### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

### **FORM 20-F**

□ REGISTRATION STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) or 12(g) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

OR

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

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021

OR

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

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

OR

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

Date of event requiring this shell company report \_\_\_\_\_

Commission file number 001-40997

### **BRIGHT MINDS BIOSCIENCES INC.**

(Exact name of Registrant specified in its charter)

Not Applicable

(Translation of Registrant's name into English)

<u>British Columbia, Canada</u>

(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

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Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act.

Title of Each Class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Shares	DRUG	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC

Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act.

None (Title of Class) Securities for which there is a reporting obligation pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Act.

#### None

(Title of Class)

Number of outstanding shares of each of the issuer's classes of capital or common stock as of the close of business of the period covered by the annual report.

#### 11,834,361 Common Shares Without Par Value

Indicate by check mark if the Registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.

Yes 🗆 No 🖾

If this report is an annual or transition report, indicate by check mark if the Registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Yes 🗆 No 🖾

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 for such shorter period that the Registrant was required to submit such files).

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

Large Accelerated Filer  $\Box$ Non Accelerated Filer  $\boxtimes$  Accelerated Filer □ Emerging Growth Company ⊠

If an emerging growth company that prepares its financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP, 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 pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Indicate by check mark which basis of accounting the Registrant has used to prepare the financial statements included in this filing:

U.S. GAAP 🗆

International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board 🛛

Other 🗆

If "Other" has been checked in response to the previous question, indicate by check mark which financial statement item the Registrant has elected to follow: Item 17

If this is an annual report, indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b 2 of the Exchange Act):

Yes 🗆 No 🖾

#### (APPLICABLE ONLY TO ISSUERS INVOLVED IN BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDINGS DURING THE PAST FIVE YEARS)

Yes 🛛 No 🗆

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant has filed all documents and reports required to be filed by Sections 12, 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 subsequent to the distribution of securities under a plan confirmed by a court.

Not applicable.

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#### FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Annual Report on Form 20-F contains statements that constitute "forward-looking statements". Any statements that are not statements of historical facts may be deemed to be forward-looking statements. These statements appear in a number of different places in this Annual Report and, in some cases, can be identified by words such as "anticipates", "estimates", "projects", "expects", "contemplates", "helieves", "plans", "may", "will" or their negatives or other comparable words, although not all forward-looking statements contain these identifying words. Forward-looking statements in this Annual Report may include, but are not limited to:

- · the effect of COVID-19 and any other pandemics on the Company's workforce, business, operations and financial condition;
- the Company's expectations regarding the achievement of clinical and regulatory milestones;
- the executive compensation of the Company;
- the composition of the board of directors (the "Board") and management of the Company;
- the Company's expectations regarding its revenue, expenses and research and development operations;
- · the Company's anticipated cash needs and its needs for additional financing;
- the Company's intention to grow the business and its operations;
- expectations with respect to the success of its research and development of serotonergic therapeutics;
- · expectations regarding growth rates, growth plans and strategies of the Company;
- expectations that new provisional patent applications and new regular patent applications will be filed in Q1 of 2022;
- · the Company's strategy with respect to the expansion and protection of its intellectual property;
- · the medical benefits, safety, efficacy, dosing and consumer acceptance of serotonergic therapeutics;
- the Company's ability to comply with provincial, federal, local and regulatory agencies in the United States, Canada and other jurisdictions in which the Company operates;
- the Company's competitive position and the regulatory environment in which the Company operates;
- the Company's expected business objectives for the next 12 months;
- the Company's plans with respect to the payment of dividends;
- beliefs and intentions regarding the ownership of material trademarks and domain names used in connection with the design, production, marketing, distribution and sale of the Company's products and services; and
- the Company's ability to obtain additional funds through the sale of equity or debt commitments.

Readers are cautioned that the foregoing list is not exhaustive of all factors and assumptions which may have been used. Although, the Company believes that the assumptions underlying these statements are reasonable, they may prove to be incorrect, and the Company cannot assure that actual results will be consistent with these forward-looking statements. Given these risks, uncertainties and assumptions, prospective investors should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. Whether actual results, performance or achievements will conform to the Company's expectations and predictions is subject to a number of known and unknown risks, uncertainties, assumptions and other factors, including those listed under Item 3.D "Risk Factors" which include:

- limited operating history;
- the Company's actual financial position and results of operations may differ materially from the expectations of the Company's management;
- the Company may be required to obtain and maintain certain permits, licenses, and approvals in the jurisdictions where its products or technologies are being researched, developed, or commercialized;
- the Company may encounter substantial delays or difficulties with its clinical trial;
- · clinical trials are expensive, time consuming and difficult to design and implement;
- the Company may not be successful in its efforts to identify, license or discover additional product candidates;
- risks associated with the development of the Company's products which are at early stages of development;
- there is no assurance that the Company will turn a profit or generate immediate revenues;
- the continued operation of the Company as a going concern;
- · the Company's intellectual property and licenses thereto;
- the Company may not achieve timelines for project development set out in this Annual Report;
- the Company faces product liability exposure;
- · the Company has international operations, which subject the Company to risks inherent with operations outside of Canada;
- exchange rate fluctuations between the U.S. dollar and the Canadian dollar;
- changes to patent laws or the interpretation of patent laws;
- the risk of patent-related or other litigation;
- the Company may not be able to enforce its intellectual property rights throughout the world;
- the lack of product for commercialization;
- · the lack of experience of the Company/management in marketing, selling, and distribution products;
- the size of the Company's target market is difficult to quantify;
- potentials for conflicts of interest for the Company's officers and directors;
- · in certain circumstances, the Company's reputation could be damaged;
- negative operating cash flow;
- need for additional financing;



- uncertainty and discretion of use of proceeds;
- the potential for a material weakness in the Company's internal controls over financial reporting;
- · difficulties with forecasts;
- market price of Common Shares and volatility; and
- · dilution of Common Shares.

Although management has attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in forward-looking statements, there may be other factors that cause results not to be as anticipated, estimated or intended. There is no assurance that forward-looking statements will prove to be accurate, as actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such forward-looking statements. Accordingly, readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. These cautionary remarks expressly qualify, in their entirety, all forward-looking statements attributable to the Company or persons acting on the Company's behalf. The Company does not undertake to update any forward-looking statements to reflect actual results, changes in assumptions or changes in other factors affecting such statements, except as, and to the extent required by, applicable securities laws. Readers should carefully review the cautionary statements and risk factors contained in this Annual Report and other documents that the Company may file from time to time with the securities regulators.

#### PART I

The following discussion and analysis, prepared for the year ended September 30, 2021, is a review of our operations, current financial position and outlook and should be read in conjunction with our annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended September 30, 2021 and the notes thereto. We present our financial statements in Canadian dollars. All references to "C\$" are to Canadian dollars and references to "US\$" are to United States dollars. On September 30, 2021, the daily average exchange rate for the conversion of Canadian dollars into U.S. dollars as reported by the Bank of Canada was C\$1.00 = US\$0.79.

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

Not applicable.

#### ITEM 2. OFFER STATISTICS AND EXPECTED TIMETABLE

Not applicable.

#### **ITEM 3. KEY INFORMATION**

#### A. Selected financial data

The selected historical consolidated financial information set forth below has been derived from our financial statements for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2021, 2020, and the fiscal period from May 31, 2019 (date of incorporation) to September 30, 2019.

#### **Consolidated Statement of Net Loss**

	Year ended September 30, 2021	Year ended September 30, 2020	Period ended September 30, 2019
Revenues	\$ Nil	\$ Nil	\$ Nil
Gross Profit	\$ Nil	\$ Nil	\$ Nil
Net Loss	\$ 8,650,763	\$ 480,377	\$ 78,717
Loss per Share - Basic and Diluted	\$ (0.96) - 4 -	\$ (0.13)	\$ (0.04)

#### **Consolidated Statement of Financial Position**

			Period
	Year ended	Year ended	ended
	September 30,	September 30,	September 30,
	2021	2020	2019
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 19,760,015	\$ 799,929	\$ 79,991
Current Assets	\$ 20,038,368	\$ 878,216	\$ 79,991
Total Assets	\$ 20,040,368	\$ 880,216	\$ 81,991
Current Liabilities	\$ 638,573	\$ 150,923	\$ 36,708
Total Liabilities	\$ 638,573	\$ 150,923	\$ 36,708
Shareholders' Equity (Deficit)	\$ 19,401,795	\$ 729,293	\$ 45,283

Our audited consolidated financial statements for the years ended September 30, 2021 and 2020 and the period from May 31, 2019 (date of incorporation) to September 30, 2019 are attached at the end of this Annual Report.

#### B. Capitalization and Indebtedness

Not applicable.

#### C. Reasons for the offer and use of proceeds

Not applicable.

#### D. Risk Factors

An investment in our securities carries a significant degree of risk. You should carefully consider the following risks, as well as the other information contained in this Annual Report, including our historical and pro forma financial statements and the financial statements and related notes included elsewhere in this Annual Report, before you decide to purchase our securities. Any one of these risks and uncertainties has the potential to cause material adverse effects on our business, prospects, financial condition and operating results which could cause actual results to differ materially from any forward-looking statements expressed by us and a significant decrease in the value of our securities. Refer to "Forward-Looking Statements".

We may not be successful in preventing the material adverse effects that any of the following risks and uncertainties may cause. These potential risks and uncertainties may not be a complete list of the risks and uncertainties facing us. There may be additional risks and uncertainties that we are presently unaware of, or presently consider immaterial, that may become material in the future and have a material adverse effect on us. You could lose all or a significant portion of your investment due to any of these risks and uncertainties.

#### **Risks Related to the Business of the Company**

#### We have a limited operating history and have not yet generated any revenues.

We have a very limited history of operations and is considered a start-up company, which makes evaluating our business and future prospects difficult. As such, we are subject to many risks common to such enterprises, including under-capitalization, cash shortages, limitations with respect to personnel, financial and other resources and lack of revenues. There is no assurance that we will be successful in achieving a return on shareholders' investment and the likelihood of our success must be considered in light of our early stage of operations.



#### Our actual financial position and results of operations may differ materially from the expectations of our management.

Our actual financial position and results of operations may differ materially from our management's expectations. We have experienced some changes in our operating plans and certain delays in our plans. As a result, our revenue, net income and cash flow may differ materially from our expected revenue, net income and cash flow. The process for estimating our revenue, net income and cash flow requires the use of judgment in determining the appropriate assumptions and estimates. These estimates and assumptions may be revised as additional information becomes available and as additional analyses are performed. In addition, the assumptions used in planning may not prove to be accurate, and other factors may materially affect our financial condition or results of operations.

# We may be required and have not yet obtained regulatory approvals, licenses, and permits in the jurisdictions where our products or technologies are being researched, developed or commercialized, which failure to obtain such regulatory approvals, licenses and permits will likely have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We, or our service providers, may be required to obtain and maintain certain permits, licenses, and approvals in the jurisdictions where our products or technologies are being researched, developed, or commercialized. We have not obtained regulatory approval for any product candidate and it is possible that none of our existing product candidates or any future product candidates will ever obtain regulatory approval. There can be no assurance that we will be able to obtain or maintain any necessary licenses, permits, or approvals. Any material delay or inability to receive these items is likely to delay and/or inhibit our ability to conduct our business, and would have an adverse effect on its business, financial condition, and results of operations. In particular, we will require approval from the FDA (as defined herein) and equivalent organizations in other countries before any of our products can be marketed. There is no assurance that such approvals will be forthcoming. Furthermore, the exact nature of the studies these regulatory agencies will require is not known and can be changed at any time by the regulatory agencies, increasing the financing risk and potentially increasing the time to market we face, which could adversely affect our business, financial condition or results of operations.

