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FORM 10-K

Annual Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 For the annual period ended: December 31, 2023

OR

Transition Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the transition period from ___ to ___
Commission File Number 001-38286

ENVERIC BIOSCIENCES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

95-4484725
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

4851 Tamiami Trail N, Suite 200 Naples, FL
(Address of principal executive offices)

34103
(Zip code)

(239) 302-1707
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Title of Each Class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share	ENVB	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act: None
Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Act. Yes No

Note - Checking the box above will not relieve any registrant required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act from their obligations under those Sections.

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 every Interactive Data File required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit such files). Yes No

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

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If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has filed a report on and attestation of its management's assessment of the effectiveness of its internal controls over financial reporting under Section 404(b) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act (15 U.S.C. 7262(b)) by the registered public accounting firm that prepared or issued its audit report.

If securities are registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act, indicate by check mark whether the financial statements of the registrant included in the filing reflect the correction of an error to previously issued financial statements.

Indicate by check mark whether any of those error corrections are restatements that required a recovery analysis of incentive-based compensation received by any of the registrant's executive officers during the relevant recovery period pursuant to §240.10D-1(b).

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

As of June 30, 2023, the last day of the registrant's most recently completed second fiscal quarter; the aggregate market value of the registrant's common stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant, based on a closing price of \$3.37 per share, was approximately \$7.1 million.

As of March 21, 2024, there were 7,294,005 shares outstanding of Registrant's Common Stock (par value \$0.01 per share).

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the Company's proxy statement for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held May 28, 2024 are incorporated by reference into Part III of this report. Such proxy statement will be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission within 120 days of the registrant's fiscal year ended December 31, 2023. Additionally, portions of the Annual Report are incorporated by reference in this Form 10-K in response to Items within Part II.

ENVERIC BIOSCIENCES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

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CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS; RISK FACTOR SUMMARY

This Annual Report on Form 10-K, including the documents that we incorporate by reference herein, contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”). Any statements about our expectations, beliefs, plans, objectives, assumptions or future events or performance are not historical facts and may be forward-looking. These statements are often, but are not always, made through the use of words or phrases such as “anticipate,” “believe,” “contemplate,” “continue,” “could,” “estimate,” “expect,” “intend,” “may,” “plan,” “potential,” “predict,” “project,” “seek,” “should,” “target,” “will,” “would,” and similar expressions, or the negative of these terms, or similar expressions. Accordingly, these statements involve estimates, assumptions and uncertainties which could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in them. Any forward-looking statements are qualified in their entirety by reference to the factors discussed throughout this Annual Report on Form 10-K, and in particular those factors referenced in the section entitled “Risk Factors.”

These forward-looking statements are based on our management’s belief and assumptions and on information currently available to our management. These statements relate to future events or our future financial performance, and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause our actual results, levels of activity, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, levels of activity, performance or achievements expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements. Numerous factors could cause our actual results to differ materially from those described in forward-looking statements.

A summary of the principal risk factors that make investing in our securities risky and might cause our actual results to differ materially from those projected in these forward-looking statements is set forth below. If any of the following risks occur, our business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flows, cash available for distribution, ability to service our debt obligations and prospects could be materially and adversely affected.

- our dependence on the success of our prospective product candidates, which are in early stages of development and may not reach a particular stage in development, receive regulatory approval or be successfully commercialized;
- potential difficulties that may delay, suspend, or scale back our efforts to advance additional early research programs through preclinical development and investigational new drug (“IND”) application filings and into clinical development;
- the risk that the cost savings, synergies and growth from our combination with MagicMed Industries Inc. and the successful use of the rights and technologies acquired in the combination may not be fully realized or may take longer to realize than expected;
- the limited study on the effects of psychedelics, and the chance that future clinical research studies may lead to conclusions that dispute or conflict with our understanding and belief regarding the medical benefits, viability, safety, efficacy, dosing, and social acceptance of psychedelics;
- the expensive, time-consuming, and uncertain nature of clinical trials, which are susceptible to change, delays, termination, and differing interpretations;
- the ability to establish that potential products are efficacious or safe in preclinical or clinical trials;
- the fact that our current and future preclinical and clinical studies may be conducted outside the United States, and the United States Food and Drug Administration may not accept data from such studies to support any new drug applications we may submit after completing the applicable developmental and regulatory prerequisites;
- our ability to effectively and efficiently build, maintain and legally protect our molecular derivatives library so that it can be an essential building block from which those in the biotech industry can develop new patented products;
- our ability to establish or maintain collaborations on the development of therapeutic candidates;
- our ability to obtain appropriate or necessary governmental approvals to market potential products;

- our ability to manufacture product candidates on a commercial scale or in collaborations with third parties;
- our significant and increasing liquidity needs and potential requirements for additional funding;
- our ability to obtain future funding for developing products and working capital and to obtain such funding on commercially reasonable terms;
- legislative changes related to and affecting the healthcare system, including, without limitation, changes and proposed changes to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (“PPACA”);
- the intense competition we face, often from companies with greater resources and experience than us;
- our ability to retain key executives and scientists;
- the ability to secure and enforce legal rights related to our products, including intellectual property rights and patent protection;
- political, economic, and military instability in Israel which may impede our development programs; and
- other factors described in the “Risk Factors” section of this Annual Report on Form 10-K

We have included important factors in the cautionary statements included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K and the documents we incorporate by reference herein and, particularly in the “Risk Factors” sections of these documents, that we believe could cause actual results or events to differ materially from the forward-looking statements that we make. Our forward-looking statements do not reflect the potential impact of any future acquisitions, mergers, dispositions, joint ventures or investments we may make. No forward-looking statement is a guarantee of future performance.

You should read this Annual Report on Form 10-K and the documents that we incorporate by reference herein completely and with the understanding that our actual future results may be materially different from what we expect. The forward-looking statements in this Annual Report on Form 10-K and the documents we incorporate by reference herein represent our views as of the date of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. We anticipate that subsequent events and developments will cause our views to change. However, we undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether from new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by law. You should, therefore, not rely on these forward-looking statements as representing our views as of any date subsequent to the date of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

PART I

Unless the context indicates otherwise, references in this Annual Report on Form 10-K to the “Company,” “Enveric,” “we,” “us,” “our” and similar terms refer to Enveric Biosciences, Inc. and its subsidiaries.

Item 1. Business

Company Information

We were incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware in February 1994 as Spatializer Audio Laboratories, Inc., which was a shell company immediately prior to the completion of a “reverse merger” transaction on May 26, 2015, whereby Ameri100 Acquisition, Inc., a Delaware corporation and newly created, wholly owned subsidiary, was merged with and into Ameri and Partners Inc. (“Ameri and Partners”), a Delaware corporation (the “2015 Merger”). In connection with the 2015 Merger, we changed our name to AMERI Holdings, Inc.

The Ameri business ceased to be part of the Company on December 30, 2020, pursuant to a spin-off transaction. On December 30, 2020, we completed a tender offer to purchase all of the outstanding common shares of Jay Pharma Inc., a Canada corporation, for shares of Company common stock or certain preferred stock (the “Offer”), and changed our name to “Enveric Biosciences, Inc.” Our principal corporate office is located at Enveric Biosciences, Inc., 4851 Tamiami Trail N, Suite 200, Naples, Florida 34103, telephone (239) 302-1707. Our internet address is <https://www.enveric.com/>, and the information included in, or linked to our website is not part of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. We have included our website address in this Annual Report on Form 10-K solely as a textual reference.

On May 24, 2021, the Company entered into an Amalgamation Agreement (the “Amalgamation Agreement”) with 1306432 B.C. Ltd., a corporation existing under the laws of the Province of British Columbia and a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company (“HoldCo”), 1306436 B.C. Ltd., a corporation existing under the laws of the Province of British Columbia and a wholly-owned subsidiary of HoldCo (“Purchaser”), and MagicMed Industries Inc., a corporation existing under the laws of the Province of British Columbia (“MagicMed”), pursuant to which, among other things, the Company, indirectly through Purchaser, acquired all of the outstanding securities of MagicMed in exchange for securities of the Company by way of an amalgamation under the British Columbia Business Corporations Act, upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Amalgamation Agreement, such that, upon completion of the Amalgamation (as defined herein), the amalgamated corporation (“Amalco”) became an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. The Amalgamation was completed on September 16, 2021.

On March 21, 2023, the Company established Enveric Therapeutics, an Australia-based subsidiary, to support the Company’s plans to advance its lead program, the EVM201 Series, comprised of the next generation synthetic prodrugs of the active metabolite, psilocin (“EVM201 Series”), towards the clinic. Enveric Therapeutics will oversee the Company’s preclinical, clinical, and regulatory activities in Australia, including ongoing interactions with the local Human Research Ethics Committees (“HREC”) and the Therapeutic Goods Administration (“TGA”), Australia’s regulatory authority.

Available Information

We are required to file Annual Reports on Form 10-K and Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) on a regular basis, and are required to disclose certain material events in Current Reports on Form 8-K. The SEC maintains an Internet website that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information regarding issuers that file electronically with the SEC. The SEC’s Internet website is located at <http://www.sec.gov>. We also make available, free of charge, our Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K and amendments to these reports on our website at <https://www.enveric.com/> as soon as reasonably practicable after those reports and other information is electronically filed with, or furnished to, the SEC.

Business Overview

We are a biotechnology company dedicated to the development of novel neuroplastic small-molecule therapeutics for the treatment of depression, anxiety, and addiction disorders. Leveraging our unique discovery and development platform, The Psybrary™, we have created a robust intellectual property portfolio of new chemical entities for specific mental health indications. Our lead program, the EVM201 Series, comprises next generation synthetic prodrugs of the active metabolite, psilocin. We are developing the first product from the EVM201 Series – EB-002 – for the treatment of psychiatric disorders. We are also advancing its second program, the EVM301 Series – EB 003 – expected to offer a first-in-class, new approach to the treatment of difficult-to-address mental health disorders, mediated by the promotion of neuroplasticity without also inducing hallucinations in the patient.

Psychedelics

Following our amalgamation with MagicMed completed in September 2021 (the “Amalgamation”), we have continued to pursue the development of MagicMed’s proprietary psychedelic derivatives library, the Psybrary™ which we believe will help us to identify and develop the right drug candidates needed to address mental health challenges, including anxiety. We synthesize novel versions of classic psychedelics, such as psilocybin, N,N-Dimethyltryptamine (“DMT”), mescaline and MDMA, using a mixture of chemistry and synthetic biology, resulting in the expansion of the Psybrary™, which includes 15 patent families with over a million potential variations and hundreds of synthesized molecules. Within the Psybrary™ we have three different types of molecules, Generation 1 (classic psychedelics), Generation 2 (pro-drugs), and Generation 3 (new chemical entities). The Company has created over 1,000 novel psychedelic molecular compounds and derivatives (“Psychedelic Derivatives”) that are housed in the Psybrary™. Our current focus is develop our lead molecules EB-002 and EB-003 and to out-license other molecules from the Psybrary™.

Akos Spin-Off

On May 11, 2022, the Company announced plans to transfer and spin-off its cannabinoid clinical development pipeline assets to Akos Biosciences, Inc. (formerly known as Acanna Therapeutics, Inc.), a majority-owned subsidiary of the Company (hereafter referred to as “Akos”), which was incorporated on April 13, 2022, by way of dividend to Enveric shareholders (the “Spin-Off”). As of May 12, 2023, the holders of the Company’s Akos Series A Preferred Stock, par value \$0.01 per share (“Akos Series A Preferred Stock”) have exercised this right to force redemption of all of the Akos Series A Preferred Stock for \$1,000 per share, plus accrued but unpaid dividends of \$52,057 for a total of \$1,052,057. The Company made full payment on May 19, 2023.

Product Candidates

Our pipeline of product candidates and key ongoing development programs are shown in the tables below:

Product Candidates	Targeted Indications	Status	Expected Next Steps
EB-002 <i>Second-generation psychedelic asset: prodrug of psilocin</i>	Anxiety	Pre-Clinical Development	Filing of HREC for FIH study in Australia
EB-003 <i>Third-generation psychedelic-inspired new chemical entity</i>	Mental health indication	Pre-Clinical Development	IND Filing

Intellectual Property

We are a party to certain license agreements as described below, and going forward we intend to both develop intellectual property and license intellectual property from pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies and research institutions which would cover research stage and clinical stage assets to build a pipeline of product candidates.

The current focus of Enveric’s intellectual property is in psychedelics, including multiple portfolios of psychedelic-inspired compounds and formulations and methods of making, using, and treating mental and neurological disorders. In addition, Enveric has intellectual property related to computer assisted methods of discovering promising novel psychedelic-inspired compounds. The Enveric intellectual property estate includes several portfolios of cannabinoid-related patents and patent applications related to the treatment of pain and treatment of cancer.

Psychedelics

We own full rights to 22 patent families related to psychedelic inspired compounds.

Psilocybin Derivatives. A portfolio of ten patent families, represented by five United States patents and 33 pending United States and non-United States patent applications, related to psilocybin derivatives, methods of making psilocybin derivatives, and methods for treatment of mental disorders, such as anxiety, post-traumatic-stress disorder (“PTSD”), and other psychiatric conditions.

Psilocybin Prodrugs. A portfolio of four patent families, represented by three United States patents, three pending United States applications, and four pending Patent Cooperation Treaty (“PCT”) applications related to prodrugs of psilocin.

Mescaline Derivatives – EVM 501 Series. A portfolio of four patent families represented by four pending United States patent applications and four PCT applications related to mescaline derivatives and methods of treatment using mescaline derivatives.

Mescaline Derivatives – EVM 401 Series. A portfolio of four patent families represented by four pending PCT applications related to MDMA derivatives and methods of treatment using MDMA derivatives.

The portfolios include the following published and unpublished applications:

Psilocybin Derivatives. These ten patent families include applications and patents related to different psilocybin derivative compounds, methods for making the compounds, methods for modulating a 5-HT_{2A} cell surface receptor, and methods for treating psychiatric disorders:

- *Glycosylated Psilocybin Derivatives and Methods of Using (WO 2022/040802)*
- *Halogenated Psilocybin Derivatives and Methods of Using (WO2022047579)*
- *Hydroxylated Psilocybin Derivatives and Methods of Using (WO2022047580)*
- *Nitrated Psilocybin Derivatives and Methods of Using (WO 2022/047583)*
- *Aminated Psilocybin Derivatives and Methods of Using (WO2023044556A1)*
- *Nitrilated Psilocybin Derivatives and Methods of Using (WO2022104475A1)*
- *Carboxylated Psilocybin Derivatives and Methods of Using (WO2022115944)*
- *Aldehyde and Ketone Derivatives of Psilocybin and Methods of Using (WO2022115960)*
- *Prenylated Psilocybin Derivatives and Methods of Using (WO2022155751)*
- *Multi-substituent Psilocybin Derivatives and Methods of Using (WO2022170438)*

Psilocybin Prodrugs. These four patent families include applications and patents related to novel tryptamine derivative compounds which serve as prodrugs for psilocin, and methods for making and using the prodrugs for treatment of psychiatric disorders.

- *C-4 Substituted Tryptamine Derivatives and Methods of Using (WO2023/173227A1)* - This application relates to several groups of novel C4-substituted tryptamine derivative compounds and pharmaceutical drug formulations containing C4-ether-substituted tryptamine derivative compounds, C4-carbonic ester- substituted tryptamine derivative compounds, C4-polyether substituted tryptamine derivative compounds, and C4-phosphate substituted tryptamine derivative compounds. These pharmaceutical formulations may be used to treat psychiatric disorders.
- *C-4 Carboxylic Acid Substituted Tryptamine Derivatives and Methods of Using (WO2023/173196A1)*
- *C-4 Carbanthioate Substituted Tryptamine Derivatives and Methods of Using (WO 2023/173197)*
- *Salts of C4-Carboxylic Acid and C4-Carbonthioate-substituted Tryptamine Derivatives and Methods of Using (WO 2023/173229)*

Mescaline Derivatives – EVM 501 Series. These four patent families include applications related to novel mescaline derivative compounds and pharmaceutical formulations, methods for making and using those compounds and formulations, and methods for treating a neurological disorder. One is published, and three are currently unpublished PCT applications.

- *Fused Heterocyclic Mescaline Derivatives (WO2024026568A1)*
- *Three unpublished applications directed to three other groups of novel Mescaline Derivatives, described in PCT/CA2023/051422, PCT/CA2023/051548, and PCT/CA2023/051670*
- *Four unpublished United States Track One Patent Applications, one each corresponding to each of the four PCT application in this family*

Mescaline Derivatives – EVM 401 Series. These four patent families include applications related to novel mescaline derivative compounds and pharmaceutical formulations, methods for making and using those compounds and formulations, and methods for treating a neurological disorder. One is published, and three are currently unpublished PCT applications.

- *Glycosylated Mescaline Derivatives and Methods of Using (WO2023/102658)*
- *Isopropylamine Analogues of Glycosylated Mescaline Derivatives (WO2023/102659)*
- *Phosphorylated and Sulfonated Mescaline Derivatives and Methods of Using (WO 2023/044574)*
- *Isopropylamine Analogues of Phosphorylated and Sulfonated Mescaline Derivatives (WO 2023/108296)*

Computer Assisted Drug Discovery

- *Computer Implemented Methods and Systems for Identifying Tryptamine Derivative Compounds Capable of Interacting with a 5-HT_{2A} Receptor (Provisional patent application)*

Cannabinoids

We own rights to six families of cannabinoid-related intellectual property. All cannabinoid-related technology, intellectual property, and agreements are held by Enveric's subsidiary, Akos Biosciences, Inc. The Akos cannabinoid portfolios have three focus areas: conjugate molecules for the treatment of pain; cancer treatment comprising combination treatment; and topical creams for treating the effects of cancer radiation.

Cannabinoid-Conjugates. A portfolio of three patent families discloses and variously claims novel conjugate molecules of cannabinoids linked with either COX-2 inhibitors or steroids for treatment of pain, osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, and other diseases. Two patent families in-licensed from Diverse Biotech (see detail below) comprise of one United States patent and twelve pending United States and non-United States patent applications. The third and wholly owned patent family comprises two United States patents, four pending United States and non-United States patent applications, and one pending PCT application.

- *Cannabinoid Conjugate Molecules (WO2020263888A1) (In-licensed)*
- *Conjugate Molecules (WO2021076197A1) (In-licensed)*
- *Cannabinoid Conjugate Molecules (WO2023150057A1) (wholly owned by Enveric's subsidiary Akos Biosciences, Inc.)*

Cancer Treatment. A portfolio of two patent families addresses the treatment of cancer using a combination of a cannabinoid and a chemotherapeutic agent. The two patent families are represented by one United States patent and five pending United States and non-United States patent applications.

- *Combination of a cannabinoid and a chemotherapeutic agent for the treatment of breast cancer (WO2019193112A1)*
- *Administration regimes of cannabinoids in combination with chemotherapeutics against cancer (WO2021028646A1)*

Cannabinoid Crème. A portfolio comprising a single patent family focuses on cremes for the treatment of radiation dermatitis, a frequent side effect of cancer treatment which needs a higher standard of care for patients. The patent family includes one pending United States patent application and one pending PCT application.

- *Compositions for Topical Treatment of Radiation Dermatitis (WO2023154264A1)*

Diverse Biotech, Inc. In-License

We hold limited rights to patent applications owned by Diverse Biotech, Inc. for the use of cannabinoids in conjugate form with five existing, standard-of-care drugs (celecoxib and four selected steroids) via Diverse Biotech's patent pending conjugate drug delivery platform. Our rights extend to all fields of use. The intended target for development of such conjugates is alleviating pain, specifically the pain of osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, and cancer, with the goal of achieving improved and novel therapeutic outcomes for patients.

The in-licensed Diverse Biotech, Inc. portfolio includes two patent families comprising one issued and 12 pending national applications. Those patents and applications disclose conjugate chemistry that combines cannabinoids with existing drugs in conjugate form that we believe will provide differentiation in use and efficacy from combination therapy of drugs and cannabinoids. The license extends for as long as Enveric intends to develop and commercialize the licensed Agents and Products. The patent applications, should they issue, may expire as late as 2040.

Research & Development

In view of the urgent need for new and more effective mental health treatments, we intend to combine innovative scientific discoveries and bio-chemical synthesis, along with accelerated clinical development plans to create, develop and progress novel therapies using psychedelic-inspired medications and similar compounds. Our current research and development efforts are focused on developing novel molecules structurally related to certain naturally occurring psychedelics with improved pharmaceutical characteristics. Some of the naturally occurring psychedelic molecules are currently being investigated by researchers around the world as potential treatments for a broad range of psychiatric and neurologic disorders.

Clinical Studies

We are currently pursuing drug discovery and pre-clinical activities in order to advance a number of novel psychedelic-inspired molecules towards the clinic. Enveric's lead programs are EB-002 and EB-003. EB-002 is a next generation prodrug of psilocin, the active metabolite of psilocybin. It is the lead drug candidate from the EVM201 Series currently advancing through preclinical development with the aim of initiating first-in-human studies, followed by clinical trials targeting the treatment of anxiety disorders. EB-003 is a next generation analog of DMT. It is the lead drug candidate from the EVM301 Series currently advancing through preclinical development with the aim of initiating first-in-human studies, followed by clinical trials targeting the treatment of depression disorders.

We intend to assemble a team of principal investigators with clinical experience across multiple mental health and central nervous system indications to be responsible for the management, monitoring, and integrity of the clinical research.

We plan to submit filings with regulatory agencies including Clinical Trial Applications ("CTA"), Investigational New Drug ("IND") applications and, eventually, new drug applications ("NDA") to seek approval with the US FDA and other jurisdictions, in connection with our product candidates. The selection, timing, duration, and design of any prospective studies are subject to regulatory filings, approval and finalization of commercial plans.

On March 23, 2023, we issued a press release announcing the selection of Australian CRO, Avance Clinical, in preparation for Phase 1 Study of EB-002, our lead candidate targeting the treatment of anxiety disorders. Under the agreement, Avance Clinical will manage the Phase 1 clinical trial of EB-002 in coordination with our newly established Australian subsidiary, Enveric Therapeutics Pty, Ltd. The Phase 1 clinical trial is designed as a multi-cohort, dose-ascending study to measure the safety and tolerability of EB-002. EB-002, a next-generation proprietary psilocin prodrug, has been recognized as a New Chemical Entity ("NCE") by Australia's TGA and is currently in preclinical development targeting the treatment of anxiety disorder.

On December 28, 2023, we issued a press release announcing the selection of EB-003 as the lead development candidate from our EVM 301 Series. Our next step is to advance EB-003 into formal pre-clinical studies in support of a future IND filing.

Scientific Advisory Board

We have established a scientific advisory board and plan to seek advice and input from these experienced clinical leaders on matters related to our research and development programs. The members of our scientific advisory board consist of experts across a range of key disciplines relevant to our programs. We intend to continue to leverage the broad expertise of our advisors by seeking their counsel on important topics relating to our product development and clinical development programs.

Our scientific advisors are not our employees and do not have commitments to, or consulting or advisory contracts with, other entities that may limit their availability to us. In addition, our scientific advisors may have arrangements with other companies to assist those companies in developing products or technologies that may compete with us. All of our scientific advisors are affiliated with other entities and devote a limited portion of their time to us.

Enveric's current scientific advisors are set forth in the table below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Specialization</u>
Maurizio Fava, M.D.	Executive Director of the Clinical Trials Network and Institute	Clinical Research
Stephen M. Stahl, M.D., Ph.D.	Director of Psychopharmacology for the California Department of State Hospitals	Clinical Research
Sheila DeWitt, Ph.D.	Chair, President & CEO of DeuteRx, LLC; COO of Neuromity Therapeutics, Inc.; Founder of RIFFIT, Inc.	Therapeutics R&D
John Krystal, M.D.	Director of Yale Center for Clinical Investigation	Clinical Research

Maurizio Fava, M.D. has served as a Scientific Advisor of Enveric since 2022. Dr. Maurizio Fava is Psychiatrist-in-Chief of the Massachusetts General Hospital (“MGH”), executive director of the Clinical Trials Network and Institute, associate dean for clinical and translational research, and the Slater Family Professor of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School. Dr. Fava is a world leader in the field of depression. He has edited eight books and authored or co-authored more than 900 original articles published in medical journals with international circulation, articles which have been cited more than 95,000 times in the literature and with an H index greater than 150. Dr. Fava founded and was director of MGH's Depression Clinical and Research Program from 1990 until 2014. Under Dr. Fava's direction, the Depression Clinical and Research Program became one of the most highly regarded depression programs in the country, a model for academic programs that link, in a bi-directional fashion, clinical and research work. In 2007, he also founded and is now the executive director of the MGH Psychiatry Clinical Trials Network and Institute, the first academic CRO specialized in the coordination of multi-center clinical trials in psychiatry.

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Academic Partners

We have also established relationships with certain academic partners, whom we believe have the potential to accelerate product development, market entry, data collection, analysis and advancement of clinical trials.

Our primary academic partner is the University of Calgary which brings excellence into advancing brain and mental health research and education.

Competition

The biotechnology and pharmaceutical industries are characterized by rapidly advancing technologies, intense competition, and a strong emphasis on proprietary products. While we believe that our scientific knowledge and technology and development experience provide us with competitive advantages, we face potential competition from many different sources, including major pharmaceutical, specialty pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, academic institutions, governmental agencies, and public and private research institutions. Any product candidates that we successfully develop and commercialize will compete with existing therapies and new therapies that may become available in the future.

We intend to focus on the development of novel and viable Psychedelic Derivatives for mental illnesses and unmet medical needs, and partner with pharmaceutical and other drug development and biotechnology companies in developing and commercializing psychedelic-derived drugs for diverse psychological and neuropsychiatric indications, of which will be fundamentally composed of the Psychedelic Derivatives contained in the Psybrary™. While we believe that our technology, knowledge and experience as well as the scientific resources at our disposal provide us with significant competitive advantages, we face potential competition from many different sources. Any product candidates we successfully identify will compete not only with existing therapies but also new therapies that may become available in the future.

Our commercial opportunities could be reduced or eliminated if our competitors develop and commercialize medicines that are safer, more effective, have fewer or less severe side effects, are more convenient or are less expensive than any product candidates that we may develop. Our competitors also may obtain approval from the FDA or other regulatory agencies for their medicines more rapidly than us, which could result in our competitors establishing a strong market position before we are able to enter the market.

Regarding our Psybrary™ and the intellectual property kept and developed therein, our success depends on our ability to protect our intellectual property and our ability to achieve and maintain key partnerships aimed at the development, licensing and marketing of Psychedelic Derivatives without infringing on the proprietary rights of others. Patent positions within the pharmaceutical field can be highly uncertain and involve complex legal, scientific and factual questions for which important legal principles remain unresolved. Patents issued to us may be challenged, invalidated or circumvented.

Government Regulation and Product Approvals

Pharmaceutical companies are subject to extensive regulation by the federal government, principally by the FDA under the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, or the FDCA, and, to a lesser extent, by state and local governments. Before our prescription products may be marketed in the U.S., they must be approved by the FDA for commercial distribution. Certain OTC products must comply with applicable FDA regulations, known as OTC Monographs, in order to be marketed, but do not have the benefit of FDA review and approval before marketing. We are also subject to regulation under federal, state and local laws, including requirements regarding occupational safety, laboratory practices, environmental protection and hazardous substance control, and may be subject to other present and future local, state, federal and foreign regulations. We cannot predict the extent to which we may be affected by legislative and other regulatory developments concerning our products and the healthcare industry in general.

The FDCA and other federal and state statutes and regulations govern the testing, manufacture, quality control, export and import, labeling, storage, record keeping, approval, pricing, advertising, promotion, sale and distribution of pharmaceutical products. Noncompliance with applicable requirements both before and after approval, can subject us, our third party manufacturers and other collaborative partners to administrative and judicial sanctions, such as, among other things, warning letters, fines and other monetary payments, recall or seizure of products, criminal proceedings, suspension or withdrawal of regulatory approvals, interruption or cessation of clinical trials, total or partial suspension of production or distribution, injunctions, limitations on or the limitation of claims we can make for our products, and refusal of the government to enter into supply contracts for distribution directly by governmental agencies, or delay in approving or refusal to approve new drug applications. The FDA also has the authority to revoke or withhold approvals of new drug applications.

FDA approval is required before any “new drug,” can be marketed. Our products are new drugs and require prior FDA approval. Such approval must be based on extensive information and data submitted in a NDA, including, but not limited to, adequate and well controlled laboratory and clinical investigations to demonstrate the safety and effectiveness of the drug product for its intended use(s) as well as the manufacturing suitability of the product. In addition to providing required safety and effectiveness data for FDA approval, a drug manufacturer’s practices and procedures must comply with current Good Manufacturing Practices (“cGMPs”), which apply to manufacturing, receiving, holding and shipping, and include, among other things, demonstration of product purity, consistent manufacturing and quality and at least six months of data supporting product expiration dating based on clinical registration batches. Accordingly, manufacturers must continue to expend time, money and effort in all applicable areas relating to quality assurance and regulatory compliance, including production and quality control to comply with cGMPs. Failure to so comply risks delays in approval of drug products and possible FDA enforcement actions, such as an injunction against shipment of products, the seizure of non-complying products, criminal prosecution and/or any of the other possible consequences described above. We are subject to periodic inspection by the FDA and the Drug Enforcement Administration (“DEA”), which inspections may or may not be announced in advance.

The intellectual property kept and developed in our Psybrary™ is focused solely on developing and commercializing non-hallucinogenic synthetic derivatives of psychedelic substances. While we use psychedelic inspired compounds and classic psychedelics as our starting point for our research and identification of compounds, we do not have any direct or indirect involvement in the illegal selling, production or distribution of any substances in the jurisdictions in which we operate. Enveric is a neuro-pharmaceutical scientific company and as such we do not advocate for the legalization of psychedelic substances nor do we deal with psychedelic substances except within laboratory and clinical trial settings conducted within approved regulatory frameworks. Our products will not be commercialized prior to applicable regulatory approval and this approval will only be granted if clinical evidence of safety and efficacy for the specific intended use is successfully developed.

Successful execution of our strategy is in part contingent upon compliance with regulatory requirements enacted by governmental authorities and obtaining regulatory approvals for the development and license of its Psychedelic Derivatives. The psychedelic therapy industry is a new and emerging industry with ambiguous existing regulations and uncertainty as to future regulations; we cannot predict the impact of the ever-evolving compliance regime in respect of this industry. The impact of compliance regimes, any delays in obtaining, or failure to obtain regulatory approvals may significantly delay or impact our development of markets, our business, Psychedelic Derivatives, and licensing initiatives and could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and operating results.

FDA New Drug Approval Process

In the U.S., pharmaceutical products are subject to extensive regulation by the FDA. The Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, or the FDCA, and other federal and state statutes and regulations, govern, among other things, the research, development, testing, manufacture, storage, recordkeeping, approval, labeling, promotion and marketing, distribution, post-approval monitoring and reporting, sampling, and import and export of pharmaceutical products. Failure to comply with applicable U.S. requirements may subject a company to a variety of administrative or judicial sanctions, such as imposition of clinical holds, FDA refusal to approve pending NDAs, warning letters, product recalls, product seizures, total or partial suspension of production or distribution, injunctions, fines, refusals of government contracts, restitution, disgorgement, civil penalties and criminal prosecution.

Pharmaceutical product development in the U.S. typically involves pre-clinical laboratory and animal tests and the submission to the FDA of an IND, which must become effective before clinical testing may commence. For commercial approval, the sponsor must submit adequate tests by all methods reasonably applicable to show that the drug is safe for use under the conditions prescribed, recommended or suggested in the proposed labeling. The sponsor must also submit substantial evidence, generally consisting of adequate, well-controlled clinical trials to establish that the drug will have the effect it purports or is represented to have under the conditions of use prescribed, recommended or suggested in the proposed labeling. In certain cases, the FDA may determine that a drug is effective based on one clinical study plus confirmatory evidence. Satisfaction of FDA pre-market approval requirements typically takes many years and the actual time required may vary substantially based upon the type, complexity and novelty of the product or disease.

Pre-clinical tests include laboratory evaluation of product chemistry, formulation and toxicity, as well as animal trials to assess the characteristics and potential safety and efficacy of the product. The conduct of the pre-clinical tests must comply with federal regulations and requirements, including the FDA's good laboratory practices regulations and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA's) regulations implementing the Animal Welfare Act. The results of pre-clinical testing are submitted to the FDA as part of an IND application along with other information, including information about product chemistry, manufacturing and controls, and a proposed clinical trial protocol. Long-term pre-clinical tests, such as animal tests of reproductive toxicity and carcinogenicity, may continue after the IND application is submitted.

A 30-day waiting period after the submission of each IND application is required prior to the commencement of clinical testing in humans. If the FDA has not imposed a clinical hold on the IND application or otherwise commented or questioned the IND application within this 30-day period, the clinical trial proposed in the IND application may begin.

Clinical trials involve the administration of the IND to healthy volunteers or patients under the supervision of a qualified investigator. Clinical trials must be conducted: (i) in compliance with federal regulations, (ii) in compliance with GCP ("Good Clinical Practice"), an international standard meant to protect the rights and health of patients and to define the roles of clinical trial sponsors, administrators and monitors, and (iii) under protocols detailing the objectives of the trial, the parameters to be used in monitoring safety and the effectiveness criteria to be evaluated. Each protocol involving testing on U.S. patients and subsequent protocol amendments must be submitted to the FDA as part of the IND application.

The FDA may order the temporary, or permanent, discontinuation of a clinical trial at any time or impose other sanctions if it believes that the clinical trial either is not being conducted in accordance with FDA requirements or presents an unacceptable risk to the clinical trial patients. The trial protocol and informed consent information for patients in clinical trials must also be submitted to an institutional review board, or IRB, for approval. An IRB may also require the clinical trial at the site to be halted, either temporarily or permanently, for failure to comply with the IRB's requirements or may impose other conditions.

Clinical trials to support NDAs for marketing approval are typically conducted in three sequential phases, but the phases may overlap. In general, in Phase 1, the initial introduction of the drug into healthy human subjects or patients, the drug is tested to assess metabolism, pharmacokinetics, pharmacological actions, side effects associated with increasing doses and, if possible, early evidence on effectiveness. Phase 2 usually involves trials in a limited patient population to determine the effectiveness of the drug for a particular indication, dosage tolerance and optimum dosage, and to identify common adverse effects and safety risks.

If a compound demonstrates evidence of effectiveness and an acceptable safety profile in Phase 2 evaluations, Phase 3 trials are undertaken to obtain the additional information about clinical efficacy and safety in a larger number of patients, typically at geographically dispersed clinical trial sites, to permit the FDA to evaluate the overall benefit-risk relationship of the drug and to provide adequate information for the labeling of the drug. In most cases, the FDA requires two adequate and well-controlled Phase 3 clinical trials to demonstrate the efficacy of the drug. The FDA may, however, determine that a drug is effective based on one clinical study plus confirmatory evidence. Only a small percentage of investigational drugs complete all three phases and obtain marketing approval. In some cases, the FDA may require post-market studies, known as Phase 4 studies, to be conducted as a condition of approval in order to gather additional information on the drug's effect in various populations and any side effects associated with long-term use. Depending on the risks posed by the drugs, other post-market requirements may be imposed.

After completion of the required clinical testing, an NDA is prepared and submitted to the FDA. The FDA approval of the NDA is required before marketing of the product may begin in the U.S. The NDA must include the results of all pre-clinical, clinical, and other testing and a compilation of data relating to the product's pharmacology, chemistry, manufacture, and controls. The cost of preparing and submitting an NDA is substantial. Under federal law, the submission of most NDAs is additionally subject to a substantial application user fee.

The FDA has 60 days from its receipt of an NDA to determine whether the application will be accepted for filing based on the agency's threshold determination that it is sufficiently complete to permit substantive review. Once the submission is accepted for filing, the FDA begins an in-depth review. Under the statute and implementing regulations, the FDA has 180 days (the initial review cycle) from the date of filing to issue either an approval letter or a complete response letter, unless the review period is adjusted by mutual agreement between the FDA and the applicant or as a result of the applicant submitting a major amendment. In practice, the performance goals established pursuant to the Prescription Drug User Fee Act have effectively extended the initial review cycle beyond 180 days. The FDA's current performance goals call for the FDA to complete review of 90 percent of standard (non-priority) NDAs within 10 months of receipt and within six months for priority NDAs, but two additional months of review are added to standard and priority NDAs for a new molecular entity (NME).

The FDA may also refer applications for novel drug products, or drug products that present difficult questions of safety or efficacy, to an advisory committee, which is typically a panel that includes clinicians and other experts, for review, evaluation and a recommendation as to whether the application should be approved. The FDA is not bound by the recommendation of an advisory committee, but it generally follows such recommendations. Before approving an NDA, the FDA will typically inspect one or more clinical sites to assure compliance with GCP. Additionally, the FDA will inspect the facility or the facilities at which the drug is manufactured. The FDA will not approve the product unless compliance with current GMP is satisfactory and the NDA contains data that provide substantial evidence that the drug is safe and effective in the indication studied.

After the FDA evaluates the NDA and the manufacturing facilities, it issues either an approval letter or a complete response letter. A complete response letter generally outlines the deficiencies in the submission and may require substantial additional testing, or information, in order for the FDA to reconsider the application. If, or when, those deficiencies have been addressed to the FDA's satisfaction in a resubmission of the NDA, the FDA will issue an approval letter. The FDA has committed to reviewing 90 percent of resubmissions within two to six months depending on the type of information included.

An approval letter authorizes commercial marketing of the drug with specific prescribing information for specific indications. As a condition of NDA approval, the FDA may require a risk evaluation and mitigation strategy, or REMS, to help ensure that the benefits of the drug outweigh the potential risks. REMS can include medication guides, communication plans for health care professionals, and elements to assure safe use, or ETASU. ETASU can include, but are not limited to, special training or certification for prescribing or dispensing, dispensing only under certain circumstances, special monitoring, and the use of patient registries. The requirement for a REMS can materially affect the potential market and profitability of the drug. Moreover, product approval may require substantial post-approval testing and surveillance to monitor the drug's safety or efficacy. Once granted, product approvals may be withdrawn if compliance with regulatory standards is not maintained or problems are identified following initial marketing.

