recommended that each shareholder consult his or her own tax advisor as to the tax consequences of holding our ordinary shares or receiving dividends from us.

#### ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

None.

#### ITEM 3. DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES

None.

#### ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES





Not Applicable.

ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION

None.

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

See the Exhibit Index following the signature page to this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for a list of exhibits filed or furnished with this report, which Exhibit Index is incorporated herein by reference.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Dated: November 1, 2016 Prothena  
Corporation  
plc  
(Registrant)

/s/ Gene G.  
Kinney  
Gene G.  
Kinney  
President  
and Chief  
Executive  
Officer

/s/ Tran B.  
Nguyen  
Tran B.  
Nguyen  
Chief  
Financial  
Officer

## EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Description	Previously Filed			Filed Herewith
		Form	File No.	Filing Date	
31.1	Certification of Principal Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) and 15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002				X
31.2	Certification of Principal Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) and 15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002				X
32.1*	Certification of Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002				X
101.INS+	XBRL Instance Document				X
101.SCH+	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document				X
101.CAL+	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document				X
101.DEF+	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document				X
101.LAB+	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document				X
101.PRE+	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document				X

#Indicates management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.

Exhibit 32.1 is being furnished and shall not be deemed to be “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), or otherwise subject to the liability of that section, nor shall such exhibit be deemed to be incorporated by reference in any registration statement or other document filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as otherwise specifically stated in such filing. XBRL information is furnished and not filed for purposes of Sections 11 and 12 of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and is not subject to liability under those sections, is not part of any registration statement or prospectus to which it relates and is not incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference into any registration statement, prospectus or other document.