### We may encounter substantial delays or difficulties with our clinical trials, which could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

We may not commercialize, market, promote or sell any product candidate without obtaining marketing approval from the FDA or comparable foreign regulatory authorities, and we may never receive such approvals. It is impossible to predict when or if any of our product candidates will prove effective or safe in humans and will receive regulatory approval. Before obtaining marketing approval from regulatory authorities for the sale of its product candidates, we must complete preclinical development and then conduct extensive clinical trials to demonstrate the safety and efficacy of our product candidates. Clinical testing is expensive, difficult to design and implement, can take many years to complete and is uncertain as to outcome. A failure of one or more clinical trials can occur at any stage of testing. Moreover, preclinical and clinical data are often susceptible to varying interpretations and analyses, and many companies that have believed their product candidates performed satisfactorily in preclinical studies and clinical trials have nonetheless failed to obtain marketing approval of their products.

We may experience numerous unforeseen events prior to, during, or as a result of, clinical trials that could delay or prevent our ability to receive marketing approval or commercialize current and any future product candidates, including:

- · delays in reaching a consensus with regulatory authorities on design or implementation of clinical trials;
- regulators or institutional review boards, or IRBs (as defined herein), may not authorize us or its investigators to commence a clinical trial or conduct a clinical trial at a prospective trial site;
- · delays in reaching agreement on acceptable terms with prospective clinical research organizations and clinical trial sites;



- the number of patients required for clinical trials of our product candidates may be larger than we anticipate, enrollment in these clinical trials may be slower than we anticipate, patients may drop out of these clinical trials at a higher rate than we anticipate or fail to return for post-treatment follow-up or we may fail to recruit suitable patients to participate in a trial;
- · clinical trials of our product candidates may produce negative or inconclusive results;
- imposition of a clinical hold by regulatory authorities as a result of a serious adverse event, concerns with a class of product candidates or after an inspection of our clinical trial operations, trial sites or manufacturing facilities;
- occurrence of serious adverse events associated with the product candidate that are viewed to outweigh its potential benefits;
- · changes in regulatory requirements and guidance that require amending or submitting new clinical protocols; or
- · we may decide, or regulators may require us, to conduct additional clinical trials or abandon product development programs.

Any inability to successfully complete preclinical and clinical development could result in additional costs to us or impair our ability to generate revenue. In addition, if we make manufacturing or formulation changes to our product candidates, we may need to conduct additional testing to bridge our modified product candidate to earlier versions. Clinical trial delays could also shorten any periods during which we may have the exclusive right to commercialize our product candidates, if approved, or allow competitors to bring competing drugs to market before us, which could impair our ability to successfully commercialize our product candidates and may harm our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects.

Additionally, if the results of our clinical trials are inconclusive or if there are safety concerns or serious adverse events associated with product candidates, we may:

- be delayed in obtaining marketing approval, if at all;
- obtain approval for indications or patient populations that are not as broad as intended or desired;
- obtain approval with labeling that includes significant use or distribution restrictions or safety warnings;
- be subject to additional post-marketing testing requirements;
- · be required to perform additional clinical trials to support approval or be subject to additional post-marketing testing requirements;
- · be subject to the addition of labeling statements, such as warnings or contraindications;
- be sued; or
- experience damage to its reputation.

Our product development costs will also increase if we experience delays in testing or obtaining marketing approvals. We do not know whether any of our preclinical studies or clinical trials will begin as planned, need to be restructured or be completed on schedule, if at all.

Further, we, the FDA or an IRB may suspend our clinical trials at any time if it appears that we or our collaborators are failing to conduct a trial in accordance with regulatory requirements, such as the FDA's current GCP (as defined herein), that we are exposing participants to unacceptable health risks, or if the FDA finds deficiencies in our INDs (as defined herein), or in the conduct of these trials. Therefore, we cannot predict with any certainty the schedule for commencement and completion of future clinical trials. If we experience delays in the commencement or completion of our clinical trials, or if we terminate a clinical trial prior to completion, the commercial prospects of our product candidates could be negatively impacted, and our ability to generate revenues from our product candidates may be delayed.

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## Clinical trials are expensive, time consuming and difficult to design and implement, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations.

Our product candidates will require clinical testing before we can submit an NDA (as defined herein) for regulatory approval. We cannot predict with any certainty if or when we might submit an NDA for regulatory approval for any of our product candidates or whether any such NDA will be approved by the FDA. Human clinical trials are very expensive and difficult to design and implement, in part because they are subject to rigorous regulatory requirements. For instance, the FDA may not agree with our proposed endpoints for any future clinical trial of our product candidates, which may delay the commencement of our clinical trials. The clinical trial process is also time consuming. Furthermore, failure can occur at any stage, and we could encounter problems that cause us to abandon or repeat clinical trials, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations.

# We may not be successful in our efforts to identify, license or discover additional product candidates, which may have a material adverse effect on our business and could potentially cause us to cease operations.

Although a substantial amount of our effort will focus on the continued research and pre-clinical testing, potential approval and commercialization of our existing product candidates, the success of our business also depends in part upon our ability to identify, license or discover additional product candidates. Our research programs or licensing efforts may fail to yield additional product candidates for clinical development for a number of reasons, including but not limited to the following:

- our research or business development methodology or search criteria and process may be unsuccessful in identifying potential product candidates;
- we may not be able or willing to assemble sufficient resources to acquire or discover additional product candidates;
- our product candidates may not succeed in pre-clinical or clinical testing;
- our product candidates may be shown to have harmful side effects or may have other characteristics that may make the products unmarketable or unlikely to receive
  marketing approval;
- · competitors may develop alternatives that render our product candidates obsolete or less attractive;
- product candidates we develop may be covered by third parties' patents or other exclusive rights;
- the market for a product candidate may change during our program so that such a product may become unreasonable to continue to develop;
- a product candidate may not be capable of being produced in commercial quantities at an acceptable cost, or at all; and
- a product candidate may not be accepted as safe and effective by patients, the medical community or third-party payors.

If any of these events occurs, we may be forced to abandon our development efforts to identify, license or discover additional product candidates, which would have a material adverse effect on our business and could potentially cause us to cease operations. Research programs to identify new product candidates require substantial technical, financial and human resources. We may focus our efforts and resources on potential programs or product candidates that ultimately prove to be unsuccessful.

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#### There is no assurance that we will turn a profit or generate immediate revenues.

There is no assurance as to whether we will be profitable, earn revenues, or pay dividends. We have incurred and anticipate that we will continue to incur substantial expenses relating to the development and initial operations of our business. The payment and amount of any future dividends will depend upon, among other things, our results of operations, cash flow, financial condition, and operating and capital requirements. There is no assurance that we pay any future dividends, if at all, and, if dividends are paid, there is no assurance with respect to the amount of any such dividends.

### We have a going concern risk, which if we are unable to generative positive cash flows and/or obtain additional financing sufficient to fund continued activities and acquisitions, may materially adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations as well as our ability to continue operations.

Our continued operation as a going concern is dependent upon our ability to generate positive cash flows and/or obtain additional financing sufficient to fund continuing activities and acquisitions. While we continue to review our operations in order to identify strategies and tactics to increase revenue streams and financing opportunities, there is no assurance that we will be successful in such efforts; if we are not successful, we may be required to significantly reduce or limit operations, or no longer operate as a going concern. It is also possible that operating expenses could increase in order to grow the business. If we do not start generating and significantly increase revenues to meet these increased operating expenses and/or obtain financing until our revenues meet these operating expenses, our business, financial condition and operating results could be materially adversely affected. We cannot be sure when or if we will ever achieve profitability and, if we do, we may not be able to sustain or increase that profitability.

### We may not be able to adequately protect and maintain our intellectual property and licenses, which could result in a material adverse effect to our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Our success will depend in part on our ability to protect and maintain our intellectual property rights and our licenses. No assurance can be given that the license or rights used by us will not be challenged, invalidated, infringed or circumvented, nor that the rights granted thereunder will provide competitive advantages to us. It is not clear whether the pending patent applications will result in the issuance of patents. There is no assurance that we will be able to enter into licensing arrangements, develop or obtain alternative technology in respect of patents issued to third parties that incidentally cover its production processes. Moreover, we could potentially incur substantial legal costs in defending legal actions which allege patent infringement or by instituting patent infringement suits against others. Our commercial success also depends on us not infringing patents or proprietary rights of others and not breaching any license granted to us. There can be no assurance that we will be able to maintain such licenses have been obtained at a reasonable cost. Furthermore, there can be no assurance that we will be able to remain in compliance with our licenses. Consequently, there may be a risk that such licenses may be withdrawn with no compensation or penalties to us.

#### Our inability to achieve timelines for publicly disclosed projects may result in material adverse effects on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Our business is dependent on a number of key inputs and their related costs including raw materials and supplies related to our operations, as well as electricity, water and other utilities. Any significant interruption or negative change in the availability or economics of the supply chain for key inputs could materially impact the business, financial condition operating results, and timelines for our project development. Any inability to secure required supplies and services or to do so on appropriate terms could have a materially adverse impact on the business, financial condition, operating results, and timelines for our project development.

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#### We may need additional capital for future operations and if we are not able to secure any required capital, we may be forced to curtail or discontinue our operations.

It is possible that costs associated with the operating our business will exceed our projections depending on the timing of future operating and capital expenses. Assuming our existing funds sustain our operations for next 12 months, we believe that we may thereafter require additional capital for additional product development, sales and marketing operations, other operating expenses and for general corporate purposes to fund growth in our Company's markets. We do not know how much additional funding we may require. We may therefore be required to seek other sources of financing in the future, which sources (assuming we are able to locate such alternative sources of financing) may be on terms less favorable to us than those of our previous securities offerings. Any additional equity financing may be dilutive to shareholders, and debt financing, if available, may involve restrictive covenants. If additional funds are raised through the issuance of equity securities may have rights, preferences or privileges senior to those of the holders of the Common Shares. If adequate funds are not available on acceptable terms, we may be unable to develop or enhance our products and services, take advantage of future opportunities or respond to competitive pressures, any of which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and operating results, or we may be forced to curtail or cease our operations.

# We may become subject to product liability claims, which could harm our financial condition and liquidity if we are not able to successfully defend or insure against such claims.

The risk of product liability is inherent in the research, development, manufacturing, marketing and use of pharmaceutical products. Product candidates and products that we may commercially market in the future may cause, or may appear to have caused, injury or dangerous drug reactions, and expose us to product liability claims. These claims might be made by patients who use the product, healthcare providers, pharmaceutical companies, corporate collaborators or others selling such products. If our product candidates during clinical trials were to cause adverse side effects, we may be exposed to substantial liabilities. Regardless of the merits or eventual outcome, product liability claims or other claims related to our product candidates may result in:

- decreased demand for our products due to negative public perception;
- injury to our reputation;
- withdrawal of clinical trial participants or difficulties in recruiting new trial participants;
- initiation of investigations by regulators;
- costs to defend or settle related litigation;
- a diversion of management's time and resources;
- substantial monetary awards to trial participants or patients;
- · product recalls, withdrawals or labeling, marketing or promotional restrictions;
- · loss of revenues from product sales; and
- the inability to commercialize any of product candidates, if approved.