Disclosure of Clinical Trial Information

Sponsors of clinical trials of certain FDA-regulated products, including prescription drugs, are required to register and disclose certain clinical trial information on a public website maintained by the U.S. National Institutes of Health. Information related to the product, patient population, phase of investigation, study sites and investigator, and other aspects of the clinical trial is made public as part of the registration. Sponsors are also obligated to disclose the results of these trials after completion. Disclosure of the results of these trials can be delayed for up to two years if the sponsor certifies that it is seeking approval of an unapproved product or that it will file an application for approval of a new indication for an approved product within one year. Competitors may use this publicly available information to gain knowledge regarding the design and progress of our development programs.

Special Protocol Assessment

A company may reach an agreement with the FDA under the Special Protocol Assessment, or “SPA”, process as to the required design and size of clinical trials intended to form the primary basis of an efficacy claim. According to its performance goals, the FDA is supposed to evaluate the protocol within 45 days of the request to assess whether the proposed trial is adequate, and that evaluation may result in discussions and a request for additional information. A SPA request must be made before the proposed trial begins, and all open issues must be resolved before the trial begins. If a written agreement is reached, it will be documented and made part of the administrative record. Under the FDCA and FDA guidance implementing the statutory requirement, an SPA is generally binding upon the FDA except in limited circumstances, such as if the FDA identifies a substantial scientific issue essential to determining safety or efficacy after the study begins, public health concerns emerge that were unrecognized at the time of the protocol assessment, the sponsor and the FDA agree to the change in writing, or if the study sponsor fails to follow the protocol that was agreed upon with the FDA.

Advertising and Promotion

Pre-approval promotion of investigational drug candidates is prohibited by the FDA. Therefore, sponsors must ensure that any pre-approval communications disseminated about its drug candidates do not state or imply that such candidates have been proven safe or effective for the applicable use(s) or that they have been approved for commercialization in the United States. Further, once an NDA for a given candidate is approved, if ever, the product will be subject to certain post-approval requirements. For instance, the FDA closely regulates the post-approval marketing and promotion of drugs.

Drugs may be marketed only for the approved indications and in accordance with the provisions of the approved labeling. Changes to some of the conditions established in an approved application, including changes in indications, labeling, or manufacturing processes or facilities, require submission and FDA approval of a new NDA or NDA supplement before the change can be implemented. An NDA supplement for a new indication typically requires clinical data similar to that in the original application, and the FDA uses the same procedures and actions in reviewing NDA supplements as it does in reviewing NDAs.

Adverse Event Reporting and GMP Compliance

Adverse event reporting and submission of periodic reports is required following FDA approval of an NDA. The FDA also may require post-marketing testing, known as Phase 4 testing, may require under a REMS special communication regarding the safety of the drug or heightened surveillance to monitor the effects of an approved product, or the FDA may place conditions on an approval that could restrict the distribution or use of the product. In addition, quality-control, drug manufacture, packaging, and labeling procedures must continue to conform to GMP, after approval. Drug manufacturers and certain of their subcontractors are required to register their establishments with the FDA and certain state agencies. Registration with the FDA subjects entities to periodic unannounced inspections by the FDA, during which the agency inspects manufacturing facilities to assess compliance with GMP. Accordingly, manufacturers must continue to expend time, money and effort in the areas of production and quality control to maintain compliance with GMP. Regulatory authorities may withdraw product approvals or request product recalls if a company fails to comply with regulatory standards, if it encounters problems following initial marketing or if previously unrecognized problems are subsequently discovered.

Pediatric Exclusivity and Pediatric Use

The Best Pharmaceuticals for Children Act, or “BPCA”, provides NDA holders a six-month period of exclusivity attached to any other exclusivity listed with the FDA — patent or non-patent — for a drug, if certain conditions are met. Conditions for pediatric exclusivity include a determination by the FDA that information relating to the use of a new drug in the pediatric population may produce health benefits in that population; a written request by the FDA for pediatric studies; and agreement by the applicant to perform the requested studies and the submission to the FDA, completion of the studies in accordance with the written request, and the acceptance by the FDA, of the reports of the requested studies within the statutory time frame. Applications under the BPCA are treated as priority applications.

In addition, under the Pediatric Research Equity Act, or “PREA”, NDAs or supplements to NDAs must contain data to assess the safety and effectiveness of the drug for the claimed indications in all relevant pediatric subpopulations and to support dosing and administration for each pediatric subpopulation for which the drug is safe and effective, unless the sponsor has received a deferral or waiver from the FDA. Unless otherwise required by regulation, PREA does not apply to any drug for an indication for which orphan designation has been granted. The sponsor or the FDA may request a deferral of pediatric studies for some or all of the pediatric subpopulations. A deferral may be granted for several reasons, including a finding that the drug is ready for approval for use in adults before pediatric studies are complete or that additional safety or effectiveness data need to be collected before the pediatric studies begin. Under PREA, the FDA must send a noncompliance letter requesting a response within 45 days to any sponsor that fails to submit the required assessment, keep a deferral current or fails to submit a request for approval of a pediatric formulation.

Controlled Substances

The federal Controlled Substances Act of 1970, or “CSA”, and its implementing regulations establish a “closed system” of regulations for controlled substances. The CSA imposes registration, security, recordkeeping and reporting, storage, manufacturing, distribution, importation and other requirements under the oversight of the Drug Enforcement Agency (“DEA”). The DEA is the federal agency responsible for regulating controlled substances, and requires those individuals or entities that manufacture, import, export, distribute, research, or dispense controlled substances to comply with the regulatory requirements in order to prevent the diversion of controlled substances to illicit channels of commerce.

The DEA categorizes controlled substances into one of five schedules — Schedule I, II, III, IV or V — with varying qualifications for listing in each schedule. Schedule I substances by definition have a high potential for abuse, have no currently accepted medical use in treatment in the U.S., and lack accepted safety for use under medical supervision. Marijuana and psychedelics such as psilocybin, DMT, mescaline and MDMA are currently Schedule I controlled substances, which means that no preclinical or clinical studies of product candidates containing these substances may be conducted in the United States without the required DEA registration(s) and related approvals, as applicable. Pharmaceutical products having a currently accepted medical use that are otherwise approved for marketing may be listed as Schedule II, III, IV or V substances, with Schedule II substances presenting the highest potential for abuse and physical or psychological dependence, and Schedule V substances presenting the lowest relative potential for abuse and dependence.

Facilities that manufacture, distribute, import, or export any controlled substance must register annually with the DEA. The DEA registration is specific to the particular location, activity(ies) and controlled substance schedule(s). For example, separate registrations are required for importation and manufacturing activities, and each registration authorizes which schedules of controlled substances the registrant may handle. However, certain coincidental activities are permitted without obtaining a separate DEA registration, such as distribution of controlled substances by the manufacturer that produces them.

The DEA inspects all manufacturing facilities to review security, recordkeeping, reporting, and handling prior to issuing a controlled substance registration. The specific security requirements vary by the type of business activity and the schedule and quantity of controlled substances handled. The most stringent requirements apply to manufacturers of Schedules I and Schedule II substances. Required security measures commonly include background checks on employees and physical control of controlled substances through storage in approved vaults, safes and cages, and through use of alarm systems and surveillance cameras. An application for a manufacturing registration as a bulk manufacturer (not a dosage form manufacturer or a repacker/relabeler) for a Schedule I or II substance must be published in the Federal Register, and is open for 60 days to permit interested persons to submit comments, objections or requests for a hearing. A copy of the notice of the Federal Register publication is simultaneously forwarded by DEA to all those registered, or applicants for registration, as bulk manufacturers of that substance.

Once registered, manufacturing facilities must maintain records documenting the manufacture, receipt and distribution of all controlled substances. Manufacturers must submit periodic reports to the DEA of the distribution of Schedules I and II controlled substances, Schedule III narcotic substances, and other designated substances. Registrants must also report any controlled substance thefts or significant losses, and must obtain authorization to destroy or dispose of controlled substances.

As with applications for registration as a bulk manufacturer, an application for an importer registration for a Schedule I or II substance must also be published in the Federal Register, which remains open for 30 days for comments. Imports of Schedules I and II controlled substances for commercial purposes are generally restricted to substances not already available from a domestic supplier or where there is not adequate competition among domestic suppliers. In addition to an importer or exporter registration, importers and exporters must obtain a permit for every import or export of a Schedules I and II substance or Schedules III, IV and V narcotic, and submit import or export declarations for Schedules III, IV and V non-narcotics. In some cases, Schedule III non-narcotic substances may be subject to the import/export permit requirement, if necessary to ensure that the U.S. complies with its obligations under international drug control treaties.

For drugs manufactured in the U.S., the DEA establishes annually an aggregate quota for the amount of substances within Schedules I and II that may be manufactured or produced in the U.S. based on the DEA’s estimate of the quantity needed to meet legitimate medical, scientific, research and industrial needs.

The states also maintain separate controlled substance laws and regulations, including licensing, recordkeeping, security, distribution, and dispensing requirements. State Authorities, including Boards of Pharmacy, regulate use of controlled substances in each state. Failure to maintain compliance with applicable requirements, particularly as manifested in the loss or diversion of controlled substances, can result in enforcement action that could have a material adverse effect on our business, operations and financial condition. The DEA may seek civil penalties, refuse to renew necessary registrations, or initiate proceedings to revoke those registrations. In certain circumstances, violations could lead to criminal prosecution.

Europe/Rest of World Government Regulation

In addition to regulations in the U.S., we are and will be subject, either directly or through our distribution partners, to a variety of regulations in other jurisdictions governing, among other things, clinical trials and any commercial sales (including pricing and reimbursement) and distribution of our product candidates, if approved.

Whether or not we obtain FDA approval for a product, we must obtain the requisite approvals from regulatory authorities in non-U.S. countries prior to the commencement of clinical trials or marketing of the product in those countries.

In the European Union, medicinal products are subject to extensive pre- and post-marketing regulation by regulatory authorities at both the European Union and national levels. Additional rules also apply at the national level to the manufacture, import, export, storage, distribution and sale of controlled substances. In many European Union member states the regulatory authority responsible for medicinal products is also responsible for controlled substances. Responsibility is, however, split in some member states. Generally, any company manufacturing or distributing a medicinal product containing a controlled substance in the European Union will need to hold a controlled substances license from the competent national authority and will be subject to specific record-keeping and security obligations. Separate import or export certificates are required for each shipment into or out of the member state.

Clinical Trials and Marketing Approval

Whether or not we obtain FDA approval for a product, we would need to obtain the necessary approvals by the comparable regulatory authorities of foreign countries before we can commence clinical trials or marketing of the product in those countries. The approval process varies from country to country and can involve additional product testing and additional administrative review periods. The time required to obtain approval in other countries might differ from and be longer than that required to obtain FDA approval. Regulatory approval in one country does not ensure regulatory approval in another, but a failure or delay in obtaining regulatory approval in one country may negatively impact the regulatory process in others.

Certain countries outside of the U.S. have a process that requires the submission of a clinical trial application much like an IND application prior to the commencement of human clinical trials. In Europe, for example, a clinical trial application, or “CTA”, must be submitted to the competent national health authority and to independent ethics committees in each country in which a company intends to conduct clinical trials. Once the CTA is approved in accordance with a country’s requirements and a company has received favorable ethics committee approval, clinical trial development may proceed in that country.

The requirements and process governing the conduct of clinical trials, product licensing, pricing, and reimbursement vary from country to country, even though there is already some degree of legal harmonization in the European Union member states resulting from the national implementation of underlying European Union legislation. In all cases, the clinical trials must be conducted in accordance with the International Conference on Harmonization, or “ICH”, guidelines on GCP and other applicable regulatory requirements.

To obtain regulatory approval to place a drug on the market in European Union countries, Enveric must submit a marketing authorization application. This application is similar to the NDA in the U.S., with the exception of, among other things, country-specific document requirements. All application procedures require an application in the common technical document, or CTD, format, which includes the submission of detailed information about the manufacturing and quality of the product, and nonclinical and clinical trial information. Drugs can be authorized in the European Union by using (i) the centralized authorization procedure, (ii) the mutual recognition procedure, (iii) the decentralized procedure, or (iv) national authorization procedures.

The European Commission created the centralized procedure for the approval of human drugs to facilitate marketing authorizations that are valid throughout the European Union and, by extension (after national implementing decisions) in Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, which, together with the European Union Member States, comprise the European Economic Area, or “EEA”. Applicants file marketing authorization applications with the EMA (European Medicines Agency), where they are reviewed by a relevant scientific committee, in most cases the Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use (the “CHMP”). The EMA forwards CHMP opinions to the European Commission, which uses them as the basis for deciding whether to grant a marketing authorization. This procedure results in a single marketing authorization granted by the European Commission that is valid across the European Union, as well as in Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway. The centralized procedure is compulsory for human drugs that are: (i) derived from biotechnology processes, such as genetic engineering, (ii) contain a new active substance indicated for the treatment of certain diseases, such as HIV/AIDS, cancer, diabetes, neurodegenerative diseases, autoimmune and other immune dysfunctions and viral diseases, (iii) officially designated “orphan drugs” (drugs used for rare human diseases), and (iv) advanced-therapy medicines, such as gene-therapy, somatic cell-therapy or tissue-engineered medicines. The centralized procedure may at the voluntary request of the applicant also be used for human drugs that do not fall within the above-mentioned categories if the CHMP agrees that the human drug (a) contains a new active substance not yet approved on November 20, 2005; (b) constitutes a significant therapeutic, scientific or technical innovation, or (c) authorization under the centralized procedure is in the interests of patients at the European Union level. Since the U.K. exited the E.U., it no longer falls under these regulations, however, it has been decided it will follow EMA as it is transitioning to regulations as defined by the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA). The MHRA has temporary arrangements in place to partially align with EU regulations around medical technology including the sale of CE-marked medical devices until June 2023 and approval of EU-authorized medicines using a mutual recognition procedure until the end of 2023.

Under the centralized procedure in the European Union, the maximum time frame for the evaluation of a marketing authorization application by the EMA is 210 days (excluding clock stops, when additional written or oral information is to be provided by the applicant in response to questions asked by the CHMP), with adoption of the actual marketing authorization by the European Commission thereafter.

Accelerated evaluation might be granted by the CHMP in exceptional cases, when a medicinal product is expected to be of a major public health interest from the point of view of therapeutic innovation, defined by three cumulative criteria: the seriousness of the disease to be treated; the absence of an appropriate alternative therapeutic approach, and anticipation of exceptional high therapeutic benefit. In this circumstance, EMA ensures that the evaluation for the opinion of the CHMP is completed within 150 days and the opinion issued thereafter.

For those medicinal products for which the centralized procedure is not available, the applicant must submit marketing authorization applications to the national medicines regulators through one of three procedures: (i) the mutual recognition procedure (which must be used if the product has already been authorized in at least one other European Union member state, and in which the European Union member states are required to grant an authorization recognizing the existing authorization in the other European Union member state, unless they identify a serious risk to public health), (ii) the decentralized procedure (in which applications are submitted simultaneously in two or more European Union member states), or (iii) national authorization procedures (which results in a marketing authorization in a single European Union member state).

Mutual Recognition Procedure

The mutual recognition procedure, or “MRP”, for the approval of human drugs is an alternative approach to facilitate individual national marketing authorizations within the European Union. Fundamentally, the MRP may be applied for all human drugs for which the centralized procedure is not obligatory. The MRP is applicable to the majority of conventional medicinal products, and must be used if the product has already been authorized in one or more European Union member states.

The MRP functions by building on an already-existing marketing authorization in a member state of the European Union which is used as a reference in order to obtain marketing authorizations in other European Union member states. Under the MRP, if a marketing authorization for a drug already exists in one or more member states of the European Union and subsequently marketing authorization applications are made in other European Union member states by referring to the initial marketing authorization. The member state in which the marketing authorization was first granted will then act as the reference member state. The member states where the marketing authorization is subsequently applied for act as concerned member states. The concerned member states are required to grant an authorization recognizing the existing authorization in the reference member state, unless they identify a serious risk to public health.

The MRP is based on the principle of the mutual recognition by European Union member states of their respective national marketing authorizations. Based on a marketing authorization in the reference member state, the applicant may apply for marketing authorizations in other member states. In such case, the reference member state shall update its existing assessment report about the drug in 90 days. After the assessment is completed, copies of the report are sent to all member states, together with the approved summary of product characteristics, labeling and package leaflet. The concerned member states then have 90 days to recognize the decision of the reference member state and the summary of product characteristics, labeling and package leaflet. National marketing authorizations shall be granted within 30 days after acknowledgement of the agreement.

Should any European Union member state refuse to recognize the marketing authorization by the reference member state, on the grounds of potential serious risk to public health, the issue will be referred to a coordination group. Within a time frame of 60 days, member states shall, within the coordination group, make all efforts to reach a consensus. If this fails, the procedure is submitted to an EMA scientific committee for arbitration. The opinion of this EMA Committee is then forwarded to the European Commission, for the start of the decision-making process. As in the centralized procedure, this process entails consulting various European Commission Directorates General and the Standing Committee on Human Medicinal Products.

Data Exclusivity

In the European Union, marketing authorization applications for generic medicinal products do not need to include the results of pre-clinical and clinical trials, but instead can refer to the data included in the marketing authorization of a reference product for which regulatory data exclusivity has expired. If a marketing authorization is granted for a medicinal product containing a new active substance, that product benefits from eight years of data exclusivity, during which generic marketing authorization applications referring to the data of that product may not be accepted by the regulatory authorities, and a further two years of market exclusivity, during which such generic products may not be placed on the market. The two-year period may be extended to three years if during the first eight years a new therapeutic indication with significant clinical benefit over existing therapies is approved.

Orphan Medicinal Products

The EMA's Committee for Orphan Medicinal Products ("COMP") may recommend orphan medicinal product designation to promote the development of products that are intended for the diagnosis, prevention or treatment of life-threatening or chronically debilitating conditions affecting not more than 5 in 10,000 persons in the European Union. Additionally, designation is granted for products intended for the diagnosis, prevention or treatment of a life-threatening, seriously debilitating or serious and chronic condition and when, without incentives, it is unlikely that sales of the product in the European Union would be sufficient to justify the necessary investment in developing the medicinal product. The COMP may only recommend orphan medicinal product designation when the product in question offers a significant clinical benefit over existing approved products for the relevant indication. Following a positive opinion by the COMP, the European Commission adopts a decision granting orphan status. The COMP will reassess orphan status in parallel with EMA review of a marketing authorization application and orphan status may be withdrawn at that stage if it no longer fulfills the orphan criteria (for instance because in the meantime a new product was approved for the indication and no convincing data are available to demonstrate a significant benefit over that product). Orphan medicinal product designation entitles a party to financial incentives such as reduction of fees or fee waivers and ten years of market exclusivity is granted following marketing authorization. During this period, the competent authorities may not accept or approve any similar medicinal product, unless it offers a significant clinical benefit. This period may be reduced to six years if the orphan medicinal product designation criteria are no longer met, including where it is shown that the product is sufficiently profitable not to justify maintenance of market exclusivity.

Pediatric Development

In the European Union, companies developing a new medicinal product must agree to a Pediatric Investigation Plan, or "PIP", with the EMA and must conduct pediatric clinical trials in accordance with that PIP unless a waiver applies, for example, because the relevant disease or condition occurs only in adults. The marketing authorization application for the product must include the results of pediatric clinical trials conducted in accordance with the PIP, unless a waiver applies, or a deferral has been granted, in which case the pediatric clinical trials must be completed at a later date. Products that are granted a marketing authorization on the basis of the pediatric clinical trials conducted in accordance with the PIP are eligible for a six-month extension of the protection under a supplementary protection certificate (if the product covered by it qualifies for one at the time of approval). This pediatric reward is subject to specific conditions and is not automatically available when data in compliance with the PIP are developed and submitted.

If we fail to comply with applicable foreign regulatory requirements, we may be subject to, among other things, fines, suspension of clinical trials, suspension or withdrawal of regulatory approvals, product recalls, seizure of products, operating restrictions and criminal prosecution.

In addition, most countries are parties to the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs 1961, which governs international trade and domestic control of narcotic substances. Countries may interpret and implement their treaty obligations in a way that creates a legal obstacle to us obtaining marketing approval for our product candidates in those countries. These countries may not be willing or able to amend or otherwise modify their laws and regulations to permit our product candidates to be marketed, or achieving such amendments to the laws and regulations may take a prolonged period of time. In that case, we would be unable to market our product candidates in those countries in the near future or perhaps at all.

Employees

We have consolidated our employee base to save capital and focus on development of our leading candidates EB-002 and EB-003. As of the date of this report, we employ 7 full-time employees. We also work with scientific advisors, consultants and service providers, mainly through academic institutions and contract research organizations.

We have never had a work stoppage and none of its employees are covered by collective bargaining agreements or represented by a labor union. We believe that we have good relationships with our employees.

Item 1A. Risk factors

Risks Related to Our Business and Financial Condition

Our independent registered public accounting firm has expressed substantial doubt about our ability to continue as a going concern as of December 31, 2023. We will be unable to continue to operate for the foreseeable future without additional capital.

Our independent registered public accounting firm issued a report dated March 25, 2024 in connection with the audit of our consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2023, which included an explanatory paragraph describing the existence of conditions that raise substantial doubt about our ability to continue as a going concern including our recurring losses, cash used in operations, and need to raise additional funds to meet our obligations and sustain our operations. In addition, the notes to our financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023, included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, contain a disclosure describing the existence of conditions that raise substantial doubt about our ability to continue as a going concern. Our ability to continue as a going concern is dependent upon our ability to obtain substantial additional funding in connection with our continuing operations. Adequate additional financing may not be available to us in the necessary timeframe, in the amounts we require, on terms that acceptable to us, or at all. If we are unable to raise additional capital our business, prospectus, financial condition and results of operations will be materially and adversely affected and we may be unable to continue as a going concern. For example, we anticipate that our existing cash, including funds raised during the first quarter of 2024, will enable us to maintain our current operations into the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2024, but not beyond. If we are not able to continue as a going concern, we may have to liquidate our assets and may receive less than the value at which those assets are carried on our consolidated financial statements and/or seek protection under federal bankruptcy law, and it is likely that holders of our common stock and holders of securities convertible into our common stock will lose all of their investment. If we seek additional financing to fund our business activities in the future and there remains substantial doubt about our ability to continue as a going concern, investors or other financing sources may be unwilling to provide additional funding on commercially reasonable terms or at all.

As such, there is uncertainty regarding our ability to maintain liquidity sufficient to operate our business effectively, which raises substantial doubt about our ability to continue as a going concern.

We are dependent on the success of our prospective product candidates, which are in early stages of development, and there can be no assurances that any such prospects will reach a particular stage in development, receive regulatory approval or be successfully commercialized.

Our success will depend on our ability to successfully develop and commercialize our prospective product candidates through our development programs. We intend to develop at least two product candidates, currently EB-003 and EB-002, by undergoing the long, costly clinical-trial process for each candidate under an IND application and, eventually, obtaining FDA approval under an NDA before proceeding to market. In order to proceed with development of our pharmaceutical product candidates under the NDA pathway, we must obtain the FDA's approval of our IND application and conduct preclinical and clinical trials in compliance with the applicable IND regulations, clinical-study protocols, and other applicable regulations and related requirements. We may never be able to develop products which are commercially viable or receive regulatory approval in the U.S. or elsewhere. There can be no assurance that the FDA or any other regulatory authority will approve of our current or future product candidates.

In the United States, the FDA regulates drugs under the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, or "FDCA," and implementing regulations. Drugs are also subject to other federal, state and local statutes and regulations. The process of obtaining regulatory approvals and the subsequent compliance with appropriate federal, state, local and foreign statutes and regulations require the expenditure of substantial time and financial resources. The process required by the FDA before a new drug or biological product may be marketed in the United States generally involves the following:

- Completion of preclinical laboratory tests, animal studies, and formulation studies according to Good Laboratory Practices and other applicable regulations;
- Submission to the FDA of an IND application, which must become effective before human clinical trials may begin in the United States;
- Performance of adequate and well-controlled human clinical trials according to the FDA's current good clinical practices, or GCPs, which sufficiently demonstrate the safety and efficacy of the proposed drug or biologic for its intended uses;
- Submission to the FDA of a New Drug Application, or an NDA, for a new drug product;
- Satisfactory completion of an FDA inspection of the manufacturing facility or facilities where the drug or biologic is to be produced to assess compliance with the FDA's current good manufacturing practice standards, or cGMP, to assure that the facilities, methods and controls are adequate to preserve the drug's or biologic's identity, strength, quality and purity;
- Potential FDA audit of the nonclinical and clinical trial sites that generated the data in support of the NDA or biologics license application; and
- FDA review and, potentially, approval of the NDA.

The lengthy process of seeking required approvals and the continuing need for compliance with applicable statutes and regulations require the expenditure of substantial resources. There can be no certainty that approvals will be granted.

We may encounter difficulties that may delay, suspend or scale back our efforts to advance additional early research programs through preclinical development and IND application filings and into clinical development.

We intend to advance early research programs through preclinical development and to file an IND application for human clinical trials evaluating the prospective product candidates in our pipeline. The preparation and submission of IND applications requires rigorous and time-consuming preclinical testing, the results of which must be sufficiently documented to establish, among other things, the toxicity, safety, manufacturing, chemistry and clinical protocol of the product candidates. We may experience unforeseen difficulties that could delay or otherwise prevent us from successfully executing our current development strategy. In addition, our ability to complete and file certain IND applications may depend on the support of our partners and the timely performance of their obligations under relevant collaboration agreements. If our relevant partners are not able to perform such obligations, or if they otherwise delay the progress, we may not be able to prepare and file the intended IND applications on a timely basis or at all. Any delay, suspension or reduction of our efforts to pursue our preclinical and IND strategy could have a material adverse effect on our business and cause our share price to decline.

Catastrophic events could have a material adverse effect on our business, including current plans for product development, as well as any currently ongoing preclinical studies and clinical trials and any future studies or other development or commercialization activities.

Our operations and business could be disrupted by natural disasters; industrial accidents; public health issues and global pandemics such as COVID 19; cybersecurity incidents; interruptions of service from utilities, transportation restrictions or disruptions, telecommunications, or IT systems providers; manufacturing equipment failures; geopolitical conflict; terrorism; or other catastrophic events.

Catastrophic events could severely impact our business, including, but not limited to, our current or future preclinical studies, clinical trials, regulatory progress, or any other development or commercialization activities, including (among others):

- delays or difficulties in enrolling patients in clinical trials, specifically since many of the patients are considered immunocompromised;
- delays or difficulties in clinical site initiation, including difficulties in recruiting clinical site investigators and clinical site staff;
- diversion of healthcare resources away from the conduct of clinical trials, including the diversion of hospitals serving as our clinical trial sites and hospital staff supporting the conduct of our clinical trials;
- interruption of key clinical trial activities, such as clinical trial site monitoring, due to limitations on travel imposed or recommended by federal or state governments, employers and others;
- limitations in employee resources that would otherwise be focused on the conduct of our clinical trials, including because of sickness of employees or their families or the desire of employees to avoid contact with large groups of people;
- delays in receiving approval from local regulatory authorities to initiate our planned clinical trials;
- delays in clinical sites receiving the supplies and materials needed to conduct our clinical trials;
- interruption in global shipping that may affect the transport of clinical trial materials, such as investigational drug product used in our clinical trials
- changes in local regulations as part of a response to a catastrophic event which may require us to change the ways in which our clinical trials are conducted, which may result in unexpected costs, or to discontinue the clinical trials altogether;
- delays in necessary interactions with local regulators, ethics committees and other important agencies and contractors due to limitations in employee resources or forced furlough of government employees;
- delay in the timing of interactions with the FDA due to absenteeism by federal employees or by the diversion of their efforts and attention to approval of other therapeutics or other activities related ; and
- refusal of the FDA to accept data from clinical trials in affected geographies outside the United States.

In addition, a catastrophic event could disrupt our operations due to absenteeism by infected or ill members of management or other employees, or absenteeism by members of management and other employees who elect not to come to work due to the illness affecting others in our office or laboratory facilities, or due to quarantines. A catastrophic event could also impact members of our board of directors, resulting in absenteeism from meetings of the directors or committees of directors, and making it more difficult to convene the quorums of the full board of directors or our committees needed to conduct meetings for the management of our affairs.

We have significant and increasing liquidity needs and may require additional funding.

Research and development, management and administrative expenses and cash used for operations will continue to be significant and may increase substantially in the future in connection with new and continued research and development initiatives and our pursuit of IND authorization(s) for some or all of our product candidates, as is required to initiate clinical trials in human subjects in the United States. We will need to raise additional capital to fund our operations, continue to conduct clinical trials to support potential regulatory approval of marketing applications, and to fund commercialization of our current and future product candidates.

The amount and timing of our future funding requirements will depend on many factors, including, but not limited to:

- the scope, number, initiation, progress, timing, costs, design, duration, delays (if any), and results of preclinical and clinical studies for our current or future product candidates;
- the outcome, timing and cost of regulatory reviews, approvals or other actions to meet regulatory requirements established by the FDA, and comparable foreign regulatory authorities;
- the timing and amount of revenue generated or received, including any revenue from grants or other sources;
- the rate of progress and cost of our clinical trials and other product development programs;
- costs of filing, prosecuting, defending and enforcing any patent claims and other intellectual property rights associated with our current and future product candidates;
- the effect of competing technological and market developments;
- personnel, facilities and equipment requirements; and
- the terms and timing of any additional collaborative, licensing, co-promotion or other arrangements that we may establish.

While we expect to fund our future capital requirements from financing arrangements, we cannot assure you that any such financing arrangements will be available to it on favorable terms, or at all. Even if we can raise funds from financing arrangements, the amounts raised may not be sufficient to meet our future capital requirements. Additionally, the Company does not have sufficient unreserved, authorized shares to secure an equity investment of a sufficient amount, based on the Company's currently traded price per share, and the Company will require shareholder approval to increase the amount of authorized shares. If we are not able to raise capital, we could be required to postpone, scale back or eliminate some, or all, of our development objectives or commercialization efforts.

We depend on our current key personnel.

We have consolidated our employee base to save capital and focus on development of our leading candidates EB-002 and EB-303. As of the date of this report, we employ 7 full-time employees. We are highly dependent on our current management and scientific personnel, including Joseph Tucker, Ph.D., Peter Facchini, Ph.D., and Kevin Coveney, CPA. The inability to hire or retain experienced management personnel could adversely affect our ability to execute our business plan and harm our operating results. Due to the specialized scientific and managerial nature of our business, we rely heavily on our ability to attract and retain qualified scientific, technical and managerial personnel. The competition for qualified personnel in the pharmaceutical field is intense and we may be unable to continue to attract and retain qualified personnel necessary for the development of our business or to recruit suitable replacement personnel.

There has been limited study on the effects of psychedelics, and future clinical research studies may lead to conclusions that dispute or conflict with our understanding and belief regarding the medical benefits, viability, safety, efficacy, dosing, and social acceptance of psychedelics.

Research relating to the medical benefits, viability, safety, efficacy, and dosing of psychedelics remains in relatively early stages. There have been few clinical trials on the benefits of psychedelics conducted by us or by others. Future research and clinical trials may draw opposing conclusions to statements contained in the articles, reports and studies we have relied on, or could reach different or negative conclusions regarding the medical benefits, viability, safety, efficacy, dosing or other facts and perceptions related to cannabinoids and psychedelics, which could adversely affect social acceptance of psychedelics and the demand for our product candidates.

Our limited resources have lead us to focus on a particular candidate. As a result, we may fail to capitalize on product candidates that may be more profitable or for which there is a greater likelihood of medical and commercial success.

As result of our limited financial, managerial and scientific leadership resources we have focused on developing product candidates that we have identified as most likely to succeed. As such, we have elected to forego or delay for the time being the development of other candidates that may prove to have greater potential. Our resource allocation decisions may cause us to fail to capitalize on viable medical solutions, therapeutic enhancements and commercial potentials for viable markets when our spending on our current and future defined candidates with the indications specified therein may not yield any commercially viable products. Inaccurate evaluation of potential may result in relinquishment of valuable product candidate opportunity.

We expect to face intense competition, often from companies with greater resources and experience than us.

The pharmaceutical industry is highly competitive, with an emphasis on proprietary products and subject to rapid change. The industry continues to expand and evolve as an increasing number of competitors and potential competitors enter the market. Many of these competitors and potential competitors have substantially greater financial, technological, managerial and research and development resources and experience than us. Some of these competitors and potential competitors have more experience than us in the development of pharmaceutical products, including validation procedures and regulatory matters. In addition, our future product candidates, if successfully developed, will compete with product offerings from large and well-established companies that have greater marketing and sales experience and capabilities than us or our collaboration partners have. Other companies with greater resources than we may announce similar plans in the future. In addition, small or early stage companies may prove to be competitors, particularly through collaborative arrangements with large and established companies. If we are unable to compete successfully, our commercial opportunities will be reduced and our business, results of operations and financial conditions may be materially harmed. In addition, we compete with these companies in recruiting and retaining scientific personnel as well as establishing clinical trial sites and patient registration for clinical trials.

Our current and future preclinical and clinical studies may be conducted outside the United States, and the FDA may not accept data from such studies to support any NDAs we may submit after completing the applicable developmental and regulatory prerequisites.

We are conducting, or may conduct, preclinical and/or clinical studies outside the United States. For example, we have conducted preclinical studies in Israel, and plan to conduct clinical studies for one or more product candidates in Israel or other non-U.S. countries. To the extent we do not conduct these clinical trials in accordance under an IND application, the FDA may not accept data from such trials. Although the FDA may accept data from clinical trials conducted outside the United States that are not conducted under an IND application, the FDA's acceptance of the data is subject to certain conditions. For example, the clinical trial must be well designed and conducted and performed by qualified investigators in accordance with ethical principles and all applicable FDA regulations. The trial population must also adequately represent the intended U.S. population, and the data must be applicable to the U.S. population and U.S. medical practice in ways that the FDA deems clinically meaningful. In general, the patient population for any clinical trials conducted outside of the United States must be representative of the population for whom we intend to market the product candidate in the United States, if approved. In addition, while these clinical trials are subject to the applicable local laws, FDA acceptance of the data will be dependent upon our ability to verify the data and our determination that the trials also complied with all applicable U.S. laws and regulations. The process of obtaining regulatory approvals and the subsequent compliance with appropriate federal, state and foreign statutes and regulations requires the expenditure of substantial time and financial resources.

We cannot guarantee that the FDA will accept data from trials conducted outside of the United States. If the FDA does not accept the data from such clinical trials, we would likely result in the need for additional trials and the completion of additional regulatory steps, which would be costly and time-consuming and could delay or permanently halt our development of our product candidates.

Because the results of preclinical studies and earlier clinical trials are not necessarily predictive of future results, we may not have favorable results in our planned and future clinical trials.

Successful development of therapeutic products is highly uncertain and is dependent on numerous factors, many of which are beyond our control. Drug development involves long lead times and involves many variables of uncertainty. Product candidates that appear promising in the early phases of development may fail to reach the market for several reasons including, without limitation:

- preclinical study results that may show the product to be less effective than desired (e.g., the study failed to meet our primary objectives) or to have harmful or problematic side effects;
- failure to receive the necessary regulatory approvals or a delay in receiving such approvals. Among other things, such delays may be caused by slow enrollment in clinical studies, length of time to achieve study endpoints, additional time requirements for data analysis or an IND and later NDA, preparation, discussions with the FDA, an FDA request for additional preclinical or clinical data or unexpected safety or manufacturing issues;
- manufacturing costs, pricing, or reimbursement issues or other factors that make the product not economical; and
- the proprietary rights of others and their competing products and technologies that may prevent the product from being commercialized.

Any positive results from our preclinical testing of our prospective product candidates may not necessarily be predictive of the results from planned or future clinical trials for such product candidates. Many companies in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries have suffered significant setbacks in clinical trials after achieving positive results in preclinical and early clinical development, and we cannot be certain that we will not face similar setbacks. These setbacks have been caused by, among other things, preclinical findings while clinical trials were underway or safety or efficacy observations in clinical trials, including adverse events. Moreover, our interpretation of clinical data or our conclusions based on the preclinical in vitro and in vivo models may prove inaccurate, as preclinical and clinical data can be susceptible to varying interpretations and analyses, and many companies that believed their product candidates performed satisfactorily in preclinical studies and clinical trials nonetheless failed to obtain FDA or other regulatory approvals. Similarly, undesirable side effects caused by our product candidates could cause us or regulatory authorities to limit dosage in development or 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. Restrictive label applications may include but are not limited to a Boxed Warning, Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategies, or REMS, or other limitations of use. Drug-related side effects during one clinical trial furthermore could affect patient recruitment or the ability of enrolled patients to complete the trial, result in potential product liability claims or our ability to ensure enrollment for future trials. Any of these occurrences may harm our business, financial condition and prospects significantly.

Regulatory approval is limited by the FDA to those specific indications and conditions for which clinical safety and efficacy have been demonstrated, and we may be subject to fines, penalties or injunctions if we are determined to be promoting the use of our products for unapproved or “off-label” uses.

When the FDA or comparable foreign regulatory authorities issue regulatory approval for a product candidate, the regulatory approval is limited to those specific indications for which a product is approved. If we are not able to obtain FDA approval for any desired future indications for our products and product candidates, our ability to effectively market and sell our products may be reduced and our business may be adversely affected. While physicians may choose to prescribe drugs for uses that are not described in the product’s labeling and for uses that differ from those tested in clinical studies and approved by the regulatory authorities, we are prohibited from marketing and promoting the products for indications that are not specifically approved by the FDA.

These “off-label” uses are common across medical specialties and may constitute an appropriate treatment for some patients in varied circumstances. Regulatory authorities in the United States generally do not restrict or regulate the behavior of physicians in their choice of treatment within the practice of medicine. Regulatory authorities do, however, restrict communications by pharmaceutical companies on off-label use. If the FDA determines that our promotional activities constitute promotion of an off-label use, it could request that we modify our promotional materials or subject us to regulatory or enforcement actions by other agencies, including issuance of warning letters, suspension or withdraw an approved product from the market, additional reporting requirements and/or oversight if we become subject to a corporate integrity agreement or similar agreement, any of which could significantly harm our business.