We intend to obtain clinical trial insurance once a clinical trial is initiated. However, the insurance coverage may not be sufficient to reimburse us for any expenses or losses we may suffer. Insurance coverage is becoming increasingly expensive, and, in the future, we, or any of our collaborators, may not be able to maintain insurance coverage at a reasonable cost or in sufficient amounts or at all to protect against losses due to liability. Even if our agreements with any future collaborators entitle us to indemnification against product liability losses, such indemnification may not be available or adequate should any claim arise. Our inability to obtain sufficient product liability insurance at an acceptable cost to protect against product liability claims could prevent or inhibit the commercialization of our product candidates. If a successful product liability claim or a series of claims is brought against us for uninsured liabilities or in excess of insured liabilities, our assets may not be sufficient to cover such claims and our business operations could be impaired.

Should any of the events described above occur, this could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

#### Health and safety issues related to our products may have a material adverse effect on our business and results of operations.

Health and safety issues related to our products may arise that could lead to litigation or other action against us or to regulation of certain of our product components. We may be required to modify our products and may also be required to pay damages that may reduce our profitability and adversely affect our financial condition. Even if these concerns prove to be baseless, the resulting negative publicity could affect our ability to market certain of our products and, in turn, could harm our business and results from operations.

#### We have international operations, which subjects us to risks inherent with operations outside of Canada.

We have international operations and may seek to obtain market approvals in foreign markets that we deem could generate significant opportunities. However, even with the cooperation of a commercialization partner, conducting drug development in foreign countries involves inherent risks, including, but not limited to: difficulties in staffing, funding and managing foreign operations; different and unexpected changes in regulatory requirements; export restrictions; tariffs and other trade barriers; different reimbursement systems; economic weaknesses or political instability in particular foreign economies and markets; compliance with tax, employment, immigration and labour laws for employees living or travelling abroad; supply chain and raw materials management; difficulties in protecting, acquiring, enforcing and litigating intellectual property rights; fluctuations in currency exchange rates; and potentially adverse tax consequences.

If we were to experience any of the difficulties listed above, or any other difficulties, our international development activities and our overall financial condition may suffer and cause it to reduce or discontinue our international development and market approval efforts.

#### Exchange rate fluctuations between the U.S. dollar and the Canadian dollar may negatively affect our earnings and cash flows.

Our functional currency is the Canadian dollar. We may incur expenses in Canadian Dollars and U.S. dollars. As a result, we are exposed to the risks that the Canadian dollar may devalue relative to the U.S. Dollar, or, if the Canadian dollar appreciates relative to the U.S. Dollar, that the inflation rate in Canada may exceed such rate of devaluation of the Canadian dollar, or that the timing of such devaluation may lag behind inflation in Canada. We cannot predict any future trends in the rate of inflation in Canada or the rate of devaluation, if any, of the Canadian dollar against the U.S. Dollar.

#### If patent laws or the interpretation of patent laws change, our competitors may be able to develop and commercialize our discoveries.

Important legal issues remain to be resolved as to the extent and scope of available patent protection for biopharmaceutical products and processes in Canada and other important markets outside Canada, such as Europe or the United States. As such, litigation or administrative proceedings may be necessary to determine the validity, scope and ownership of certain of ours and others' proprietary rights. Any such litigation or proceeding may result in a significant commitment of resources in the future and could force us to do one or more of the following: cease selling or using any of our future products that incorporate a challenged intellectual property, which would adversely affect our revenue; obtain a license or other rights from the holder of the intellectual property right alleged to have been infringed or otherwise violated, which license may not be available on reasonable terms, if at all; and redesign our future products to avoid infringing or violating the intellectual property rights of third parties, which may be time-consuming or impossible to do. In addition, changes in patent laws in Canada and other countries may result in allowing others to use our discoveries or develop and commercialize our products. We cannot provide assurance that the patents we obtain will afford us significant commercial protection.

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### We may not be able to enforce our intellectual property rights throughout the world. This risk is exacerbated because we expect that one or more of our product candidates will be manufactured and used in a number of foreign countries.

The laws of foreign countries may not protect intellectual property rights to the same extent as the laws of Canada. Many companies have encountered significant problems in protecting and defending intellectual property rights in certain foreign jurisdictions. This risk is exacerbated for us because we expect that future product candidates could be manufactured, and used in a number of foreign countries.

The legal systems of some countries, particularly developing countries, do not favor the enforcement of patents and other intellectual property protection, especially those relating to life sciences. This could make it difficult to stop the infringement or other misappropriation of our intellectual property rights. For example, several foreign countries have compulsory licensing laws under which a patent owner must grant licenses to third parties. In addition, some countries limit the enforceability of patents against third parties, including government agencies or government contractors. In these countries, patents and trade secrets may provide limited or no benefit.

Most jurisdictions in which we intend to apply for patents have patent protection laws similar to those of Canada, but some of them do not. For example, we may do business in the future in countries that may not provide the same or similar protection as that provided in Canada. Additionally, due to uncertainty in patent protection law, we have not filed applications in many countries where significant markets exist.

Proceedings to enforce patent rights in foreign jurisdictions could result in substantial costs and divert our efforts and attention from other aspects of our business. Accordingly, efforts to protect intellectual property rights in such countries may be inadequate. In addition, changes in the law and legal decisions by courts in Canada, the U.S., and foreign countries may affect our ability to obtain adequate protection for our technology and the enforcement of our intellectual property.

#### The lack of product for commercialization would have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We cannot successfully develop, manufacture and distribute our products, or if we experience difficulties in the development process, such as capacity constraints, quality control problems or other disruptions, we may not be able to develop market-ready commercial products at acceptable costs, which would adversely affect our ability to effectively enter the market. A failure by us to achieve a low-cost structure through economies of scale or improvements in cultivation and manufacturing processes would have a material adverse effect on our commercialization plans and our business, prospects, results of operations and financial condition.

#### Failure to develop new and innovative products may have a material adverse effect on our business.

Our success will depend, in part, on our ability to develop, introduce and market new and innovative products. If there is a shift in consumer demand, we must meet such demand through new and innovative products or else our business will fail. Our ability to develop, market and produce new products is subject to us having substantial capital. There is no assurance that we will be able to develop new and innovative products or have the capital necessary to develop such products.

### The lack of experience of our management in marketing, selling, and distributing products may have a material adverse effect on our business and financial condition.

Our management's lack of experience in marketing, selling, and distributing our products could lead to poor decision-making, which could result in cost-overruns and/or the inability to produce the desired products. Although our management intends to hire experienced and qualified staff, this inexperience could also result in our inability to consummate revenue contracts or any contracts at all. Any combination of the aforementioned may result in the failure of our business and a loss of investment.

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#### The size of our target market is difficult to quantify, and investors will be reliant on their own estimates on the accuracy of market data.

Because the industry in which we operate 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 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.

# You may face difficulties in protecting your interests, and your ability to protect your rights through the U.S. federal courts may be limited because we are incorporated under the laws of the Province of British Columbia, a substantial portion of our assets are in Canada and some of our executive officers and directors reside outside the United States

We are organized pursuant to the laws of the Province of British Columbia under the *Business Corporations Act* (British Columbia) (the "**BCBCA**"). Two of our four officers, our auditor and all but two directors reside outside the United States. In addition, a substantial portion of their assets and our assets are located outside of the United States. As a result, you may have difficulty serving legal process within the United States upon us or any of these persons. You may also have difficulty enforcing, both in and outside of the United States, judgments you may obtain in U.S. courts against us or these persons in any action, including actions based upon the civil liability provisions of U.S. federal or state securities laws. Furthermore, there is substantial doubt as to the enforceability in Canada against us or against any of our directors, officers and the expert named in this Annual Report who are not residents of the United States, in original actions or in actions for enforcement of judgments of U.S. courts, of liabilities based solely upon the civil liability provisions of the U.S. federal securities laws. In addition, shareholders in British Columbia companies may not have standing to initiate a shareholder derivative action in U.S. federal courts. As a result, our public shareholders may have more difficulty in protecting their interests through actions against us, our management, our directors or our major shareholders than would shareholders of a corporation incorporated in a jurisdiction in the United States.

#### We continue to sell shares for cash to fund operations, capital expansion, mergers and acquisitions that will dilute our current shareholders.

There is no guarantee that we will be able to achieve our business objectives. Our continued development will require additional financing. The failure to raise such capital could result in the delay or indefinite postponement of current business objectives or us going out of business. There can be no assurance that additional capital or other types of financing will be available if needed or that, if available, the terms of such financing will be favorable to us.

If additional funds are raised through issuances of equity or convertible debt securities, existing shareholders could suffer significant dilution. Our articles permit the issuance of an unlimited number of Common Shares, and shareholders will have no pre-emptive rights in connection with such further issuance. Our directors have discretion to determine the price and the terms of issue of further issuances. In addition, from time to time, we may enter into transactions to acquire assets or the shares of other companies. These transactions may be financed wholly or partially with debt, which may temporarily increase our debt levels above industry standards. Any debt financing secured in the future could involve restrictive covenants relating to capital raising activities and other financial and operational matters, which may make it more difficult for us to obtain additional capital and to pursue business opportunities, including potential acquisitions. We may require additional financing to fund our operations to the point where it is generating positive cash flows. Negative cash flow may restrict our ability to pursue our business objectives.

If you purchase our Common Shares in an offering, you will experience substantial and immediate dilution, because the price that you pay may be substantially greater than the net tangible book value per share of our Common Shares that you acquire. This dilution is due in large part to the fact that our earlier investors will most likely have paid substantially less than the offering price which you may pay if you purchase our Common Shares.

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# Our officers and directors may be engaged in a range of business activities resulting in conflicts of interest, which may have a material adverse effect on our operations.

We may be subject to various potential conflicts of interest because some of our officers and directors may be engaged in a range of business activities. In addition, our executive officers and directors may devote time to their outside business interests, so long as such activities do not materially or adversely interfere with their duties to us. In some cases, our executive officers and directors may have fiduciary obligations associated with these business interests that interfere with their ability to devote time to our business and affairs and that could adversely affect our operations. These business interests could require significant time and attention of our executive officers and directors.

In addition, we may become involved in other transactions which conflict with the interests of our directors and officers who may from time to time deal with persons, firms, institutions or companies with which we may be dealing, or which may be seeking investments similar to those desired by us. The interests of these persons could conflict with ours. In addition, from time to time, these persons may be competing with us for available investment opportunities. Conflicts of interest, if any, will be subject to the procedures and remedies provided under applicable laws. In particular, if such a conflict of interest arises at a meeting of our directors, a director who has such a conflict will abstain from voting for or against the approval of such participation or such terms. In accordance with applicable laws, our directors are required to act honestly, in good faith and in our best interests.

# In certain circumstances, our reputation could be damaged, which may have a material adverse effect on our financial performance, financial condition, cash flows and growth prospects.

Damage to our reputation can be the result of the actual or perceived occurrence of any number of events, and could include any negative publicity, whether true or not. The increased usage of social media and other web-based tools used to generate, publish and discuss user-generated content and to connect with other users has made it increasingly easier for individuals and groups to communicate and share opinions and views regarding us and our activities, whether true or not. Although we believe that we operate in a manner that is respectful to all stakeholders and that we take care in protecting our image and reputation, we do not ultimately have direct control over how we are perceived by others. Reputation loss may result in decreased investor confidence, increased challenges in developing and maintaining community relations and an impediment to our overall ability to advance our projects, thereby having a material adverse impact on financial performance, financial condition, cash flows and growth prospects.