Business interruptions could delay us in the process of developing our product candidates.

Loss of our stored materials or facilities through fire, theft, or other causes could have an adverse effect on our ability to continue product development activities and to conduct our business. Even if we obtain insurance coverage to compensate us for such business interruptions, such coverage may prove insufficient to fully compensate us for the damage to our business resulting from any significant property or casualty loss.

Our employees may engage in misconduct or other improper activities, including noncompliance with regulatory standards and legal requirements.

We are exposed to the risk of employee fraud or other misconduct. Misconduct by employees could include intentional failures to comply with FDA, SEC or Office of Inspector General regulations, or regulations of any other applicable regulatory authority, failure to provide accurate information to the FDA or the SEC, comply with applicable manufacturing standards, other federal, state or foreign laws and regulations, report information or data accurately or disclose unauthorized activities. Employee misconduct could also involve the improper use of confidential or protected information, including information obtained in the course of clinical trials, or illegal pre-approval promotion of drug candidates, which could result in government investigations, enforcement actions and serious harm to our reputation. We have adopted a Corporate Code of Conduct and Ethics and Whistleblower Policy, but employee misconduct is not always possible to identify and deter.

The precautions we take to detect and prevent these prohibited activities may not be effective in controlling unknown or unmanaged risks or losses or in protecting us from governmental investigations or other actions or lawsuits stemming from a failure to be in compliance with such laws or regulations. If any such actions are instituted against us, and we are not successful in defending our Company or asserting our rights, those actions could have a significant impact on our business, including the imposition of significant fines or other sanctions.

Our proprietary information, or that of our customers, suppliers and business partners, may be lost or we may suffer security breaches.

In the ordinary course of our business, we expect to collect and store sensitive data, including valuable and commercially sensitive intellectual property, clinical trial data, our proprietary business information and that of our future customers, suppliers and business partners, and personally identifiable information of our customers, clinical trial subjects and employees, patients, in our data centers and on our networks. The secure processing, maintenance and transmission of this information is critical to our operations. Despite our security measures, our information technology and infrastructure may be vulnerable to attacks by hackers or breached due to employee error, malfeasance or other disruptions.

Any such breach could compromise our networks and the information stored there could be accessed, publicly disclosed, lost or stolen. Any such access, disclosure or other loss of information could result in legal claims or proceedings, liability under laws that protect the privacy of personal information, regulatory penalties, disrupt our operations, damage our reputation, and cause a loss of confidence in our products and our ability to conduct clinical trials, which could adversely affect our business and reputation and lead to delays in gaining regulatory approvals for our future product candidates. Although we may obtain business interruption insurance coverage in the future, our insurance might not cover all losses from any future breaches of our systems.

Failure of our information technology systems, including cybersecurity attacks or other data security incidents, could significantly disrupt the operation of our business.

Our business depends on the use of information technologies. Our ability to execute our business plan and to comply with regulators' requirements with respect to data control and data integrity, depends, in part, on the uninterrupted performance of our information technology systems, or IT systems and the IT systems supplied by third-party service providers. Our IT systems are vulnerable to damage from a variety of sources, including telecommunications or network failures, malicious human acts, natural disasters and more sophisticated and targeted cyber-related attacks that pose a risk to the security of our information systems and networks and the confidentiality, availability and integrity of data and information. A successful cybersecurity attack or other data security incident could result in the misappropriation and/or loss of confidential or personal information, create system interruptions, or deploy malicious software that attacks our systems. It is also possible that a cybersecurity attack might not be noticed for some period of time. In addition, sustained or repeated system failures or problems arising during the upgrade of any of our IT systems that interrupt our ability to generate and maintain data could adversely affect our ability to operate our business. The occurrence of a cybersecurity attack or incident could result in business interruptions from the disruption of our IT systems, or negative publicity resulting in reputational damage with our shareholders and other stakeholders and/or increased costs to prevent, respond to or mitigate cybersecurity events. In addition, the unauthorized dissemination of sensitive personal information or proprietary or confidential information could expose us or other third-parties to regulatory fines or penalties, litigation and potential liability, or otherwise harm our business.

Security breaches, loss of data and other disruptions could compromise sensitive information related to our business, prevent it from accessing critical information or expose it to liability, which could adversely affect our business and its reputation.

In the ordinary course of our business, we expect to collect and store sensitive data, including legally protected patient health information, credit card information, personally identifiable information about our employees, intellectual property, and proprietary business information. We expect to manage and maintain this data utilizing on-site systems. This data includes a wide variety of business-critical information including research and development information, commercial information and business and financial information.

The secure processing, storage, maintenance and transmission of this critical information is vital to our operations and business strategy, and we devote significant resources to protecting such information. Although we take measures to protect sensitive information from unauthorized access or disclosure, our information technology and infrastructure may be vulnerable to attacks by hackers, or viruses, breaches or interruptions due to employee error, malfeasance or other disruptions, or lapses in compliance with privacy and security mandates. Any such virus, breach or interruption could compromise our networks and the information stored there could be accessed by unauthorized parties, publicly disclosed, lost or stolen. In the future, any such access, disclosure or other loss of information could result in legal claims or proceedings, liability under laws that protect the privacy of personal information, such as the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act and European Union General Data Protection Regulation, government enforcement actions and regulatory penalties. Unauthorized access, loss or dissemination could also disrupt our operations, including our ability to process samples, provide test results, share and monitor safety data, bill payors or patients, provide customer support services, conduct research and development activities, process and prepare company financial information, manage various general and administrative aspects of our business and may damage our reputation, any of which could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Our operating results may vary significantly in future periods.

We are in the early stages of product development and expect to focus substantial efforts for, at least, the next several years on preclinical and clinical trials and other research and development activities. We have not obtained regulatory approval for any product candidates. Our revenues, expenses and operating results are likely to fluctuate significantly in the future. We expect to incur substantial additional operating expenses over the next several years as our research, development, and preclinical and clinical study activities increase. Our financial results are unpredictable and may fluctuate, for among other reasons, due to:

- the scope, number, progress, duration, endpoints, cost, results, and timing of our preclinical testing and clinical studies of current or potential future product candidates;
- our ability to obtain additional funding to develop product candidates; and
- delays in the commencement, enrollment and timing of clinical studies.

A high portion of our costs are predetermined on an annual basis, due in part to our significant research and development costs. Thus, small declines in revenue could disproportionately affect financial results in a quarter.

Significant ongoing costs and obligations

As a neuro-pharmaceutical drug discovery and development platform company, the Company expects to spend substantial funds on the research, development and testing of psychedelic molecular derivatives. In addition, the Company expects to incur significant ongoing costs and obligations related to its investment in infrastructure and growth and for regulatory compliance, which could have a material adverse impact on the Company's results of operations, financial condition and cash flows. The Company will also require significant additional funds if it expands the scope of current plans for research and development or if it were to acquire any other assets and advance their development. It is possible that future financing will not be available or, if available, may not be on favorable terms. The availability of financing will be affected by the achievement of the Company's corporate goals, the results of scientific and clinical research, the need and ability to obtain regulatory approvals and the state of the capital markets generally. If adequate funding is not available, the Company may be required to delay, reduce or eliminate one or more of its research and development programs, or obtain funds through corporate partners or others who may require the Company to relinquish significant rights to its Psychedelic Derivatives or compounds or obtain funds on less favorable terms than the Company would otherwise accept. To the extent that external sources of capital become limited or unavailable or available on onerous terms, the Company's intangible assets and its ability to continue its business plans may become impaired, and the Company's assets, liabilities, business, financial condition and results of operations may be materially or adversely affected.

In addition, future changes in regulations, changes in legal status of psychedelic products, more vigorous enforcement thereof or other unanticipated events could require extensive changes to the Company's operations, increased compliance costs or give rise to material liabilities, which could have a material adverse effect on the business, results of operations and financial condition of the Company. The Company's efforts to grow its business may be costlier than expected.

We may rely on third parties to plan and conduct preclinical and clinical trials

We may rely on third parties to conduct preclinical development activities and intends to partner with third parties who may conduct clinical development activities with our Psychedelic Derivatives and other product candidates. Preclinical activities include "in vivo" studies providing access to specific disease models, pharmacology and toxicology studies, and assay development. Clinical development activities include trial design, regulatory submissions, clinical patient recruitment, clinical trial monitoring, clinical data management and analysis, safety monitoring and project management. If there is any dispute or disruption in its relationship with third parties, or if such third parties are unable to provide quality services in a timely manner and at a feasible cost, or if such third parties fail to meet certain development milestones, our active development programs may face delays.

Further, if any of these third parties fails to perform as we expect or if their work fails to meet regulatory requirements, the testing and eventual development of viable Psychedelic Derivative drug candidates could be delayed, cancelled or rendered ineffective.

Our reliance on third party contract manufacturers

Upon our completion of the "in vitro" portion of the preclinical testing we intend to conduct, when only lab-grade and lab-scale psychedelic molecules are required, we intend to manufacture the required psychedelic molecules at our facilities in Calgary. However, when larger quantities and higher quality psychedelic molecules are required (e.g., for animal model testing), we intend to contract with appropriate third party contract manufacturing organizations ("CMOs") to, among other things, supply the active pharmaceutical ingredients ("API") used in its Psychedelic Derivatives over which we may have limited control. We intend to rely on CMOs to supply APIs in compliance with local GMP regulations applicable to its Psychedelic Derivatives.

All applicable jurisdictions, including Health Canada, and the FDA, ensure the quality of drug products by carefully monitoring drug manufacturers' compliance with GMP regulations. The GMP regulations for drugs contain minimum requirements for the methods, facilities and controls used in manufacturing, processing and packing of a drug product. There can be no assurances that CMOs will be able to meet our timetable and requirements or carry out their contractual obligations in accordance with the applicable regulations. In addition, the API they supply to us may not meet our specifications and quality policies and procedures or they may not be able to supply the API in commercial quantities. If we are unable to arrange for alternative third-party supply sources on commercially reasonable terms or in a timely manner, it may delay the development of its Psychedelic Derivatives and could have a material adverse effect on our business operations and financial condition.

Further, the failure of CMOs to operate in compliance with GMP regulations could result in, among other things, certain product liability claims in the event such failure to comply results in defective products (containing our Psychedelic Derivatives) that caused injury or harm. In general, our dependence upon third parties for the supply of our APIs may adversely affect profit margins and our ability to develop and deliver viable Psychedelic Derivatives on a timely and competitive basis.

Termination or non-renewal of key licenses and agreements

Our business is highly dependent on key licenses and agreements which expire in a short time period. Specifically, in conducting research and preclinical studies in compliance with current legislation, we substantially rely on the Facchini Drug License, which expires on December 31, 2024. Health Canada renews drug licenses annually and Dr. Facchini has held the Facchini Drug License since October 5, 1995 and it has been renewed each year without issue. Until Enveric obtains its own Dealer's License or Section 56 Exemption necessary for its business, the termination, non-renewal or hinderance of use of the Facchini Drug License would have a material adverse effect on Enveric's ability to develop Psychedelic Derivatives, conduct research or operate its business as it currently does. This could have a material adverse impact on Enveric's financial condition.

Negative results from clinical trials or studies of others and adverse safety events involving our Psychedelic Derivatives

From time to time, studies or clinical trials on various aspects of biopharmaceutical or natural health products ("NHPs") are conducted by academic researchers, competitors or others. The results of these studies or trials, when published, may have a significant effect on the market for the biopharmaceutical or NHP that is the subject of the study. The publication of negative results of studies or clinical trials or adverse safety events related to the psychedelic compounds used by us in the development of our Psychedelic Derivatives, or the therapeutic areas in which our Psychedelic Derivatives compete, could adversely affect our share price and our ability to finance future development of our Psychedelic Derivatives, and our business and financial results could be materially and adversely affected.

Clinical trials of our Psychedelic Derivatives may fail to demonstrate safety and efficacy to the satisfaction of regulatory authorities or not otherwise produce positive results

Before third parties are able to obtain marketing approval from regulatory authorities for the sale of products containing our Psychedelic Derivatives, the completion of preclinical studies in animals and extensive clinical trials in humans to demonstrate the safety and efficacy of the Psychedelic Derivatives will be required. Clinical testing is expensive and difficult to design and implement, can take many years to complete and has uncertain outcomes. The outcome of preclinical studies and early clinical trials may not predict the success of later clinical trials, and interim results of a clinical trial do not necessarily predict final results. A number of companies in the pharmaceutical, NHP and biotechnology industries have suffered significant setbacks in advanced clinical trials due to lack of efficacy or unacceptable safety profiles, notwithstanding promising results in earlier trials. We do not know whether the clinical trials that third parties may conduct will demonstrate adequate efficacy and safety to result in regulatory approval to market any products containing our Psychedelic Derivatives in any jurisdiction. A product/compound candidate may fail for safety or efficacy reasons at any stage of the testing process. A major risk we face is the possibility that none of the products containing our Psychedelic Derivatives will successfully gain market approval from Health Canada, the FDA or other regulatory authorities, resulting in our inability to derive any royalty-based revenue from them.

Raw materials requiring regulatory approval

Some raw materials used by us will require regulatory approval by Health Canada and the FDA because the plant or fungi may contain a controlled substance. While we believe that we can acquire, or indirectly make use of, the requisite licenses to conduct our intended research and development activities, there is a risk that Health Canada and the FDA can either reject or require further action to approve the requisite licenses which would cause delays or result in losses for us and could result in the abandonment of a specific research programs. Raw materials and supplies are generally available in quantities to meet the needs of our business. An inability to obtain raw materials or product supply could have a material adverse impact on our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

Possible increase in costs beyond what is currently expected as a result of regulatory review

Health Canada and the FDA have not yet determined whether our Psychedelic Derivatives will be scheduled as controlled substances. In the event Health Canada or the FDA determine that these products are controlled substances and therefore, require regulatory approval, (a) our licensees will be required to obtain such approval; and (b) to the extent that we produce Psychedelic Derivatives, we will require similar regulatory approval. Such additional regulatory requirements may increase our costs and cause a delay in our operations. Further, if Health Canada or the FDA require that we perform additional preclinical studies, or if we determine that additional preclinical studies are required for our Psychedelic Derivatives, our expenses would further increase beyond what is currently expected and the anticipated timing of any potential approval of our Psychedelic Derivatives or licensing out agreements would likely be delayed.

We have never been profitable, have no products approved for commercial sale, and to date have not generated any revenue

We have never been profitable and we do not expect to be profitable in the foreseeable future. Neither us, nor any third-party partner, have submitted any products containing our products for approval by regulatory authorities in Canada, the United States or elsewhere. Since inception, we have an accumulated deficit of \$96.5 million and accumulated other comprehensive losses of \$0.6 million. To date, we have devoted most of our financial resources to research and development, including drug discovery research, preclinical development activities, patent application filing and media relation efforts, as well as corporate overhead.

We have not generated any revenues since inception, we expect to continue to incur losses for the foreseeable future, and expect these losses to increase as we continue our product development activities. If our Psychedelic Derivatives and other products developed do not achieve market acceptance, we may never become profitable. As a result of the foregoing, we expect to continue to experience net losses and negative cash flows for the foreseeable future. These net losses and negative cash flows have had, and will continue to have, an adverse effect on our stockholders' equity and working capital.

Because of the numerous risks and uncertainties associated with drug development, we are unable to accurately predict the timing or amount of increased expenses or when, or if, we will be able to achieve profitability. In addition, our expenses could increase if we are required by the FDA or Health Canada to perform preclinical studies or trials in addition to those currently expected, or if there are any delays in completing our preclinical studies or the development of any of our Psychedelic Derivatives or other products. The amount of future net losses will depend, in part, on the rate of future growth of our expenses and our ability to generate revenues.

We have no licensing, marketing or distribution experience and will have to invest significant resources to develop those capabilities or enter into acceptable third-party sales and marketing transactions

We have no licensing, marketing or distribution experience. To develop licensing, distribution and marketing capabilities, we will have to invest significant amounts of financial and management resources, some of which will need to be committed prior to any confirmation that our Psychedelic Derivatives will be approved by the FDA and Health Canada for Psychedelic Derivatives where we decide to perform licensing, marketing and distribution functions itself or through third parties, we could face a number of additional risks, including that we or our third-party collaborators may not be able to build and maintain an effective marketing or sales force. If we use third parties to market and license our Psychedelic Derivatives, we may have limited or no control over our licensing, marketing and distribution activities on which our future revenues may depend.

We may incur substantial costs as a result of litigation or other proceedings relating to patent and other intellectual property rights

We may from time to time seek to enforce our intellectual property rights against infringers when we determine that a successful outcome is probable and may lead to an increase in the value of the intellectual property. If we choose to enforce our patent rights against a party, then that individual or company has the right to ask the court to rule that such patents are invalid or should not be enforced. Additionally, the validity of our patents and the patents we have licensed may be challenged if a petition for post grant proceedings such as inter-partes review and post grant review is filed within the statutorily applicable time with the Canadian Intellectual Property Office or the United States Patent and Trademark Office. These lawsuits and proceedings are expensive and would consume time and resources and divert the attention of managerial and scientific personnel even if we were successful in stopping the infringement of such patents.

In addition, there is a risk that the court will decide that such patents are not valid and that we do not have the right to stop the other party from using the inventions. There is also the risk that, even if the validity of such patents is upheld, the court will refuse to stop the other party on the ground that such other party's activities do not infringe our intellectual property rights.

Changes in patent law and its interpretation could diminish the value of patents in general, thereby impairing our ability to protect our Psychedelic Derivatives

As is the case with other NHP, biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies, our success is heavily dependent on intellectual property rights, particularly patents. Obtaining and enforcing patents in the biopharmaceutical industry involves technological and legal complexity, and obtaining and enforcing biopharmaceutical patents is costly, time consuming and inherently uncertain. The Supreme Court of Canada and the U.S. Supreme Court have ruled on several patent cases in recent years, either narrowing the scope of patent protection available in certain circumstances or weakening the rights of patent owners in certain situations. In addition to increasing uncertainty with regard to our ability to obtain patents in the future, this combination of events has created uncertainty with respect to the value of patents, once obtained. Depending on decisions by the Canadian House of Representative, the Federal Court of Canada, the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, U.S. Congress, the federal courts, and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and international treaties entered into by these nations, the laws and regulations governing patents could change in unpredictable ways that would weaken our ability to obtain patents or to enforce patents we may obtain in the future.

Failure to manage growth

As we advance our Psychedelic Derivatives through preclinical studies and seek business arrangements and partnerships with third parties to advance our Psychedelic Derivatives through clinical development, we will need to increase our preclinical development, scientific, management and administrative headcount to manage these programs and negotiate these arrangements. In addition, to meet obligations as a public company, we may need to increase our general and administrative capabilities and improve our operational and financial controls and reporting procedures. Our management, personnel and systems currently in place may not be adequate to support this future growth. In managing our growing operations, we are also subject to the risks of over-hiring and/or overcompensating our employees and over-expanding our operating infrastructure. As a result, we may be unable to manage our expenses effectively in the future, which may negatively impact our gross profit or operating expenses.

Insurance and uninsured risks

Our business is subject to a number of risks and hazards generally, including adverse preclinical trial results, accidents, labor disputes and changes in the regulatory environment. Such occurrences could result in damage to assets, personal injury or death, environmental damage, delays in operations, monetary losses and possible legal liability.

Our insurance may not cover all the potential risks associated with our operations. We may also be unable to maintain insurance to cover these risks at economically feasible premiums. Insurance coverage may not be available or may not be adequate to cover any resulting liability. Moreover, insurance against risks such as environmental pollution or other hazards encountered in our operations is not generally available on acceptable terms. We might also become subject to liability for pollution or other hazards which may not be insured against or which we may elect not to insure against because of premium costs or other reasons. Losses from these events or any significant uninsured liability may require us to pay substantial amounts, which would adversely affect our financial position and results of operations.

Litigation

We may become party to litigation from time to time in the ordinary course of business which could adversely affect our business. Should any litigation in which we become involved be determined against us such a decision could adversely affect our ability to continue operating and the market price for our shares and could use significant resources. Even if we are involved in litigation and win, litigation can redirect significant company resources.

Conflicts of interest

Certain of our directors and officers do not devote their full time to the affairs of the Company and certain of our directors and officers are also directors, officers and shareholders of other biotechnology and research and development companies or other public companies in general, and as a result they may find themselves in a position where their duty to another company conflicts with their duty to the Company. There is no assurance that any such conflicts will be resolved in favor of the Company. If any such conflicts are not resolved in our favor we may be adversely affected.

The psychedelic therapy industry and market are relatively new and this industry and market may not continue to exist or grow as anticipated

We operate our business in a relatively new industry and market. In addition to being subject to general business risks, we must continue to build brand awareness in this industry and market through significant investments in our strategy, our operational capacity, quality assurance and compliance with regulations. In addition, there is no assurance that the industry and market will continue to exist and grow as currently estimated or anticipated or function and evolve in the manner consistent with management's expectations and assumptions. Any event or circumstance that adversely affects the psychedelic therapy industry and market could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial conditions and results of operations.

The psychedelic medicine market will face specific marketing challenges given the products' status as a controlled substance which resulted in past and current public perception that the products have negative health and lifestyle effects and have the potential to cause physical and social harm due to psychoactive and potentially addictive effects. Any marketing efforts by us would need to overcome this perception to build consumer confidence, brand recognition and goodwill.

The psychedelics industry and market are relatively new, and the industry may not succeed in the long term.

We operate our business in a relatively new industry and market. The use of psychedelics for medicinal purposes has shown promise in various studies and we believe that both regulators and the public have an increasing awareness and acceptance of this promising field. Nevertheless, psychedelics remain a controlled substance in the United States, Canada, and most other jurisdictions and their use for research and therapeutic purposes remains highly regulated and narrow in scope. There is no assurance that the industry and market will continue to grow as currently estimated or anticipated or function and evolve in the manner consistent with management's expectations and assumptions. Any event or circumstance that adversely affects the psychedelic manufacturing and medicines industry and market could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. We have committed and expect to continue committing significant resources and capital to the development of psychedelic products for therapeutic uses. As a category of products, medical-grade psychedelics raw materials and psychedelic-derived APIs, and research into such substances, represent relatively untested offerings in the marketplace, and we cannot provide assurance that psychedelics as a category, or that our prospective products, in particular, will achieve market acceptance. Moreover, as a relatively new industry, there are not many established players in the psychedelic-based medicines industry whose business model we can emulate. Similarly, there is little information about comparable companies available for potential investors to review in making a decision about whether to invest in our common shares.

Our psychedelic product candidates may generate public controversy. Adverse publicity or public perception regarding the psychedelic APIs we intend to utilize may negatively influence our success and that of our prospective investigational therapies.

Our ability to establish and grow our business is substantially dependent on the success of the emerging market for psychedelics-based medicines, which will depend upon, among other matters, pronounced and rapidly changing public preferences, factors which are difficult to predict and over which we have little, if any, control. We and our clients will be highly dependent upon consumer perception of psychedelic-based therapies and other products.

Therapies containing controlled substances may generate public controversy. Political and social pressures and adverse publicity could lead to delays in approval of, and increased expenses for any future therapeutic candidates we may develop. Opponents of these therapies may seek restrictions on marketing and withdrawal of any regulatory approvals. In addition, these opponents may seek to generate negative publicity in an effort to persuade the medical community to reject these therapies. For example, we may face media-communicated criticism directed at our clinical development program. Adverse publicity from psilocybin misuse may adversely affect the commercial success or market penetration achievable by our product candidates. Anti-psychedelic protests have historically occurred and may occur in the future and generate media coverage. Political pressures and adverse publicity could lead to delays in, and increased expenses for, and limit or restrict the introduction and marketing of any future therapeutic candidates.

The expansion of the use of psychedelics in the medical industry may require new clinical research into effective medical therapies

Research in United States and internationally regarding the medical benefits, viability, safety, efficacy, addictiveness, dosing and social acceptance of psychedelic and psychoactive products remains in early stages. There have been relatively few clinical trials on the benefits of such products. Although we believe that the articles, reports and studies support our beliefs regarding the medical benefits, viability, safety, efficacy, dosing and social acceptance of psychedelic and psychoactive products, future research and clinical trials may prove such statements to be incorrect, or could raise concerns regarding, and perceptions relating to, psychedelic and psychoactive products. Given these risks, uncertainties and assumptions, readers should not place undue reliance on such articles and reports. Future research studies and clinical trials may draw opposing conclusions to those stated in this Annual Report on Form 10-K or reach negative conclusions regarding the medical benefits, viability, safety, efficacy, dosing, social acceptance or other facts and perceptions related to psychedelic and psychoactive products, which could have a material adverse effect on the demand for our Psychedelic Derivatives with the potential to lead to a material adverse effect on the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations.

The psychedelic therapy industry is difficult to quantify and investors will be reliant on their own estimates of the accuracy of market data

Because the psychedelic therapy industry is in a nascent stage with uncertain boundaries, there is a lack of information about comparable companies available for potential investors to review in deciding about whether to invest in us and, few, if any, established companies whose business model we can follow or upon whose success we can build. Accordingly, investors will have to rely on their own estimates in deciding about whether to invest in us. There can be no assurance that our estimates are accurate or that the market size is sufficiently large for our business to grow as projected, which may negatively impact our financial results.

The psychedelic therapy and biotechnology industries are experiencing rapid growth and increased competition

The psychedelic therapy and biotechnology industries are undergoing rapid growth and substantial change, which has resulted in an increase in competitors, consolidation and formation of strategic relationships. Acquisitions or other consolidating transactions could harm us in a number of ways, including, without limitation, by losing strategic partners if they are acquired by or enter into relationships with a competitor, losing customers, revenue and market share, or forcing us to expend greater resources to meet new or additional competitive threats, all of which could harm our operating results.

Additionally, the biotechnology and pharmaceutical industries are intensely competitive and subject to rapid and significant technological change. We have competitors in Canada, the United States, Europe and other jurisdictions, including, without limitation, major multinational pharmaceutical companies, established biotechnology companies, specialty pharmaceutical and generic drug companies and universities and other research institutions. Many of our competitors have greater financial and other resources, such as larger research and development staff and more experienced marketing and manufacturing organizations than we do. Large pharmaceutical companies, in particular, have extensive experience in, and substantial capital resources for, conducting research, molecular derivative development, obtaining regulatory approvals, obtaining intellectual property protection and establishing key relationships. These companies also have significantly greater sales and marketing capabilities and experience in completing collaborative transactions in our target markets with leading companies and research institutions.

Our competitors may introduce new Psychedelic Derivatives or develop technological advances that compete with us. We cannot predict the timing or impact of competitors introducing new Psychedelic Derivatives or technological advances. Such competing Psychedelic Derivatives may be safer, more effective, more effectively marketed, licensed or sold or have lower prices or superior performance features than our Psychedelic Derivatives, and this could negatively impact our business and results of operations. Established pharmaceutical companies may also invest heavily to accelerate discovery and development of novel compounds or to in-license novel compounds that could make the Psychedelic Derivatives that we develop obsolete. As a result of all of these factors, our competitors may succeed in obtaining patent protection or discovering, developing and commercializing Psychedelic Derivatives before we do or may develop Psychedelic Derivatives that are deemed to be more effective or gain greater market acceptance than those of the Company.

Smaller or early-stage companies may also prove to be significant competitors, particularly through collaborative transactions with large, established companies. In addition, many universities and private and public research institutes may become active in the development of novel compounds. Our competitors may succeed in developing, acquiring or licensing on an exclusive basis, technologies and Psychedelic Derivatives that are more effective or less costly than any of the Psychedelic Derivatives that we are currently developing or that we may develop, which could render our Psychedelic Derivatives obsolete or non-competitive. If our competitors market Psychedelic Derivatives that are more effective, safer or less expensive or that reach the market sooner than our Psychedelic Derivatives, if any, we may not achieve commercial success. In addition, because of our limited resources, it may be difficult for us to stay abreast of the rapid changes in each technology. If we fail to stay at the forefront of technological change, we may be unable to compete effectively. Technological advances or products developed by our competitors may render our technologies or Psychedelic Derivatives obsolete, less competitive or not economical.

Changes in legislation, regulations and guidelines

Our operations are subject to various laws, regulations and guidelines relating to, among other things, drug research, development, marketing practices, health and safety, the conduct of operations and preclinical trials. In addition to FDA and Health Canada restrictions on the marketing of pharmaceutical products, several other types of state and federal laws have been applied to restrict certain marketing practices in the pharmaceutical and medical industries in recent years, as well as consulting or other service agreements with physicians or other potential referral sources. While to the knowledge of management, we are currently in compliance with all such laws, changes to applicable laws, regulations and guidelines may cause adverse effects to its operations. The risks to the business of the Company represented by this or similar risks are that they could significantly reduce the addressable market for our Psychedelic Derivatives and could materially and adversely affect the business, financial condition and results of our operations.

Risks Related to Regulatory Matters

Our current and prospective product candidates, and the development thereof, are or will be subject to the various federal and state laws and regulations relating to the safety and efficacy of health products, such as drugs and medical devices.

We are in the process of developing investigational new drugs for which we intend to pursue FDA approval via the NDA process. In these product candidates and synthetic molecules based on psychedelics, such as psilocybin, N,N-dimethyltryptamine (“DMT”), mescaline and MDMA, will be the active pharmaceutical ingredients.

In connection with our development and future commercialization (if applicable) of our prospective products, we, and each contemplated product candidate, are subject to the Federal Food Drug and Cosmetic Act (FDCA). The FDCA is intended to assure the consumer, in part, that drugs and devices are safe and effective for their intended uses and that all labeling and packaging is truthful, informative, and not deceptive. The FDCA and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations define the term “drug,” in part, by reference to its intended use, as “articles intended for use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention of disease” and “articles (other than food) intended to affect the structure or any function of the body of man or other animals.” The definition also includes components of drugs, such as active pharmaceutical ingredients. To be lawfully marketed in the United States, drugs must generally either receive premarket approval by FDA through the NDA process or conform to a “monograph” for a particular drug category, as established by FDA’s Over-the-Counter (OTC) Drug Review. If the FDA does not award premarket approval for our product candidates through the NDA process, this will have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Additionally, the nature of the active ingredients we intend to utilize in our product candidates subjects us and our development and future commercialization (as applicable) activities to additional regulatory scrutiny and oversight. In connection with our development and future commercialization (if applicable) of psychedelic-based product candidates, we and each contemplated product candidate will be subject to the federal Controlled Substances Act (CSA) and the Controlled Substances Import and Export Act in the United States and analogous state and foreign laws.

There is no guarantee that any of our investigational drugs will ever be approved as medicines in any jurisdiction in which the Company operates, as there are currently very few FDA-approved drugs containing the psychedelic ingredients we intend to utilize as active ingredients. And, the laws and regulations generally applicable to the industry in which the Company is involved are subject to constant evolution and may change in ways currently unforeseen. Any amendment to or replacement of existing laws or regulations, including the re-classification of the substances the Company is developing or with which it is working, which are matters beyond the Company’s control, may cause the Company’s business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects to be adversely affected or may cause the Company to incur significant costs in complying with such changes or it may be unable to comply therewith. A violation of any applicable laws and regulations of the jurisdictions in which the Company operates could result in significant fines, penalties, administrative sanctions, convictions or settlements arising from civil proceedings initiated by either government entities in the jurisdictions in which the Company operates, or private citizens or criminal charges.

The psychedelic-derived therapeutic candidates we are developing or may develop in the future are subject to controlled substance laws and regulations in the United States and other countries where the product will be marketed, and failure to comply with these laws and regulations, or the cost of compliance with these laws and regulations, may adversely affect the results of our business operations and our financial condition.

In the United States, psychedelics, such as psilocybin (and its active metabolite, psilocin), DMT, mescaline and MDMA, are classified by the DEA as a Schedule I substances under the CSA. The DEA regulates chemical compounds as Schedule I, II, III, IV or V substances. Schedule I substances by-definition have a high potential for abuse, have no currently accepted medical use in the United States, lack accepted safety for use under medical supervision, and may not be prescribed marketed or sold in the United States. Pharmaceutical products approved for use in the United States may be listed as Schedule II, III, IV or V, with Schedule II substances considered to present the highest potential for abuse or dependence and Schedule V substances the lowest relative risk of abuse among such substances. Schedule I and II substances are subject to the strictest controls under the CSA, including manufacturing and procurement quotas, security requirements and criteria for importation. In addition, dispensing of Schedule II substances is further restricted. For example, they may not be refilled without a new prescription and may have a black box warning. Further, most, if not all, state laws in the United States classify the psychedelic active ingredients we intend to utilize as Schedule I controlled substances. For any product containing active ingredients that are Schedule I controlled substances to be available for commercial marketing in the United States, the product must be scheduled by the DEA to Schedule II, III, IV or V, which requires scheduling-related legislative or administrative action, which can further delay the path to market. There can be no assurance that the DEA will make a favorable scheduling decision. Even assuming categorization as a Schedule II or lower controlled substance (i.e., Schedule III, IV or V), at the federal level, such substances would also require scheduling determinations under state laws and regulations.

FDA approval is also a prerequisite to commercialization, and the controlled-substance status of our psychedelic APIs may negatively impact the FDA's decision regarding whether to approve the applicable product candidates.

During the pre-market review process, the FDA may determine that additional data is needed for one or more of our psychedelic candidates, either from non-clinical or clinical studies, including with respect to whether, or to what extent, the substance has abuse potential. This may introduce a delay into the approval and any potential rescheduling process.

In addition, therapeutic candidates containing controlled substances are subject to DEA regulations relating to manufacturing, storage, distribution and physician prescription procedures, including:

- DEA registration and inspection of facilities. Facilities conducting research, manufacturing, distributing, importing or exporting, or dispensing controlled substances must be registered (licensed) to perform these activities and have the security, control, recordkeeping, reporting and inventory mechanisms required by the DEA to prevent drug loss and diversion. All these facilities must renew their registrations annually, except dispensing facilities, which must renew every three years. The DEA conducts periodic inspections of certain registered establishments that handle controlled substances. Obtaining and maintaining the necessary registrations may result in delay of the importation, manufacturing or distribution of product candidates. Furthermore, failure to maintain compliance with the CSA, particularly non-compliance resulting in loss or diversion, can result in regulatory action that could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. The DEA may seek civil penalties, refuse to renew necessary registrations, or initiate proceedings to restrict, suspend or revoke those registrations. In certain circumstances, violations could lead to criminal proceedings.
- State controlled-substances laws. Individual U.S. states have also established controlled substance laws and regulations. Though state-controlled substances laws often mirror federal law, because the states are separate jurisdictions, they may separately schedule product candidates. While some states automatically schedule a drug based on federal action, other states schedule drugs through rule making or a legislative action. State scheduling may delay commercial sale of any product for which we obtain federal regulatory approval and adverse scheduling could have a material adverse effect on the commercial attractiveness of such product. We or any partners must also obtain separate state registrations, permits or licenses in order to be able to obtain, handle, and distribute controlled substances for clinical trials or commercial sale, and failure to meet applicable regulatory requirements could lead to enforcement and sanctions by the states in addition to those from the DEA or otherwise arising under federal law.

- Clinical trials. Because some of our current and future product candidates contain Schedule I controlled substances, to conduct clinical trials in the United States prior to approval, each of our research sites must submit a research protocol to the DEA and obtain and maintain a DEA researcher registration that will allow those sites to handle and dispense such product candidates and to obtain the product from our importer. If the DEA delays or denies the grant of a researcher registration to one or more research sites, the clinical trial could be significantly delayed, and we could lose clinical trial sites.
- Importation. If any of our product candidates is approved and classified as a Schedule II, III or IV substance, an importer can only import it for commercial purposes if it obtains an importer registration and files an application for an import permit for each import. The DEA provides annual assessments/estimates to the International Narcotics Control Board, which guides the DEA in the amounts of controlled substances that the DEA authorizes to be imported. The failure to identify an importer or obtain the necessary import authority, including specific quantities, could affect the availability of our product candidates and have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition. In addition, an application for a Schedule II importer registration must be published in the Federal Register, and there is a waiting period for third-party comments to be submitted. It is always possible that adverse comments may delay the grant of an importer registration.
- Manufacture. If, because of a Schedule II classification or voluntarily, we were to conduct manufacturing or repackaging/relabeling in the United States, our contract manufacturers would be subject to the DEA's annual manufacturing and procurement quota requirements.
- Distribution. If any of our product candidates is approved for marketing and scheduled under Schedule II, III or IV, we would also need to identify wholesale distributors with the appropriate DEA registrations and authority to possess and distribute or dispense such products.

The psychedelic APIs we intend to utilize are listed as Schedule I controlled substances under the CSA in the United States and under similar controlled-substance legislation in other countries, and any significant violations of these laws and regulations, or changes in the laws and regulations, may result in interruptions to our development activity or business continuity.

The psychedelic APIs we intend to utilize are categorized as Schedule I controlled substances under the CSA and are similarly categorized by most states and foreign governments. Even assuming any future therapeutic candidates containing such APIs are approved and scheduled by regulatory authorities to allow their commercial marketing, the ingredients in such therapeutic candidates will likely continue to be listed under Schedule I, or the state or foreign equivalent and, thus, illegal without the requisite regulatory authorizations (e.g., to allow for the use of such substances in clinical trials under an IND and in compliance with all applicable FDA, DEA, and other regulatory requirements). Violations of any federal, state or foreign laws and regulations could result in significant fines, penalties, administrative sanctions, convictions or settlements arising from civil proceedings conducted by either the federal government or private citizens, or criminal charges and penalties, including, but not limited to, disgorgement of profits, cessation of business activities, divestiture or prison time. This could have a material adverse effect on us, including on our reputation and ability to conduct business, our financial position, operating results, profitability or liquidity, the potential listing of our shares or the market price of our shares. In addition, it is difficult for us to estimate the time or resources that would be needed for the investigation or defense of any such matters or our final resolution because, in part, the time and resources that may be needed are dependent on the nature and extent of any information requested by the applicable authorities involved, and such time or resources could be substantial. It is also illegal to aid or abet such activities or to conspire or attempt to engage in such activities. An investor's contribution to and involvement in such activities may result in federal civil and/or criminal prosecution, including, but not limited to, forfeiture of his, her or its entire investment, fines and/or imprisonment.

Various federal, state, provincial and local laws govern our business in any jurisdictions in which we may operate, and to which we may export our products, including laws relating to health and safety, the conduct of our operations, and the production, storage, sale and distribution of our products. Complying with these laws requires that we comply concurrently with complex federal, state, provincial and/or local laws. These laws change frequently and may be difficult to interpret and apply. To ensure our compliance with these laws, we will need to invest significant financial and managerial resources. It is impossible for us to predict the cost of such laws or the effect they may have on our future operations. A failure to comply with these laws could negatively affect our business and harm our reputation. Changes to these laws could negatively affect our competitive position and the markets in which we operate, and there is no assurance that various levels of government in the jurisdictions in which we operate will not pass legislation or regulation that adversely impacts our business.

In addition, even if we or third parties were to conduct activities in compliance with U.S. state or local laws or the laws of other countries and regions in which we conduct activities, potential enforcement proceedings could involve significant restrictions being imposed upon us or third parties, while diverting the attention of key executives. Such proceedings could have a material adverse effect on our business, revenue, operating results and financial condition as well as on our reputation and prospects, even if such proceedings conclude successfully in our favor. In the extreme case, such proceedings could ultimately involve the criminal prosecution of our key executives, the seizure of corporate assets, and consequently, our inability to continue business operations. Strict compliance with state and local laws with respect to psilocybin and psilocin does not absolve us of potential liability under U.S. federal law, the Canadian law or EU law, nor provide a defense to any proceeding which may be brought against us. Any such proceedings brought against us may adversely affect our operations and financial performance.

Our prospective products will be subject to the various federal and state laws and regulations relating to health and safety.

We are in the process of developing investigational new drugs for which we intend to pursue FDA approval via the NDA process. In connection with our development and future commercialization (if applicable) of our products, we and each contemplated product candidate are subject to the Federal Food Drug and Cosmetic Act (FDCA). The FDCA is intended to assure the consumer, in part, that drugs and devices are safe and effective for their intended uses and that all labeling and packaging is truthful, informative, and not deceptive. The FDCA and FDA regulations define the term “drug,” in part, by reference to its intended use, as “articles intended for use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention of disease” and “articles (other than food) intended to affect the structure or any function of the body of man or other animals.” Therefore, almost any ingested or topical or injectable product that, through its label or labeling (including internet websites, promotional pamphlets, and other marketing material), that is claimed to be beneficial for such uses will be regulated by FDA as a drug. The definition also includes components of drugs, such as active pharmaceutical ingredients. Drugs must generally either receive premarket approval by FDA through the NDA process or conform to a “monograph” for a particular drug category, as established by FDA’s Over-the-Counter (OTC) Drug Review. If the FDA does not award premarket approval for our product candidates through the NDA process, this could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Clinical trials are expensive, time-consuming, uncertain and susceptible to change, delay or termination. The results of clinical trials are open to differing interpretations.

We currently have two product candidates that are in preclinical development for indications such as Radiation Dermatitis and other side-effects of cancer, including anxiety. We intend to develop additional drug candidates targeting other indications, including, for example, pain and PTSD. After completing the requisite preclinical testing, submissions to FDA (namely IND applications), internal review board (“IRB”) review, and any other applicable obligations that must be completed before clinical testing may begin in the United States, we must conduct extensive clinical trials to demonstrate the safety and efficacy of our product candidates. Clinical testing is expensive, time consuming, and uncertain as to outcome. We cannot guarantee that any clinical trials will be conducted as planned or completed on schedule, or at all. Failures in connection with one or more clinical trials can occur at any stage of testing.

The FDA and other applicable regulatory agencies may analyze or interpret the results of clinical trials differently than us. Even if the results of our clinical trials are favorable, the clinical trials for a number of our product candidates are expected to continue for several years and may take significantly longer to complete. Events that may prevent successful or timely completion of clinical development include (without limitation):

- delays in reaching a consensus with regulatory authorities on trial design;
- delays in reaching agreement on acceptable terms with prospective contract research organization (“CRO”) and clinical trial sites;
- delays in sourcing materials and research animals for preclinical testing and correlated testing windows at the appropriate CRO facilities;
- delays in opening clinical trial sites or obtaining required IRB or independent ethics committee approval at each clinical trial site;
- actual or perceived lack of effectiveness of any product candidate during clinical trials;

- discovery of serious or unexpected toxicities or side effects experienced by trial participants or other safety issues, such as drug interactions, including those which cause confounding changes to the levels of other concomitant medications;
- slower than expected rates of subject recruitment and enrollment rates in clinical trials;
- difficulty in retaining subjects for the entire duration of applicable clinical studies (as study subjects may withdraw at any time due to adverse side effects from the therapy, insufficient efficacy, fatigue with the clinical trial process or for any other reason);
- delays or inability in manufacturing or obtaining sufficient quantities of materials for use in clinical trials due to regulatory and manufacturing constraints;
- inadequacy of or changes in our manufacturing process or product candidate formulation;
- delays in obtaining regulatory authorizations, such as INDs and any others that must be obtained, maintained, and/or satisfied to commence a clinical trial, including “clinical holds” or delays requiring suspension or termination of a trial by a regulatory agency, such as the FDA, before or after a trial is commenced;
- changes in applicable regulatory policies and regulation, including changes to requirements imposed on the extent, nature or timing of studies;
- delays or failure in reaching agreement on acceptable terms in clinical trial contracts or protocols with prospective clinical trial sites;
- uncertainty regarding proper dosing;
- delay or failure to supply product for use in clinical trials which conforms to regulatory specification;
- unfavorable results from ongoing preclinical studies and clinical trials;
- failure of our CROs, or other third-party contractors to comply with all contractual requirements or to perform their services in a timely or acceptable manner;
- failure by us, our employees, our CROs or their employees to comply with all applicable FDA or other regulatory requirements relating to the conduct of clinical trials;
- scheduling conflicts with participating clinicians and clinical institutions;
- failure to design appropriate clinical trial protocols;
- regulatory concerns with psychedelics, generally, and the potential for abuse;
- insufficient data to support regulatory approval;
- inability or unwillingness of medical investigators to follow our clinical protocols;
- difficulty in maintaining contact with patients during or after treatment, which may result in incomplete data;
- any clinical holds placed on company by regulatory agencies during review process;
- delay or failure to supply psychedelic product for use in clinical trials due to cross-border or inter-continental shipment or customs handling and processing of controlled substances; or
- difficulty finding clinical trials sites whose investigators possess the requisite credentials to oversee clinical trials involving a Schedule I substance.

Any of the foregoing could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Certain third-parties we rely on to conduct our operations are subject to regulatory requirements

We rely on third parties to conduct our preclinical studies and expect to use clinical studies in the future. We rely on CROs and clinical data management organizations to design, conduct, supervise and monitor our preclinical studies and clinical trials. We and our CROs are required to comply with various regulations, including GCP, which are enforced by regulatory agencies, to ensure that the health, safety and rights of patients are protected in clinical development and clinical trials, and that trial data integrity is assured. Regulatory authorities ensure compliance with these requirements through periodic inspections of trial sponsors, principal investigators and trial sites. Our reliance on third parties that we do not control does not relieve us of these responsibilities and requirements. If we or any of our CROs fail to comply with applicable requirements, the clinical data generated in our clinical trials may be deemed unreliable and the FDA or other comparable foreign regulatory authorities may require us to perform additional clinical trials before approving our marketing applications. Because we rely on third parties, our internal capacity to perform these functions is limited. Outsourcing these functions involves risk that third parties may not perform to our standards, may not produce results in a timely manner or may fail to perform at all.

We rely on third parties to supply the materials for, and manufacture, our research and development, and preclinical and clinical trial supplies and APIs, and we expect to continue to rely on third-party manufacturers if we receive regulatory approval for any product candidate. To the extent that we have existing, or enter into future, manufacturing arrangements with third parties, we will depend on these third parties to perform their obligations in a timely manner consistent with contractual and regulatory requirements, including those related to quality control and assurance.

Difficulty or delays in enrolling patients in clinical trials may result in delay or prevention of necessary regulatory approvals.

If we are unable to locate and enroll a sufficient number of eligible patients to participate in our clinical trials for our product candidates as required by the FDA or similar regulatory authorities outside the United States, we may not be able to initiate or conduct our trials. Our inability to enroll a sufficient number of patients for our trials would result in significant delays could require us to postpone or abandon clinical trials. Enrollment delays may result in increased development costs for our product candidates.

Any failure by us to comply with existing regulations could harm our reputation and operating results.

We are subject to extensive regulation by U.S. federal and state and foreign governments in each of the U.S., European and Canadian markets, in which we plan to sell our product candidates. We must adhere to all regulatory requirements, including FDA's Good Laboratory Practice ("GLP"), GCP, and GMP requirements, pharmacovigilance requirements, advertising and promotion restrictions, reporting and recordkeeping requirements, and their European equivalents. If we or our suppliers fail to comply with applicable regulations, including FDA pre-or post-approval requirements, then the FDA or other foreign regulatory authorities could sanction our Company. Even if a drug is approved by the FDA or other competent authorities, regulatory authorities may impose significant restrictions on a product's indicated uses or marketing or impose ongoing requirements for potentially costly post-marketing trials.

Any of our product candidates which may be approved in the U.S. will be subject to ongoing regulatory requirements for manufacturing, labeling, packaging, storage, distribution, import, export, advertising, promotion, sampling, recordkeeping and submission of safety and other post-market information, including both federal and state requirements. In addition, manufacturers and manufacturers' facilities are required to comply with extensive FDA requirements, including ensuring that quality control and manufacturing procedures conform to GMP. As such, we and our contract manufacturers (in the event contract manufacturers are appointed in the future) are subject to continual review and periodic inspections to assess compliance with GMP. Accordingly, we and others with whom we work will have to spend time, money and effort in all areas of regulatory compliance, including manufacturing, production, quality control and quality assurance. We will also be required to report certain adverse reactions and production problems, if any, to the FDA, and to comply with requirements concerning advertising and promotion for our products. Promotional communications with respect to prescription drugs are subject to a variety of legal and regulatory restrictions and must be consistent with the information in the product's approved label. Similar restrictions and requirements exist in the European Union and other markets where we operate.

If a regulatory agency discovers previously unknown problems with a product, such as adverse events of unanticipated severity or frequency, or problems with the facility where the product is manufactured, or disagrees with the promotion, marketing or labeling of the product, it may impose restrictions on that product or on us, including requiring withdrawal of the product from the market. If we fail to comply with applicable regulatory requirements, a regulatory agency or enforcement authority may:

- issue warning letters;
- impose civil or criminal penalties;
- suspend regulatory approval;
- suspend any of our ongoing clinical trials;
- refuse to approve pending applications or supplements to approved applications submitted by us;
- impose restrictions on our operations, including by requiring us to enter in to a Corporate Integrity Agreement or closing our contract manufacturers' facilities, if any; or
- seize or detain products or require a product recall.

We may be subject to federal, state and foreign healthcare laws and regulations and implementation of or changes to such healthcare laws and regulations could adversely affect our business and results of operations.

If we successfully complete the requisite preclinical and clinical testing, make the required regulatory submissions and obtain any corresponding authorizations or licenses (as applicable), fulfill all other applicable development-related regulatory obligations, and, eventually, obtain FDA approval to market one or more of our current or future product candidates in the United States, we may be subject to certain healthcare laws and regulations. In both the U.S. and certain foreign jurisdictions, there have been a number of legislative and regulatory proposals to change the healthcare system in ways that could impact our ability to sell our future product candidates. If we are found to be in violation of any of these laws or any other federal, state or foreign regulations, we may be subject to administrative, civil and/or criminal penalties, damages, fines, individual imprisonment, exclusion from federal health care programs and the restructuring of our operations. Any of these could have a material adverse effect on our business and financial results. Since many of these laws have not been fully interpreted by the courts, there is an increased risk that we may be found in violation of one or more of their provisions. Any action against us for violation of these laws, even if we are ultimately successful in our defense, will cause us to incur significant legal expenses and divert our management's attention away from the operation of our business. In addition, in many foreign countries, particularly the countries of the European Union, the pricing of prescription drugs is subject to government control.

In some foreign countries, the proposed pricing for a drug must be approved before it may be lawfully marketed. The requirements governing drug pricing vary widely from country to country. For example, some European Union jurisdictions operate positive and negative list systems under which products may only be marketed once a reimbursement price has been agreed. To obtain reimbursement or pricing approval, some of these countries may require the completion of clinical trials that compare the cost effectiveness of a particular product candidate to currently available therapies. Other member states allow companies to fix their own prices for medicines but monitor and control company profits. Such differences in national pricing regimes may create price differentials between European Union member states. There can be no assurance that any country that has price controls or reimbursement limitations for pharmaceutical products will allow favorable reimbursement and pricing arrangements for any of our products.

Historically, products launched in the European Union do not follow price structures of the U.S.. In the European Union, the downward pressure on healthcare costs in general, particularly prescription medicines, has become intense. As a result, barriers to entry of new products are becoming increasingly high and patients are unlikely to use a drug product that is not reimbursed by their government.

We may face competition from lower-priced products in foreign countries that have placed price controls on pharmaceutical products. In addition, the importation of foreign products may compete with any future product that we may market, which could negatively impact our profitability.

Specifically in the U.S., we expect that the 2010 Affordable Care Act (“ACA”), 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 may receive for any approved product. There have been judicial challenges to certain aspects of the ACA and numerous legislative attempts to repeal and/or replace the ACA in whole or in part, and we expect there will be additional challenges and amendments to the ACA in the future. At this time, the full effect that the ACA will have on our business in the future remains unclear. An expansion in the government’s role in the U.S. healthcare industry may cause general downward pressure on the prices of prescription drug products, lower reimbursements or any other product for which we obtain regulatory approval, reduce product utilization and adversely affect our business and results of operations. Any reduction in reimbursement from Medicare or other government programs may result in a similar reduction in payments from private payors. Several states have adopted or are considering adopting laws that require pharmaceutical companies to provide notice prior to raising prices and to justify price increases. We expect that additional healthcare reform measures will be adopted in the future, any of which could limit the amounts that federal and state governments will pay for healthcare products and services, and in turn could significantly reduce the projected value of certain development projects and reduce our profitability. The implementation of such cost containment measures and other healthcare reforms may prevent us from being able to generate revenue, attain profitability, or commercialize any of our future product candidates for which we may receive regulatory approval.

There is a high rate of failure for drug candidates proceeding through clinical trials.

We have no products on the market. None of our prospective products or investigational candidates have ever been tested in a human subject. Our ability to achieve and sustain profitability with respect to our product candidates depends on obtaining regulatory approvals for and, if approved, successfully commercializing our product candidates, either alone or with third parties. Before obtaining regulatory approval for the commercial distribution of our product candidates, we or an existing or future collaborator must conduct extensive preclinical tests and clinical trials to demonstrate the safety, purity and potency of our product candidates.

Generally, there is a high rate of failure for drug candidates proceeding through clinical trials. We may suffer significant setbacks in our clinical trials similar to the experience of a number of other companies in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries, even after receiving promising results in earlier trials. Further, even if we view the results of a clinical trial to be positive, the FDA or other regulatory authorities may disagree with our interpretation of the data. In the event that we obtain negative results from clinical trials for product candidates or other problems related to potential chemistry, manufacturing and control issues or other hurdles occur and our future product candidates are not approved, we may not be able to generate sufficient revenue or obtain financing to continue our operations, our ability to execute on our current business plan may be materially impaired, and our reputation in the industry and in the investment community might be significantly damaged. In addition, our inability to properly design, commence and complete clinical trials may negatively impact the timing and results of our clinical trials and ability to seek approvals for our drug candidates.

The testing, marketing and manufacturing of any new drug product for use in the United States will require approval from the FDA. We cannot predict with any certainty the amount of time necessary to obtain such FDA approval and whether any such approval will ultimately be granted. Preclinical and clinical trials may reveal that one or more products are ineffective or unsafe, in which event further development of such products could be seriously delayed or terminated. Moreover, obtaining approval for certain products may require testing on human subjects of substances whose effects on humans are not fully understood or documented. Delays in obtaining FDA or any other necessary regulatory approvals of any proposed drug and failure to receive such approvals would have an adverse effect on the drug’s potential commercial success and on our business, prospects, financial condition and results of operations. In addition, it is possible that a proposed drug may be found to be ineffective or unsafe due to conditions or facts that arise after development has been completed and regulatory approvals have been obtained. In this event, we may be required to withdraw such proposed drug from the market. To the extent that our success will depend on any regulatory approvals from government authorities outside of the United States that perform roles similar to that of the FDA, uncertainties similar to those stated above will also exist.

Serious adverse events or other safety risks could require us to abandon development and preclude, delay or limit approval of our prospective products or current or future product candidates, limit the scope of any approved label or market acceptance, or cause the recall or loss of marketing approval of products that are already marketed.

If any of our prospective products or current or future product candidates, prior to or after any approval for commercial sale, cause serious or unexpected side effects, or are associated with other safety risks such as misuse, abuse or diversion, a number of potentially significant negative consequences could result, including:

- regulatory authorities may interrupt, delay or halt clinical trials;
- regulatory authorities may deny regulatory approval of our future product candidates;

- regulatory authorities may require certain labeling statements, such as warnings or contraindications or limitations on the indications for use, and/or impose restrictions on distribution in the form of a Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (“REMS”) in connection with approval or post-approval;
- regulatory authorities may withdraw their approval, require more onerous labeling statements, impose a more restrictive REMS, or require it to recall any product that is approved;
- we may be required to change the way the product is administered or conduct additional clinical trials;
- our relationships with our collaboration partners may suffer;
- we could be sued and held liable for harm caused to patients; or
- our reputation may suffer. The reputational risk is heightened with respect to those of our future product candidates that are being developed for pediatric indications.

We may voluntarily suspend or terminate our clinical trials if at any time we believe that the product candidates present an unacceptable risk to participants, or if preliminary data demonstrates that our future product candidates are unlikely to receive regulatory approval or unlikely to be successfully commercialized.

After completing preclinical testing and obtaining the requisite regulatory authorizations, as applicable, we may voluntarily suspend or terminate our clinical trials for any number of reasons, including if we believe that a product’s use, or a person’s exposure to it, may cause adverse health consequences or death. In addition, regulatory agencies, IRBs or data safety monitoring boards may at any time recommend the temporary or permanent discontinuation of our clinical trials or request that we cease using investigators in the clinical trials if they believe that the clinical trials are not being conducted in accordance with applicable regulatory requirements, or that they present an unacceptable safety risk to participants. Although we have never been asked by a regulatory agency, IRB or data safety monitoring board to temporarily or permanently discontinue a clinical trial, if we elect or are forced to suspend or terminate a clinical trial of any of our future product candidates, the commercial prospects for that product will be harmed and our ability to generate product revenue from that product may be delayed or eliminated. Furthermore, any of these events may result in labeling statements such as warnings or contraindications.

In addition, such events or labeling could prevent us or our partners from achieving or maintaining market acceptance of the affected product and could substantially increase the costs of commercializing our future product candidates and impair our ability to generate revenue from the commercialization of these products either by us or by our collaboration partners.

Regulatory risks related to Psychedelic Derivatives

Successful execution of our strategy is contingent, in part, upon compliance with regulatory requirements from time to time enacted by governmental authorities and obtaining all regulatory approvals, where necessary, for the development and license of our Psychedelic Derivatives. Health Canada and the FDA have not yet determined whether our Psychedelic Derivatives will be scheduled as controlled substances. The psychedelic therapy industry is a new and emerging industry with ambiguous existing regulations and uncertainty as to future regulations; We cannot predict the impact of the ever-evolving compliance regime in respect of this industry. In the event Health Canada or the FDA determine that our Psychedelic Derivatives are controlled substances and therefore, require regulatory approval, to the extent that we produce Psychedelic Derivatives, we will be required to obtain such regulatory approval.

Further, we may not be able to predict the time required to secure all appropriate regulatory approvals for our Psychedelic Derivatives, or the extent of testing and documentation that may, from time to time, be required by governmental authorities. The impact of compliance regimes, any delays in obtaining, or failure to obtain regulatory approvals may significantly delay or impact the development of markets, our business and Psychedelic Derivatives, and licensing initiatives and could have a material adverse effect on the business, financial condition and operating results of the Company.

We will incur ongoing costs and obligations related to regulatory compliance. Failure to comply with regulations may result in additional costs for corrective measures, penalties or result in restrictions on our operations. In addition, changes in regulations, more vigorous enforcement thereof or other unanticipated events could require extensive changes to our operations, increased compliance costs or give rise to material liabilities, which could have a material adverse effect on the business, financial condition and operating results of the Company.

Our management will be required to devote a substantial time to comply with public company regulations.

As a public company, we incur significant legal, accounting and other expenses that we did not incur as a private company. The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (the “Sarbanes-Oxley Act”), the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act as well as rules implemented by the SEC and Nasdaq, impose various requirements on public companies, including those related to corporate governance practices. Our management and other personnel must devote a substantial amount of time to these requirements. Moreover, these rules and regulations increase our legal and financial compliance costs and make some activities more time consuming and costly.

The Sarbanes-Oxley Act requires, among other things, that we maintain effective internal control over financial reporting and disclosure controls and procedures. In particular, we must perform system and process evaluation and testing of our internal control over financial reporting to allow management to report on the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting, as required by Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. Our compliance with these requirements will require that we incur substantial accounting and related expenses and expend significant management efforts. We have engaged third party consultants to help satisfy the ongoing requirements of Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. The costs of this outsourcing may be material and there can be no assurance that such staff will be immediately available to us. Moreover, if we are not able to comply with the requirements of Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, or if we identify deficiencies in our internal control over financial reporting that are deemed to be material weaknesses, investors could lose confidence in the accuracy and completeness of our financial reports, the market price of our common stock could decline and we could be subject to sanctions or investigations by Nasdaq, the SEC or other regulatory authorities, which could require additional financial and management resources.

We have identified a material weakness in our internal control over financial reporting. If we are unable to remediate the material weakness, or if we experience additional material weaknesses in the future, our business may be harmed.

Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting and for evaluating and reporting on the effectiveness of our system of internal control. Internal control over financial reporting is a process used to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of our financial reporting and the preparation of our financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States. As a public company, we are required to comply with the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and other rules that govern public companies. In particular, we are required to certify our compliance with Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, which requires us to furnish annually a report by management on the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting.

Our management performed an assessment of the Company’s significant processes and key controls. Based on this assessment, management concluded that our internal control over financial reporting was not effective as of December 31, 2023 due to the material weakness related to segregation of duties. As of December 31, 2023, there were control deficiencies which constituted a material weakness in our internal control over financial reporting. Management has taken, and is taking steps to strengthen our internal control over financial reporting: we have conducted evaluation of the material weakness to determine the appropriate remedy and have established procedures for documenting disclosures and disclosure controls.

Due to the small size of our Company, we do not maintain sufficient segregation of duties to ensure the processing, review and authorization of all transactions including non-routine transactions. While we have taken certain actions to address the material weaknesses identified, additional measures including engaging third party consultants may be necessary as we work to improve the overall effectiveness of our internal controls over financial reporting.

Remediation efforts place a significant burden on management and add increased pressure to our financial resources and processes. If we are unable to successfully remediate our existing material weakness or any additional material weaknesses in our internal control over financial reporting that may be identified in the future in a timely manner, the accuracy and timing of our financial reporting may be adversely affected; our liquidity, our access to capital markets, the perceptions of our creditworthiness may be adversely affected; we may be unable to maintain or regain compliance with applicable securities laws, the listing requirements of the Nasdaq Stock Market; we may be subject to regulatory investigations and penalties; investors may lose confidence in our financial reporting; our reputation may be harmed; and our stock price may decline.

Tax risk

We are subject to various taxes in either the United States, Canada and Australia, or all three, including, without limitation, the following: income taxes, payroll taxes, workers compensation, goods and services tax, sales tax, and land transfer tax. Our tax filings will be subject to audit by various taxation authorities. While we intend to base its tax filings and compliance on the advice of our tax advisors, there can be no assurance that our tax filing positions will never be challenged by a relevant taxation authority resulting in a greater than anticipated tax liability.

Risks Related to Our Intellectual Property

We may not be able to adequately protect or enforce our intellectual property rights, which could harm our competitive position.

Our success will depend, in part, on our ability to obtain and maintain additional patents, protect our trade secrets and operate without infringing on the proprietary rights of others. We rely upon a combination of patents, trade secret protection (i.e., know-how), and confidentiality agreements to protect the intellectual property of our future product candidates. The strengths of patents in the pharmaceutical field involve complex legal and scientific questions and can be uncertain. Where appropriate, we seek patent protection for certain aspects of our products and technology. Filing, prosecuting and defending patents globally can be prohibitively expensive.

Our policy is to look to patent technologies with commercial potential in jurisdictions with significant commercial opportunities. However, patent protection may not be available for some of the products or technology we are developing. If we must spend significant time and money protecting, defending or enforcing our patents, designing around patents held by others or licensing, potentially for large fees, patents or other proprietary rights held by others, our business, results of operations and financial condition may be harmed. We may not develop additional proprietary products that are patentable.

The patent positions of pharmaceutical products are complex and uncertain. The scope and extent of patent protection for our future product candidates are particularly uncertain. Although we have sought, and will continue to seek, patent protection in the U.S., Europe and other countries for our proprietary technologies, future product candidates, their methods of use, and methods of manufacture, any or all of them may not be subject to effective patent protection. If any of our products is approved and marketed for an indication for which we do not have an issued patent, our ability to use our patents to prevent a competitor from commercializing a non-branded version of our commercial products for that non-patented indication could be significantly impaired or even eliminated.

Publication of information related to our future product candidates by us or others may prevent us from obtaining or enforcing patents relating to these products and product candidates. Furthermore, others may independently develop similar products, may duplicate our products, or may design around our patent rights. In addition, any of our issued patents may be opposed and/or declared invalid or unenforceable. If we fail to adequately protect our intellectual property, we may face competition from companies who attempt to create a generic product to compete with our future product candidates. We may also face competition from companies who develop a substantially similar product to our future product candidates that is not covered by any of our patents.

Many companies have encountered significant problems in protecting, defending and enforcing intellectual property rights in foreign jurisdictions. The legal systems of certain countries, particularly certain developing countries, do not favor the enforcement of patents and other intellectual property rights, particularly those relating to pharmaceuticals, which could make it difficult for us to stop the infringement of our patents or marketing of competing products in violation of our proprietary rights generally. Proceedings to enforce our patent rights in foreign jurisdictions could result in substantial cost and divert our efforts and attention from other aspects of our business.

Our success depends on our ability to obtain additional intellectual property and operate without infringing the proprietary rights of others. Infringement claims by third parties may result in liability for damages or prevent or delay our developmental and commercialization efforts.

Our success and ability to compete depend in part on our ability to obtain additional patents, protect our trade secrets, and operate without infringing on the proprietary rights of others. If we fail to adequately protect our intellectual property, we may face competition from companies who develop a substantially similar product to our future product candidates that is not covered by any of our intellectual property. Many companies have encountered significant problems in protecting, defending, and enforcing intellectual property rights in foreign jurisdictions. The legal systems of certain countries, particularly certain developing countries, do not favor the enforcement of patents and other intellectual property rights, particularly those relating to pharmaceuticals, which could make it difficult for us to stop the infringement of our intellectual property and other proprietary rights. There is also a substantial amount of litigation, both within and outside the U.S., involving patent and other intellectual property rights in the pharmaceutical industry. We may, from time to time, be notified of claims that we are infringing upon the proprietary rights of third parties, and we cannot provide assurances that other companies will not, in the future, pursue such infringement claims against it, our commercial partners, or any third-party proprietary technologies we have licensed.

We may be unsuccessful in licensing additional intellectual property to develop new product candidates.

We may in the future seek to in-license additional intellectual property that we believe could complement or expand our product candidates or otherwise offer growth opportunities. The pursuit of such licenses may cause us to incur various expenses in identifying, investigating and pursuing suitable intellectual property. If we acquire additional intellectual property to develop new therapeutic product candidates, we may not be able to realize anticipated cost savings or synergies.

If third parties claim that intellectual property used by us infringes upon their intellectual property, our operating profits could be adversely affected.

There is a substantial amount of litigation, both within and outside the U.S., involving patent and other intellectual property rights in the pharmaceutical industry. We may, from time to time, be notified of claims that we are infringing upon patents, trademarks, copyrights or other intellectual property rights owned by third parties, and we cannot provide assurances that other companies will not, in the future, pursue such infringement claims against us, our commercial partners or any third-party proprietary technologies we have licensed. If we were found to infringe upon a patent or other intellectual property right, or if we failed to obtain or renew a license under a patent or other intellectual property right from a third party, or if a third party that we were licensing technologies from was found to infringe upon a patent or other intellectual property rights of another third party, we may be required to pay damages, including damages of up to three times the damages found or assessed, if the infringement is found to be willful, suspend the manufacture of certain products or reengineer or rebrand our products, if feasible, or we may be unable to enter certain new product markets. Any such claims could also be expensive and time-consuming to defend and divert management's attention and resources. Our competitive position could suffer as a result. In addition, if we have declined or failed to enter into a valid non-disclosure or assignment agreement for any reason, we may not own the invention or our intellectual property, and our products may not be adequately protected. Thus, we cannot guarantee that any of our future product candidates, or our commercialization thereof, does not and will not infringe any third party's intellectual property.

If we are not able to adequately prevent disclosure of trade secrets and other proprietary information, the value of our technology and products could be significantly diminished.

We rely on trade secrets to protect our proprietary technologies, especially where it does not believe patent protection is appropriate or obtainable. However, trade secrets are difficult to protect. We rely in part on confidentiality agreements with our current and former employees, consultants, outside scientific collaborators, sponsored researchers, contract manufacturers, vendors 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, we cannot guarantee that we have executed these agreements with each party that may have or have had access to our trade secrets. Any party with whom we or they have executed such an agreement may breach that agreement and disclose our proprietary information, including our trade secrets, and we may not be able to obtain adequate remedies for such breaches.

Enforcing a claim that a party illegally disclosed or misappropriated a trade secret is difficult, expensive and time-consuming, and the outcome is unpredictable. In addition, some courts inside and outside the United States are less willing or unwilling to protect trade secrets. If any of our trade secrets were to be lawfully obtained or independently developed by a competitor, we would have no right to prevent them, or those to whom they disclose such trade secrets, from using that technology or information to compete with us. If any of our trade secrets were to be disclosed to or independently developed by a competitor or other third-party, our competitive position would be harmed.

We may not be able to protect our intellectual property rights effectively outside of the United States.

Filing, prosecuting and defending patents on all of our product candidates throughout the world would be prohibitively expensive. Therefore, we choose to file applications and/or obtain patents only in key markets. Competitors may use our technologies in jurisdictions where we have not obtained patent protection to develop their own products and, further, may be able to export otherwise infringing products to territories where we have patent protection but where enforcement is not as strong as that in the United States. These products may compete with our products in jurisdictions where we do not have any issued patents and/or our patent claims or other intellectual property rights may not be effective or sufficient to prevent them from competing.

Many companies have encountered significant problems in protecting and defending intellectual property rights in certain foreign jurisdictions. The legal systems of certain countries, particularly certain developing countries, do not favor the enforcement of patents and other intellectual property protection, particularly those relating to pharmaceuticals, which could make it difficult to stop the infringement of our patents or marketing of competing products in violation of our proprietary rights generally. Proceedings to enforce our patent rights in certain foreign jurisdictions could result in substantial cost and divert our efforts and attention from other aspects of our business and could be unsuccessful.

Our financial condition would be adversely impacted if our intangible assets become impaired

Intangibles are evaluated quarterly and are tested for impairment at least annually or when events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value of each segment, and collectively the Company taken as a whole, might exceed its fair value. If we determine that the value of our intangible assets is less than the amounts reflected on our balance sheet, we will be required to reflect an impairment of our intangible assets in the period in which such determination is made. An impairment of our intangible assets would result in our recognizing an expense in the amount of the impairment in the relevant period, which would also result in the reduction of our intangible assets and a corresponding reduction in our stockholders' equity in the relevant period.

Risks Related to the Ownership of Our Common Stock

The market price of our common stock may be subject to significant fluctuations and volatility, and our stockholders may be unable to resell their shares at a profit and incur losses.

The market price our common stock could be subject to significant fluctuation. Market prices for securities of life sciences and biopharma companies in particular have historically been particularly volatile and have shown extreme price and volume fluctuations that have often been unrelated or disproportionate to the operating performance of those companies. Broad market and industry factors, as well as general economic, political and market conditions such as recessions or interest rate changes, may seriously affect the market price of our common stock, regardless of our actual operating performance. Some of the factors that may cause the market price of our common stock to fluctuate include, without limitation:

- investors react negatively to the effect on our business and prospects;
- the announcement of new products, new developments, services or technological innovations by us or our competitors;
- actual or anticipated quarterly increases or decreases in revenue, gross margin or earnings, and changes in our business, operations or prospects;
- announcements relating to strategic relationships, mergers, acquisitions, partnerships, collaborations, joint ventures, capital commitments, or other events by us or our competitors;
- conditions or trends in the life sciences and biopharma industries;
- changes in the economic performance or market valuations of other life sciences and biopharma companies;
- general market conditions or domestic or international macroeconomic and geopolitical factors unrelated to our performance or financial condition;
- sale of our common stock by stockholders, including executives and directors;
- volatility and limitations in trading volumes of our common stock;
- volatility in the market prices and trading volumes of companies in the life sciences and biopharma industries;
- our ability to finance our business;
- ability to secure resources and the necessary personnel to pursue our plans;
- failures to meet external expectations or management guidance;

- changes in our capital structure or dividend policy, future issuances of securities, sales or distributions of large blocks of common stock by stockholders;
- our cash position;
- announcements and events surrounding financing efforts, including debt and equity securities;
- analyst research reports, recommendation and changes in recommendations, price targets, and withdrawals of coverage;
- departures and additions of key personnel;
- disputes and litigation related to intellectual properties, proprietary rights, and contractual obligations;
- investigations by regulators into our operations or those of our competitors;
- changes in applicable laws, rules, regulations, or accounting practices and other dynamics; and
- other events or factors, many of which may be out of our control.

In the past, following periods of volatility in the overall market and the market prices of particular companies' securities, securities class action litigations have often been instituted against these companies. Litigation of this type, if instituted against us, could result in substantial costs and a diversion of our management's attention and resources. Any adverse determination in any such litigation or any amounts paid to settle any such actual or threatened litigation could require that we make significant payments.

We may issue additional equity securities in the future, which may result in dilution to existing investors.

To the extent we raise additional capital by issuing equity securities, our stockholders may experience substantial dilution. We may, from time to time, sell additional equity securities in one or more transactions at prices and in a manner we determine. If we sell additional equity securities, existing stockholders may be materially diluted. New investors could gain rights superior to existing stockholders, such as liquidation and other preferences. In addition, the number of shares available for future grant under our equity compensation plans may be increased in the future. Also, the exercise or conversion of outstanding options or warrants to purchase shares of capital stock may result in dilution to our stockholders upon any such exercise or conversion.

Certain stockholders could attempt to influence changes within our Company which could adversely affect our operations, financial condition and the value of our common stock.

Our stockholders may from time to time seek to acquire a controlling stake in our Company, engage in proxy solicitations, advance stockholder proposals or otherwise attempt to effect changes. Campaigns by stockholders to effect changes at publicly-traded companies are sometimes led by investors seeking to increase short-term stockholder value through actions such as financial restructuring, increased debt, special dividends, stock repurchases or sales of assets or the entire company. Responding to proxy contests and other actions by activist stockholders can be costly and time-consuming and could disrupt our operations and divert the attention of our board of directors and senior management from the operation of our business. These actions could adversely affect our operations, financial condition and the value of our common stock.

If securities analysts do not publish research or reports about our business, or if they publish negative evaluations, the price of our common stock could decline.

The trading market for our common stock will rely in part on the availability of research and reports that third-party industry or financial analysts publish about our Company. There are many large, publicly traded companies active in the life sciences and biopharma industries, which may mean it will be less likely that we receive widespread analyst coverage. Furthermore, if one or more of the analysts who do cover us downgrade our stock, our stock price would likely decline. If one or more of these analysts cease coverage of our Company, we could lose visibility in the market, which in turn could cause our stock price to decline.

Anti-takeover provisions under Delaware corporate law may make it difficult for our stockholders to replace or remove our board of directors and could deter or delay third parties from acquiring our Company, which may be beneficial to our stockholders.

Under our Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation, we are subject to the anti-takeover provisions of the Delaware General Corporation Law (“DGCL”), including Section 203 of the DGCL. Under these provisions, if anyone becomes an “interested stockholder,” we may not enter into a “business combination” with that person for three (3) years without special approval, which could discourage a third party from making a takeover offer and could delay or prevent a change of control. For purposes of Section 203 of the DGCL, “interested stockholder” means, generally, someone owning fifteen percent (15%) or more of our outstanding voting stock or an affiliate of ours that owned fifteen percent (15%) or more of our outstanding voting stock during the past three (3) years, subject to certain exceptions as described in Section 203 of the DGCL.

We do not anticipate paying any cash dividends in the foreseeable future.

The current expectation is that we will retain our future earnings, if any, to fund the development and growth of our business. As a result, capital appreciation, if any, of our common stock will be our stockholders’ sole source of gain, if any, for the foreseeable future.

In the event that we fail to regain compliance with the listing requirements of The Nasdaq Capital Market or satisfy any of the listing requirements of Nasdaq, our common stock may be delisted, which could affect our market price and liquidity.