#### We have negative operating cash flow.

Our business has incurred losses since its inception. Although we expect to become profitable, there is no guarantee that will happen, and we may never become profitable. We currently have a negative operating cash flow and may continue to have a negative operating cash flow for the foreseeable future. To date, we have not generated any revenues and a large portion of our expenses are fixed, including expenses related to facilities, equipment, contractual commitments and personnel. As a result, we expect our net losses from operations to improve. Our ability to generate additional revenues and potential to become profitable will depend largely on our ability to manufacture and market our products and services. There can be no assurance that any such events will occur or that the Company will ever become profitable. Even if we do achieve profitability, we cannot predict the level of such profitability. If we sustain losses over an extended period of time, we may be unable to continue our business.

#### Our forward-looking statements may prove to be inaccurate.

Investors should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. By their nature, forward-looking statements involve numerous assumptions, known and unknown risks and uncertainties, of both general and specific nature, that could cause actual results to differ materially from those suggested by the forward-looking statements or contribute to the possibility that predictions, forecasts or projections will prove to be materially inaccurate. Additional information on the risks, assumptions and uncertainties can be found in this Annual Report under the heading "Forward-Looking Statements".

# If we have a material weakness in our internal controls over financial reporting, investors could lose confidence in the reliability of our financial statements, which could result in a decrease in the value of its securities.

One or more material weaknesses in our internal controls over financial reporting could occur or be identified in the future. In addition, because of inherent limitations, our internal controls over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements, and any projections of any evaluation of effectiveness of internal controls 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 our policies or procedures may deteriorate. If we fail to maintain the adequacy of our internal controls, including any failure or difficulty in implementing required new or improved controls, our business and results of operations could be harmed, we may not be able to provide reasonable assurance as to our financial results or meet our reporting obligations and there could be a material adverse effect on the price of our securities.

#### Difficulties with forecasts.

We must rely largely on our own market research to forecast sales as detailed forecasts are not generally obtainable from other sources at this early stage of the biotechnology industry dedicated to the discovery of serotonergic therapeutics. A failure in the demand for its products and services to materialize as a result of competition, technological change or other factors could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

#### COVID-19 may materially and adversely affect our business and financial results.

Our business could be materially and adversely affected by health epidemics in regions where we conduct research and development activities.

In December 2019, a novel strain of COVID-19 was reported in China. Since then, COVID-19 has spread globally. On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the outbreak of COVID-19 as a "pandemic", or a worldwide spread of a new disease. Many countries around the world, including Canada, the United States and most countries in Europe, have imposed quarantines and restrictions on travel and mass gatherings to slow the spread of the virus, and have closed non-essential businesses.

The COVID-19 pandemic and any other health epidemics have the potential to cause significant disruption in the operations of the laboratories upon whom we rely, including laboratories situated in various parts of the United States and Europe. We are reliant on the continued operations of such laboratories. The regulations imposed by governments in response to the COVID-19 pandemic may cause laboratories to operate at limited occupancy rates, which may slow the rate at which research and development activities can be conducted. We may not have control over the protocols adopted in response to the COVID-19 pandemic by such laboratories in response to the regulations imposed by the governments in the regions in which they operate. The effects of such protocols and/or regulations may negatively impact productivity, disrupt our business and delay our research and development timelines, as well as potentially impact our financial condition and result of operations. The magnitude of these potential effects is uncertain and will depend, in part, on the length and severity of the COVID-19 pandemic and the restrictions imposed by governments in response.

To the knowledge of our management as of the date hereof, COVID-19 does not present, at this time, any specific known impacts to us in relation to our timelines, business objectives or disclosed milestones related thereto. We rely on third parties to process and manufacture our products.

#### **Risks Related to Our Common Shares**

#### Our executive officers and directors beneficially own approximately 42.66% of our common shares.

As of December 23, 2021, our executive officers and directors beneficially own, in the aggregate, approximately 42.66% of our common shares, which includes shares that our executive officers and directors have the right to acquire pursuant to warrants and stock options which have vested. As a result, they are able to exercise a significant level of control over all matters requiring shareholder approval, including the election of directors, amendments to our Articles and approval of significant corporate transactions. This control could have the effect of delaying or preventing a change of control of our Company or changes in management and will make the approval of certain transactions difficult or impossible without the support of these shareholders.

### The continued sale of our equity securities will dilute the ownership percentage of our existing shareholders and may decrease the market price for our common shares.

Our Notice of Articles authorizes the issuance of an unlimited number of Common Shares. Our Board of Directors has the authority to issue additional shares of our capital stock to provide additional financing in the future. The issuance of any such Common Shares may result in a reduction of the book value or market price of our outstanding Common Shares. Given our lack of revenues, we will likely have to issue additional equity securities to obtain working capital we require in the future. Our efforts to fund our intended business plans will therefore result in dilution to our existing shareholders. If we do issue any such additional Common Shares, such issuance also will cause a reduction in the proportionate ownership and voting power of all other shareholders. As a result of such dilution, if you acquire Common Shares your proportionate ownership interest and voting power could be decreased. Furthermore, any such issuances could result in a change of control or a reduction in the market price for our Common Shares.

Additionally, we had 1,025,807 stock options and 3,961,704 warrants outstanding as of December 23, 2021. The exercise price of some of these options and warrants is below our current market price, and you could purchase shares in the market at a price in excess of the exercise price of our outstanding warrants or options. If the holders of these options and warrants elect to exercise them, your ownership position will be diluted and the per share value of the Common Shares you have or acquire could be diluted as well. As a result, the market value of our Common Shares could significantly decrease as well.

#### The market price of our Common Shares may be volatile and may fluctuate in a way that is disproportionate to our operating performance.

Securities of companies with a small market capitalization have experienced substantial volatility in the past, often based on factors unrelated to the companies' financial performance or prospects. These factors include macroeconomic developments in North America and globally, as well as market perceptions of the attractiveness of particular industries. Factors unrelated to the Company's performance that may affect the price of the Common Shares include the following: the extent of analytical coverage available to investors concerning our business may be limited if investment banks with research capabilities do not follow us; lessening in trading volume and general market interest in the Common Shares may affect an investor's ability to trade significant numbers of Common Shares; the size of our public float may limit the ability of some institutions to invest in Common Shares; and a substantial decline in the price of the Common Shares that persists for a significant period of time could cause the Common Shares, if listed on an exchange, to be delisted from such exchange, further reducing market liquidity. As a result of any of these factors, the market price of the Common Shares at any given point in time may not accurately reflect our long-term value. Securities class action litigation often has been brought against companies following periods of volatility in the market price of their securities. We may in the future be the target of similar litigation. Securities litigation could result in substantial costs and damages and divert management's attention and resources.

The market price of the Common Shares is affected by many other variables which are not directly related to our success and are, therefore, not within our control. These include other developments that affect the breadth of the public market for the Common Shares, the release or expiration of lock-up or other transfer restrictions on the Common Shares, and the attractiveness of alternative investments. The effect of these and other factors on the market price of the Common Shares is expected to make the Common Share price volatile in the future, which may result in losses to investors.

Our stock price is expected to be volatile and will be drastically affected by governmental and regulatory regimes and other factors outside of our control. We cannot fully predict the results of our operations expected to take place in the future. The results of these activities will inevitably affect our decisions related to future operations and will likely trigger major changes in the trading price of the Company shares.

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#### We do not intend to pay dividends and there will thus be fewer ways in which you are able to make a gain on your investment.

We have never paid any cash or stock dividends and we do not intend to pay any dividends for the foreseeable future. To the extent that we require additional funding in the future, our funding sources may prohibit the payment of any dividends. Because we do not intend to declare dividends, any gain on your investment will need to result from an appreciation in the price of our Common Shares. There will therefore be fewer ways in which you are able to make a gain on your investment.

#### FINRA sales practice requirements may limit your ability to buy and sell our Common Shares, which could depress the price of our shares.

Financial Industry Regulation Authority ("FINRA") rules require broker-dealers to have reasonable grounds for believing that an investment is suitable for a customer before recommending that investment to the customer. Prior to recommending speculative low-priced securities to their non-institutional customers, broker-dealers must make reasonable efforts to obtain information about the customer's financial status, tax status and investment objectives, among other things. Under interpretations of these rules, FINRA believes that there is a high probability such speculative low-priced securities will not be suitable for at least some customers. Thus, FINRA requirements may make it more difficult for broker-dealers to recommend that their customers buy our Common Shares, which may limit your ability to buy and sell our Common Shares, have an adverse effect on the market for our Common Shares and, thereby, depress their market prices.

### Our Common Shares have been thinly traded, and you may be unable to sell at or near ask prices or at all if you need to sell your Common Shares to raise money or otherwise desire to liquidate your shares.

From February 8, 2021, our Common Shares have been trading on the Canadian Securities Exchange where they are "thinly-traded", meaning that the number of persons interested in purchasing our Common Shares at or near bid prices at any given time was relatively small or non-existent. This could be due to a number of factors, including that we are relatively unknown to stock analysts, stock brokers, institutional investors and others in the investment community that generate or influence sales volume, and that even if we came to the attention of such persons, they tend to be risk-averse and might be reluctant to follow an unproven company such as ours or purchase or recommend the purchase of our Common Shares until such time as we became more seasoned. As a consequence, there may be periods of several days or more when trading activity in our common shares is minimal or non-existent, as compared to a seasoned issuer which has a large and steady volume of trading activity that will generally support continuous sales without an adverse effect on share price. Broad or active public trading market for our Common Shares may not develop or be sustained.

### We are a foreign private issuer within the meaning of the rules under the Exchange Act, and as such we are exempt from certain provisions applicable to United States domestic public companies.

We are a foreign private issuer within the meaning of the rules under the Exchange Act. As such, we are exempt from certain provisions applicable to United States domestic public companies. For example:

- we are not required to provide as many Exchange Act reports, or as frequently, as a domestic public company;
- for interim reporting we are permitted to comply solely with our home country requirements, which are less rigorous than the rules that apply to domestic public companies;
- · we are not required to provide the same level of disclosure on certain issues, such as executive compensation;
- we are exempt from provisions of Regulation FD aimed at preventing issuers from making selective disclosures of material information;

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- we are not required to comply with the sections of the Exchange Act regulating the solicitation of proxies, consents or authorizations in respect of a security registered under the Exchange Act; and
- we are not required to comply with Section 16 of the Exchange Act requiring insiders to file public reports of their share ownership and trading activities and establishing insider liability for profits realized from any "short-swing" trading transaction.

Our shareholders may not have access to certain information they may deem important and are accustomed to receive from U.S. reporting companies.

# As an "emerging growth company" under applicable law, we will be subject to lessened disclosure requirements. Such reduced disclosure may make our common shares less attractive to investors.

For as long as we remain an "emerging growth company", as defined in the JOBS Act, we will elect to take advantage of certain exemptions from various reporting requirements that are applicable to other public companies that are not "emerging growth companies" and including, but not limited to, not being required to comply with the auditor attestation requirements of Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, reduced disclosure obligations regarding executive compensation in our periodic reports, exemptions from the requirements of holding a non-binding advisory vote on executive compensation and shareholder approval of any golden parachute payments not previously approved. Because of these lessened regulatory requirements, our shareholders would be left without information or rights available to shareholders of more mature companies. If some investors find our Common Shares less attractive as a result, there may be a less active trading market for such securities and their market prices may be more volatile.

#### We incur significant costs as a result of being a public company, which costs will grow after we cease to qualify as an "emerging growth company."

We incur significant legal, accounting and other expenses as a public company that we did not incur as a private company. The Sarbanes-Oxley Act, as well as rules subsequently implemented by the SEC and Nasdaq, impose various requirements on the corporate governance practices of public companies. We are an "emerging growth company", as defined in the JOBS Act, and will remain an emerging growth company until the earlier of : (1) the last day of the fiscal year (a) following the fifth anniversary of the date of the first sale of our common equity securities pursuant to an effective registration statement under the U.S. Securities Act, (b) in which we have total annual gross revenue of at least US\$1.07 billion or (c) in which we are deemed to be a large accelerated filer, which means the market value of our common shares that is held by non-affiliates exceeds US\$700 million as of the prior June 30<sup>th</sup>; and (2) the date on which we have issued more than US\$1.0 billion in non-convertible debt during the prior three-year period. An emerging growth company may take advantage of specified reduced reporting and other requirements that are otherwise applicable generally to public companies. These provisions include exemption from the auditor attestation requirement under Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act in the assessment of the emerging growth company's internal control over financial reporting and permission to delay adopting new or revised accounting standards until such time as those standards apply to private companies.

Compliance with these rules and regulations increases our legal and financial compliance costs and makes some corporate activities more time-consuming and costlier. After we are no longer an emerging growth company, we expect to incur significant expenses and devote substantial management effort toward ensuring compliance with the requirements of Section 404 and the other rules and regulations of the SEC. For example, as a public company, we have been required to increase the number of independent directors and adopt policies regarding internal controls and disclosure controls and procedures. We have incurred additional costs in obtaining director and officer liability insurance. In addition, we incur additional costs associated with our public company reporting requirements. It may also be more difficult for us to find qualified persons to serve on our board of directors or as executive officers. We are currently evaluating and monitoring developments with respect to these rules and regulations, and we cannot predict or estimate with any degree of certainty the amount of additional costs we may incur or the timing of such costs.



#### ITEM 4. INFORMATION ON THE COMPANY

#### Summary

We were incorporated on May 31, 2019, under the laws of the Province of British Columbia, Canada, under the name "1210954 B.C. Ltd." On March 6, 2020, we changed our name to "Bright Minds Biosciences Inc."

Our head office is located at 19 Vestry Street, New York, NY 10013.

Additional information related us is available on SEDAR at <u>www.sedar.com</u> and on our website at <u>https://brightmindsbio.com/</u>. We do not incorporate the contents of our website or of <u>www.sedar.com</u> into this Annual Report. Information on our website does not constitute part of this Annual Report. In addition, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") maintains an internet site that contains reports, proxy and information statements, and other information regarding issuers that file electronically with the SEC which can be viewed as <u>www.sec.gov</u>.

Our registered and records office is located at Suite 1500, 1055 West Georgia Street, P.O. Box 11117, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, V6E 4N7.

#### A. History and development of the Company

We are a biotechnology company dedicated to developing therapeutics to improve the lives of patients with severe and life-altering diseases, which was incorporated on May 31, 2019 under the laws of British Columbia, Canada.

We have three subsidiaries: PsilocybinLabs Ltd., a company incorporated under the laws of British Columbia, Canada, Bright Minds Biosciences LLC, a limited liability company formed pursuant to the laws of Delaware, and Bright Minds Bioscience Pty. Ltd., a company formed pursuant to the laws of Australia.

#### B. Business Overview

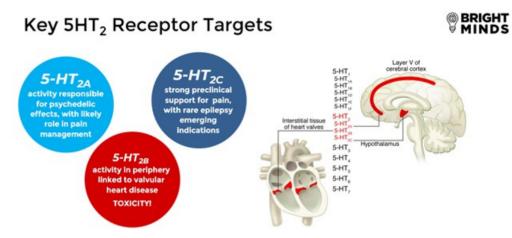
#### Overview

Bright Minds is a biotechnology company dedicated to developing therapeutics to improve the lives of patients with severe and life-altering diseases. Bright Minds is creating new chemical entities as targeted therapeutic agents for treatment of disorders where a serotonin (5-HT) receptor (either 5-HT2A, 5-HT2A/C) driven mechanism is the underlying pathology. These targeted neurocircuit disorders include neuropsychiatric, neurodegenerative, neuroinflammatory, and pain disorders. Examples of these diseases include 5-HT2C disorders like pediatric epilepsies (Dravet syndrome, Lennox-Gastaut syndrome, and Tuberous Sclerosis Complex), Alzheimer's disease psychosis and dementia related psychosis tobacco, opiate, and cocaine addiction, binge eating disorder, alcoholism, 5-HT2A receptor disorders like depression, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and 5-HT2A/C neuropathic pain syndromes including cluster headaches, and chemotherapy induced peripheral neuropathy.

By leveraging the extensive drug discovery experience of the Bright Minds team, the Company continues to create a pipeline of 5-HT agonists with designer drug characteristics. The Bright Minds compounds are also biased agonists designed to have less receptor desensitization and tolerance to drug effects. The Company's goal is to develop molecules that achieve selectivity for specific 5-HT2A and 5-HT2C receptor subtypes, while avoiding the valvulopathy related to 5-HT2B receptor agonist activity.

#### **Principal Products**

Serotonin (5-HT) is the most prominent neurotransmitter in the brain and modulates many functions. Dysfunction of serotonin receptors, transporters, and associated neurocircuits is fundamental to many diseases including epilepsies, pain, and neuropsychiatry. Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors are widely used in the treatment of depression with a market of \$14.3 Billion<sup>1</sup>. Similarly, other serotoninergic drugs are widely used in the treatment of pain (Triptans in migraine)<sup>2</sup>, Parkinson's disease related psychosis (Pimavanserin)<sup>3</sup>, and seizures (Fintepla)<sup>4</sup>. The Company believes the full potential of serotonin-based therapeutics has not been achieved due to the lack of drugs that are specific to certain serotonin receptor subtypes that are fundamental to disease pathology, without non-specific effects on other serotonin receptors in the body that are associated with cardiac toxicities and have resulted in previous drugs being withdrawn from the market.<sup>5</sup>

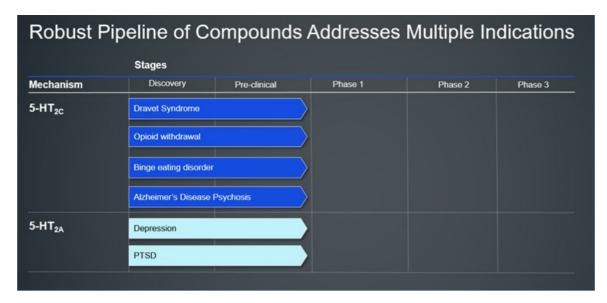


Bright Minds has a portfolio of patented, selective serotonin (5-HT2C and 5-HT2C/A-receptor subtypes) agonists that were identified using high-throughput screening methods in combination with advanced molecular modeling techniques to interrogate the interaction between the drug and its targeted receptors to increase downstream signaling while avoiding off-target effects.

- <sup>1</sup> Research and Markets, "Global Antidepressants Market (2020 to 2030) COVID-19 Implications and Growth" (21 April 2020), online: *Intrado GlobeNewswire* <a href="https://www.globenewswire.com/news-release/2020/04/21/2019282/0/en/Global-Antidepressants-Market-2020-to-2030-COVID-19-Implications-and-Growth.html">https://www.globenewswire.com/news-release/2020/04/21/2019282/0/en/Global-Antidepressants-Market-2020-to-2030-COVID-19-Implications-and-Growth.html</a>.
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The Company's lead 5-HT<sub>2</sub> subtype selective drug portfolio candidate is a synthetic 5-HT<sub>2C</sub> receptor agonist without psychedelic effects. The Company expects its 5-HT<sub>2A</sub> and 5-HT<sub>2A/C</sub> selective compounds will possess desirable pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic effects and a wide effective dose range in the target populations, and could thus be used without the need for close supervision by psychotherapists in the clinic. Bright Minds is partnered with the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke ("NINDS"), a component of the National Institutes of Health, with respect to the Epilepsy Therapy Screening Program (the "ETSP Program") which permits the Company to have its product candidates screened and tested by the NINDS for the purposes of determining whether the product candidates are anticonvulsant, antiepileptogenic, or have activity against resilient epilepsy and related disorders. The Company is also partnered with the NINDS with respect to the Preclinical Screening Platform for Pain Program (the "PSPP Program") which permits the Company to have its product candidates for the treatment of pain. The NINDS screens and tests Company's product candidates in both the ETSP Program and PSPP Program free of charge and the NINDS retains zero financial interest in the Company. Further, the NINDS is not permitted to use the Company's product candidates tested in either the ETSP Program or PSPP Program for any commercial purposes nor is the NINDS permitted to make any derivative, resynthesize, or make any modification to the Company's product candidates.

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The Company has completed the following preclinical on its product candidates:

Program	Indications	Study	Major Objective	Study Outcome
5-HT <sub>2C</sub>	-	<ul> <li>ADMEPK (studies on absorption, distribution, metabolism, and excretion and pharmacokinetics)</li> <li>Mouse, rat, dog, monkey PK</li> <li>Brain binding and plasma protein binding</li> <li>Plasma stability, Hepatocyte stability, CYP (Cytochrome P450) inhibition, Permeability in CaCO2 cells</li> <li>Metabolites identification/profiling in cross-species hepatocyte/plasma, Kinetic solubility</li> </ul>	Describe the ADMEPK profile of the test compounds. Ensure the drug-like properties and estimating human PK properties	<ul> <li>Orally bioavailable</li> <li>Brain penetrant in mice, rats</li> <li>Low plasma protein binding</li> <li>Stable after incubation with rat, human and mouse microsomal enzymes</li> <li>Good IVIVC between IV CL and hepatocyte CL in vitro. Moderate to low inhibition of major liver CYPs.</li> <li>No hERG inhibition</li> <li>Not cytotoxic or genotoxic</li> <li>Favorable metabolite profile</li> </ul>
	-	<ul> <li>Formulation studies:</li> <li>Formulation stability and homogeneity</li> <li>Solubility at different pH solutions/solvents</li> <li>Preformulation studies</li> </ul>	• Perform preformulation study of test compound, evaluate stability and solubility	<ul> <li>Test compound has a good solubility in aqueous media and organic solvents.</li> <li>The API (active pharmaceutical ingredient) solid was chemically stable</li> </ul>
	Dravet Syndrome	• Zebrafish and Mouse models of Dravet Syndrome (Belgium, confidential collaboration)	Define if test compound has an efficacy in animal models of Dravet Syndrome	• Zebrafish treated with test compound experienced reduced locomotion and duration of epileptiform, and mice treated with test compound experienced reduced duration of seizures.
	Epilepsy	<ul> <li>NIH ETSP program (collaboration on epilepsy). Series of studies.</li> <li>Mouse Maximal Electroshock (MES),6 Hz Seizure, and Rotarod Motor Impairment Assays</li> </ul>	Test the compound in animal seizure models	<ul> <li>Mice treated with test compound at higher dose experienced no seizures when induced at 0,25 and 1 hour.</li> <li><sup>3</sup>/4 of Mice treated with middle dose experienced no seizures at 0,25 hours.</li> <li>Mice treated with lower dose experienced no difference in induced seizures.</li> </ul>
	Opioid withdrawal (Opioid use disorder, OUD)	Substance use Disorder in rats (Dr. Cunningham lab)	• Determine the efficacy of test compound to suppress drug intake in male rats trained to stably self- administer fentanyl	• Rats treated with test compound (in higher doses) experienced 65% less fentanyl intake in an opioid use rat model
	Opioid withdrawal (Opioid use disorder, OUD)	Substance use Disorder in rats (Dr. Cunningham lab)	<ul> <li>Determine the efficacy of lead compound to reduce fentanyl seeking behaviour</li> <li>New compound and additional dosages included in new study design</li> </ul>	In process
	Binge Eating Disorder (BED)	BED trial in rats (Dr. Cunningham)	• Determine the efficacy of test compound to suppress binge eating behavior in male rats	• Rats treated with test compound experienced 47% fewer binge eating episodes in validated rat model to a similar extent as lorcaserin (reference)
	Depression and PTSD	Lead optimization - BRET     (Bioluminescence Resonance Energy     Transfer) assays (John McCorvy)	Describe the 5-HT2 profile of the test compounds	Design, molecule modeling, and synthesis continue to identify highly selective/safe 2A agonists