Our common stock is listed on Nasdaq. For continued listing on Nasdaq, we will be required to comply with the continued listing requirements, including the minimum market capitalization standard, the stockholders’ equity requirement, the corporate governance requirements and the minimum closing bid price requirement, among other requirements. On November 21, 2023, we received a letter from the Nasdaq staff indicating that, based on our reported stockholders’ equity of \$2,435,646 reported on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2023, we were not in compliance with the stockholders’ equity requirement of at least \$2,500,000 pursuant to Listing Rule 5550(b)(1). We intend to regain compliance with Listing Rule 5550(b)(1). On February 6, 2024, the Nasdaq staff notified us that based on a review of the materials submitted by the Company to Nasdaq, we were granted an extension to regain compliance with the minimum stockholders’ equity requirement. The Company must regain compliance by May 20, 2024 and further evidence its compliance upon filing its periodic report for June 30, 2024.

In the event that we fail to regain compliance with Listing Rule 5550(b)(1) or satisfy any of the listing requirements of Nasdaq, our common stock may be delisted. We will have an opportunity to appeal the determination to a Hearings Panel, but we cannot guarantee that such appeal will be successful. If we are unable to list on Nasdaq, we would likely be more difficult to trade in or obtain accurate quotations as to the market price of our common stock. If our common stock is delisted from trading on Nasdaq, and we are not able to list our common stock on another exchange or to have it quoted on Nasdaq, our securities could be quoted on the OTC Bulletin Board or on the “pink sheets.” As a result, we could face significant adverse consequences including, without limitation:

- a limited availability of market quotations for our securities;
- a determination that our common stock is a “penny stock” which will require brokers trading in our common stock to adhere to more stringent rules and possibly result in a reduced level of trading activity in the secondary trading market for our securities;
- a limited amount of news and analyst coverage for our Company; and
- a decreased ability to issue additional securities (including pursuant to short-form registration statements on Form S-3 or obtain additional financing in the future).

We may not be able to maintain an active trading market for our common stock.

The listing of our common stock on Nasdaq does not assure that a meaningful, consistent and liquid trading market exists. If an active market for our common stock does continue, it may be difficult for investors to sell their shares without depressing the market price for the shares or at all.

We maintain our cash at financial institutions, often in balances that exceed federally insured limits.

The majority of our cash is held in accounts at U.S. banking institutions that we believe are of high quality. Cash held in non-interest-bearing and interest-bearing operating accounts may exceed the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (“FDIC”) insurance limits. If such banking institutions were to fail, we could lose all or a portion of those amounts held in excess of such insurance limitations. While the FDIC took control of one such banking institution, Silicon Valley Bank (“SVB”), on March 10, 2023, and the FDIC also took control of Signature Bank (“Signature Bank”) on March 12, 2023, we did not have any accounts with SVB or Signature Bank and therefore did not experience any specific risk of loss. The FDIC also announced that account holders would be made whole. Thus, we do not view the risk as material to our financial condition. However, as the FDIC continues to address the situation with SVB, Signature Bank and other similarly situated banking institutions, the risk of loss in excess of insurance limitations has generally increased. Any material loss that we may experience in the future could have an adverse effect on our ability to pay our operational expenses or make other payments and may require us to move our accounts to other banks, which could cause a temporary delay in making payments to our vendors and employees and cause other operational inconveniences.

We may acquire businesses or products, or form strategic alliances, in the future, and may not realize the benefits of such acquisitions.

We may acquire additional businesses or products, form strategic alliances, or create joint ventures with third parties that we believe will complement or augment our existing business. If we acquire businesses with promising markets or technologies, we may not be able to realize the benefit of acquiring such businesses if we are unable to successfully integrate them with our existing operations and company culture. We may encounter numerous difficulties in developing, manufacturing, and marketing any new products resulting from a strategic alliance or acquisition that delay or prevent us from realizing their expected benefits or enhancing our business. There is no assurance that, following any such acquisition, we will achieve the synergies expected in order to justify the transaction, which could result in a material adverse effect on our business and prospects.

Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments

Not applicable.

Item 1C. Cybersecurity

Cybersecurity Risk Management and Strategy

We recognize the critical importance of developing, implementing, and maintaining robust cybersecurity measures to safeguard our information systems and protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of our data. We have established certain policies and procedures for assessing, identifying, and managing material risk from cybersecurity threats, and have integrated these policies and procedures into our overall risk management framework to promote a company-wide culture of cybersecurity risk management. Such procedures include physical, procedural and technical safeguards, response methods, regular tests on our systems, and routine review of our processes to identify risks and enhance our practices. We also use technology-based tools to mitigate cybersecurity risks and to bolster our employee-based cybersecurity programs. We engage certain external parties, including consultants and computer security firms to enhance our cybersecurity oversight and provide monthly trainings to our employees. We consider the internal risk oversight programs of third-party service providers before engaging them in order to help protect our company from any related vulnerabilities. At this time, we are not aware of any material cybersecurity incidents that have impacted the Company. For a description of the risks from cybersecurity threats that may materially affect us and how they may do so, see our risk factors under Part 1 Item 1A Risk Factors in this Annual Report.

Governance

Our board of directors is acutely aware of the critical nature managing risks associates with cybersecurity threats. Our board of directors has delegated authority to the Audit Committee to serve as the cybersecurity oversight body. The Audit Committee is composed of board members with diverse expertise including, risk management, technology, and finance. Our board of directors also works with the chief financial officer to assess and respond to cybersecurity threats. The chief financial officer meets with the third-party vendors regularly to discuss any issues and updates related to the Company’s information technology environment and reports to the chief executive officer and Audit Committee on a regular basis, with a minimum frequency of once per year.

Item 2. Properties

Our principal corporate office is located at 4851 Tamiami Trail N, Suite 200 Naples, FL 34103 and our Canadian office is located at 3655 36 Street NW Calgary, Alberta T2L1Y8. The Company believes our offices are in good condition and are sufficient to conduct our operations. Our principal corporate office is held under a month-to-month operating lease. Our Canadian office is held under a quarter-to-quarter operating lease set to expire in March 2024. We do not plan to renew this lease following its expiration.

Item 3. Legal proceedings

The Company is periodically involved in legal proceedings, legal actions and claims arising in the ordinary course of business. We do not have any pending litigation that, separately or in the aggregate, would, in the opinion of management, have a material adverse effect on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

Not applicable.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

Market Information

Our common stock is traded on the Nasdaq Capital Markets under the symbol "ENVB".

Holdings

On March 15, 2024 the Company had approximately 202 stockholders of record.

Dividends

The Company has never declared or paid cash dividends on its common stock and has no intention to do so in the foreseeable future.

Recent Sales of Unregistered Securities

None.

Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

None.

Item 6. [Reserved]

Item 7. Management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations

References to the "Company," "Enveric" "our," "us," or "we" in this section titled "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations of Enveric" refer to Enveric Biosciences, Inc. The following discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations should be read together with our financial statements and related notes appearing elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Some of the information contained in this discussion and analysis or set forth elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, including information with respect to our plans and strategy for our business and related financing, includes forward-looking statements involving risks and uncertainties and should be read together with the "Risk Factors" and the "Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements" sections of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Such risks and uncertainties could cause actual results to differ materially from the results described in or implied by the forward-looking statements contained in the following discussion and analysis.

Business Overview

We are a biotechnology company dedicated to the development of novel neuroplastic small-molecule therapeutics for the treatment of depression, anxiety, and addiction disorders. Leveraging our unique discovery and development platform, the Psybrary™, we have created a robust intellectual property portfolio of new chemical entities for specific mental health indications. Our lead program, the EVM201 Series, comprises next generation synthetic prodrugs of the active metabolite, psilocin. We are developing the first product from the EVM201 Series – EB-002 – for the treatment of psychiatric disorders. We are also advancing its second program, the EVM301 Series – EB 003 – expected to offer a first-in-class, new approach to the treatment of difficult-to-address mental health disorders, mediated by the promotion of neuroplasticity without also inducing hallucinations in the patient.

Psychedelics

Following our amalgamation with MagicMed completed in September 2021 (the “Amalgamation”), we have continued to pursue the development of MagicMed’s proprietary psychedelic derivatives library, the Psybrary™ which we believe will help us to identify and develop the right drug candidates needed to address mental health challenges, including anxiety. We synthesize novel versions of classic psychedelics, such as psilocybin, DMT, mescaline and MDMA, using a mixture of chemistry and synthetic biology, resulting in the expansion of the Psybrary™, which includes 15 patent families with over a million potential variations and hundreds of synthesized molecules. Within the Psybrary™ we have three different types of molecules, Generation 1 (classic psychedelics), Generation 2 (pro-drugs), and Generation 3 (new chemical entities). The Company has created over 1,000 novel psychedelic molecular compounds and derivatives (“Psychedelic Derivatives”) that are housed in the Psybrary™. Our current focus is develop our lead molecules EB-002 and EB-003 and to out-license other molecules from the Psybrary™.

Akos Spin-Off

On May 11, 2022, the Company announced plans to transfer and spin-off its cannabinoid clinical development pipeline assets to Akos Biosciences, Inc. (formerly known as Acanna Therapeutics, Inc.), a majority-owned subsidiary of the Company (hereafter referred to as “Akos”), which was incorporated on April 13, 2022, by way of dividend to Enveric shareholders (the “Spin-Off”). As of May 12, 2023, the holders of the Company’s Akos Series A Preferred Stock, par value \$0.01 per share (“Akos Series A Preferred Stock”) have exercised this right to force redemption of all of the Akos Series A Preferred Stock for \$1,000 per share, plus accrued but unpaid dividends of \$52,057 for a total of \$1,052,057. The Company made full payment on May 19, 2023.

Recent Developments

Australian Subsidiary

On March 21, 2023, the Company established Enveric Therapeutics, Pty. Ltd. (“Enveric Therapeutics”), an Australia-based subsidiary, to support the Company’s plans to advance its EVM201 Series towards the clinic. Enveric Therapeutics will oversee the Company’s preclinical, clinical, and regulatory activities in Australia, including ongoing interactions with the local Human Research Ethics Committees (HREC) and the Therapeutic Goods Administration (“TGA”), Australia’s regulatory authority.

On March 23, 2023, we issued a press release announcing the selection of Australian CRO, Avance Clinical, in preparation for Phase 1 Study of EB-002, our lead candidate targeting the treatment of anxiety disorders. Under the agreement, Avance Clinical will manage the Phase 1 clinical trial of EB-002 in coordination with our newly established Australian subsidiary, Enveric Therapeutics Pty, Ltd. The Phase 1 clinical trial is designed as a multi-cohort, dose-ascending study to measure the safety and tolerability of EB-002. EB-002, a next-generation proprietary psilocin prodrug, has been recognized as a New Chemical Entity (NCE) by Australia’s Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) and is currently in preclinical development targeting the treatment of anxiety disorder. The total cost of the Avance Clinical contract is approximately 3,000,000 AUD, which translates to approximately \$2,000,000 as of December 31, 2023. As of December 31, 2023, the Company has paid \$1,036,940 of the Avance Clinical contract costs and has accrued \$523,284 recorded as accrued liabilities and \$239,320 as accounts payable. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Company has expensed \$1,751,444 in research and development expenses.

On December 28, 2023, we issued a press release announcing the selection of EB-003 as the lead development candidate from our EVM 301 Series. Our next step is to advance EB-003 into formal pre-clinical studies in support of a future IND filing.

Reduction in Force/Restructuring

In May 2023, the Company entered into a cost reduction plan, including a reduction in force of approximately 35% of its full-time employees to streamline its operations and conserve cash resources. Additionally, contracts with seven consultants that were focused on the Akos cannabinoid spin-out were terminated. The Company recognized severance charges of \$453,059 through December 31, 2023. The plan included a focus on progressing the Company’s existing non-cannabinoid pipeline while reducing the rate of spend and managing cash flow. As of December 31, 2023, the Company has completed the reduction in force, with such severance expenses recorded in salaries and wages and legal accounts.

On June 16, 2023, the Company entered into a separation agreement with Avani Kanubaddi, the Company's President and Chief Operating Officer (the "Kanubaddi Separation Agreement"). Mr. Kanubaddi's 2023 salary and benefits of \$550,974 was accrued and will be paid out in twelve equal monthly installments beginning in July 2023. Upon termination, any unvested time-based RSU's became fully vested. The Company accelerated expense recognized related to these shares that vested upon termination of \$231,273. All of the 11,278 market performance-based RSUs previously granted that were subject to the original terms and conditions of Mr. Kanubaddi's employment agreement were forfeited during the year ended December 31, 2023.

Equity Distribution Agreement

On September 1, 2023, the Company entered into a Distribution Agreement, with Canaccord Genuity, LLC ("Canaccord"), pursuant to which the Company may offer and sell from time to time, through Canaccord as sales agent and/or principal, shares of common stock of the Company, par value \$0.01 per share having an aggregate offering price of up to \$10.0 million. Due to the offering limitations applicable to the Company and in accordance with the terms of the Distribution Agreement, the Company may offer common stock having an aggregate gross sales price of up to \$2,392,514 pursuant to the prospectus supplement dated September 1, 2023 (the "Prospectus Supplement"). Subject to the terms and conditions of the Distribution Agreement, Canaccord may sell the common stock by any method permitted by law deemed to be an "at-the-market offering". The Company will pay Canaccord a commission equal to 3.0% of the gross sales price of the common stock sold through Canaccord under the Distribution Agreement and has also agreed to reimburse Canaccord for certain expenses. The Company may also sell common stock to Canaccord as principal for Canaccord's own account at a price agreed upon at the time of sale. Any sale of common stock to Canaccord as principal would be pursuant to the terms of a separate terms agreement between the Company and Canaccord.

During the year ended December 31, 2023, the Company has issued no shares of common stock through the Distribution Agreement.

The Inducement Letters (as defined below) prohibit the Company from entering into any variable rate transaction as defined in the Inducement Letters, including the issuance of (1) any variable priced debt or equity securities or (2) transactions whereby the Company may issue securities at a future determined price, such as through an at-the-market offering or an equity line of credit. The variable rate transaction restriction expires after six-months from the closing date of December 28, 2023 for the Inducement Letters for an issuance through an at-the-market offering, and one-year for the remaining variable rate transactions.

On March 8, 2024, the Company entered into a series of common stock purchase agreements for the issuance in a registered direct offering of 228,690 shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share to the Holders (as defined below) of the Inducement Warrants (as defined below). The issuance was made in exchange for the permanent and irrevocable waiver of the variable rate transaction limitation solely with respect to the entry into and/or issuance of shares of common stock in an at-the-market offering contained in the Inducement Letters.

Equity Line

On November 3, 2023, the Company entered into an equity line by entering into a Purchase Agreement with Lincoln Park Capital Fund, LLC ("Lincoln Park"), pursuant to which the Company may offer and sell from time to time over a 24-month period, shares of common stock of the Company, par value \$0.01 per share, to receive gross proceeds of up to \$10.0 million. As required under the Purchase Agreement, the Company registered a resale of 1,140,477 shares of our common stock by Lincoln Park on a registration statement on Form S-1 dated November 8, 2023, which was declared effective by the SEC on December 5, 2023. Subject to the SEC rules and regulations, the Company may register additional shares of our common stock for resale with the SEC pursuant to the Purchase Agreement.

Warrant Inducements

On December 28, 2023, the Company entered into warrant exercise inducement offer letters (the “Inducement Letters”) with certain holders (the “Holders”) of the February 2022 Post-Modification Warrants and RD and PIPE preferred investment options to purchase shares of the Company’s common stock (the “Existing Warrants and Investment Options”) pursuant to which the Holders agreed to exercise for cash their Existing Warrants and Investment Options to purchase 1,122,000 shares of the Company’s common stock, in the aggregate, at a reduced exercised price of \$1.37 per share (from an original exercise price of \$7.78 per share), in exchange for the Company’s agreement to sell and issue new warrants (the “Inducement Warrants”) to purchase up to 2,244,000 shares of the Company’s common stock (the “Inducement Warrant Shares”), and the Holders to make a cash payment of \$0.125 per Inducement Warrant share for total proceeds of \$280,500. The Company received aggregate gross proceeds of \$1,817,640 from the exercise of the Existing Warrants and Investment Options by the Holders and the sale of the Inducement Warrants on January 2, 2024. As of December 31, 2023, the exercised and unsettled Existing Warrants and Investment Options by the Holders and the sale of the Inducement Warrants are included in the consolidated balance sheet as a subscription receivable. Due to the beneficial ownership limitation provisions, 704,000 shares of Existing Warrants and Investment Options exercised were initially unissued and held in abeyance for the benefit of the Holder until notice is received from the Holder that the shares may be issued in compliance with such limitation. Subsequent to December 31, 2023, the Company issued all 704,000 shares of common stock of the 704,000 shares of Existing Warrants and Investment Options exercised that were held in abeyance due to the beneficial ownership limitation provisions. The Company engaged Roth Capital Partners, LLC (“Roth”) to act as its financial advisor in connection with the transactions summarized above and will pay Roth approximately \$144,000 for its services, in addition to reimbursement for certain expenses. Roth was also issued warrants to purchase up to 67,320 shares of common stock. The Roth Warrants have the same terms as the Inducement Warrants. The grant date fair value of these Roth Warrants was estimated to be \$77,991 on December 28, 2023 and were charged to additional paid in capital as issuance costs. The Company also incurred legal fees of \$17,254 related to the transactions above that were charged to additional paid in capital as issuance costs.

Financial Overview

We are a pre-revenue biotech company that has to date, not generated any revenues. During the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, we raised approximately \$18.2 million from the sales of common stock, warrants, preferred investment options, and redeemable non-controlling interest, and from proceeds realized from the exercise of cash warrants. These amounts were the primary source of funds upon which our operations were financed during the year ended December 31, 2023.

Research and Development Expenses

Research and development expenses consist primarily of costs incurred for the research and development of our preclinical product candidates, and include, without limitation:

- employee-related expenses, including salaries, benefits and share-based compensation expense;
- expenses incurred under agreements with contract research organizations, contract manufacturing organizations, and consultants and other entities engaged to support our product research and development activities;
- the cost of acquiring, developing and manufacturing materials and lab supplies used in research and development activities;
- facility, equipment, depreciation and other expenses, which include, without limitation direct and allocated expenses for rent, maintenance of our facilities and equipment, insurance and other supplies;
- costs associated with preclinical activities and regulatory operations, including, without limitation, patent related costs;
- consulting and professional fees associated with research and development activities.

We expense research and development costs to operations as incurred. Research and development activities are central to our business model. We utilize a combination of internal and external efforts to advance product development from early-stage work to future clinical trial manufacturing and clinical trial support. External efforts include work with consultants and increasingly substantial work at CROs and CMOs. We support an internal research and development team at our facility in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. To move these programs forward along our development timelines, a large portion (approximately 75%) of our staff are research and development employees. In January 2024, the Company reduced its discovery team in Calgary and is primarily focused on the development of EBV 002 and EBV 003 pipeline assets. Sixty percent of the staff are focused on these development activities after the reduction in discovery team. Because of the numerous risks and uncertainties associated with product development, however, we cannot determine with certainty the duration and completion costs of these or other current or future preclinical studies and clinical trials. The duration, costs and timing of clinical trials and development of our product candidates will depend on a variety of factors, including the uncertainties of future clinical and preclinical studies, uncertainties in clinical trial enrollment rates and significant and changing government regulation. In addition, the probability of success for each product candidate will depend on numerous factors, including competition, manufacturing capability and commercial viability.

General and Administrative Expenses

General and administrative expenses consist principally of salaries, benefits and related costs such as stock-based compensation for personnel and consultants in executive, finance, business development, corporate communications and human resource functions, facility costs not otherwise included in research and development expenses, accounting and audit costs, tax compliance costs, SEC compliance costs, investor relation costs, training and conference costs, insurance costs and legal fees.

We anticipate that our general and administrative expenses will decrease in the future due to the reduction in force during the year ended December 31, 2023, which is expected to reduce expenses related to salaries and benefits, director and office liability insurance, and other employee-related costs.

Impairment of Intangible Assets and Goodwill

Intangible assets consist of the Psybrary™ and Patent Applications, In Process Research and Development (“IPR&D”) and license agreements. Psybrary™ and Patent Applications intangible assets are valued using the relief from royalty method. The cost of license agreements is amortized over the economic life of the license. The Company assesses the carrying value of its intangible assets for impairment each year.

The Company performs an annual impairment test of intangible assets and goodwill as of December 31 of each fiscal year. As of December 31, 2022, the Company qualitatively assessed whether it is more likely than not that the respective fair value of the Company’s intangible assets and goodwill is less than its carrying amount. Beginning in the fourth quarter of 2021 and throughout 2022, the Company experienced a sustained decline in the quoted market price of its common stock and as a result the Company determined that as of December 31, 2022 it was more likely than not that the carrying value of these acquired intangibles exceeded their estimated fair value. Accordingly, the Company performed an impairment analysis as of December 31, 2022 using the income approach. This analysis required significant judgments, including primarily the estimation of future development costs, the probability of success in various phases of its development programs, potential post launch cash flows and a risk-adjusted weighted average cost of capital. Pursuant to Accounting Standard Update (“ASU”) 2017-04, the Company recorded an impairment of intangible assets of approximately \$6.0 million, and an impairment of goodwill of approximately \$1.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2022. There was no impairment of intangible assets or goodwill recorded for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Stock-Based Compensation

A significant portion of our operating expenses is related to stock-based compensation costs. Stock-based compensation costs were approximately \$2.2 million and \$2.6 million for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Stock-based compensation consists of restricted stock units (“RSU”) and options to purchase shares of the Company’s common stock. The Company follows Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) 718, Compensation - Stock Compensation, which addresses the accounting for stock-based payment transactions, requiring such transactions to be accounted for using the fair value method. The fair value of RSU or restricted stock awards (“RSAs”) is determined by the closing price per share of the Company’s common stock on the date of the award. The Company uses the Black-Scholes option pricing model to determine the grant date fair value of options issued.

RSU's may contain vesting conditions that include, without limitation, any or all of the following: immediate vesting, vesting over a defined time period, vesting based on specific volume weighted average price levels being achieved by the Company's common stock as publicly traded within specified measurement periods, and vesting based on the achievement of specific performance milestones. Options contain vesting conditions that provide for vesting over a defined time period.

The fair value of RSU's and options, is charged to expense, on a straight line basis over the vesting periods defined in the award agreements, except for the fair value which is attributable to achievement of a specific performance milestones, which are charged to expense upon achievement of such milestones.

Change in fair value of warrant liabilities, investment options and derivative liabilities

The Company evaluates all of its financial instruments, including issued stock purchase warrants, to determine if such instruments are derivatives or contain features that qualify as embedded derivatives, pursuant to ASC 480, "Distinguishing Liabilities from Equity" ("ASC 480") and ASC Topic 815, "Derivatives and Hedging" ("ASC 815"). The Company accounts for warrants for shares of the Company's common stock that are not indexed to its own stock as derivative liabilities at fair value on the consolidated balance sheet. The Company adjusts this derivative liability at each reporting period, with the liability recorded on the balance sheet being equal to fair value of such liability on the relevant balance sheet date.

Fair value of derivative liabilities is determined in accordance with ASC 820-10 "Fair Value Measurement". As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the fair value of the embedded derivative liabilities was determined using weighted-average scenario analysis and the fair value of warrant liabilities was determined using the Black-Scholes valuation model, both of which are level 3 methods, as defined in ASC 820-10.

Derivative liabilities with an initial fair value of approximately \$8.3 million were recorded during the year ended December 31, 2022, which were attributable to certain warrants issued as part the Company's sales of common stock and warrants in February 2022, embedded derivatives issued as part of the Company's convertible preferred stock issuance in May 2022, and investment options issued in July 2022. During the year-end December 31, 2023, there were no derivative liabilities issued. During the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, an aggregate decrease in value of derivative liabilities of approximately \$1.0 million and \$7.5 million, respectively, was recorded, resulting in other income equal to such amount. The fair value of these derivative liabilities has a strong correlation to the price per share of the Company's common stock as publicly traded. Increases in the Company's price per share will result in increased derivative liabilities, with a corresponding other expense being recorded in the other income (expense) section of the statement of operations and comprehensive loss. Decreases in the Company's price per share will result in decreased derivative liabilities, with a corresponding other income being recorded in the other income (expense) section of the statement of operations and comprehensive loss.

The Company accounts for the inducement to exercise warrants in accordance with ASC Subtopic 470-20-40 "Debt with Conversion and Other Options" ("ASC 470-20-40"). ASC 470-20-40 requires the recognition through earnings of an inducement charge equal to the fair value of the consideration delivered in excess of the consideration issuable under the original conversion terms. Therefore, the Company recognized a loss on the warrant inducement for the issuance of new warrants. The inducement warrants were determined to be equity classified and the fair value was determined using the Black-Scholes valuation model. The grant date fair value of the Inducement Warrants was estimated to be \$2,599,552 on December 28, 2023 and the proceeds of \$280,500, which were received on January 2, 2024, for the issuance of the Inducement Warrants is reflected as inducement expense, within other expenses on the Company's consolidated statement of operations and comprehensive loss.

Results of Operations

The following table sets forth information comparing the components of net loss for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022:

	For the Years Ended December 31,	
	2023	2022
Operating expenses		
General and administrative	\$ 8,852,021	\$ 11,605,761
Research and development	7,252,437	8,027,773
Impairment of intangible assets and goodwill	—	7,453,662
Depreciation and amortization	343,982	327,910
Total operating expenses	16,448,440	27,415,106
Loss from operations	(16,448,440)	(27,415,106)
Other (expense) income		
Inducement expense, net	(1,848,235)	—
Change in fair value of warrant liabilities	94,396	4,315,236
Change in fair value of investment option liability	208,752	3,472,726
Change in fair value of derivative liability	727,000	(325,000)
Interest income (expense), net	3,708	(5,249)
Total other (expense) income	(814,379)	7,457,713
Net loss before income taxes	\$ (17,262,819)	\$ (19,957,393)
Income tax (expense) benefit	(28,913)	1,486,060
Net loss	\$ (17,291,732)	\$ (18,471,333)

Known Trends or Uncertainties

The current inflationary trend existing in the North American economic environment is considered by Management to be reasonably likely to have a material unfavorable impact on results of continuing operations. Higher rates of price inflation, as compared to recent prior levels of price inflation have caused a general increase in the cost of labor and materials. In addition, there is an increased risk of the Company experiencing labor shortages as a result of a potential inability to attract and retain human resources due to increased labor costs resulting from the current inflationary environment.

General and Administrative Expenses

Our general and administrative expenses decreased to \$8,852,021 for the year ended December 31, 2023 from \$11,605,761 for the year ended December 31, 2022, a decrease of \$2,753,740, or 24%. This change was primarily driven by decreases in insurance expenses of \$1,112,059, salaries and wages of \$626,573, transaction expenses of \$735,043, stock compensation expense of \$351,898, marketing expense of \$390,851, and legal fees of \$532,563. This is offset by an increase in consulting expenses of \$381,786, Delaware Franchise Tax expenses of \$247,389, and accounting fees of \$255,872. The decrease in insurance expense was due to a reduction in director and officer liability insurance related to the Company's reduction in force and restructuring during the year ended December 31, 2023. The decrease in salaries and wages was due to the reduction in force during the year ended December 31, 2023. The decrease in transaction expenses was due to the expenses related to non-recurring capital raises during the year ended December 31, 2022. The decrease in stock compensation expense was due primarily to a reduction in expense related to restricted stock units as a result of forfeitures and decreased value of new grants as a result of lower stock prices. The decrease in marketing and legal expenses was due to the termination of marketing efforts surrounding the Akos cannabinoid spin-off. The increase in consulting expenses was due to increased outsourcing to contractors as a result of the reduction in force during 2023. The increase in Delaware Franchise Tax expenses was due to taxes and penalty fees related to the 2022 franchise tax return. The increase in accounting fees was due to internal control deficiency remediation efforts related to deficiencies identified in 2022 and technical accounting services related to 2023 transactions.

Research and Development Expenses

Our research and development expense for the year ended December 31, 2023 was \$7,252,437 as compared to \$8,027,773 for the year ended December 31, 2022 with a decrease of \$775,336, or approximately 10%. This decrease was primarily driven by decreased salaries and wages of 1,608,437, product development of \$443,158, and lab expenses of \$321,773, and increase in tax incentive of \$141,185. This is slightly offset by an increase in CRO costs of \$1,674,958. The decrease in salaries and wages was primarily due to the reduction in force as a result of the cost reduction plan that the Company entered into in May 2023 and the increase in CRO costs is due to contract in Australian Subsidiary Research and Development that began in March 2023.

Impairment of intangible assets and goodwill

There was no impairment of intangible assets and goodwill for the year ended December 31, 2023 as compared to \$7,453,662 for the year ended December 31, 2022, as all recognized indefinite lived intangible assets and goodwill were fully impaired as of December 31, 2022.

Depreciation and Amortization Expense

Depreciation and amortization expense for the year ended December 31, 2023 was \$343,982 as compared to \$327,910 for the year ended December 31, 2022, with a decrease of \$16,072, or approximately 5%.

Change in Fair Value of Warrant Liabilities

Change in fair value of warrant liabilities for the year ended December 31, 2023 resulted in income of \$94,396 as compared to \$4,315,236 for the year ended December 31, 2022. The change in fair value of warrant liabilities is significantly influenced by the change in the closing price of common stock at the end of each period, as compared to the closing price of common stock at the beginning of each period with a strong inverse relationship between changes in fair value of warrant liabilities and the trading price of common stock. The significant decrease in the Company's stock price during the year ended December 31, 2023 compared to the year ended December 31, 2022, resulted in the significant decrease to the change in fair value of warrant liabilities.

Change in Fair Value of Investment Option Liability

Change in fair value of investment option liability for the year ended December 31, 2023 resulted in income of \$208,752 as compared to \$3,472,726 for the year ended December 31, 2022. The change in fair value of investment option liability is significantly influenced by the change in the closing price of common stock at the end of each period, as compared to the closing price of common stock at the beginning of each period with a strong inverse relationship between changes in fair value of warrant liabilities and the trading price of common stock. The significant decrease in the Company's stock price during the year ended December 31, 2023 compared to the year ended December 31, 2022, resulted in the significant decrease to the change in fair value of warrant liabilities.

Change in Fair Value of Derivative Liability

The Company's change in fair value of derivative liability increased by \$1,052,000 for the year ended December 31, 2023, due primarily to the termination of the planned spin-off of Akos and redemption of the underlying preferred stock in May 2023.

Inducement Expense

Inducement expense was \$1,848,235 for the year ended December 31, 2023. The expenses recorded were related to inducement incurred related to the conversion of warrants and investment options that occurred in December 2023. The Company did not incur such expenses in the prior period.

Income Tax (Expense) Benefit

Income tax expense was \$28,913 for the year ended December 31, 2023, which primarily related to state excise taxes, compared to an income tax benefit of 1,486,060 for the year ended December 31, 2022 or a change of \$1,514,973. For the year ended December 31, 2022, the Company recognized a benefit for the reversal of the deferred tax liability for the indefinite lived intangible assets upon impairment, which is the primary reason for the change.

Going Concern, Liquidity and Capital Resources

The Company has incurred a loss since inception resulting in an accumulated deficit of \$96,499,518 as of December 31, 2023 and further losses are anticipated in the development of its business. Further, the Company had operating cash outflows of \$14,094,411 for the year ended December 31, 2023. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Company had a loss from operations of \$16,448,440. Since inception, being a research and development company, the Company has not yet generated revenue and the Company has incurred continuing losses from its operations. The Company's operations have been funded principally through the issuance of debt and equity. These factors raise substantial doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of one year from the issuance of these financial statements.

In assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, the Company monitors and analyzes its cash and its ability to generate sufficient cash flow in the future to support its operating and capital expenditure commitments. At December 31, 2023, the Company had cash of \$2,287,977 and working capital of \$1,238,027. The Company's current cash on hand is insufficient to satisfy its operating cash needs for the 12 months following the filing of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. These conditions raise substantial doubt regarding the Company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of one year after the date the financial statements are issued. Management's plan to alleviate the conditions that raise substantial doubt include reducing the Company's rate of spend, managing its cash flow, advancing its programs, and raising additional working capital through public or private equity or debt financings or other sources, which includes the Equity Distribution Agreement with Canaccord for proceeds of up to \$2.4 million, the Purchase Agreement with Lincoln Park, and the Inducement Letters and resulting sales of common stock under the Existing Warrants for net cash proceeds of \$1.5 million received in January 2024, and the exercise of warrants to purchase 1,954,000 shares of common stock for gross cash proceeds of approximately \$2.7 million in February 2024, and may include collaborations with additional third parties as well as disciplined cash spending, to increase the Company's cash runway. The Inducement Letters included variable rate transaction limitation, which prohibit the issuance of shares under the Purchase Agreement with Lincoln Park until December 28, 2024. Adequate additional financing may not be available to the Company on acceptable terms, or at all. Should the Company be unable to raise sufficient additional capital, the Company may be required to undertake cost-cutting measures including delaying or discontinuing certain operating activities.

As a result of these factors, management has concluded that there is substantial doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of one year after the date of the financial statements. The Company's consolidated financial statements do not include any adjustments that might result from the outcome of this uncertainty.

Reduction in Force/Restructuring

In May 2023, the Company entered into a cost reduction plan, including a reduction in force of approximately 35% of its full-time employees to streamline its operations and conserve cash resources. Additionally, contracts with seven consultants that were focused on the Akos cannabinoid spin-out were terminated. The plan included a focus on progressing the Company's existing non-cannabinoid pipeline while reducing the rate of spend and managing cash flow. As of December 31, 2023, the Company has completed the reduction in force, with such severance expenses recorded in salaries and wages and legal accounts. The Company recognized severance charges of approximately \$1,004,033 through December 31, 2023, with \$572,628 of these charges paid and the reversal of Avani Kanubaddi's 2023 performance bonus of \$129,760 as of December 31, 2023.

Additionally, on June 16, 2023, the Company entered into the Kanubaddi Separation Agreement with Avani Kanubaddi, the Company's President and Chief Operating Officer. Upon termination, any unvested time-based RSU's became fully vested. Mr. Kanubaddi's 2023 salary and benefits was accrued and were agreed to be paid out in twelve equal monthly installments beginning in July 2023, as well as his 2023 performance bonus in the amount of \$129,760. As of December 31, 2023, the performance metrics were not achieved and the accrued bonus was reversed.

Cash Flows

Since inception, we have primarily used our available cash to fund our product development and operations expenditures.

Cash Flows for the Years Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022

The following table sets forth a summary of cash flows for the years presented:

	For the Years Ended December 31,	
	2023	2022
Net cash used in operating activities.....	\$ (14,094,411)	\$ (17,146,723)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	11,667	(584,165)
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	(1,343,141)	18,180,137
Effect of Foreign Exchange Rate on Changes on Cash	(10,022)	(81,364)
Net (decrease) increase in cash	<u>\$ (15,435,907)</u>	<u>\$ 367,885</u>

Operating Activities

Net cash used in operating activities was \$14,094,411 during the year ended December 31, 2023, which consisted primarily of a net loss adjusted for non-cash items of \$13,919,661, an increase in prepaid expenses of \$6,857, a decrease in accounts payable and accrued liabilities of \$103,848, and a decrease in right-of-use operating lease asset and obligation of \$64,045.

Net cash used in operating activities was \$17,146,723 during the year ended December 31, 2022, which consisted primarily of a net loss adjusted for non-cash items of \$16,929,063, an increase in prepaid expenses and other current assets of \$374,058, an increase in accounts payable and accrued liabilities of \$263,686, and a decrease in right-of-use operating lease asset and obligation of \$107,288.

Investing Activities

Net cash provided by investing activities was \$11,667 during the year ended December 31, 2023, which consisted of the purchase of property and equipment, offset by proceeds from sale of property and equipment.

Net cash used in investing activities was \$584,165 during the year ended December 31, 2022, which consisted of the purchase of property and equipment.

Financing Activities

Net cash used in financing activities was \$1,343,141 during the year ended December 31, 2023, which consisted of \$1,052,057 from the redemption of Series A Preferred Stock and \$291,084 for equity distribution offering costs.

Net cash provided by financing activities was \$18,180,137 during the year ended December 31, 2022, which consisted of \$17,222,099 in net proceeds from the sale of common stock and warrants and warrant exercises, net of fees, and proceeds from the sale of redeemable non-controlling interest, net of offering costs, of \$958,038.

Critical Accounting Estimates

Our management's discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations is based on our consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"). The preparation of our consolidated financial statements and related disclosures requires us to make estimates, assumptions and judgments that affect the reported amount of assets, liabilities, costs and expenses and related disclosures. Our critical accounting estimates are those estimates that involve a significant level of uncertainty at the time the estimate was made, and changes in them have had or are reasonably likely to have a material effect on our financial condition or results of operations. Accordingly, actual results could differ materially from our estimates. We base our estimates on past experience and other assumptions that we believe are reasonable under the circumstances, and we evaluate these estimates on an ongoing basis. Our most critical accounting estimates include determining the accruals associated with third party providers supporting research and development efforts and the fair value of the inducement warrants.

Accrued Research and Development Expenses

As part of the process of preparing our consolidated financial statements, we are required to estimate our accrued research and development expenses. This process involves reviewing purchase orders, open contracts, reconciling payments and invoices and communicating with our personnel and suppliers to identify services that have been performed on our behalf. It also includes the research and development vendors providing us milestone and percentage completion reports on the statuses within each active purchase order and contract along with estimating the level of service performed and the associated cost incurred for the services when we have not yet been invoiced or otherwise notified of the actual cost. Our vendors invoice us in various ways via advance payments, as contractual milestones are met or monthly in arrears for services performed.

We make estimates of our accrued expenses as of each balance sheet date in our consolidated financial statements based on facts and circumstances known to us at that time. We periodically confirm the accuracy of our estimates with the service providers and adjust if necessary. The significant estimates in our accrued research and development expenses include the costs incurred for services performed by clinical, pre-clinical, and CMC vendors in connection with research and development activities for which we have not yet been invoiced.