Program	Indications	Study	Major Objective	Study Outcome
5-HT <sub>2A</sub>	Depression and PTSD	Head Twitch Response trials (Halberstadt lab)	Evaluate head twitch response in mice	Promising 5-HT <sub>2A</sub> compounds with minimal 2B agonism available
	To be determined	ADMEPK studies: • Brain binding and plasma protein binding • Mouse PK: ip PK and brain penetration	Describe the ADMEPK properties in mice. Ensure the drug-like properties	<ul><li>Plasma PK profile</li><li>Brain penetrant in mice</li></ul>
		NIH PSPP collaboration	<ul> <li>In vitro opioid &amp; abuse liability, PK and protein binding studies</li> </ul>	• The test compound has passed the Tier 1 and is in process of Tier 2 studies (rotarod test will start in August)
5-Ht2a+2c	SmartCube	PsychoGenics Inc. collaboration	To assess the potential of compounds to treat psychiatric disorders by comparing their complex behavioral profiles with those from a proprietary reference database at the drug class level	Contract and plans mutually agreed

#### Competition

The biotechnology and biopharmaceutical industries, and the neurological subsector, are characterized by rapid evolution of technologies, fierce competition, and strong defense of intellectual property. Any product candidates that we successfully develop and commercialize will have to compete with existing therapies and new therapies that may become available in the future. While we believe that our rational approach to drug design, along with our scientific expertise in the field of serotonergic drugs and central nervous system ("CNS") function, provide us with competitive advantages, a wide variety of institutions, including large biopharmaceutical companies, specialty biotechnology companies, academic research departments, and public and private research institutions, are actively developing potentially competitive products and technologies. Our competitors generally fall within the following categories:

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- Antidepressants and anxiolytics. Alkermes Plc, Allergan Plc, Bristol Myers Squibb Co., Eli Lilly and Co., GlaxoSmithKline Plc, H. Lundbeck, Eli Lilly and Co., Merck & Co. Inc., Pfizer Inc., and Takeda Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., AstraZeneca, Johnson & Johnson, and others.
- Treatment of cluster headache. Amgen, Novartis, Teva, Eli Lilly, Lundbeck, Allergan, Generic Drugs.
- Binge eating disorder. Takeda Pharmaceutical Company Limited, Sunovion Pharmaceuticals Inc., H. Lundbeck A/S, Orexigen Therapeutics, Inc., Novo Nordisk A/S, Eli Lilly and Company, Jazz Pharmaceuticals Inc., and VIVUS Inc.
- Dravet Syndrome/Epilepsy. LivaNova PLC, Johnson & Johnson Services Inc., Eisai Co. Ltd., GlaxoSmithKline PLC, Pfizer Inc., UCB SA, Medtronic PLC, NeuroPace Inc., Novartis AG, GW Pharmaceuticals PLC, and Abbott Laboratories, Zogenix.
- Opioid use disorder. Merck & Co., Inc, Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd, Pfizer Inc, Novartis, Sanofi N.V, Johnson & Johnson Services, F. Hoffmann-La Roche Ltd, Bayer AG, Alkermes.

#### **Patents and Patent Applications**

#### Kozikowski-Roth Patents

The Company has exclusively licensed a family of patents based on PCT/US2011/023535, which is co-owned by the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. This family of licensed patents includes patents granted in Australia (AU Pat No 2011212930), Canada (CA Pat No 2788416), Europe (EU Pat No 2531485), Japan (JP Pat No 5810099), United States (US Pat No 8492591 and US Pat No 8754132). In addition, the Company has exclusively licensed a family of patents based on PCT/US2016/015019, which is solely owned by the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois. This family of licensed patents includes patents includes patents includes patents applied for or granted in China (CN Publication No 107810175), Europe (EU Publication No 3250549), Hong Kong SAR (HK Publication No 1251831), and the United States (US Pat No 10407381). The latest patent to issue is US Pat No 10,407,381 which will expire on January 27, 2036.

These patents were based on the past research completed by Dr. Alan Kozikowski and Dr. Bryan Roth that is documented in United States publication number US20090203750A1 "5-HT2C Receptor Agonists as Anorectic Agents". The invention related to the discovery of novel selective 5-HT2C and 5-HT2C/A agonists that could be used for the treatment of multiple neurological conditions.

On May 26, 2020, the Company entered into an option agreement (the "**Roth Kozikowski Agreement**") with the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois ("**UIC**") in which UIC granted the Company, in consideration for an option fee, an exclusive option to: (i) evaluate the inventions described in PCT/US2011/023535 and all counterpart patents related thereto and described in PCT/US2016/015019 and all counterpart patents related thereto (collectively, the "**Inventions**"); and (ii) obtain an exclusive license to the Inventions. On April 23, 2021, the Company and UIC entered into a First Amendment to the Roth Kozikowski Agreement for the purpose of amending certain terms in the Roth Kozikowski Agreement.

On April 23, 2021, the Company entered into an exclusive license agreement (the "Exclusive License Agreement") with UIC pursuant to the exercise of its option under the Roth Kozikowski Agreement and the First Amendment to the Roth Kozikowski Agreement. Pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Exclusive License Agreement, UIC granted the Company an exclusive license to the Inventions (the "License"). In consideration for the License, the Company (i) paid UIC a signing fee of USD\$100,000, less USD\$15,000 paid by the Company pursuant to the Roth Kozikowski Agreement; and (ii) issued 63,000 Common Shares at a deemed price of \$5.85 per Common Share to the UIC (part of which was received by UIC on behalf of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill). Additionally, the Company agreed to pay UIC a royalty on net sales of products derived from the Inventions and a portion of all revenue received by the Company from sublicensees.

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The Company may terminate the Exclusive License Agreement at any time on written notice to UIC at least ninety (90) days prior to the termination date specified in the notice. The notice of termination must also include the Company's reason for such termination. UIC may terminate the Exclusive License Agreement if the Company: (a) fails to pay any amount, or provide any other consideration, or make any report when required, and the Company does not cure such failure within ninety (90) days after receiving notice thereof; (b) is in breach of any provision of the Exclusive License Agreement not covered by (a) and the Company does not cure such failure within forty-five (45) days after receiving notice thereof; (c) is in breach of any obligations that the Company has to UIC under any other agreement between the Company and UIC and the Company does not cure such failure within ninety (90) days after receiving notice thereof; (b) days, the Company shall have the option to provide written notice to UIC after which the Company and UIC shall negotiate in good faith to determine an appropriate extension to said ninety (90) day time frame; (d) makes any materially false report and receives written notice from UIC; (e) to the extent not prohibited by applicable law commences a voluntary case as a debtor under the Bankruptcy Code of the United States or any successor statute (**"Bankruptcy Code"**), or if an involuntary case is commenced against the Company under the Bankruptcy Code, or if an order for relief shall be entered in such case, or if the same or any similar circumstance shall occur under the laws of any foreign jurisdiction; and/or (f) takes any action that purports to cause or causes any of the patent rights or technical information subject to the Exclusive License Agreement to be subject to any lien or encumbrance, and such termination shall be upon written notice to the Company.

#### Filed Patent Applications

Based upon molecular modeling studies in concert with data available from published research articles, the Bright Minds chemistry team designed novel analogs of psilocin that they believed would retain 5-HT2A activity while having no propensity to activate the 5-HT2B receptors. These new chemical entities were thus anticipated to retain the brain re-booting activity of psilocin while showing no propensity to cause valvulopathy issues.

In 2020, Bright Minds filed two provisional patent applications that cover psilocin analogs that have been decorated with functionality appropriate to achieving the goals of maintaining the desired 5-HT2A activity while being devoid of 5-HT2B activity:

Patent Application Number	Region	Title	Inventors	Applicant	Filing Date	Status as of May 4, 2021
62/988,926	USA	Indole Compounds and Methods of Preparation Thereof	Alan KOZIKOWSKI; Gideon SHAPIRO; Werner TUECKMANTEL	Bright Minds Biosciences Inc.	March 12, 2020	Expired
63/017,627	USA	Heterocyclic Compounds and Methods of Preparation Thereof	Werner TUECKMANTEL; Alan KOZIKOWSKI	Bright Minds Biosciences Inc.	April 29, 2020	Expired

The Company has now synthesized and tested some of these designed analogs, and found that they possess the desired pharmacological profiles. On March 12, 2021, Bright Minds filed a Patent Cooperation Treaty patent application that claims priority to US 62/988,926. Such Patent Cooperation Treaty patent application has been assigned a serial number of PCT/CA2021/050336.

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On April 29, 2021, US 63/017,627 expired without further public disclosure. On May 4, 2021, Bright Minds filed a new United States provisional application that has been assigned a serial number of US 63/184,040. US 63/184,040 includes subject matter that was previously recited in US 63/017,627.

On May 26, 2021, Bright Minds further filed a new United States provisional application that has been assigned a serial number of US 63/193,062. This patent application focuses on substitutions at a particular position on an indole structure.

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Patent Application Number	Region	Title	Inventors	Applicant	Filing Date	Status
PCT/CA2021/050336	Patent Cooperation Treaty	Indole Compounds and Methods of Preparation Thereof	Alan KOZIKOWSKI; Gideon SHAPIRO; Werner TUECKMANTEL John McCORVY	Bright Minds Biosciences Inc.; The Medical College of Wisconsin Inc.	March 12, 2021	Pending
63/184,040	USA	Heterocyclic Compounds and Methods of Preparation Thereof	Werner TUECKMANTEL; Alan KOZIKOWSKI	Bright Minds Biosciences Inc.	May 4, 2021	Pending
63/193,062	USA	Heterocyclic Compounds and Methods of Preparation Thereof	Alan KOZIKOWSKI; Werner TUECKMANTEL; John MCCORVY; Uros LABAN.	Bright Minds Biosciences Inc.; The Medical College of Wisconsin Inc.	May 26, 2021	Pending

#### Trademarks

Bright Minds has applied to register the following trademark applications:

Trademark	Country	Application Number
BRIGHT MINDS	Canada	2,016,213
BRIGHT MINDS	United States of America	90/245,748

#### Web Domains

Bright Minds has use and control over the following domain names: brightmindsbio.com.

#### **Government Regulation**

Regulatory Framework

Drug products must be approved by the appropriate governing body before it can be sold in that country or area. The United States Food and Drug Administration (the "FDA") approves products for the United States market and Health Canada approves products for the Canadian market. The European Medicines Agency approves products for the European Union. While the process by which products are approved by the FDA and Health Canada is very similar, each regulatory body has its own unique requirements for a product. In both cases, the development of a product through to approval can be a lengthy process and, in some cases, can take over 10 years. While early studies conducted in one jurisdiction will usually be accepted in the other, further and somewhat modified studies may be required to have a product approved in another jurisdiction.

#### Canadian Government Regulation

Drug products in Canada are regulated by Health Canada under the *Food and Drugs Act* and the *Food and Drugs Regulations*. Health Canada regulates, among other things, research and development activities and the testing, approval, manufacture, quality control, safety, effectiveness, labeling, storage, record keeping, advertising and promotion of any product candidates or commercial products.

For a drug product to be approved in Canada, it must provide sufficient evidence of safety, efficacy and chemical quality based on preclinical investigation and Phase I, II and III clinical trials using approved and compliant manufacturing and clinical sites.

To obtain approval to market a drug in Canada, a sponsor usually requests a pre-submission meeting with the review division of Health Canada responsible for the therapeutic field. If the meeting is granted, the sponsor must submit a Pre-Submission Information package to the Therapeutic Products Directorate ("**TPD**") to meet with the review division. This process occurs prior to submitting the New Drug Submission ("**NDS**") application. The purpose of the pre-submission meeting is to review the evidence (non-clinical and clinical research, quality information, indication) that will be submitted in the NDS application.

During the drug development process, the sponsor prepares study reports. Once the sponsor releases the last study required for the submission, the sponsor completes the NDS application and submits it to the TPD. Prior to submitting the NDS and, if applicable, based on the intended use of the product in the identified patient population, the sponsor may submit in advance a request for priority review status.

After submitting the NDS application, the file undergoes a screening process prior to being accepted for review. TPD has 45 calendar days from receipt to complete the screening review process. If granted a priority review, the screening period is reduced to 25 calendar days.

After a comprehensive review of an NDS application, Health Canada will issue a Notice of Compliance ("NOC") if the product is approved or a Notice of Non-Compliance ("NON") if further questions remain. If a NOC is issued, a Drug Identification Number ("DIN") is also issued that is required to be printed on each label of the product, as well as the final version of the Product Monograph that has been agreed to between Health Canada and the sponsor.

The average target time for reaching a first decision on an NDS is 300 calendar days, unless the submission has received a priority review in which case the time is 180 calendar days. Fees are levied for a review of an NDS application.

The regulatory approval process is generally lengthy and expensive, with no guarantee of a positive result. Once approved, Health Canada continues to monitor the product and license holders have obligations related to reporting to Health Canada, record keeping and ensuring continued safety and efficacy of the product. Failure to comply with any of the above applicable regulations, regulatory authorities or other requirements may result in civil or criminal penalties, recall or seizure of products, injunctive relief including partial or total suspension of production, or withdrawal of a product from the market.

#### United States Government Regulation

In the United States, the FDA regulates drugs under the United States Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (the "**FDCA**"), and its implementing regulations, and biologics under the FDCA and the Public Health Service Act, and its implementing regulations. FDA approval is required before any new unapproved drug or biologic or dosage form, including a new use of a previously approved drug, can be marketed in the United States. In some cases, changes to aspects of an approved drug product also require pre-approval prior to implementation of these changes. Drugs and biologics are also subject to other federal, state, and local statutes and regulations. If Bright Minds fails to comply with applicable FDA or other requirements at any time during the product development process, clinical testing, the approval process or after approval, Bright Minds may become subject to administrative or judicial sanctions. These sanctions could include the FDA's refusal to approve pending applications, license suspension or revocation, withdrawal of an approval, warning letters, product recalls, product seizures, total or partial suspension of production or distribution, civil monetary penalties or criminal prosecution. Any FDA enforcement action could have a material adverse effect on Bright Minds.

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The process required by the FDA before drug products may be marketed in the United States generally involves the following:

- Completion of extensive preclinical laboratory tests and preclinical animal studies, some performed in accordance with the GLP regulations;
- submission to the FDA of an Investigational New Drug ("IND") Application, which must be reviewed by the FDA and become active before human clinical trials
  may begin and must be updated annually;
- · approval by an independent review board ("IRB") or ethics committee representing each clinical site before each clinical trial may be initiated;
- performance of adequate and well-controlled human clinical trials conducted under Good Clinical Practices ("GCP") to establish the safety and efficacy of the
  product candidate for each proposed indication;
- preparation of and submission to the FDA of a New Drug Application ("NDA") or Biologics License Application ("BLA") after completion of all pivotal clinical trials;
- a determination by the FDA within 60 days of its receipt of an NDA or BLA to file the application for review;
- potential review of the product application by an FDA advisory committee, where appropriate and if applicable;
- satisfactory completion of an FDA pre-approval inspection of the manufacturing facilities where the proposed product is produced to assess compliance with current GMP ("cGMP");
- a potential FDA audit of the preclinical research and clinical trial sites that generated the data in support of the NDA or BLA; and
- FDA review and approval of an NDA or BLA prior to any commercial marketing or sale of the product in the United States.

The preclinical research, clinical testing and approval process require substantial time, effort, and financial resources, and Bright Minds cannot be certain that any approvals for the Company's product candidates will be granted on a timely basis, if at all. An IND is a request for authorization from the FDA to administer an investigational new drug product to humans in clinical trials. The central focus of an IND submission is on the general investigational plan and the protocol(s) for human clinical trials. The IND also includes results of animal studies assessing the toxicology, pharmacokinetics, pharmacology, and pharmacodynamic characteristics of the product; chemistry, manufacturing, and controls information; and any available human data or literature to support the use of the investigational new drug.

An IND must become effective before human clinical trials may begin in the US. An IND will automatically become effective 30 days after receipt by the FDA, unless before that time the FDA raises concerns or questions related to the proposed clinical trials. In such a case, the IND may be placed on clinical hold and the IND sponsor and the FDA must resolve any outstanding concerns or questions before clinical trials can begin. Accordingly, submission of an IND may or may not result in the FDA allowing clinical trials to commence. As drug product programs continue in development, clinical trial protocols, additional preclinical testing results, and manufacturing information is submitted with the IND to facilitate discussions with the FDA and approval of additional clinical trials.

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#### Clinical Trials

Clinical trials involve the administration of the IND to human subjects under the supervision of qualified investigators in accordance with GCPs, which include the requirement that all research subjects provide their informed consent for their participation in any clinical trial. Clinical trials are conducted under protocols detailing, among other things, the objectives of the study, the parameters to be used in monitoring safety, and the efficacy criteria to be evaluated. A protocol for each clinical trial and any subsequent protocol amendments must be submitted to the FDA as part of the IND. Additionally, approval must also be obtained from each clinical trial site's IRB or ethics committee, before the trials may be initiated, and the IRB or ethics committee must monitor the trial until completed. All subjects must provide informed consent prior to participating in the trial. There are also requirements governing the reporting of ongoing clinical trials and clinical trial results to public registries.

The clinical investigation of a drug is generally divided into three or four phases. Although the phases are usually conducted sequentially, they may overlap or be combined.

- Phase I. The drug is initially introduced into healthy human subjects or, in some cases, patients with the target disease or condition. These studies are designed to evaluate the safety, tolerance, metabolism, pharmacokinetic and pharmacologic actions of the investigational new drug in humans, and the side effects associated with increasing doses.
- Phase II. The drug is administered to a limited patient population to evaluate safety and optimal dose levels for safety and efficacy, identify possible adverse side effects and safety risks, and preliminarily evaluate efficacy.
- Phase III. The drug is administered to an expanded patient population, generally at geographically dispersed clinical trial sites to generate sufficient data to statistically evaluate dose levels, clinical effectiveness and safety, to establish the overall benefit-risk relationship of the IND product, and to provide an adequate basis for physician labeling.
- Phase IV. In some cases, the FDA may conditionally approve an NDA or BLA for a drug product with the sponsor's agreement to conduct additional clinical trials after approval. In other cases, a sponsor may voluntarily conduct additional clinical trials after approval to gain more information about the drug. Such post-approval studies are typically referred to as Phase IV clinical trials.

Clinical trial sponsors must also report to the FDA, within certain timeframes: (i) serious and unexpected adverse reactions, (ii) any clinically important increase in the rate of a serious suspected adverse reaction over that listed in the protocol or investigator's brochure, or (iii) any findings from other studies or animal testing that suggest a significant risk in humans exposed to the product candidate. The FDA, the IRB, the ethics committee or the clinical trial sponsor may suspend or terminate a clinical trial at any time on various grounds, including a finding that the research subjects are being exposed to an unacceptable health risk. Additionally, some clinical trials are overseen by an independent group of qualified experts organized by the clinical trial sponsor, known as a data safety monitoring board or committee. This group provides authorization for whether or not a trial may move forward at designated check points based on access to certain data from the trial.

The clinical trial process can take years to complete, and there can be no assurance that the data collected will support FDA approval or licensing of the product. Results from one trial are not necessarily predictive of results from later trials. The Company may also suspend or terminate a clinical trial based on evolving business objectives and/or competitive climate.

Submission of an NRA or BLA to the FDA

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Assuming successful completion of all required preclinical studies and clinical testing in accordance with all applicable regulatory requirements, detailed IND product information is submitted to the FDA in the form of an NDA or BLA requesting approval to market the product for one or more indications. Under federal law, the submission of most NDAs and BLAs is subject to an application user fee. Applications for Oppositional Defiant Disorder ("**ODD**") products are exempted from the NDA and BLA application user fee, unless the application includes an indication for other than a rare disease or condition, and may be exempted from product and establishment user fees under certain conditions. An NDA or BLA must include all relevant data available from pertinent preclinical studies and clinical trials, including negative or ambiguous results as well as positive findings, together with detailed information relating to the product's chemistry, manufacturing, controls, and proposed labeling, among other things. Data comes from company-sponsored clinical trials intended to test the safety and effectiveness of a use of a product, and may also come from several alternative sources, including clinical trials initiated by investigators. To support marketing approval, the data submitted must be sufficient in quality and quantity to establish the safety and effectiveness of the investigational new drug product to the satisfaction of the FDA.

Once an NDA or BLA has been submitted, the FDA's goal is to review the application within ten months after it accepts the application for filing, or, if the application relates to an unmet medical need in a serious or life-threatening indication, six months after the FDA accepts the application for filing. The review process is often significantly extended by the FDA's requests for additional information or clarification. Before approving an NDA or BLA, the FDA typically will inspect the facility or facilities where the product is manufactured. The FDA will not approve an application unless it determines that the manufacturing processes and facilities are in compliance with cGMP requirements and adequate to assure consistent production of the product within required specifications. Additionally, before approving an NDA or BLA, the FDA will typically inspect one or more clinical sites to assure compliance with GCP and related regulations.