We contract with these vendors to conduct clinical, pre-clinical, or CMC research and development services on our behalf. We base our expenses on our estimates of the services received and efforts expended pursuant to quotes and contracts with the research and development vendors. The financial terms of these agreements are subject to negotiation, vary from contract to contract and may result in uneven payment flows. There may be instances in which payments made to our vendors will exceed the level of services provided and result in a prepayment of the research and development expense. In accruing service fees, we estimate the time period over which services will be performed and the level of effort to be expended in each period. If the actual timing of the performance of services or the level of effort varies from our estimate, we adjust the accrual or amount of prepaid expense accordingly. Non-refundable advance payments for goods and services that will be used in future research and development activities are expensed when the activity has been performed or when the goods have been received rather than when the payment is made.

Although we do not expect our estimates to be materially different from amounts actually incurred, our understanding of the status and timing of services performed relative to the actual status and timing of services performed may vary and may result in us reporting amounts that are too high or too low in any particular period. To date, there have been no material differences between our estimates of such expenses and the amounts actually incurred.

Fair Value of Inducement Warrants

The inducement warrants are measured at estimated fair value using the Black Scholes valuation model. Inherent in this model are assumptions related to expected stock price volatility, expected life, risk-free interest rate and dividend yield. We estimate the volatility of our common stock at the date of issuance based on the historical implied volatility of our own stock price that matches the expected remaining life of the warrants. The risk-free interest rate is based on the U.S. Treasury zero-coupon yield curve on the measurement date for a maturity similar to the expected remaining life of the inducement warrants. The expected life of the inducement warrants is assumed to be equivalent to their remaining contractual term. The dividend rate is based on our historical rate, which we anticipate to remain at zero. The assumptions used in calculating the estimated fair value of the inducement warrants represent our best estimates. However, these estimates involve inherent uncertainties and the application of management judgment. As a result, if factors change and different assumptions are used, the inducement warrants estimated fair value could be materially different.

Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

From inception through December 31, 2023, the Company's reporting currency is the United States dollar while the functional currency of certain of the Company's subsidiaries were the Canadian dollar and Australian dollar. For the reporting periods ended December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022, the Company engaged in a number of transactions denominated in Canadian dollars and Australian dollars. As a result, the Company is subject to exposure from changes in the exchange rates of the Canadian dollar and Australian dollar against the U.S. dollar.

The Company has not entered into any financial derivative instruments that expose it to material market risk, including any instruments designed to hedge the impact of foreign currency exposures. The Company may, however, hedge such exposure to foreign currency exchange fluctuations in the future.

Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data

The information required by this Item 8 is included at the end of this Annual Report on Form 10-K beginning on page F-1 and is incorporated here by reference.

Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure

None.

Item 9A. Controls and Procedures

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

We maintain disclosure controls and procedures designed to ensure that the information we are required to disclose in reports we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified under the rules and forms of the SEC. Disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosures. A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over financial reporting, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of our annual or interim financial statements will not be prevented or detected on a timely basis.

As required by paragraph (b) of Rules 13a-15 and 15d-15 under the Exchange Act, our Chief Executive Officer (our principal executive) and Chief Financial Officer (our principal financial officer and principal accounting officer) carried out an evaluation of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures as of December 31, 2023. Based on this evaluation, and in light of the material weaknesses found in our internal controls over financial reporting, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in paragraph (e) of Rules 13a-15 and 15d-15 under the Exchange Act) were not effective as of December 31, 2023.

Limitations on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

An internal control system over financial reporting has inherent limitations and may not prevent or detect misstatements. Therefore, even those systems determined to be effective can provide only reasonable assurance with respect to financial statement preparation and presentation. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate. 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.

Management's Annual Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting, as defined in Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f). Internal control over financial reporting is a process used to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of our financial reporting and the preparation of our financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States. Internal control over financial reporting includes policies and procedures that pertain to the maintenance of records that in reasonable detail accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of our assets; provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of our financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States, and that our receipts and expenditures are being made only in accordance with the authorization of our board of directors and management; and provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of our assets that could have a material effect on our financial statements.

Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Chief Executive Officer (our principal executive officer) and Chief Financial Officer (our principal financial officer and principal accounting officer), we performed an assessment of the Company's significant processes and key controls. Based on this assessment, management concluded that our internal control over financial reporting was not effective as of December 31, 2023 due to the material weaknesses described below.

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 the Company's annual or interim financial statements will not be prevented or detected on a timely basis. We determined that our internal control over financial reporting had the following material weaknesses:

- We were unable to document, formalize, implement and revise where necessary controls, policies and procedure documentation to evidence a system of controls, including testing of such controls that is consistent with our current personnel and available resources;
- We failed to document, maintain and test effective control activities over our control environment, risk assessment, information technology and monitoring components;
- We had insufficient segregation of duties, oversight of work performed and lack of compensating controls in our finance and accounting functions, including, without limitation, the processing, review and authorization of all routine and non-routine transactions, due to limited personnel and resources.

The Company is evaluating these weaknesses to determine the appropriate remedy. Because disclosure controls and procedures include those components of internal control over financial reporting that provide reasonable assurances that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, management also determined that its disclosure controls and procedures were not effective as a result of the foregoing material weaknesses in its internal control over financial reporting.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

As of December 31, 2023, the Company is in process of remediating its material weaknesses and designing an effective internal control environment, however it has not yet remediated its material weaknesses.

Remediation efforts to address material weaknesses in internal controls

- We engaged third party subject matter experts to assist in the design and documentation of an internal control environment meeting those requirements and criteria established in the COSO 2013 Internal Control Integrated Framework;
- We engaged information technology experts who designed and implemented a secure, cloud based, server and IT environment with controlled access, monitoring, help desk and a user training protocol;
- We installed and implemented third party software that provides improved control, approvals and segregation of duties over the purchase to pay operation cycle;
- We engaged third party subject matter experts who are providing independent supervision of accounting staff, transaction processing, reconciliations and financial statement preparation, resulting in improved segregation of duties;
- We engaged third party subject matter experts who are assisting in the financial reporting function, with such activities, including, without limitation, preparation, review and reconciliation of financial reports, research of technical accounting issues/transactions, performing various checklists to ensure compliance with GAAP and SEC requirements, with all such activities resulting in improved segregation of duties.

Item 9B. Other Information

In May 2023, pursuant to the Akos Series A Preferred Certificate of Designations, the holders of the Akos Series A Preferred Stock exercised the Put Right requiring Akos to force redemption of all of the Akos Series A Preferred Stock for \$1,000 per share, plus accrued but unpaid dividends of approximately \$50,000 for a total of approximately \$1,052,057. The Company had 20 days following the receipt of the Put Exercise Notice to make the payment and made payment on May 19, 2023.

The Company, Akos, and the Akos Investor terminated the Akos Purchase Agreement in connection with the planned Spin-Off and that certain registration rights agreement in connection with the Akos Private Placement in May 2023.

In May 2023, the Company entered into a cost reduction plan, including a reduction in force of approximately 35% of its full-time employees to streamline its operations and conserve cash resources. Additionally, contracts with seven consultants that were focused on the Akos cannabinoid spin-out will be terminated. The Company recognized severance charges of \$874,273 through December 31, 2023. The plan included a focus on progressing the Company's existing non-cannabinoid pipeline while reducing the rate of spend and managing cash flow. As of December 31, 2023, the Company has completed the reduction in force, with such severance expenses recorded in salaries and wages.

Item 9C. Disclosure Regarding Foreign Jurisdictions that Prevent Inspections

Not applicable.

PART III

Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance

We incorporate by reference the information responsive to this Item under the captions “Election of Directors,” “Corporate Governance – Executive Officers,” “Corporate Governance – Family Relationships,” “Related Person Transactions and Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance,” “Corporate Code of Conduct and Ethics,” “Corporate Governance – Committees of the Board of Directors – Audit Committee,” “Corporate Governance – Insider Trading Policy,” “Stockholder Proposals and Nominations for Director” appearing in our definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A for our 2024 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (“Proxy Statement”), a copy of which will be filed no later than 120 days after December 31, 2023.

Item 11. Executive Compensation

We incorporate by reference the information responsive to this Item under the captions “Executive Officer and Director Compensation” and “Corporate Governance – Committees of the Board of Directors – Compensation Committee” appearing in our Proxy Statement.

Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters

We incorporate by reference the information responsive to this Item under the captions “Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management” and “Executive Officer and Director Compensation – Equity Compensation Plan Information” appearing in our Proxy Statement

Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions and Director Independence

We incorporate by reference the information responsive to this Item under the captions “Related Person Transactions and Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance” and “Corporate Governance – Director Independence” appearing in our Proxy Statement.

Item 14. Principal Accountant Fees and Services

We incorporate by reference the information responsive to this Item under the caption “Principal Accountant Fees and Services” appearing in our Proxy Statement.

PART IV

Item 15. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules

The following documents are filed as part of this Annual Report on Form 10-K:

(1) Financial Statements:

Reports of Independent Registered Accounting Firm (PCAOB Firm ID: Marcum LLP #688)	F-1
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(2) Financial Statement Schedules:

None. Financial statement schedules have not been included because they are not applicable, or the information is included in the consolidated financial statements or notes thereto.

(3) Exhibits:

See "Index to Exhibits" for a description of our exhibits.

Item 16. Form 10-K Summary

Not applicable.

INDEX TO EXHIBITS

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
2.1	Share Purchase Agreement, dated January 10, 2020, by and between AMERI Holdings, Inc. and Ameri100, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Commission on January 13, 2020)
2.2	Tender Offer Support Agreement and Termination of Amalgamation Agreement, dated August 12, 2020, by and among AMERI Holdings, Inc., Jay Pharma Merger Sub, Inc., Jay Pharma Inc., 1236567 B.C. Unlimited Liability Company and Barry Kostiner, as the Ameri representative (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Commission on August 12, 2020)
2.3	Amendment No. 1 To Tender Offer Support Agreement and Termination of Amalgamation Agreement, dated December 18, 2020, by and among Ameri, Jay Pharma Merger Sub, Inc., Jay Pharma Inc., 1236567 B.C. Unlimited Liability Company and Barry Kostiner, as the Ameri representative (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Commission on December 18, 2020)
2.4	Amalgamation Agreement, dated May 24, 2021, by and among Enveric Biosciences, Inc., 1306432 B.C. LTD., 1306436 B.C. LTD., and MagicMed Industries, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Commission on May 24, 2021)
3.1	Certificate of Amendment to Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Enveric Biosciences, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Commission on January 6, 2021)
3.2	Certificate of Designations of Series B Preferred Stock of Enveric Biosciences, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.3 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Commission on January 6, 2021)

Exhibit No.	Description
3.3	Amended and Restated Bylaws of Enveric Biosciences, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.4 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Commission on January 6, 2021)
3.4	Amendment to the Amended and Restated Bylaws of Enveric Biosciences, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Commission on November 18, 2021)
3.5	Certificate of Designation of the Series C Preferred Stock of the Company, dated May 4, 2022 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form 8-A, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 4, 2022, File No. 000-26460)
3.6	Certificate of Amendment of Certificate of Designation of the Series C Preferred Stock of the Company, dated May 17, 2022 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form 8-A/A, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 17, 2022, File No. 000 26460)
3.7	Certificate of Amendment of Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Enveric Biosciences, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Commission on July 14, 2022)
4.1	Description of Securities (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 31, 2023)
4.2	Form of Pre-Funded Warrant (issued in connection with January 2021 Registered Direct Offering) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Commission on January 12, 2021)
4.3	Form of Warrant (issued in connection with January 2021 Registered Direct Offering) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Commission on January 12, 2021)
4.4	Form of Warrant (issued in connection with February 2021 Registered Direct Offering) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Commission on February 11, 2021)
4.5	Form of Series B Warrant (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.5 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Commission on April 1, 2021)
4.6	Form of MagicMed Warrant Certificate (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on September 17, 2021)
4.7	Form of Common Stock Purchase Warrant (in connection with February 2022 Offering) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Commission on February 15, 2022)
4.8	Form of RD Pre-Funded Warrant (in connection with July 2022 Offering) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Commission on July 26, 2022)
4.9	Form of PIPE Pre-Funded Warrant (in connection with July 2022 Offering) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Commission on July 26, 2022)
4.10	Form of RD Preferred Investment Option (in connection with July 2022 Offering) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Commission on July 26, 2022)
4.11	Form of PIPE Preferred Investment Option (in connection with July 2022 Offering) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.4 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Commission on July 26, 2022)
4.12	Form of Wainwright Warrant (in connection with July 2022 Offering) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.5 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Commission on July 26, 2022)

Exhibit No.	Description
4.13	Form of Inducement Warrant (in connection with December 2023 Offering) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Commission on December 29, 2023)
10.1	Employment Agreement between Kevin Coveney and the Company, effective March 13, 2023 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Commission on February 28, 2023)
10.2	Form of Securities Purchase Agreement (entered into in connection with the May 5, 2022 Private Placement) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Commission on May 11, 2022)
10.3	Certificate of the Designations, Preferences and Rights of Akos Series A Convertible Preferred Stock (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Commission on May 11, 2022)
10.4	Form of Registration Rights Agreement (entered into in connection with the May 5, 2022 Private Placement) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Commission on May 11, 2022)
10.5	Form of Warrant (entered into in connection with the May 5, 2022 Private Placement) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Commission on May 11, 2022)
10.6	Form of Warrant Amendment (in connection with the July 2022 Offerings) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Commission on July 26, 2022)
10.7	First Amendment to the Enveric Biosciences, Inc. 2020 Long-Term Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Commission on July 14, 2022)
10.8	Form of Warrant Amendment (in connection with July 2022 Offering) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Commission on July 26, 2022)
10.9	Form of Securities Purchase Agreement (in connection with July 2022 Offering) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Commission on July 26, 2022)
10.10	Form of Securities Purchase Agreement (in connection with July 2022 Offering) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Commission on July 26, 2022)
10.11	Form of Registration Rights Agreement (in connection with July 2022 Offering) (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Commission on July 26, 2022)
10.12	Employment Agreement, dated December 2, 2020, by and between the Company and Avani Kanubaddi (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Commission on January 6, 2021)
10.13	Enveric Biosciences, Inc. 2020 Long-Term Equity Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Commission on January 6, 2021)
10.14	Form of RSU Award Agreement (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.6 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Commission on January 6, 2021)
10.15	Form of Securities Purchase Agreement, dated January 11, 2021, by and among the Company and the purchasers thereto (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Commission on January 12, 2021)

Exhibit No.	Description
10.16	Form of Registration Rights Agreement, dated January 11, 2021, by and among the Company and the purchasers thereto (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Commission on January 12, 2021)
10.17	Letter Agreement, dated January 11, 2021, by and between the Company and Alpha Capital Anstalt (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Commission on January 12, 2021)
10.18	Form of Securities Purchase Agreement, dated February 9, 2021, by and among the Company and the purchasers thereto (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Commission on February 11, 2021)
10.19	Form of Registration Rights Agreement, dated February 9, 2021, by and among the Company and the purchasers thereto (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Commission on February 11, 2021)
10.20	Exclusive License Agreement, between the Company and Diverse Biotech, Inc., dated March 5, 2021 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.6 the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, filed with the Commission on May 17, 2021)
10.21	Form of Voting and Support Agreement, dated as of May 24, 2021, by and among Enveric Biosciences, Inc. and certain shareholders of MagicMed Industries Inc. named therein (incorporated by reference to Annex B-1 to the Company's Proxy Statement/Prospectus, filed with the Commission on August 6, 2021)
10.22	Form of Voting Agreement, dated as of May 24, 2021, by and among MagicMed Industries Inc. and certain shareholders of Enveric Biosciences, Inc. named therein (incorporated by reference to Annex B-2 to the Company's Proxy Statement/Prospectus, filed with the Commission on August 6, 2021)
10.23	Form of Lock-Up Agreement, dated as of May 24, 2021, by and among Enveric Biosciences, Inc. and certain shareholders of MagicMed Industries Inc. named therein (incorporated by reference to Annex C-1 to the Company's Proxy Statement/Prospectus, filed with the Commission on August 6, 2021)
10.24	Form of Lock-Up/Leak-Out Agreement, dated as of May 24, 2021, by and among Enveric Biosciences, Inc. and certain shareholders of MagicMed Industries Inc. named therein (incorporated by reference to Annex C-2 to the Company's Proxy Statement/Prospectus, filed with the Commission on August 3, 2021)
10.25	Employment Agreement between Joseph Tucker and Enveric Biosciences, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 24, 2021)
10.26	Employment Agreement between Peter Facchini and Enveric Biosciences, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 24, 2021)
10.27	Employment Agreement between Jillian Hagel and Enveric Biosciences, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 24, 2021)
10.28	MagicMed Stock Option Plan, as amended September 10, 2021 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on September 17, 2021)
10.29	Form of Termination of Prior Agreements and Mutual Release (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, filed with the Commission on May 15, 2023)***

Exhibit No.	Description
10.30	Equity Distribution Agreement, dated September 1, 20123, by and among the Company and Canaccord Genuity, LLC (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 1.1 to the Company’s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Commission on September 1, 2023)
10.31	Purchase Agreement, dated November 3, 2023, by and among the Company and Lincoln Park Capital Fund, LLC (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Commission on November 6, 2023)
10.32	Registration Rights Agreement, dated November 3, 2023, by and among the Company and Lincoln Park Capital Fund, LLC (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Commission on November 6, 2023)
10.33	Form of Inducement Warrant, dated December 28, 2023, by and among the investors thereto (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company’s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Commission on December 29, 2023)
14	Code of Ethics*
19	Policy on Insider Trading*
21.1	Subsidiaries (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 21.1 of the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 31, 2023)
23.1	Consent of independent registered public accountant – Marcum LLP*
31.1	Certification pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes–Oxley Act of 2002 of Principal Executive Officer*
31.2	Certification pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes–Oxley Act of 2002 of Principal Financial and Accounting Officer*
32	Certification pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes–Oxley Act of 2002 of Principal Executive Officer, Principal Financial and Accounting Officer**
97	Clawback Policy*
101.INS	Inline XBRL Instance Document*
101.SCH	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema*
101.CAL	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document*
101.DEF	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document*
101.LAB	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Labels Linkbase Document*
101.PRE	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document*
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document)
*	Filed herewith.
**	Furnished herewith.
***	Certain confidential portions of this Exhibit were omitted by means of marking such portions with brackets (“[***]”) because the identified confidential portions (i) are not material and (ii) would be competitively harmful if publicly disclosed.
#	Management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

ENVERIC BIOSCIENCES, INC.

March 25, 2024

By: /s/ Dr. Joseph Tucker

Dr. Joseph Tucker
Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

March 25, 2024

By: /s/ Dr. Joseph Tucker

Dr. Joseph Tucker
Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)

March 25, 2024

By: /s/ Kevin Coveney

Kevin Coveney
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

March 25, 2024

By: /s/ Michael Webb

Michael Webb
Director

March 25, 2024

By: /s/ George Kegler

George Kegler
Director

March 25, 2024

By: /s/ Marcus Schabacker

Marcus Schabacker
Director

March 25, 2024

By: /s/ Frank Pasqualone

Frank Pasqualone
Director

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Shareholders and Board of Directors of
Enveric Biosciences, Inc.

Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Enveric Biosciences, Inc. (the “Company”) as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the related consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive loss, changes in mezzanine equity and shareholders’ equity and cash flows for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related notes (collectively referred to as the “financial statements”). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the two years in the period ended December 31, 2023, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Explanatory Paragraph – Going Concern

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared assuming that the Company will continue as a going concern. As more fully described in Note 1, has incurred significant losses and needs to raise additional funds to meet its obligations and sustain its operations. These conditions raise substantial doubt about the Company’s ability to continue as a going concern. Management’s plans in regard to these matters are also described in Note 1. The financial statements do not include any adjustments that might result from the outcome of this uncertainty.

Basis for Opinion

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company’s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company’s financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (“PCAOB”) and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. As part of our audits we are required to obtain an understanding of internal control over financial reporting but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company’s internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion.

Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Critical Audit Matters

The critical audit matter communicated below is a matter arising from the current period audit of the financial statements that was communicated or required to be communicated to the audit committee and that: (1) relate to accounts or disclosures that are material to the financial statements and (2) involved our especially challenging, subjective, or complex judgments. The communication of a critical audit matter does not alter in any way our opinion on the financial statements, taken as a whole, and we are not, by communicating the critical audit matter below, providing a separate opinion on the critical audit matter or on the accounts or disclosures to which it relates.

Contracted Research & Development Cost Recognition:

Critical Audit Matter Description

As discussed in Note 2 to the financial statements, the Company records costs for contracted research and development costs based upon estimates of costs incurred through the balance sheet date for services performed by contract research organizations, clinical study sites and other research and development related vendors.

Auditing the recognition of costs associated with contracted research and development organizations is challenging due to the significant judgment required to determine the nature and level of services that have been received, including determining the progress to completion of specific tasks and activities conducted in relation to what has been invoiced and recorded.

How We Addressed the Matter in Our Audit

The primary procedures we performed to address this critical audit matter included:

- Obtained an understanding of the design and implementation of internal controls for contracted research and development cost.
- Tested the completeness and accuracy of the underlying data used in the estimates including, but not limited to, the estimated costs per project milestone and duration.
- Assessed the reasonableness of the significant assumptions, corroborated the progress of the contracted research and development costs with the Company's operations personnel and to information obtained by the Company directly from third parties, and to information in contracts or statements of work including costs for those activities and project duration.
- Examined subsequent invoices received from contracted research and development cost third parties.

/s/ Marcum LLP

We have served as the Company's auditor since 2021.

East Hanover, New Jersey
March 25, 2024

ENVERIC BIOSCIENCES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

	As of December 31,	
	2023	2022
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash	\$ 2,287,977	\$ 17,723,884
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	1,293,554	708,053
Total current assets	3,581,531	18,431,937
Other assets:		
Property and equipment, net	507,377	677,485
Right-of-use operating lease asset	—	63,817
Intangible assets, net	210,932	379,686
Total other assets	718,309	1,120,988
Total assets	\$ 4,299,840	\$ 19,552,925
LIABILITIES, MEZZANINE EQUITY, AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 1,218,783	\$ 463,275
Accrued liabilities	1,075,643	1,705,655
Current portion of right-of-use operating lease obligation	—	63,820
Investment option liability	23,608	851,008
Warrant liability	25,470	185,215
Derivative liability	—	727,000
Total current liabilities	2,343,504	3,995,973
Commitments and contingencies (Note 10)		
Mezzanine equity		
Series C redeemable preferred stock, \$0.01 par value, 100,000 shares authorized, and 0 shares issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively	—	—
Redeemable non-controlling interest	—	885,028
Total mezzanine equity	—	885,028
Shareholders' equity		
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value, 20,000,000 shares authorized; Series B preferred stock, \$0.01 par value, 3,600,000 shares authorized, 0 shares issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively	—	—
Common stock, \$0.01 par value, 100,000,000 shares authorized, 2,739,315 and 2,078,271 shares issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively	27,392	20,782
Additional paid-in capital	100,815,851	94,395,662
Stock subscription receivable	(1,817,640)	—
Accumulated deficit	(96,499,518)	(79,207,786)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(569,749)	(536,734)
Total shareholders' equity	1,956,336	14,671,924
Total liabilities, mezzanine equity, and shareholders' equity	\$ 4,299,840	\$ 19,552,925

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND COMPREHENSIVE LOSS

	For the Years Ended	
	December 31,	
	2023	2022
Operating expenses		
General and administrative	\$ 8,852,021	\$ 11,605,761
Research and development	7,252,437	8,027,773
Impairment of intangible assets and goodwill	—	7,453,662
Depreciation and amortization	343,982	327,910
Total operating expenses	16,448,440	27,415,106
Loss from operations	(16,448,440)	(27,415,106)
Other (expense) income		
Inducement expense, net	(1,848,235)	—
Change in fair value of warrant liabilities	94,396	4,315,236
Change in fair value of investment option liability	208,752	3,472,726
Change in fair value of derivative liability	727,000	(325,000)
Interest income (expense), net	3,708	(5,249)
Total other (expense) income	(814,379)	7,457,713
Net loss before income taxes	(17,262,819)	(19,957,393)
Income tax (expense) benefit	(28,913)	1,486,060
Net loss	(17,291,732)	(18,471,333)
Less preferred dividends attributable to non-controlling interest	19,041	33,014
Less deemed dividends attributable to accretion of embedded derivative at redemption value	147,988	295,976
Net loss attributable to shareholders	(17,458,761)	(18,800,323)
Other comprehensive loss		
Foreign currency translation	(33,015)	(505,932)
Comprehensive loss	\$ (17,491,776)	\$ (19,306,255)
Net loss per share - basic and diluted	\$ (8.09)	\$ (13.00)
Weighted average shares outstanding, basic and diluted	2,159,063	1,446,007

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN MEZZANINE EQUITY AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

	Redeemable Non-controlling Interest			Common Stock					Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	Total Shareholders' Equity
	Shares	Amount	Total Mezzanine Equity	Shares	Amount	Additional Paid-In Capital	Subscription Receivable	Accumulated Deficit		
Balance at January 1, 2023	1,000	885,028	\$ 885,028	2,078,271	\$ 20,782	\$ 94,395,662	\$ —	\$ (79,207,786)	\$ (536,734)	\$ 14,671,924
Preferred dividends attributable to redeemable non-controlling interest.....	—	19,041	19,041	—	—	(19,041)	—	—	—	(19,041)
Accretion of embedded derivative to redemption value...	—	147,988	147,988	—	—	(147,988)	—	—	—	(147,988)
Redemption of Series A preferred Stock-based compensation.....	(1,000)	(1,052,057)	(1,052,057)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Issuance of common shares in exchange for RSU conversions .	—	—	—	103,641	1,036	(1,036)	—	—	—	—
Issuance of common shares for deferred offering costs.....	—	—	—	139,403	1,394	253,713	—	—	—	255,107
Issuance of Inducement Warrants, net of offering costs of \$239,302	—	—	—	—	—	1,967,424	(280,500)	—	—	1,686,924
Induced conversion of warrants and preferred investment options.....	—	—	—	—	—	683,997	—	—	—	683,997
Exercise of warrants and preferred investment options.....	—	—	—	418,000	4,180	1,532,960	(1,537,140)	—	—	—
Foreign exchange translation loss.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(33,015)	(33,015)
Net loss.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(17,291,732)	—	(17,291,732)
Balance at December 31, 2023	—	—	\$ —	2,739,315	\$ 27,392	\$100,815,851	\$ (1,817,640)	\$ (96,499,518)	\$ (569,749)	\$ 1,956,336

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN MEZZANINE EQUITY AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

	Series C Redeemable Preferred Stock		Redeemable Non-controlling Interest		Total Mezzanine Equity	Common Stock					
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount		Shares	Amount	Additional Paid-In Capital	Accumulated Deficit	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	Total Shareholders' Equity
Balance at January 1, 2022	—	\$ —	—	\$ —	\$ —	651,921	\$ 6,519	\$83,066,656	\$ (60,736,453)	\$ (30,802)	\$ 22,305,920
February 2022 registered direct offering, net of offering costs.....	—	—	—	—	—	400,000	4,000	5,798,464	—	—	5,802,464
Stock-based compensation.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,620,671	—	—	2,620,671
Conversion of RSUs into common shares....	—	—	—	—	—	899	9	(9)	—	—	—
Redeemable non-controlling interest, net of \$402,000 embedded derivative and net of issuance costs of \$41,962.....	—	—	1,000	556,038	556,038	—	—	—	—	—	—
Issuance of redeemable Series C preferred stock.....	52,685	527	—	—	527	—	—	(527)	—	—	(527)
Preferred dividends attributable to redeemable non-controlling interest.....	—	—	—	33,014	33,014	—	—	(33,014)	—	—	(33,014)
Accretion of embedded derivative to redemption value....	—	—	—	295,976	295,976	—	—	(295,976)	—	—	(295,976)
Conversion of RSAs into common shares....	—	—	—	—	—	1,223	12	(12)	—	—	—
July 2022 registered direct offering, PIPE offering, modification of warrants and exercise of pre-funded warrants, net of offering costs.....	—	—	—	—	—	1,000,000	10,000	3,239,124	—	—	3,249,124
Issuance of rounded shares as a result of the reverse stock split .	—	—	—	—	—	24,228	242	(242)	—	—	—
Redemption of Series C preferred stock	(52,685)	(527)	—	—	(527)	—	—	527	—	—	527
Foreign exchange translation loss.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(505,932)	(505,932)
Net loss.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(18,471,333)	—	(18,471,333)
Balance at December 31, 2022	—	\$ —	1,000	\$885,028	\$ 885,028	2,078,271	\$ 20,782	\$94,395,662	\$ (79,207,786)	\$ (536,734)	\$ 14,671,924

ENVERIC BIOSCIENCES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	For the Years Ended	
	December 31,	
	2023	2022
Cash Flows From Operating Activities:		
Net loss	\$ (17,291,732)	\$ (18,471,333)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to cash used in operating activities		
Change in fair value of warrant liability	(94,396)	(4,315,236)
Change in fair value of investment option liability	(208,752)	(3,472,726)
Change in fair value of derivative liability	(727,000)	325,000
Stock-based compensation	2,150,160	2,620,671
Inducement expense	1,848,235	—
Impairment of intangibles	—	7,453,662
Non-cash income tax benefit	—	(1,504,302)
Amortization of ROU asset	64,048	107,291
Amortization of intangibles	168,754	168,750
Depreciation expense	175,228	159,160
Gain on disposal of property and equipment	(4,206)	—
Change in operating assets and liabilities:		
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	(6,857)	(374,058)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(103,848)	263,686
Right-of-use operating lease asset and obligation	(64,045)	(107,288)
Net cash used in operating activities	(14,094,411)	(17,146,723)
Cash Flows From Investing Activities:		
Purchases of property and equipment	(5,180)	(584,165)
Proceeds from disposal of property and equipment	16,847	—
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	11,667	(584,165)
Cash Flows From Financing Activities:		
Proceeds from sale of common stock, warrants, and investment options, net of offering costs	—	17,222,099
Payment for equity distribution offering costs	(291,084)	—
Redemption of Series A Preferred Stock	(1,052,057)	—
Proceeds from the sale of redeemable non-controlling interest, net of offering costs	—	958,038
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	(1,343,141)	18,180,137
Effect of Foreign Exchange Rate on Changes on Cash	(10,022)	(81,364)
Net (decrease) increase in cash	(15,435,907)	367,885
Cash at beginning of year	17,723,884	17,355,999
Cash at end of year	\$ 2,287,977	\$ 17,723,884
Supplemental disclosure of cash and non-cash transactions:		
Cash paid for interest	\$ —	\$ 5,249
Income taxes paid	\$ 9,507	\$ —
Warrants issued in conjunction with common stock issuance	\$ —	\$ 3,595,420

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	For the Years Ended	
	December 31,	
	2023	2022
Issuance of embedded derivative	\$ —	\$ 402,000
Stock subscription receivable	\$ 1,817,640	\$ —
Offering costs accrued not paid	\$ 182,724	\$ —
Warrants issued for offering costs	\$ 77,991	\$ —
Issuance of common shares for deferred offering costs	\$ 255,107	\$ —
Induced conversion of warrants and preferred investment options.....	\$ 683,997	\$ —
Preferred dividends attributable to redeemable non-controlling interest	\$ 19,041	\$ 33,014
Investment options issued in conjunction with common stock issuance	\$ —	\$ 4,323,734
Modification of warrants as part of share capital raise	\$ —	\$ 251,357
Accretion of embedded derivative to redemption value	\$ 147,988	\$ 295,976

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1. BUSINESS AND LIQUIDITY AND OTHER UNCERTAINTIES

Nature of Operations

Enveric Biosciences, Inc. (“Enveric” or the “Company”) is a biotechnology company developing novel neuroplasticogenic small-molecule therapeutics for the treatment of depression, anxiety, and addiction disorders. The head office of the Company is located in Naples, Florida. The Company has the following wholly-owned subsidiaries: Jay Pharma Inc. (“Jay Pharma”), 1306432 B.C. Ltd. (“HoldCo”), MagicMed Industries, Inc. (“MagicMed”), Enveric Canada Inc., and Enveric Therapeutics, Pty. Ltd. (“Enveric Therapeutics”).

Leveraging its unique discovery and development platform, The Psybrary™, Enveric has created a robust Intellectual Property portfolio of New Chemical Entities for specific mental health indications. Enveric’s lead program, the EVM201 Series, comprises next generation synthetic prodrugs of the active metabolite, psilocin. Enveric is developing the first product from the EVM201 Series – EB-373 – for the treatment of psychiatric disorders. Enveric is also advancing its second program, the EVM301 Series, expected to offer a first-in-class, new approach to the treatment of difficult-to-address mental health disorders, mediated by the promotion of neuroplasticity without also inducing hallucinations in the patient.

Following the Company’s amalgamation with MagicMed completed in September 2021 (the “Amalgamation”), the Company has continued to pursue the development of MagicMed’s proprietary Psychedelic Derivatives library, the Psybrary™ which the Company believes will help to identify and develop the right drug candidates needed to address mental health challenges, including cancer-related distress. The Company synthesizes novel versions of classic psychedelics, such as psilocybin, DMT, mescaline and MDMA, using a mixture of chemistry and synthetic biology, resulting in the expansion of the Psybrary™, which includes 15 patent families with over a million potential variations and hundreds of synthesized molecules. Within the Psybrary™ the Company has three different types of molecules, Generation 1 (classic psychedelics), Generation 2 (pro-drugs), and Generation 3 (new chemical entities). The Company is working to add novel psychedelic molecular compounds and derivatives (“Psychedelic Derivatives”) on a regular basis through its work at the Company’s labs in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, where the Company has a team of PhD scientists with expertise in synthetic biology and chemistry. To date the Company has created over 500 molecules that are housed in the Psybrary™.

The Company screens newly synthesized molecules in the Psybrary™ through PsyAI™, a proprietary artificial intelligence (“AI”) tool. Leveraging AI systems is expected to reduce the time and cost of pre-clinical, clinical, and commercial development. The Company believes it streamlines pharmaceutical design by predicting ideal binding structures of molecules, manufacturing capabilities, and pharmacological effects to help determine ideal drug candidates, tailored to each indication. Each of these molecules that the Company believes are patentable can then be further screened to see how changes to its makeup alter its effects in order to synthesize additional new molecules. New compounds of sufficient purity are undergoing pharmacological screening, including non-clinical (receptors/cell lines), preclinical (animal), and ultimately clinical (human) evaluations. The Company intends to utilize the Psybrary™ and the AI tool to categorize and characterize the Psybrary™ substituents to focus on bringing more psychedelics-inspired molecules from discovery to the clinical phase.

Australian Subsidiary

On March 21, 2023, the Company established Enveric Therapeutics, an Australia-based subsidiary, to support the Company’s plans to advance its lead program, the EVM201 Series, comprised of the next generation synthetic prodrugs of the active metabolite, psilocin (“EVM201 Series”), towards the clinic. Enveric Therapeutics will oversee the Company’s preclinical, clinical, and regulatory activities in Australia, including ongoing interactions with the local Human Research Ethics Committees (HREC) and the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA), Australia’s regulatory authority.

Going Concern, Liquidity and Other Uncertainties

The Company has incurred a loss since inception resulting in an accumulated deficit of \$96,499,518 as of December 31, 2023 and further losses are anticipated in the development of its business. Further, the Company has operating cash outflows of \$14,094,411 for the year ended December 31, 2023. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Company had a loss from operations of \$16,448,440. Since inception, being a research and development company, the Company has not yet generated revenue and the Company has incurred continuing losses from its operations. The Company’s operations have been funded principally through the issuance of equity. These factors raise substantial doubt about the Company’s ability to continue as a going concern for a period of one year from the issuance of these financial statements.

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In assessing the Company’s ability to continue as a going concern, the Company monitors and analyzes its cash and its ability to generate sufficient cash flow in the future to support its operating and capital expenditure commitments. At December 31, 2023, the Company had cash of \$2,287,977 and working capital of \$1,238,027. The Company’s current cash on hand is not sufficient enough to satisfy its operating cash needs for the 12 months from the filing of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. These conditions raise substantial doubt regarding the Company’s ability to continue as a going concern for a period of one year after the date the financial statements are issued. Management’s plan to alleviate the conditions that raise substantial doubt include raising additional working capital through public or private equity or debt financings or other sources, which has included the Equity Distribution Agreement with Canaccord for proceeds of up to \$2.4 million (see Note 7), the Purchase Agreement with Lincoln Park (see Note 7), subject to registration, the Inducement Letters and resulting sales of common stock under the Existing Warrants for cash proceeds of \$1.8 million received in January 2024 (see Note 7), and the exercise of warrants to purchase 1,954,000 shares of common stock for cash proceeds of approximately \$2.7 million in February 2024 (see Note 12), and may include additional collaborations with third parties as well as disciplined cash spending. Adequate additional financing may not be available to us on acceptable terms, or at all. Should the Company be unable to raise sufficient additional capital, the Company may be required to undertake cost-cutting measures including delaying or discontinuing certain operating activities.

As a result of these factors, management has concluded that there is substantial doubt about the Company’s ability to continue as a going concern for a period of one year after the date of the financial statements are issued. The Company’s consolidated financial statements do not include any adjustments that might result from the outcome of this uncertainty.

Reduction in Force/Restructuring

In May 2023, the Company entered into a cost reduction plan, including a reduction in force (“RIF”) of approximately 35% of its full-time employees to streamline its operations and conserve cash resources. Additionally, contracts with seven consultants that were focused on the Akos cannabinoid spin-out were terminated. The Company recognized severance charges of approximately \$453,059 through December 31, 2023. The plan included a focus on progressing the Company’s existing non-cannabinoid pipeline while reducing the rate of spend and managing cash flow. In June 2023, the Company completed the reduction in force, with such severance expenses recorded in general and administrative accounts.

On June 16, 2023, the Company entered into a separation agreement with Avani Kanubaddi, the Company’s President and Chief Operating Officer (the “Kanubaddi Separation Agreement”). In accordance with the Kanubaddi Separation Agreement, Mr. Kanubaddi’s outstanding restricted stock units (“RSUs”) will retain their vesting conditions. Mr. Kanubaddi’s 2023 salary and benefits of \$550,974, inclusive of the 2023 performance bonus in the amount of \$129,760 were accrued and the salary and benefits, excluding the 2023 performance bonus will be paid out in twelve equal monthly installments beginning in July 2023. As of December 31, 2023, the performance metrics for the 2023 performance bonus were not achieved and the accrued amount of amount of \$129,760 was reversed. Upon termination, any unvested time-based RSUs became fully vested. The Company accelerated expense recognized related to these shares that vested was \$231,273. All of the 11,278 market performance-based RSUs previously granted that were subject to the original terms and conditions of Mr. Kanubaddi’s employment agreement were forfeited during the year ended December 31, 2023.

	Accrued Restructuring Costs
January 1, 2023 Beginning balance	\$ —
Restructuring costs incurred	1,004,033
Restructuring costs paid	(572,628)
Restructuring costs reversed	(129,760)
December 31, 2023 ending balance	\$ 301,645

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Inflation Risks

The Company considers the current inflationary trend existing in the North American economic environment reasonably likely to have a material unfavorable impact on results of continuing operations. Higher rates of price inflation, as compared to recent prior levels of price inflation, have caused a general increase in the cost of labor and materials. In addition, there is an increased risk of the Company experiencing labor shortages due to a potential inability to attract and retain human resources due to increased labor costs resulting from the current inflationary environment.

Nasdaq Notice

On November 21, 2023, the Company received a letter from the Listing Qualifications Department of the Nasdaq Stock Market stating that as of September 30, 2023, the Company did not meet the minimum of \$2,500,000 in stockholders' equity required for continued listing pursuant to Nasdaq Listing Rule 5550(b)(1). On February 6, 2024, the Company received a letter from Nasdaq, granting the Company an extension to regain compliance with the minimum stockholders' equity requirement by May 20, 2024. If the Company fails to evidence compliance upon filing its periodic report for June 30, 2024 with the SEC and Nasdaq, the Company may be subject to delisting. The Company plans to regain and evidence compliance with the Stockholders' Equity Requirement by the required deadlines, but it is not assured.

NOTE 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation and Principal of Consolidation

The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance and in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") regarding consolidated financial information. All intercompany transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and expenses during the periods reported. By their nature, these estimates are subject to measurement uncertainty and the effects on the financial statements of changes in such estimates in future periods could be significant. Significant areas requiring management's estimates and assumptions include determining the fair value of transactions involving common stock, the valuation of warrants and preferred investment options, and the valuation of stock-based compensation and accruals associated with third party providers supporting research and development efforts. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Foreign Currency Translation

From inception through December 31, 2023, the reporting currency of the Company was the United States dollar while the functional currency of certain of the Company's subsidiaries was the Canadian dollar and Australian dollar. For the reporting periods ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Company engaged in a number of transactions denominated in Canadian dollars and Australian dollars. As a result, the Company is subject to exposure from changes in the exchange rates of the Canadian dollar and Australian dollar against the United States dollar.

The Company translates the assets and liabilities of its Canadian subsidiaries and Australian subsidiary into the United States dollar at the exchange rate in effect on the balance sheet date. Revenues and expenses are translated at the average exchange rate in effect during each monthly period. Unrealized translation gains and losses are recorded as foreign currency translation gain (loss), which is included in the consolidated statements of shareholders' equity as a component of accumulated other comprehensive loss.

The Company has not entered into any financial derivative instruments that expose it to material market risk, including any instruments designed to hedge the impact of foreign currency exposures. The Company may, however, hedge such exposure to foreign currency exchange fluctuations in the future.

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Adjustments that arise from exchange rate changes on transactions denominated in a currency other than the local currency are included in other comprehensive loss in the consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive loss as incurred.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Company considers all highly liquid investments purchased with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. The Company did not have any cash equivalents as of December 31, 2023 and 2022.

Concentration of Credit Risk

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to concentrations of credit risk consist of cash accounts in a financial institution, which at times, may exceed the federal depository insurance coverage of \$250,000 in the United States and Australia and \$100,000 in Canada. The Company has not experienced losses on these accounts, and management believes the Company is not exposed to significant risks on such accounts. As of December 31, 2023, the Company had greater than \$250,000 at United States financial institutions, less than \$250,000 at Australian financial institutions, and greater than \$100,000 at Canadian financial institutions.

Comprehensive Loss

Comprehensive loss consists of two components, net loss and other comprehensive income (loss). Other comprehensive loss refers to revenue, expenses, gains, and losses that under GAAP are recorded as an element of shareholders' equity but are excluded from net loss. Other comprehensive loss consists of foreign currency translation adjustments from those subsidiaries not using the U.S. dollar as their functional currency.

Intangible Assets

Intangible assets consist of the Psybrary™ and Patent Applications, In Process Research and Development ("IPR&D") and license agreements. Psybrary™ and Patent Applications intangible assets are valued using the relief from royalty method. The cost of license agreements is amortized over the economic life of the license. The Company assesses the carrying value of its intangible assets for impairment each year.

IPR&D intangible assets are acquired in conjunction with the acquisition of a business and are assigned a fair value, using the multi-period excess earnings method, related to incomplete research projects which, at the time of acquisition, have not reached technological feasibility. The amounts are capitalized and are accounted for as indefinite-lived intangible assets, subject to impairment testing until completion or abandonment of the projects. Upon successful completion of each project, the Company will make a determination as to the then-useful life of the intangible asset, generally determined by the period in which the substantial majority of the cash flows are expected to be generated, and begin amortization. The Company tests its intangible assets for impairment at least annually and whenever events or circumstances change that indicate impairment may have occurred. A significant amount of judgment is involved in determining if an indicator of impairment has occurred. Such indicators may include, among others and without limitation: a significant decline in the Company's expected future cash flows; a sustained, significant decline in the Company's stock price and market capitalization; a significant adverse change in legal factors or in the business climate of the Company's segments; unanticipated competition; and slower growth rates. If the fair value determined is less than the carrying amount, an impairment loss is recognized in operating results.

Goodwill

The Company tests goodwill for potential impairment at least annually, or more frequently if an event or other circumstance indicates that the Company may not be able to recover the carrying amount of the net assets of the reporting unit. The Company has determined that the reporting unit is the entire company, due to the integration of all of the Company's activities. In evaluating goodwill for impairment, the Company may assess qualitative factors to determine whether it is more likely than not (that is, a likelihood of more than 50%) that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying amount. If the Company bypasses the qualitative assessment, or if the Company concludes that it is more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying value, then the Company performs a quantitative impairment test by comparing the fair value of a reporting unit with its carrying amount.

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Property & Equipment

Property and equipment are recorded at cost. Major property additions, replacements, and betterments are capitalized, while maintenance and repairs that do not extend the useful lives of an asset or add new functionality are expensed as incurred. Depreciation and amortization are recorded using the straight-line method over the respective estimated useful lives of the Company's long-lived assets. The estimated useful lives are typically 3 to 5 years for office furniture and equipment and are depreciated on a straight-line basis.

Deferred Offering Costs

The Company allocates offering costs to the different components of the capital raise on a pro rata basis. Any offering costs allocated to common stock are charged directly to additional paid-in capital. Any offering costs allocated to warrant liabilities are charged to general and administrative expenses on the Company's consolidated statement of operations and comprehensive loss.

The Company complies with the requirements of ASC Topic 340, *Other Assets and Deferred Costs* ("ASC 340") and SAB 5A - *Expenses of Offering*. Offering costs, which consist mainly of legal, accounting and consulting fees directly attributable to the issuance of an equity contract to be classified in equity are recorded as a reduction in equity. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Company incurred \$567,603 in deferred offering costs in connection with the Equity Distribution Agreement (the "Distribution Agreement"), with Canaccord Genuity LLC ("Canaccord") and the Purchase Agreement (the "Purchase Agreement") with Lincoln Park Capital Fund, LLC ("Lincoln Park"). These deferred offering costs will be proportionately offset against the total proceeds from the issuance of common stock available under the agreements and the Company will expense any remaining balance of deferred offering costs if the agreements are terminated. For the year ended December 31, 2023, there were no issuances of common stock under the agreements resulting in the deferral of offering costs.

Warrant Liability and Investment Options

The Company evaluates all of its financial instruments, including issued stock purchase warrants and investment options, to determine if such instruments are derivatives or contain features that qualify as embedded derivatives, pursuant to ASC 480 "Distinguishing Liabilities from Equity" ("ASC 480") and FASB ASC Topic 815, "Derivatives and Hedging" ("ASC 815"). The Company accounts for warrants and investment options for shares of the Company's common stock that are not indexed to its own stock as derivative liabilities at fair value on the consolidated balance sheets. The Company accounts for common stock warrants and investment options with put options as liabilities under ASC 480. Such warrants and investment options are subject to remeasurement at each consolidated balance sheet date and any change in fair value is recognized as a component of other expense on the consolidated statements of operations. The Company will continue to adjust the liability for changes in fair value until the earlier of the exercise or expiration of such common stock warrants and investment options. At that time, the portion of the warrant liability and investment options related to such common stock warrants will be reclassified to additional paid-in capital.

Modification and Inducement of Warrants and Investment Options

A change in any of the terms or conditions of warrants is accounted for as a modification. For a warrant modification accounted for under ASC 815, the effect of a modification shall be measured as the difference between the fair value of the modified warrant over the fair value of the original warrant immediately before its terms are modified, measured based on the fair value of the shares and other pertinent factors at the modification date. The accounting for incremental fair value of warrants is based on the specific facts and circumstances related to the modification. When a modification is directly attributable to equity offerings, the incremental change in fair value of the warrants are accounted for as equity issuance costs.

The Company accounts for the inducement to exercise warrants in accordance with ASC Subtopic 470-20-40 "Debt with Conversion and Other Options" ("ASC 470-20-40"). ASC 470-20-40 requires the recognition through earnings of an inducement charge equal to the fair value of the consideration delivered in excess of the consideration issuable under the original conversion terms. Therefore, the Company recognized a loss on the warrant inducement for the incremental change of the warrants related to the reduced exercise price and the issuance of new warrants as these components induced the holders to exercise the warrants.

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Derivative Liability

The Company evaluates its financial instruments to determine if such instruments are derivatives or contain features that qualify as embedded derivatives in accordance with ASC 815. For derivative financial instruments that are accounted for as assets or liabilities, the derivative instrument is initially recorded at its fair value on the grant date and is then re-valued at each reporting date, with changes in the fair value reported in the consolidated statements of operations. The classification of derivative instruments, including whether such instruments should be recorded as assets or liabilities or as equity, is evaluated at the end of each reporting period. Derivative liabilities are classified in the consolidated balance sheets as current or non-current based on whether or not net-cash settlement or conversion of the instrument could be required within 12 months of the balance sheet date.

Income Taxes

The Company utilizes an asset and liability approach for financial accounting and reporting for income taxes. The provision for income taxes is based upon income or loss after adjustment for those permanent items that are not considered in the determination of taxable income. Deferred income taxes represent the tax effects of differences between the financial reporting and tax basis of the Company's assets and liabilities at the enacted tax rates in effect for the years in which the differences are expected to reverse.

The Company evaluates the recoverability of deferred tax assets and establishes a valuation allowance when it is more likely than not that some portion or all the deferred tax assets will not be realized. Management makes judgments as to the interpretation of the tax laws that might be challenged upon an audit and cause changes to previous estimates of tax liabilities. In management's opinion, adequate provisions for income taxes have been made. If actual taxable income by tax jurisdiction varies from estimates, additional allowances or reversals of reserves may be necessary.

Tax benefits are recognized only for tax positions that are more likely than not to be sustained upon examination by tax authorities. The amount recognized is measured as the largest amount of benefit that is greater than 50 percent likely to be realized upon settlement. A liability for "unrecognized tax benefits" is recorded for any tax benefits claimed in the Company's tax returns that do not meet these recognition and measurement standards. As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, no liability for unrecognized tax benefits was required to be recorded.

The Company's policy for recording interest and penalties associated with tax audits is to record such items as a component of operating expenses. There were no amounts accrued for penalties and interest for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022. The Company does not expect its uncertain tax positions to change during the next twelve months. Management is currently unaware of any issues under review that could result in significant payments, accruals or material deviations from its position.

The Company has identified its United States, Canadian and Australian federal tax returns, and its state and provincial tax returns in Florida, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Ontario, CA as its "major" tax jurisdictions. The Company is in the process of filing its United States federal and state and Australian federal corporate tax returns for the year ended December 31, 2023. The Company is in the process of filing its Canadian corporate tax returns for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022. Net operating losses for these periods will not be available to reduce future taxable income until the returns are filed.

Stock-Based Compensation

The Company follows ASC 718, Compensation - Stock Compensation, which addresses the accounting for stock-based payment transactions, requiring such transactions to be accounted for using the fair value method. Awards of shares for property or services are recorded at the more readily measurable of the estimated fair value of the stock award and the estimated fair value of the service. The Company uses the Black-Scholes option-pricing model to determine the grant date fair value of certain stock-based awards under ASC 718. The assumptions used in calculating the fair value of stock-based awards represent management's reasonable estimates and involve inherent uncertainties and the application of management's judgment. Fair value of restricted stock units or restricted stock awards is determined by the closing price per share of the Company's common stock on the date of award grant.

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The estimated fair value is amortized as a charge to earnings on a straight-line basis, for awards or portions of awards that do not require specified milestones or performance criteria as a vesting condition and also depending on the terms and conditions of the award, and the nature of the relationship of the recipient of the award to the Company. The Company records the grant date fair value in line with the period over which it was earned. For employees and consultants, this is typically considered to be the vesting period of the award. The Company accounts for forfeitures as they occur.

The estimated fair value of awards that require specified milestones or recipient performance are charged to expense when such milestones or performance criteria are probable to be met.

Restricted stock units, restricted stock awards, and stock options are granted at the discretion of the Compensation Committee of the Company's board of directors (the "Board of Directors"). These awards are restricted as to the transfer of ownership and generally vest over the requisite service periods, typically over a 12 to 48-month period. A significant portion of these awards may include vesting terms that include, without limitation, defined volume weighted average price levels being achieved by the Company's common stock, specific performance milestones, employment, or engagement by the Company, with no assurances of achievement of any such vesting conditions, if applicable.

The value of RSU's is equal to the product of the number of units awarded, multiplied by the closing price per share of the Company's common stock on the date of the award. The terms and conditions of each RSU is defined in the RSU agreement and includes vesting terms that consist of any or all of the following: immediate vesting, vesting over a defined period of time, vesting based on achievement of a defined volume weighted average price levels at specified times, vesting based on achievement of specific performance milestones within a specific time frame, change of control, termination of the employee without cause by the Company, resignation of the employee with good cause. The value assigned to each RSU is charged to expense based on the vesting terms, as follows: value of RSU's that vest immediately are charged to expense on the date awarded, value of RSU's that vest based upon time, or achievement of stock price levels over a period of time are charged to expense on a straight line basis over the time frame specified in the RSU and the value of RSU's that vest based upon achievement of specific performance milestones are charged to expense during the period that such milestone is achieved. Vested RSU's may be converted to shares of common stock of an equivalent number upon either the termination of the recipient's employment with the Company, or in the event of a change in control. If the recipient is not an employee, such person's engagement with the Company must either be terminated prior to such conversion of RSU's to shares of common stock, or in the event of a change in control. Furthermore, as required by Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code, if the recipient is a "specified employee" (generally, certain officers and highly compensated employees of publicly traded companies), such recipient may only convert vested RSU's into shares of common stock no earlier than the first day of the seventh month following such recipients termination of employment with the Company, or the event of change in control.

The value of RSA's is equal to the product of the number of restricted shares awarded, multiplied by the closing price per share of the Company's common stock on the date of the award. The terms and conditions of each RSA is defined in the RSA agreement and includes vesting terms that consist of any or all of the following: immediate vesting, vesting over a defined period of time, or vesting based on achievement of a defined volume weighted average price levels at specified times. Upon vesting, the recipient may receive restricted stock which includes a legend prohibiting sale of the shares during a restriction period that is defined in the RSA agreement. Termination of employment by or engagement with the Company is not required for the recipient to receive restricted shares of common stock. The value assigned to each RSA is charged to expense based on the vesting terms, as follows: value of RSA's that vest immediately are charged to expense on the date awarded, value of RSA's that vest based upon time, or achievement of stock price levels over a period of time are charged to expense on a straight-line basis over the time frame specified in the RSU.

Net Loss per Share

Basic net loss per share is computed by dividing net loss by the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding during the period. Diluted earnings per share is computed using the weighted average number of common shares and, if dilutive, potential common shares outstanding during the period. Potential common shares consist of the incremental common shares issuable upon the exercise of stock options and warrants (using the treasury stock method). The computation of basic net loss per share for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 excludes potentially dilutive securities. The computations of net loss per share for each period presented is the same for both basic and fully diluted. In accordance with ASC 260 "Earnings per Share" ("ASC 260"), penny warrants were included in the calculation of weighted average shares outstanding for the purposes of calculating basic and diluted earnings per share.

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During the year ended December 31, 2022 the Company issued 767,500 pre-funded common stock warrants, which were exercised on various dates during the year ended December 31, 2022. The pre-funded common stock warrants became exercisable on July 26, 2022 based on the terms and conditions of the agreements. As the pre-funded common stock warrants are exercisable for \$0.0001, these shares are considered outstanding common shares and are included in the computation of basic and diluted Earnings Per Share as the exercise of the pre-funded common stock warrants is virtually assured. The Company included these pre-funded common stock warrants in basic and diluted earnings per share when all conditions were met on July 26, 2022.

Potentially dilutive securities outlined in the table below have been excluded from the computation of diluted net loss per share the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 because the effect of their inclusion would have been anti-dilutive.

	For the years ended December 31,	
	2023	2022
Warrants to purchase shares of common stock	2,799,213	655,463
Restricted stock units - vested and unissued	20,848	62,492
Restricted stock units - unvested	140,491	64,053
Restricted stock awards - vested and unissued	—	708
Common stock in abeyance	704,000	—
Investment options to purchase shares of common stock	70,000	1,070,000
Options to purchase shares of common stock	30,329	48,329
Total potentially dilutive securities	3,764,881	1,901,045

Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The fair value of the Company’s assets and liabilities, which qualify as financial instruments under ASC Topic 820, “Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures” (“ASC 820”), approximates the carrying amounts in the balance sheets, excluding the derivative, warrants, and preferred investment option liabilities, primarily due to their short-term nature.

Fair Value Measurements

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. To increase the comparability of fair value measures, the following hierarchy prioritizes the inputs to valuation methodologies used to measure fair value:

Level 1 - Valuations based on quoted prices for identical assets and liabilities in active markets.

Level 2 - Valuations based on observable inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1, such as quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets and liabilities in markets that are not active, or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data.

Level 3 - Valuations based on unobservable inputs reflecting our own assumptions, consistent with reasonably available assumptions made by other market participants. These valuations require significant judgment.

For certain financial instruments, including cash and accounts payable, the carrying amounts approximate their fair values as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 because of their short-term nature.

Research and Development

Research and development expenses are charged to operations as incurred. Research and development expenses include, among other things, internal and external costs associated with preclinical development, pre-commercialization manufacturing expenses, and clinical trials. The Company accrues for costs incurred as the services are being provided by monitoring the status of the trial or services provided and the invoices received from its external service providers. In the case of clinical trials, a portion of the estimated cost normally relates to the projected cost to treat a patient in the trials, and this cost

is recognized based on the number of patients enrolled in the trial. As actual costs become known, the Company adjusts its accruals accordingly.

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Leases

Operating lease assets are included within right-of-use operating lease asset and operating lease liabilities are included in current portion of right-of-use operating lease obligation and non-current portion of right-of-use operating lease obligation on the consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2023 and 2022. The Company has elected not to present short-term leases as these leases have a lease term of 12 months or less at lease inception and do not contain purchase options or renewal terms that the Company is reasonably certain to exercise. Lease payments for short-term leases are recognized on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease. All other lease assets and lease liabilities are recognized based on the present value of lease payments over the lease term at commencement date. Because most of the Company's leases do not provide an implicit rate of return, the Company used an incremental borrowing rate based on the information available at adoption date in determining the present value of lease payments.

The Company assesses whether an arrangement is a lease or contains a lease at inception. For arrangements considered leases or that contain a lease that is accounted for separately, the Company determines the classification and initial measurement of the right-of-use asset and lease liability at the lease commencement date, which is the date that the underlying asset becomes available for use. The Company has elected to account for non-lease components associated with its leases and lease components as a single lease component.

The Company recognizes a right-of-use asset, which represents the Company's right to use the underlying asset for the lease term, and a lease liability, which represents the present value of the Company's obligation to make payments arising over the lease term. The present value of the lease payments is calculated using either the implicit interest rate in the lease or an incremental borrowing rate.

A lease qualifies as a finance lease if any of the following criteria are met at the inception of the lease: (i) there is a transfer of ownership of the leased asset to the Company by the end of the lease term, (ii) the Company holds an option to purchase the leased asset that it is reasonably certain to exercise, (iii) the lease term is for a major part of the remaining economic life of the leased asset, (iv) the present value of the sum of lease payments equals or exceeds substantially all of the fair value of the leased asset, or (v) the nature of the leased asset is specialized to the point that it is expected to provide the lessor no alternative use at the end of the lease term. All other leases are recorded as operating leases. Finance lease payments are bifurcated into (i) a portion that is recorded as interest expense and (ii) a portion that reduces the finance liability associated with the lease. The Company did not have any finance leases as of December 31, 2023 and 2022.

Redeemable Non-controlling Interest

In connection with the issuance of Akos Series A Preferred Stock, the Akos Purchase Agreement (as defined below in Note 8) and certificate of designation contain a put right guaranteed by the Company as defined in Note 8. Applicable accounting guidance requires an equity instrument that is redeemable for cash or other assets to be classified outside of permanent equity if it is redeemable (a) at a fixed or determinable price on a fixed or determinable date, (b) at the option of the holder, or (c) upon the occurrence of an event that is not solely within the control of the issuer. As a result of this feature, the Company recorded the non-controlling interests as Redeemable Non-Controlling Interests ("RNCI") and classified them in mezzanine equity within its consolidated balance sheet initially at its acquisition-date estimated redemption value or fair value. In addition, the Company has elected to recognize changes in the redemption value immediately as they occur and adjust the carrying amount of the instrument by accreting the embedded derivative at each reporting period over 12 months.

In May 2023, pursuant to the Akos Series A Preferred Certificate of Designations, the holders of the Akos Series A Preferred Stock exercised the Put Right (as defined below) requiring Akos to force redemption of all of the Akos Series A Preferred Stock. See Note 8.

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Segment Reporting

The Company determines its reporting units in accordance with FASB ASC 280, “Segment Reporting” (“ASC 280”). The Company evaluates a reporting unit by first identifying its operating segments under ASC 280. The Company then evaluates each operating segment to determine if it includes one or more components that constitute a business. If there are components within an operating segment that meet the definition of a business, the Company evaluates those components to determine if they must be aggregated into one or more reporting units. If applicable, when determining if it is appropriate to aggregate different operating segments, the Company determines if the segments are economically similar and, if so, the operating segments are aggregated. The Company has multiple operations related to psychedelics and cannabinoids. Both of these operations exist under one reporting unit: Enveric. The Company has one operating segment and reporting unit. The Company is organized and operated as one business. Management reviews its business as a single operating segment, using financial and other information rendered meaningful only by the fact that such information is presented and reviewed in the aggregate.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In August 2020, the FASB issued ASU 2020-06, *Debt—Debt with Conversion and Other Options* (Subtopic 470-20) and *Derivatives and Hedging—Contracts in Entity’s Own Equity* (Subtopic 815-40) (“ASU 2020-06”) to simplify certain financial instruments. ASU 2020-06 eliminates the current models that require separation of beneficial conversion and cash conversion features from convertible instruments and simplifies the derivative scope exception guidance pertaining to equity classification of contracts in an entity’s own equity. The new standard also introduces additional disclosures for convertible debt and freestanding instruments that are indexed to and settled in an entity’s own equity. ASU 2020-06 amends the diluted earnings per share guidance, including the requirement to use the if-converted method for all convertible instruments. ASU 2020-06 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2023, and should be applied on a full or modified retrospective basis. Early adoption is permitted, but no earlier than fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2020, including interim periods within those fiscal years. The Company early adopted ASU 2020-06 effective January 1, 2023, and has determined that the adoption of this guidance had no impact on its consolidated financial statements.

In November 2023, the FASB issued ASU 2023-07, *Segment Reporting (Topic 280): Improvements to Reportable Segment Disclosures*. ASU 2023-07 updates reportable segment disclosure requirements primarily through enhanced disclosures about significant segment expenses. ASU 2023-07 is effective for all entities for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2023, and for interim periods within fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2024. Early adoption is permitted. The amendments should be applied retrospectively to all prior periods presented in the financial statements. The Company is currently evaluating ASU 2023-07 to determine its impact on the Company’s disclosures, however, as the Company currently has one reportable segment, the Company does not expect ASU 2023-07 to have a material impact.

In December 2023, the FASB issued ASU 2023-09, *Income Taxes (Topic 740): Improvements to Income Tax Disclosures*, which amends the disclosure to address investor requests for more transparency about income tax information through improvements to income tax disclosures primarily related to the rate reconciliation and income taxes paid information and includes certain other amendments to improve the effectiveness of income tax disclosures. The ASU is effective on a prospective basis for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2024, and early adoption and retrospective application are permitted. Early adoption is permitted. The Company is currently assessing potential impacts of ASU 2023-09 and does not expect the adoption of this guidance will have a material impact on its consolidated financial statements and disclosures.

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NOTE 3. PREPAID EXPENSES AND OTHER CURRENT ASSETS

As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the prepaid expenses and other current assets of the Company consisted of the following:

	<u>December 31, 2023</u>	<u>December 31, 2022</u>
Prepaid research and development.....	\$ 46,320	\$ 268,686
Prepaid value-added taxes	243,429	159,782
Prepaid insurance.....	149,559	174,406
Prepaid other.....	62,036	105,179
Deferred offering costs	567,603	—
Franchise tax receivable.....	79,258	—
R&D tax incentive receivable.....	145,349	—
Total prepaid expenses and other current assets	<u>\$ 1,293,554</u>	<u>\$ 708,053</u>

NOTE 4. INTANGIBLE ASSETS AND GOODWILL

The Company performs an annual impairment test at the reporting unit level as of December 31 of each fiscal year. As of December 31, 2022, the Company's goodwill and intangible assets were fully impaired, and thus no annual impairment test was necessary as of December 31, 2023. The following table provides the Company's goodwill, indefinite and definite lives intangible assets as of December 31, 2023 and 2022.

As of December 31, 2022, the Company's goodwill consisted of:

	<u>Goodwill</u>	<u>Accumulated Impairment Losses</u>	<u>Currency Translation</u>	<u>Total</u>
Balance at January 1, 2022	\$ 9,834,855	\$ (8,225,862)	\$ (21,359)	\$ 1,587,634
Impairment losses	—	(1,486,060)	—	(1,486,060)
Loss on currency translation.....	—	—	(101,574)	(101,574)
Balance at December 31, 2022	<u>9,834,855</u>	<u>(9,711,922)</u>	<u>(122,933)</u>	<u>—</u>

As of December 31, 2022, the Company's indefinite lived intangible assets consisted of:

Indefinite lived intangible assets	
Balance at January 1, 2022	\$ 6,375,492
Impairment losses	(5,967,602)
Loss on currency translation	(407,890)
Balance at December 31, 2022	<u>\$ —</u>

As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the definite lived intangible assets consisted of:

Definite lived intangible assets	
Balance at January 1, 2022	\$ 548,436
Amortization	(168,750)
Balance at December 31, 2022	<u>\$ 379,686</u>
Amortization	(168,754)
Balance at December 31, 2023	<u>\$ 210,932</u>

For identified definite lived intangible assets, amortization expense amounted to \$168,754 and \$168,750 during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

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The Company amortizes definite lived intangible assets on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives. Amortization expense of identified intangible assets based on the carrying amount as of December 31, 2023 is as follows:

Year ending December 31,	
2024	\$ 168,750
2025	42,182
	\$ 210,932

NOTE 5. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment consists of the following assets which are located in Calgary, Canada and placed in service by Enveric Biosciences Canada, Inc. (“EBCI”), with all amounts translated into U.S. dollars:

	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Lab equipment	\$ 836,709	\$ 831,123
Computer equipment and leasehold improvements	28,379	25,137
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(357,711)	(178,775)
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	\$ 507,377	\$ 677,485

Depreciation expense was \$175,228 and \$159,160 for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

NOTE 6. ACCRUED LIABILITIES

As of December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022, the accrued liabilities of the Company consisted of the following:

	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Product development	\$ 139,981	\$ 195,104
Accrued salaries, wages, and bonuses	8,889	1,175,963
Professional fees	584,810	83,255
Accrued restructuring costs	301,645	—
Accrued franchise taxes	22,318	—
Patent costs	18,000	251,333
Total accrued expenses	\$ 1,075,643	\$ 1,705,655

NOTE 7. SHARE CAPITAL AND OTHER EQUITY INSTRUMENTS

Authorized Capital

The holders of the Company’s common stock are entitled to one vote per share. Holders of common stock are entitled to receive ratably such dividends, if any, as may be declared by the Board of Directors out of legally available funds. Upon the liquidation, dissolution, or winding up of the Company, holders of common stock are entitled to share ratably in all assets of the Company that are legally available for distribution. As of December 31, 2023, 100,000,000 shares of common stock and 20,000,000 shares of Preferred Stock were authorized under the Company’s articles of incorporation.

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Equity Distribution Agreement

On September 1, 2023, the Company entered into the Distribution Agreement, with Canaccord, pursuant to which the Company may offer and sell from time to time, through Canaccord as sales agent and/or principal, shares of common stock of the Company, par value \$0.01 per share having an aggregate offering price of up to \$10.0 million. Due to the offering limitations applicable to the Company and in accordance with the terms of the Distribution Agreement, the Company may offer common stock having an aggregate gross sales price of up to \$2,392,514 pursuant to the prospectus supplement dated September 1, 2023 (the “Prospectus Supplement”). Subject to the terms and conditions of the Distribution Agreement, Canaccord may sell the common stock by any method permitted by law deemed to be an “at-the-market offering”. The Company will pay Canaccord a commission equal to 3.0% of the gross sales price of the common stock sold through Canaccord under the Distribution Agreement and has also agreed to reimburse Canaccord for certain expenses. The Company may also sell common stock to Canaccord as principal for Canaccord’s own account at a price agreed upon at the time of sale. Any sale of common stock to Canaccord as principal would be pursuant to the terms of a separate terms agreement between the Company and Canaccord.

The Inducement Letters (as defined below within this Note 7) prohibits the Company from entering into any variable rate transaction as defined in the Inducement Letters, including the issuance of (1) any variable priced debt or equity securities or (2) transactions whereby the Company may issue securities at a future determined price, such as through an at-the-market offering or an equity line of credit. The variable rate transaction restriction expires after six-month from the closing date of December 28, 2023 for the Inducement Letters for an issuance through an at-the-market offering, and one-year for the remaining variable rate transactions. Subsequent to December 31, 2023, the limitation on the at-the-market offering was waived. See Note 12.

Lincoln Park Equity Line

On November 3, 2023, the Company entered into a Purchase Agreement and a registration rights agreement (the “Registration Rights Agreement”), with Lincoln Park, pursuant to which Lincoln Park has committed to purchase up to \$10.0 million of the Company’s common stock, par value \$0.01 per share subject to certain limitations and satisfaction of the conditions set forth in the Purchase Agreement.

Under the terms and subject to the conditions of the Purchase Agreement, the Company has the right, but not the obligation, to sell to Lincoln Park, and Lincoln Park is obligated to purchase up to \$10.0 million of the Company’s common stock (the “Purchase Shares”). However, such sales of common stock by the Company, if any, will be subject to important limitations set forth in the Purchase Agreement, including limitations on number of shares that may be sold. Sales may occur from time to time, at the Company’s sole discretion, over the 24-month period commencing on the date that the conditions to Lincoln Park’s purchase obligation set forth in the Purchase Agreement are satisfied, including that a registration statement on Form S-1 covering the resale of the shares of our common stock that have been and may be issued to Lincoln Park under the Purchase Agreement, which the Company has filed with the SEC pursuant to the Registration Rights Agreement, is declared effective by the SEC and a final prospectus relating thereto is filed with the SEC.

Because the purchase price per share to be paid by Lincoln Park for the shares of common stock that we may elect to sell to Lincoln Park under the Purchase Agreement, if any, will fluctuate based on the market prices of our Common Stock at the time we elect to sell shares to Lincoln Park pursuant to the Purchase Agreement, if any, it is not possible for us to predict the number of shares of Common Stock that we will sell to Lincoln Park under the Purchase Agreement, the purchase price per share that Lincoln Park will pay for shares purchased from us under the Purchase Agreement, or the aggregate gross proceeds that we will receive from those purchases by Lincoln Park under the Purchase Agreement.

During the year ended December 31, 2023, the Company has issued no shares of common stock through the Equity Line or the Distribution Agreement. The Company had capitalized deferred offering costs of \$567,603 related to establishing the Distribution Agreement with Canaccord and the Purchase Agreement with Lincoln Park and no reductions to additional paid in capital. Of this amount, \$255,107 represents the fair value of 139,403 shares of common stock issued to Lincoln Park as consideration for its commitment under the Purchase Agreement.

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Common Stock Activity

During the year ended December 31, 2023 a total of 103,641 shares of common stock were issued pursuant to the conversion of restricted stock units. During the year ended December 31, 2022, a total of 1,223 and 899 shares of common stock were issued pursuant to the conversion of restricted stock awards and restricted stock units, respectively.

On February 15, 2022, the Company completed a public offering of 400,000 shares of common stock and warrants to purchase up to 400,000 shares of common stock for gross proceeds of approximately \$10.0 million, before deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and other offering expenses. A.G.P./Alliance Global Partners acted as sole book-running manager for the offering. In addition, Enveric granted the underwriter a 45-day option to purchase up to an additional 60,000 shares of common stock and/or warrants to purchase up to an additional 60,000 shares of common stock at the public offering price, which the underwriter has partially exercised for warrants to purchase up to 60,000 shares of common stock. At closing, Enveric received net proceeds from the offering of approximately \$9.1 million, after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses with \$5.8 million allocated to equity, \$3.6 million to warrant liability and the remaining \$0.3 million recorded as an expense.

On July 22, 2022, the Company entered into a securities purchase agreement (the “Registered Direct Securities Purchase Agreement”) with an institutional investor for the purchase and sale of 116,500 shares of the Company’s common stock, pre-funded warrants to purchase up to 258,500 shares of common stock (the “RD Pre-Funded Warrants”), and unregistered preferred investment options (the “RD Preferred Investment Options”) to purchase up to 375,000 shares of common stock (the “RD Offering”). The gross proceeds from the RD Offering were approximately \$3,000,000. Subject to certain ownership limitations, the RD Pre-Funded Warrants became immediately exercisable at an exercise price equal to \$0.0001 per share of common stock. On August 3, 2022, all of the issued RD Pre-Funded Warrants were exercised.

Concurrently with the RD Offering, the Company entered into a securities purchase agreement (the “PIPE Securities Purchase Agreement”) with institutional investors for the purchase and sale of 116,000 shares of common stock, pre-funded warrants to purchase up to 509,000 shares of common stock (the “PIPE Pre-Funded Warrants”), and preferred investment options (the “PIPE Preferred Investment Options”) to purchase up to 625,000 shares of the common stock in a private placement (the “PIPE Offering”). The gross proceeds from the PIPE Offering were approximately \$5,000,000. Subject to certain ownership limitations, the PIPE Pre-Funded Warrants became immediately exercisable at an exercise price equal to \$0.0001 per share of common stock. All of the issued PIPE Pre-Funded Warrants were exercised on various dates prior to August 18, 2022.

The RD Offering and PIPE Offering closed on July 26, 2022, with aggregate gross proceeds of approximately \$8 million. The aggregate net proceeds from the offerings, after deducting the placement agent fees and other estimated offering expenses, were approximately \$7.1 million, with \$3.2 million allocated to equity, \$4.3 million to investment option liability, and the remaining \$0.4 million recorded as an expense.

Stock Options

Amendment to 2020 Long-Term Incentive Plan

On May 3, 2022, our board of directors (“Board”) adopted the First Amendment (the “Plan Amendment”) to the Enveric Biosciences, Inc. 2020 Long-Term Incentive Plan (the “Incentive Plan”) to (i) increase the aggregate number of shares available for the grant of awards by 146,083 shares to a total of 200,000 shares, and (ii) add an “evergreen” provision whereby the number of shares authorized for issuance pursuant to awards under the Incentive Plan will be automatically increased on the first trading date immediately following the date the Company issues any share of common stock (defined below) to any person or entity, to the extent necessary so that the number of shares of the Company’s common stock authorized for issuance under the Incentive Plan will equal the greater of (x) 200,000 shares, and (y) 15% of the total number of shares of the Company’s common stock outstanding as of such issuance date (the “Evergreen Provision”). The Plan Amendment was approved by the Company’s shareholders at a special meeting of the Company’s shareholders held on July 14, 2022.

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On November 2, 2023, the shareholders approved the amendments to the 2020 Long-Term Incentive Plan, which was approved by the Board on August 8, 2023 (the “Amended Incentive Plan”). The Amended Incentive Plan (i) increased the number of authorized shares reserved for issuance under the Amended Incentive Plan to a maximum of 350,000, subject to adjustment, and (ii) removed the Evergreen Provision implemented in the Plan Amendment. As of December 31, 2023, the total number of shares available for grant under the Incentive Plan was 107,453.

A summary of the stock option activity under the Company’s incentive plan for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 is presented below:

	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Term (years)	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
Outstanding at January 1, 2022.....	23,829	\$ 79.00	\$ 103.50	5.3	\$ 34,333
Granted	25,500	\$ 3.07	\$ 2.58		\$ —
Forfeited.....	(1,000)	\$ 175.00	\$ 140.50		\$ —
Outstanding at December 31, 2022.....	<u>48,329</u>	<u>\$ 37.05</u>	<u>\$ 44.82</u>	<u>4.1</u>	<u>\$ —</u>
Granted	—	\$ —	\$ —		—
Forfeited.....	(18,000)	\$ 3.07	\$ 2.58		—
Outstanding at December 31, 2023.....	<u>30,329</u>	<u>\$ 57.17</u>	<u>\$ 77.22</u>	<u>3.4</u>	<u>\$ —</u>
Exercisable at December 31, 2023.....	<u>25,677</u>	<u>\$ 64.45</u>	<u>\$ 88.72</u>	<u>2.9</u>	<u>\$ —</u>

Options granted during the years ended December 31, 2022 were valued using the Black Scholes model with the following assumptions:

	December 31, 2022
Term (years)	5.5
Stock price	\$ 3.07
Exercise price.....	\$ 3.07
Dividend yield	—
Expected volatility	112.0%
Risk free interest rate	3.9%

The above assumptions are determined by the Company as follows:

- Stock price – Based on closing price of the Company’s common stock on the date of grant.
- Weighted average risk-free interest rate — Based on the daily yield curve rates for U.S. Treasury obligations with maturities, which correspond to the expected term of the Company’s stock options.
- Dividend yield — The Company has not paid any dividends on common stock since its inception and does not anticipate paying dividends on its common stock in the foreseeable future.
- Expected volatility — Based on the historical volatility of comparable companies in a similar industry.
- Expected term — The Company has had no stock options exercised since inception. The expected option term represents the period that stock-based awards are expected to be outstanding based on the simplified method provided in Staff Accounting Bulletin (“SAB”) No. 107, Share-Based Payment, which averages an award’s weighted-average vesting period and expected term for “plain vanilla” share options.

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The Company's stock based compensation expense, recorded within general and administrative expense, related to stock options for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 was \$156,075 and \$180,042, respectively.

As of December 31, 2023, the Company had \$84,774 in unamortized stock option expense, which will be recognized over a weighted average period of 1.00 years.

Restricted Stock Awards

For the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Company recorded \$0 and \$24,363, respectively, in stock-based compensation expense within general and administrative expense, related to restricted stock awards. There were no RSA grants during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022. As of December 31, 2022, there were no unvested RSA shares. As of December 31, 2023, there were no unamortized stock-based compensation costs related to restricted share awards. During the year ended December 31, 2023 the Company settled the 708 vested and unissued shares (as of December 31, 2022) for cash of \$14,250. There are no restricted stock awards as of December 31, 2023.

Issuance of Restricted Stock Units

The Company's activity in restricted stock units was as follows for the year ended December 31, 2023:

	<u>Number of shares</u>	<u>Weighted average fair value</u>
Non-vested at January 1, 2022.....	62,013	\$ 126.00
Granted	37,445	\$ 33.50
Forfeited.....	(26,772)	\$ 79.64
Vested	<u>(8,633)</u>	<u>\$ 130.55</u>
Non-vested at December 31, 2022.....	64,053	\$ 92.57
Granted	182,500	\$ 2.73
Forfeited.....	(43,426)	\$ 25.72
Vested	<u>(62,636)</u>	<u>\$ 19.80</u>
Non-vested at December 31, 2023.....	<u>140,491</u>	<u>\$ 28.97</u>

For the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Company recorded \$1,994,085 and \$2,416,266, respectively, in stock-based compensation expense related to restricted stock units, which is a component of both general and administrative and research and development expenses in the consolidated statement of operations and comprehensive loss. As of December 31, 2023, the Company had unamortized stock-based compensation costs related to restricted stock units of \$2,021,021 which will be recognized over a weighted average period of 1.9 years and unamortized stock-based costs related to restricted stock units which will be recognized upon achievement of specified milestones. As of December 31, 2023, 20,848 restricted stock units are vested without shares of common stock being issued, with all of these shares due as of December 31, 2023.

The following table summarizes the Company's recognition of stock-based compensation for restricted stock units for the following periods:

	<u>Year ended December 31,</u>	
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Stock-based compensation expense for RSUs:		
General and administrative	\$ 1,085,791	\$ 1,389,359
Research and development	908,294	1,026,907
Total.....	<u>\$ 1,994,085</u>	<u>\$ 2,416,266</u>

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Warrants and Preferred Investment Options

The following table summarizes information about shares issuable under warrants outstanding at December 31, 2023 and 2022:

	Warrant shares outstanding	Weighted average exercise price	Weighted average remaining life	Intrinsic value
Outstanding at January 1, 2022.....	195,463	\$ 131.00	3.4	\$ 801,024
Issued.....	1,227,500	\$ 10.31		\$ —
Exercised.....	(767,500)	\$ —		\$ —
Exchanged for common stock.....	—	\$ —		\$ —
Outstanding at December 31, 2022.....	655,463	\$ 58.36	3.6	\$ 5,514
Issued.....	2,311,320	\$ 1.37		\$ —
Exercised.....	(122,000)	\$ 1.37		\$ —
Forfeited.....	(45,570)	\$ 111.50		\$ —
Outstanding at December 31, 2023.....	2,799,213	\$ 11.79	4.6	\$ —
Exercisable at December 31, 2023.....	2,799,213	\$ 11.79	4.6	\$ —

On February 11, 2022, the Company entered into an underwriting agreement (the “Underwriting Agreement”) with A.G.P./Alliance Global Partners (the “Underwriter”). Pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement, the Company agreed to sell, in a firm commitment offering, 400,000 shares of the Company’s common stock and accompanying warrants to purchase up to an aggregate of 400,000 shares of its common stock (“February 2022 Warrants”), as well as up to 60,000 additional shares of common stock and/or warrants to purchase an aggregate of up to 60,000 shares of its common stock that may be purchased by the Underwriter pursuant to a 45-day option granted to the Underwriter by the Company (the “Offering”). Each share of common stock was sold together with a common warrant to purchase one share of common stock, at an exercise price of \$27.50 per share. Such common warrants were immediately exercisable and will expire five years from the date of issuance. There is not expected to be any trading market for the common warrants issued in the Offering. The combined public offering price of each share of common stock and accompanying common warrant sold in the Offering was \$25.00. On February 14, 2022, the Underwriter exercised its option to purchase an additional 60,000 warrants.

In connection with the Registered Direct (“RD”) Offering and the Private Investment in Public Entity (“PIPE”) Offering entered into on July 22, 2022, the Company entered into Warrant Amendment (the “Warrant Amendments”) with the investors in both offerings to amend certain existing warrants to purchase up to an aggregate of 122,000 shares of common stock that were previously issued to the investors, with an exercise price of \$27.50 per share (subsequent to the 1-for-50 reverse stock split that occurred on July 14, 2022) and expiration date of February 15, 2027. Pursuant to the Warrant Amendments, the previously issued warrants were amended, effective upon the closing of the offerings, so that the amended warrants have a reduced exercise price of \$7.78 per share and expire five and one-half years following the closing of the offerings. In connection with this transaction, the Company determined the fair value of the February 2022 Warrants immediately prior to the Warrant Amendment and the fair value of the amended warrants immediately after the Warrant Amendment. For the year ended December 31, 2022, the incremental change in fair value was deemed to be \$251,357, which was included as equity issuance costs related to the RD and PIPE financing transactions.

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The warrants assumed pursuant to the acquisition of MagicMed contain certain down round features, which were not triggered by the February 2022 and July 2022 public offerings, that would require adjustment to the exercise price upon certain events when the offering price is less than the stated exercise price.

The following table summarizes information about investment options outstanding at December 31, 2023 and 2022:

	Investment options outstanding	Weighted average exercise price	Weighted average remaining life	Intrinsic value
Outstanding at January 1, 2022.....	—	\$ —	—	\$ —
Issued	1,070,000	\$ 7.93	—	—
Outstanding at December 31, 2022.....	1,070,000	\$ 7.93	5.1	\$ —
Exercised	(1,000,000)	\$ 1.37	—	—
Outstanding at December 31, 2023.....	70,000	\$ 10.00	4.1	\$ —
Exercisable at December 31, 2023.....	70,000	\$ 10.00	4.1	\$ —

In connection with the Registered Direct Securities Purchase Agreement the Company issued unregistered preferred investment options to purchase up to 375,000 shares of common stock. Subject to certain ownership limitations, the RD Preferred Investment Options became immediately exercisable at an exercise price equal to \$7.78 per share of common stock. The RD Preferred Investment Options are exercisable for five and one-half years from the date of issuance.

In connection with the PIPE Securities Purchase Agreement the Company issued unregistered preferred investment options to purchase up to 625,000 shares of the common stock. Subject to certain ownership limitations, PIPE Preferred Investment Options became immediately exercisable at an exercise price equal to \$7.78 per share of common stock. The PIPE Preferred Investment Options are exercisable for five and one-half years from the date of issuance.

On July 26, 2022, in connection with the RD Offering and PIPE Offering, the Company issued preferred investment options (the “Placement Agent Preferred Investment Options”) to an entity to purchase up to 70,000 shares of the common stock for acting as a placement agent. The Placement Agent Preferred Investment Options have substantially the same terms as the RD Preferred Investment Options and the PIPE Preferred Investments Options, except the Placement Agent Preferred Investment Options have an exercise price of \$10.00 per share. The Placement Agent Preferred Investment Options are exercisable for five years from the date of the commencement of the RD Offering and PIPE Offering.

On December 28, 2023, the Company entered into warrant exercise inducement offer letters (the “Inducement Letters”) with certain holders (the “Holders”) of the February 2022 Post-Modification Warrants and RD and PIPE preferred investment options to purchase shares of the Company’s common stock (the “Existing Warrants and Investment Options”) pursuant to which the Holders agreed to exercise for cash their Existing Warrants and Investment Options to purchase 1,122,000 shares of the Company’s common stock, in the aggregate, at a reduced exercised price of \$1.37 per share (from an original exercise price of \$7.78 per share), in exchange for the Company’s agreement to issue new warrants (the “Inducement Warrants”) to purchase up to 2,244,000 shares of the Company’s common stock (the “Inducement Warrant Shares”), and the Holders to make a cash payment of \$0.125 per Inducement Warrant share for total proceeds of \$280,500. In January 2024, the Company received aggregate gross proceeds of \$1,817,640 from the exercise of the Existing Warrants and Investment Options by the Holders and the sale of the Inducement Warrants. Because the Existing Warrants and Investment Options by the Holders and the sale of the Inducement Warrants that exercised on December 28, 2023 and unsettled until January 2024, the proceeds are included in the consolidated balance sheet as a subscription receivable as of December 31, 2023. As of December 31, 2023, 418,000 shares of the Existing Warrants and Investment Options exercised were considered issued as the Company had the enforceable right to the obtain the cash proceeds, which were in-transit, and the Holders were no longer able to rescind the exercise election. Due to the beneficial ownership limitation provisions, 704,000 shares of the Existing Warrants and Investment Options exercised were initially unissued and held in abeyance for the benefit of the Holder until notice is received from the Holder that the shares may be issued in compliance with such limitation. The Company engaged Roth Capital Partners, LLC (“Roth”) to act as its financial advisor in connection with the transactions summarized above and will pay Roth approximately \$144,000 for its services, in addition to reimbursement for certain expenses. Roth was also issued warrants to purchase up to 67,320 shares of common stock. The Roth Warrants have the same terms as the Inducement Warrants. The grant date fair value of these Roth Warrants was estimated to be \$77,991 on December 28, 2023 and were charged to additional paid in capital as issuance costs. The Company also incurred legal fees of \$17,254 related to the transactions above that were charged to additional paid in capital as issuance costs.

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The Company also agreed to file a registration statement on Form S-3 covering the resale of the Inducement Warrant Shares issued or issuable upon the exercise of the Inducement Warrants (the “Resale Registration Statement”) by January 8, 2024 (filed January 11, 2024). In the Inducement Letters, the Company agreed not to issue any shares of common stock or common stock equivalents or to file any other registration statement with the SEC (in each case, subject to certain exceptions) for a period ending on February 26, 2024. The Company also agreed not to effect or agree to effect any variable rate transaction (as defined in the Inducement Letters) until December 28, 2024. See the *Equity Distribution Agreement* section of this Note.

In connection with this transaction, the Company determined the fair value of the Existing Warrants and Investment Options immediately prior to the Inducement Letters and the fair value of the amended warrants and investment options immediately after the Inducement Letters. The pre-modification measurement of fair value of the Existing Warrants and Investment Options were determined utilizing a Black-Scholes model considering all relevant assumptions current at the date of modification (i.e. for the Existing Warrants share price of \$1.56, exercise price of \$7.78, term of 3.6 years, volatility of 94%, risk-free rate of 3.96%, and expected dividend rate of 0%, resulting in a fair value per share of \$.54 and for the Investment Options share price of \$1.56, exercise price of \$7.78, term of 4.1 years, volatility of 95%, risk-free rate of 3.90%, and expected dividend rate of 0%, resulting in a fair value per share of \$.62). The total fair value of the 122,000 Existing Warrants and 1,000,000 Investment Options was \$65,349 and \$618,648, respectively. The post-modification fair value was determined using the intrinsic value of \$0.19 due to the inducement and totaled \$23,180 and \$190,000 for the Existing Warrants and Investment Options, respectively. The change in fair value from the date of the modification prior to modification and the fair value on the date of the modification after the modification, but prior to exercise was \$470,817, which was reflected as an inducement gain, within other expenses on the Company’s consolidated statement of operations and comprehensive loss.

The grant date fair value of these Inducement Warrants was estimated to be \$2,599,552 on December 28, 2023 and the proceeds of \$280,500, which were received on January 2, 2024, for the issuance of the Inducement Warrants is reflected as inducement expense, within other expenses on the Company’s consolidated statement of operations and comprehensive loss.

The Company established the initial fair value of its equity classified Inducement Warrants at the date of issuance on December 28, 2023. The Company used a Black Scholes valuation model in order to determine their value. The key inputs into the Black Scholes valuation model for the valuation of the warrants are below:

	Roth and Inducement Warrants <u>December 28, 2023</u>
Term (years)	5.0
Stock price	\$ 1.56
Exercise price.....	\$ 1.37
Dividend yield	—%
Expected volatility	92.0%
Risk free interest rate	3.80%
Number of warrants	2,311,320
Value (per share).....	\$ 1.16

Series C Preferred Shares

On May 3, 2022, the Board of Directors (the “Board”) declared a dividend of one one-thousandth of a share of the Company’s Series C Preferred Stock (“Series C Preferred Stock”) for each outstanding share of the Company’s common stock held of record as of 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on May 13, 2022 (the “Record Date”). This dividend was based on the number of outstanding shares of common stock prior to the Reverse Stock Split. The outstanding shares of Series C Preferred Stock were entitled to vote together with the outstanding shares of the Company’s common stock, as a single class, exclusively with respect to a proposal giving the Board the authority, as it determines appropriate, to implement a reverse stock split within twelve months following the approval of such proposal by the Company’s stockholders (the “Reverse Stock Split Proposal”), as well as any proposal to adjourn any meeting of stockholders called for the purpose of voting on the Reverse Stock Split Proposal (the “Adjournment Proposal”).

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The Company held a special meeting of stockholders on July 14, 2022 (the “Special Meeting”) for the purpose of voting on, among other proposals, a Reverse Stock Split Proposal and an Adjournment Proposal. All shares of Series C Preferred Stock that were not present in person or by proxy at the Special Meeting were automatically redeemed by the Company immediately prior to the opening of the polls at Special Meeting (the “Initial Redemption”). All shares that were not redeemed pursuant to the Initial Redemption were redeemed automatically upon the approval by the Company’s stockholders of the Reverse Stock Split Proposal at the Special Meeting (the “Subsequent Redemption” and, together with the Initial Redemption, the “Redemption”). Each share of Series C Preferred Stock was entitled to receive \$0.10 in cash for each 10 whole shares of Series C Preferred Stock immediately prior to the Redemption. As of June 30, 2022, there were 52,684,548 shares of Series C Preferred Stock issued and outstanding. As of December 31, 2022, both the Initial Redemption and the Subsequent Redemption had occurred. As a result, no shares of Series C Preferred Stock remain outstanding. As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, there are 100,000 shares of Series C Preferred Stock authorized for future issuances.

NOTE 8. REDEEMABLE NON-CONTROLLING INTEREST

Spin-Off and Related Private Placement

In connection with the Spin-Off, on May 5, 2022, Akos and the Company entered into a Securities Purchase Agreement (the “Akos Purchase Agreement”) with an accredited investor (the “Akos Investor”), pursuant to which Akos agreed to sell up to an aggregate of 5,000 shares of Akos Series A Preferred Stock, at price of \$1,000 per share, and warrants (the “Akos Warrants”) to purchase shares of Akos’ common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the “Akos Common Stock”), for an aggregate purchase price of up to \$5,000,000 (the “Akos Private Placement”). The Akos Purchase Agreement was guaranteed by the Company. Pursuant to the Akos Purchase Agreement, Akos issued 1,000 shares of the Akos Series A Preferred Stock to the Akos Investor in exchange for \$1,000,000 on May 5, 2022. The additional \$4,000,000 was to be received on or immediately prior to the Spin-Off. The issuance of the Akos Series A Preferred Stock results in RNCI (see Note 2). Palladium Capital Advisors, LLC (“Palladium”) acted as placement agent for the Akos Private Placement. Pursuant to the Akos Purchase Agreement, Akos had agreed to pay Palladium a fee equal to 9% of the aggregate gross proceeds raised from the sale of the shares of the Akos Series A Preferred Stock and a non-accountable expense allowance of 1% of the aggregate gross proceeds raised the sale of the Akos Series A Preferred Stock in the Akos Private Placement. The fee due in connection with the Akos Private Placement to be paid to Palladium in the form of convertible preferred stock and warrants was on similar terms to the securities issued in the Akos Private Placement. Palladium was also entitled to warrants to purchase Akos Common Stock in an amount up to 8% of the number of shares of Akos Common Stock underlying the shares issuable upon conversion of the Akos Series A Preferred Stock. As of December 31, 2023, no accruals are required to be recorded for the fees or warrants since the Akos Series A Preferred Stock has been redeemed.

Terms of Akos Series A Preferred Stock

Under the Certificate of the Designations, Preferences, and Rights of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock of Akos (the “Akos Series A Preferred Certificate of Designations”), on or immediately prior to the completion of the spin-off of Akos into an independent, separately traded public company listed on the Nasdaq Stock Market, the outstanding Akos Series A Preferred Stock automatically converted into a number of shares of Akos Common Stock equal to 25% of the then issued and outstanding Akos Common Stock, subject to the Beneficial Ownership Limitation (as defined in the Akos Purchase Agreement). Cumulative dividends on each share of Akos Series A Preferred Stock accrue at the rate of 5% annually.

The Akos Series A Preferred Certificate of Designations provided that upon the earlier of (i) the one-year anniversary of May 5, 2022, and only in the event that the Spin-Off has not occurred; or (ii) such time that Akos and the Company have abandoned the Spin-Off or the Company is no longer pursuing the Spin-Off in good faith, the holders of the Akos Series A Preferred Stock shall have the right (the “Put Right”), but not the obligation, to cause Akos to purchase all or a portion of the Akos Series A Preferred Stock for a purchase price equal to \$1,000 per share, subject to certain adjustments as set forth in the Akos Series A Preferred Certificate of Designations (the “Stated Value”), plus all the accrued but unpaid dividends per share. In addition, after the one-year anniversary of May 5, 2022, and only in the event that the Spin-Off has not occurred and Akos is not in material default of any of the transaction documents, Akos may, at its option, at any time and from time to time, redeem the outstanding shares of Akos Series A Preferred Stock, in whole or in part, for a purchase price equal to the aggregate Stated Value of the shares of Akos Series A Preferred Stock being redeemed and the accrued and unpaid dividends on such shares. Pursuant to the Akos Purchase Agreement, the Company has guaranteed the payment of the purchase price for the shares purchased under the Put Right.

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The Akos Series A Preferred Certificate of Designations contains limitations that prevent the holder thereof from acquiring shares of Akos Common Stock upon conversion of the Akos Series A Preferred Stock that would result in the number of shares of Akos Common Stock beneficially owned by such holder and its affiliates exceeding 9.99% of the total number of shares of Akos Common Stock outstanding immediately after giving effect to the conversion (the “Beneficial Ownership Limitation”), except that upon notice from the holder to Akos, the holder may increase or decrease the limit of the amount of ownership of outstanding shares of Akos Common Stock after converting the holder’s shares of Akos Series A Preferred Stock, provided that any change in the Beneficial Ownership Limitation shall not be effective until 61 days following notice to Akos.

Redemption of Akos Series A Preferred Stock

In May 2023, pursuant to the Akos Series A Preferred Certificate of Designations, the holders of the Akos Series A Preferred Stock exercised the Put Right requiring Akos to force redemption of all of the Akos Series A Preferred Stock for \$1,000 per share, plus accrued but unpaid dividends of approximately \$52,000 for a total of approximately \$1,052,000. The Company had 20 days following the receipt of the Put Exercise Notice to make the payment and made payment on May 19, 2023. Upon redemption in May 2023, the Company revalued the derivative liability and the Company recognized a change in fair value of the derivative liability on the Company’s consolidated statement of operations during the second quarter of 2023 of \$714,000.

The Company, Akos, and the Akos Investor have terminated the Akos Purchase Agreement in connection with the planned Spin-Off and certain registration rights agreement in connection with the Akos Private Placement.

Accounting for Akos Series A Preferred Stock

Since the shares of Akos Series A Preferred Stock were redeemable at the option of the holder and the redemption is not solely in the control of the Company, the shares of Akos Series A Preferred Stock were accounted for as a redeemable non-controlling interest and classified within mezzanine equity in the Company’s consolidated balance sheets. The redeemable non-controlling interest was initially measured at fair value. Dividends on the shares of Akos Series A Preferred Stock were recognized as preferred dividends attributable to redeemable non-controlling interest in the Company’s consolidated statement of operations and comprehensive loss.

The table below presents the reconciliation of changes in redeemable non-controlling interest:

Balance at December 31, 2022	\$	885,028
Preferred dividends attributable to redeemable non-controlling interest		19,041
Accretion of embedded derivative and transaction costs associated with Akos Series A Preferred Stock to redemption value		147,988
Redemption of Akos Series A Preferred Stock.....		<u>(1,052,057)</u>
Balance at December 31, 2023	<u>\$</u>	<u>—</u>

In May 2023, the Akos Series A Preferred Stock was redeemed for a total of 1,052,057, and the balance of the redeemable non-controlling interest is \$0 as of December 31, 2023.

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NOTE 9. FAIR VALUE

The following table provides the financial liabilities measured on a recurring basis and reported at fair value on the balance sheet as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and indicates the fair value of the valuation inputs the Company utilized to determine such fair value of warrant liabilities, derivative liability, and investment options:

	Level	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Warrant liabilities - January 2021 Warrants	3	\$ 4	\$ 81
Warrant liabilities - February 2021 Warrants	3	4	79
Warrant liabilities - February 2022 Warrants	3	25,462	185,055
Fair value of warrant liability		<u>\$ 25,470</u>	<u>\$ 185,215</u>
	Level	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Derivative liability - May 2022	3	\$ —	\$ 727,000
Fair value of derivative liability		<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 727,000</u>
	Level	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Wainwright investment options	3	\$ 23,608	\$ 44,904
RD investment options	3	—	302,289
PIPE investment options	3	—	503,815
Fair value of investment option liability		<u>\$ 23,608</u>	<u>\$ 851,008</u>

The warrant liabilities, derivative liability, and investment options are all classified as Level 3, for which there is no current market for these securities such as the determination of fair value requires significant judgment or estimation. Changes in fair value measurement categorized within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy are analyzed each period based on changes in estimates or assumptions and recorded within other income (expense) on the consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive loss.

Initial measurement

The Company established the initial fair value of its warrant liabilities at the respective dates of issuance. The Company used a Black Scholes valuation model in order to determine their value. The key inputs into the Black Scholes valuation model for the initial valuations of the warrant liabilities are below:

	February 2022 Warrants February 15, 2022	February 2022 Post- Modification Warrants (See Note 7) July 26, 2022
Term (years)	5.0	5.5
Stock price	\$ 15.75	\$ 6.33
Exercise price	\$ 27.50	\$ 7.78
Dividend yield	—%	—%
Expected volatility	74.1%	80.0%
Risk free interest rate	1.9%	2.9%
Number of warrants	460,000	122,000
Value (per share)	\$ 8.00	\$ 4.07

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The Company established the initial fair value of its derivative liability at the respective date of issuance. The Company used a Weighted Expected Return valuation model in order to determine their value. The key inputs into the Weighted Expected Return valuation model for the initial valuations of the warrant liabilities are below:

	May 2022 Derivative Liability May 5, 2022
Principal	\$ 1,000,000
Dividend rate	5.0%
Market rate	4.4%

The Company established the initial fair value of its investment options at the respective dates of issuance. The Company used a Black Scholes valuation model in order to determine their value. The key inputs into the Black Scholes valuation model for the initial valuations of the investment options are below:

	Wainwright Options July 26, 2022	RD Options July 26, 2022	PIPE Options July 26, 2022
Term (years)	5.0	5.5	5.5
Stock price	\$ 6.33	\$ 6.33	\$ 6.33
Exercise price	\$ 10.00	\$ 7.78	\$ 7.78
Dividend yield	—%	—%	—%
Expected volatility	80.0%	80.0%	80.0%
Risk free interest rate	2.9%	2.9%	2.9%
Number of investment options	70,000	375,000	625,000
Value (per share)	\$ 3.60	\$ 4.07	\$ 4.07

Subsequent measurement

The following table presents the changes in fair value of the warrant liabilities, derivative liability, and investment options that are classified as Level 3:

	<u>Total Warrant Liabilities</u>
Fair value as of December 31, 2021	\$ 653,674
Issuance of February 2022 warrants	3,595,420
Change in fair value due to modification of February 2022 warrants as part of July 2022 raise	251,357
Change in fair value	<u>(4,315,236)</u>
Fair value as of December 31, 2022	\$ 185,215
Change in fair value	(94,396)
Exercise of warrants	<u>(65,349)</u>
Fair value as of December 31, 2023	<u><u>\$ 25,470</u></u>
	<u>Total Derivative Liability</u>
Fair value as of December 31, 2021	\$ —
Issuance of May 2022 convertible preferred stock	402,000
Change in fair value	<u>325,000</u>
Fair value as of December 31, 2022	\$ 727,000
Change in fair value arising from redemption of Akos Series A Preferred Stock - See Note 8	<u>(727,000)</u>
Fair value of derivative liability as of December 31, 2023	<u><u>\$ —</u></u>

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	<u>Total Investment Options</u>
Fair value as of December 31, 2021	\$ —
Issuance of July 2022 investment options.....	4,323,734
Change in fair value.....	(3,472,726)
Fair value as of December 31, 2022	\$ 851,008
Change in fair value.....	(208,752)
Exercise of investment options	(618,648)
Fair value of investment option liability as of December 31, 2023	<u>\$ 23,608</u>

The key inputs into the Black Scholes valuation model for the Level 3 valuations of the warrant liabilities as of December 31, 2023 are below:

	<u>January 2021 Warrants</u>	<u>February 2021 Warrants</u>	<u>February 2022 Warrants Unmodified</u>
Term (years)	2.0	2.1	3.1
Stock price	\$ 1.30	\$ 1.30	\$ 1.30
Exercise price.....	\$ 247.50	\$ 245.00	\$ 27.50
Dividend yield	—%	—%	—%
Expected volatility	89.0%	88.0%	87.0%
Risk free interest rate	4.20%	4.20%	4.00%
Number of warrants	36,429	34,281	338,000
Value (per share).....	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.08

The key inputs into the Black Scholes valuation model for the Level 3 valuations of the investment options as of December 31, 2023 are below:

	<u>H.C. Wainwright & Co., LLC Options</u>
Term (years)	3.6
Stock price	\$ 1.30
Exercise price.....	\$ 10.00
Dividend yield	—%
Expected volatility	94.0%
Risk free interest rate	4.00%
Number of investment options.....	70,000
Value (per share).....	\$ 0.34

At the date of the redemption of the of Akos Series A Preferred Stock in May 2023, the derivative liability fair value was \$0 due to the probability of a spin-off occurring was zero. See Note 8.

NOTE 10. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Company is periodically involved in legal proceedings, legal actions and claims arising in the normal course of business. Management believes that the outcome of such legal proceedings, legal actions and claims will not have a significant adverse effect on the Company's financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

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Australian Subsidiary Research and Development

On March 23, 2023, the Company issued a press release announcing the selection of Australian CRO, Avance Clinical, in preparation for Phase 1 Study of EB-373, the Company's lead candidate targeting the treatment of anxiety disorders. Under the agreement, Avance Clinical will manage the Phase 1 clinical trial of EB-373 in coordination with the Company's newly established Australian subsidiary, Enveric Therapeutics Pty, Ltd. The Phase 1 clinical trial is designed as a multi-cohort, dose-ascending study to measure the safety and tolerability of EB-373. EB-373, a next-generation proprietary psilocin prodrug, has been recognized as a New Chemical Entity (NCE) by Australia's Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) and is currently in preclinical development targeting the treatment of anxiety disorder. The total cost of the Avance Clinical contract is approximately 3,000,000 AUD, which translates to approximately \$2,000,000 USD as of December 31, 2023. As of December 31, 2023, the Company has paid approximately \$1,036,940 of the Avance Clinical contract costs and has accrued \$523,284 recorded as accrued liabilities and \$239,320 as accounts payable on the accompanying consolidated balance sheet. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Company has expensed \$1,751,444 in research and development expenses within the accompanying consolidated statement of operations.

Development and Clinical Supply Agreement

On February 22, 2021, the Company entered into a Development and Clinical Supply Agreement (the "PureForm Agreement") with PureForm Global, Inc. ("PureForm"), pursuant to which PureForm will be the exclusive provider of synthetic cannabidiol ("API") for the Company's development plans for cancer treatment and supportive care. Under the terms of the PureForm Agreement, PureForm has granted the Company the exclusive right to purchase API and related product for cancer treatment and supportive care during the term of the Agreement (contingent upon an initial minimum order of 1 kilogram during the first thirty (30) days from the effective date) and has agreed to manufacture, package and test the API and related product in accordance with specifications established by the parties. All inventions that are developed jointly by the parties in the course of performing activities under the PureForm Agreement will be owned jointly by the parties in accordance with applicable law; however, if the Company funds additional research and development efforts by PureForm, the parties may enter into a further agreement whereby PureForm would assign any resulting inventions or technical information to the Company.

The initial term of the PureForm Agreement is three (3) years commencing on the effective date of the PureForm Agreement, subject to extension by mutual agreement of the parties. The Company has met the minimum purchase requirement of 1 kilogram during the first thirty days of the PureForm Agreement's effectiveness. The Company did not pursue an extension of the PureForm Agreement beyond the initial term and the agreement terminated in 2024.

Purchase agreement with Prof. Zvi Vogel and Dr. Ilana Nathan

On December 26, 2017, Jay Pharma entered into a purchase agreement with Prof. Zvi Vogel and Dr. Ilana Nathan (the "Vogel-Nathan Purchase Agreement"), pursuant to which Jay Pharma was assigned ownership rights to certain patents, which were filed and unissued as of the date of the Vogel-Nathan Purchase Agreement. The Vogel-Nathan Purchase Agreement includes a commitment to pay a one-time milestone totaling \$200,000 upon the issuance of a utility patent in the United States or by the European Patent Office, as defined in the agreement. The Company has accrued such amount as of December 31, 2021, as a result of the milestone criteria being achieved. Payment was made during January 2022. In addition, a milestone payment totaling \$300,000 is due upon initiation of a Phase II(b) study. Research activities related to the relevant patents are still in pre-clinical stage, and accordingly, this milestone has not been achieved. The Vogel-Nathan Purchase Agreement contains a commitment for payment of royalties equaling 2% of the first \$20 million in net sales derived from the commercialization of products utilizing the relevant patent. As these products are still in the preclinical phase of development, no royalties have been earned.

Other Consulting and Vendor Agreements

The Company has entered into a number of agreements and work orders for future consulting, clinical trial support, and testing services, with terms ranging between 1 and 18 months. These agreements, in aggregate, commit the Company to approximately \$1.3 million in future cash payments.

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Right-of-use lease

On August 1, 2021, MagicMed entered into a lease agreement (the “LSIH Lease”) with the University of Calgary for the use and occupation of lab and office space at the University of Calgary’s Life Science Innovation Hub building located in Calgary, Alberta, Canada (the “LSIH Facility”). The lease expired in July 2023, and was extended on a month-to-month basis through December 31, 2023. Accordingly, no operating lease liability or right-of-use asset is recorded as of December 31, 2023. The Company terminated this lease effective in March 2024.

Rent expense is recorded on the straight-line basis. Rent expense under the LSIH Lease for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 was \$114,241 and \$120,667, respectively. Rent expense is recorded in research and development costs on the consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive loss.

The weighted-average remaining lease term and the weighted-average discount rate of the lease was as follows:

	December 31, 2022
Remaining lease term (years)	
Operating leases.....	0.6
Discount rate	
Operating leases.....	12.0%

NOTE 11. INCOME TAXES

The Company’s U.S. and foreign loss before income taxes are set forth below:

	December 31,	
	2023	2022
United States.....	\$ (10,205,116)	\$ (7,251,228)
Foreign.....	(7,057,703)	(12,706,165)
Total.....	\$ (17,262,819)	\$ (19,957,393)

For the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Company recorded income tax expense of \$28,913 and an income tax benefit of \$1,486,060, respectively. The income tax benefit (expense) is as follows:

	December 31,	
	2023	2022
Current:		
Federal	\$ —	\$ —
State	(28,913)	—
Foreign.....	—	\$ —
	\$ (28,913)	\$ —
Deferred:		
Federal	\$ —	\$ —
State	—	—
Foreign.....	—	1,486,060
	\$ —	\$ 1,486,060
Total income tax (expense) benefit.....	\$ (28,913)	\$ 1,486,060

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The Company's deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities consist of the following:

	December 31,	
	2023	2022
Deferred tax assets:		
Net operating loss carryforwards	\$ 10,889,863	\$ 8,927,330
Stock-based compensation	1,185,399	1,348,928
Research and development capitalized expenses	611,245	614,041
Intangible amortization	80,518	54,141
Other	70,730	33,453
Less valuation allowances	(12,837,755)	(10,977,893)
Net deferred tax assets	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>

The Company had the following potentially utilizable net operating loss tax carryforwards:

	December 31,	
	2023	2022
Federal	\$ 24,268,692	\$ 18,349,753
State	\$ 11,220,065	\$ 16,892,754
Foreign	\$ 17,672,420	\$ 16,377,435

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 (the "Act") limits the net operating loss deduction to 80% of taxable income for losses arising in tax years beginning after December 31, 2017. As of December 31, 2023, the Company had federal net operating loss carryforwards and state net operating loss carryforwards of \$24,268,692 and \$11,220,065, respectively, both of which can be carried forward indefinitely and Canadian net operating loss carryforwards of \$17,672,420, which will begin to expire in 2040.

The Company's effective tax rate varied from the statutory rate as follows:

	December 31,	
	2023	2022
Federal income tax at the statutory rate	(21.0)%	(21.0)%
State income tax rate (net of federal)	(1.2)%	(2.6)%
Foreign tax rate differential	(3.0)%	(3.1)%
Non-deductible expenses	1.4%	(4.0)%
Deferred true-up	13.2%	—%
Change in valuation allowance	10.8%	23.3%
Effective income tax rate	<u>0.2%</u>	<u>(7.4)%</u>

In assessing the realizability of deferred tax assets, management considers whether it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. The ultimate realization of deferred tax assets is dependent upon the generation of future taxable income during the periods in which those temporary differences become deductible. The valuation allowance increased by \$1,859,862 and \$4,429,869 during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

The Company files U.S. federal and state returns. The Company's foreign subsidiary also files a local tax return in their local jurisdiction. From a U.S. federal, state and Canadian perspective the years that remain open to examination are consistent with each jurisdiction's statute of limitations. As of December 31, 2023, the Company has not filed tax returns for the fiscal year 2023 and Canadian corporate tax returns for fiscal year 2022.

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Section 382

The utilization of the Company's net operating losses may be subject to a substantial limitation in the event of any significant future changes in its ownership structure under Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code and similar state provisions. Such limitation may result in the expiration of the net operating loss carryforwards before their utilization.

Section 174

Beginning in 2022, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 ("TCJA") eliminated the option to deduct research and development expenditures in the current year and requires taxpayers to amortize US expenses over five years and foreign expense over fifteen years pursuant to IRC Section 174. During the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Company has estimated and capitalized gross \$463,696 and \$2,684,319, respectively, of research and development expenditures that will be amortized primarily over five years. This did not have a material impact on the Company's tax liability for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022. The Company will continue to evaluate the impact of these tax law changes on the current and future periods.

Inflation Reduction Act

On August 16, 2022, President Joe Biden signed the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (the "Act") into law. The Act includes a new 15% corporate minimum tax and a 1% excise tax on the value of corporate stock repurchases, net of new share issuances, after December 31, 2022. These provisions did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial position as of December 31, 2023.

NOTE 12. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Through February 29, 2024, the Company issued all 704,000 shares of common stock of the 704,000 shares of Existing Warrants and Investment Options exercised that were held in abeyance due to the beneficial ownership limitation provisions.

On February 29, 2024, one investor exercised the Inducement Warrants to purchase 1,954,000 shares of common stock for cash proceeds of approximately \$2.7 million.

On March 8, 2024, the Company entered into a series of common stock purchase agreements for the issuance in a registered direct offering of 228,690 shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share to the Holders of the Inducement Warrants. The issuance was made in exchange for the permanent and irrevocable waiver of the variable rate transaction limitation solely with respect to the entry into and/or issuance of shares of common stock in an at the market offering contained in the Inducement Letters.

Subsequent to December 31, 2023, the Company sold an aggregate of 1,668,000 shares of common stock for aggregate gross proceeds of \$2,392,502 and net proceeds of \$2,320,707 under the Distribution Agreement with Canaccord."