The FDA is required to refer an NDA or BLA for a novel drug (in which no active ingredient has been approved in any other application) to an advisory committee or explain why such referral was not made. Typically, an advisory committee is a panel of independent experts, including clinicians and other scientific experts, that reviews, evaluates and provides a recommendation as to whether the application should be approved and the conditions thereof. The FDA is not bound by the recommendations of an advisory committee, but it considers such recommendations carefully when making decisions.

#### The FDA's Decision on an NDA or BLA

After the FDA evaluates the NDA or BLA and conducts inspections of manufacturing facilities where the product will be produced, the FDA will issue either an approval letter or a complete response letter ("**Complete Response Letter**"). An approval letter authorizes commercial marketing of the drug with specific prescribing information for specific indications. A Complete Response Letter indicates that the review cycle of the application is complete and the application is not ready for approval. To satisfy deficiencies identified in a Complete Response Letter, additional clinical data and/or an additional Phase III clinical trial(s), and/or other significant, expensive and time-consuming requirements related to clinical trials, preclinical studies or manufacturing may be required for the drug product.

Even if such additional information is submitted, the FDA may ultimately decide that the NDA or BLA does not satisfy the criteria for approval. The FDA could also approve the NDA or BLA with a risk evaluation and mitigation strategy, which could include medication guides, physician communication plans, or elements to assure safe use, such as restricted distribution methods, patient registries and other risk minimization tools. The FDA may also conditionally approve a drug product subject to, among other things, changes to proposed labeling, development of adequate controls and specifications, or a commitment to conduct one or more post-market studies or clinical trials. Such post-market testing may include Phase IV clinical trials and surveillance to further assess and monitor the product's safety and effectiveness after commercialization. New government requirements, including those resulting from new legislation, may be established during the review process, or the FDA's policies may change, which could delay or prevent regulatory approval of the Company's products under development.

The Company has numerous options as it relates to contract manufactures of GMP (good manufacturing products) grade active pharmaceutical ingredients and finished products. The Company does not expect to encounter any issues sourcing raw materials nor do we foresee material volatility in raw materials and finished good pricing.

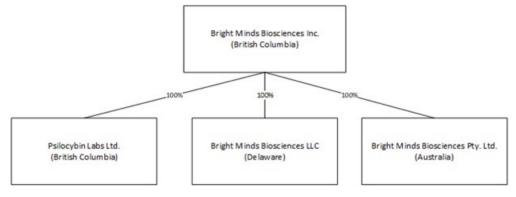


#### Legal Proceedings

We are not involved in, or aware of, any legal or administrative proceedings contemplated or threatened by any governmental authority or any other party that is likely to have a material adverse effect on our business. As of the date of this Annual Report, no director, officer or affiliate is a party adverse to us in any legal proceeding or has an adverse interest to us in any legal proceeding.

#### C. Organizational structure

The Company has three wholly owned subsidiaries, PsilocybinLabs Ltd., a company incorporated under the BCBCA, Bright Minds Biosciences LLC, a limited liability company formed pursuant to the laws of Delaware, and Bright Minds Bioscience Pty. Ltd., a company formed pursuant to the laws of Australia. The Company owns 100% of the voting and dispositive control over each subsidiary. The following chart illustrates, as at the date of this Annual Report, the Company's subsidiaries, including their respective jurisdiction of incorporation and percentage of voting securities in each that are held by the Company either directly or indirectly:



#### D. Property, plant and equipment

The Company leases its executive headquarters located at 19 Vestry St., New York, NY 10013 pursuant to a lease agreement (the "Vestry Lease Agreement") between the Company and Gerep Realty Corp., as landlord, dated August 13, 2021. The Vestry Lease Agreement has a term of one (1) year commencing on September 1, 2021 and ending on August 31, 2022. Pursuant to the Vestry Lease Agreement, the Company pays monthly rent of USD\$5,300 to lease the premises.

Additionally, the Company leases approximately 596 square feet of laboratory space in the Technology Innovation Center located in Milwaukee, WI pursuant to a commercial laboratory lease agreement (the "Lab Lease Agreement") between the Company and Technology Innovation Center LLC, as landlord, dated August 12, 2020. The Lab Lease Agreement has a term of one (1) year commencing on December 1, 2020 and expiring on November 30, 2021. As consideration for leasing the laboratory space, the Company pays rent of USD\$1,440.33 per month. The Lab Lease Agreement provides that the Company is permitted to use the laboratory space for the development of psychedelics to treat mental health disorders.

Other than the Company's executive headquarters in New York and its laboratory in Milwaukee, the Company does not own or lease any other real property and it does not own any equipment. The Company's registered office is located in Vancouver, Canada. The nature of the space is immaterial to the Company's operations as physical operating activities related to research and development programs are primarily outsourced to trusted contract research organizations and research institutions, including but not limited to the University of Texas and the Medical College of Wisconsin.



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

#### General

This Annual Report should be read in conjunction with the accompanying financial statements and related notes. The discussion and analysis of the financial condition and results of operations are based upon the financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"), as adopted by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB").

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with these accounting principles requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent liabilities at the financial statement date and reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. On an on-going basis we review our estimates and assumptions. The estimates were based on historical experience and other assumptions that we believe to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results are likely to differ from those estimates or other forward-looking statements under different assumptions or conditions, but we do not believe such differences will materially affect our financial position or results of operations. Our actual results may differ materially as a result of many factors, including those set forth under "Forward-Looking Statements" and "Risk Factors" herein.

Critical accounting policies, the policies we believe are most important to the presentation of our financial statements and require the most difficult, subjective and complex judgments, are outlined below under the heading "Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates", and have not changed significantly since our founding.

Figures in this Item 5 are in Canadian dollars unless otherwise indicated.

#### Overview

Bright Minds Biosciences Inc. was incorporated under the BCBCA on May 31, 2019. The Company's objective is to generate income and achieve long term profitable growth through the development of therapeutics to improve the lives of patients with certain severe and life-altering diseases. The Company's head office is located at 19 Vestry Street, New York, NY 10013.

Additional information related us is available on SEDAR at www.sedar.com and www.brightmindsbio.com. We do not incorporate the contents of our website or of sedar.com into this Annual Report. Information on our website does not constitute part of this Annual Report.

#### Financing

Our ability to continue operations will depend on our continued ability to raise capital on acceptable terms. We incurred losses of \$78,717 for the year ended September 30, 2019, \$480,377 for the year ended September 30, 2020, \$8,650,763 for the year ended September 30, 2021, and anticipate incurring losses for the year ending September 30, 2022. We had negative operating cash flows of \$7,319,301 for the year ended September 30, 2021 and anticipate negative operating cash flows during the year ended September 30, 2022. Although we had working capital surplus of \$19,399,795, including cash and cash equivalents of \$19,760,015, at September 30, 2021, we anticipate further financings through the sale of our shares. If we are not successful in raising additional capital on terms that are acceptable to us, we may be forced to curtail or cease operations.

#### Market conditions, trends or events

Our ability to continue operations also depends on market conditions outside of our control. Significant changes in the Canadian and United States drug and health laws may materially and adversely affect our business and prospects. The regulatory approval process is generally lengthy and expensive, with no guarantee of a positive result. Once approved, Health Canada and the FDA would continue to monitor the product and license holders have obligations related to reporting to these agencies, record keeping and ensuring continued safety and efficacy of the product. Failure to comply with any of the above applicable regulations, regulatory authorities or other requirements may result in civil or criminal penalties, recall or seizure of products, injunctive relief including partial or total suspension of production, or withdrawal of a product from the market.



#### A. Operating Results

#### Results of Operations for the Year ended September 30, 2021 as Compared to the Year Ended September 30, 2020

#### Revenues

Since inception, the Company has not realized any revenue.

#### **Operating Expenses**

During the year ended September 30, 2021, the Company incurred a net loss of \$8,650,763 compared to a net loss of \$480,377 for the corresponding period in 2020. The increase in net loss between the two years resulted from an overall ramp up of operations. The largest expense items in net comprehensive loss are described below.

*Consulting fees.* Consulting fees were \$394,624 for the year ended September 30, 2021 compared to \$Nil for the year ended September 30, 2020. The increase of \$394,624 was a result of hiring various consultant to assist in day to day operations, and hiring a market maker.

*Foreign exchange*. Foreign exchange recovery was \$154,099 for the year ended September 30, 2021 compared to \$Nil for the year ended September 30, 2020. The recovery of \$154,099 was a result of an accumulation of foreign exchange conversions which favored the Company; this did not occur in the prior fiscal year.

*Funds processing fees.* Funds processing fees were \$18,665 for the year ended September 30, 2021 compared to \$5,568 for the year ended September 30, 2020. The increase of \$13,097 was a result of higher fees relating to the increase in financing activity for the current year.

*Marketing, advertising and investor relations expenses.* Marketing, advertising and investor relations expenses were \$852,151 for the year ended September 30, 2021 compared to \$9,618 for the year ended September 30, 2020. The increase of \$842,533 was a result of the Company increasing investor awareness and creating visibility of the Company's shares trading on Canadian and US stock exchanges.

*Office and administrative expenses.* Office and administrative expenses were \$197,125 for the year ended September 30, 2021 compared to \$637 for the year ended September 30, 2020. The increase of \$196,488 was a result of increased overhead administrative activities supporting the ramp up of operations.

*Professional fees.* Professional fees were \$709,954 for the year ended September 30, 2021 compared to \$104,251 for the year ended September 30, 2020. The increase of \$605,703 was a result of increased use of legal counsel to assist in corporate development activities and financings.

*Regulatory and filing expenses.* Regulatory and filing expenses were \$181,743 for the year ended September 30, 2021 compared to \$5,451 for the year ended September 30, 2020. The increase of \$176,292 was a result of related ongoing costs as a public company whereas in the prior year, the Company was private.

*Research and development expenses.* Research and development were \$6,313,988 for the year ended September 30, 2021 compared to \$354,852 for the year ended September 30, 2020. The increase of \$5,959,136 was a result of continued development across all drug pipelines.

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### Net Loss

As a result of the above factors, we reported a net loss for the year ended September 30, 2021 of \$8,650,763, compared to a net loss of \$480,377 for the corresponding period in 2020.

### Results of Operations for the Year ended September 30, 2020 as Compared to the Period from May 31, 2019 (date of inception) to September 30, 2019

#### Revenues

Since inception, the Company has not realized any revenue.

### **Operating Expenses**

During the year ended September 30, 2020, the Company incurred a net loss of \$480,377 compared to a net loss of \$78,717 for the corresponding period in 2019. The increase in net loss between the two years resulted from \$401,660. The largest expense items in net comprehensive loss are described below.

Consulting fees. Consulting fees were \$Nil for the year ended September 30, 2020 compared to \$Nil for the period ended September 30, 2019. There were no consulting fees incurred between the two periods.

*Foreign exchange*. Foreign exchange expenses were \$Nil for the year ended September 30, 2020 compared to \$Nil for the period ended September 30, 2019. There were no foreign exchange expense incurred between the two periods.

*Funds processing fees.* Funds processing fees were \$5,568 for the year ended September 30, 2020 compared to \$Nil for the period ended September 30, 2019. The increase of \$5,568 was a result of financing costs incurred in 2020 which did not occur in 2019.

*Marketing, advertising and investor relations expenses.* Marketing, advertising and investor relations expenses were \$9,618 for the year ended September 30, 2020 compared to \$Nil for the period ended September 30, 2019. The increase of \$9,618 was a result of some marketing expenses incurred by the Company to bring visibility to the Company shares.

*Office and administrative expenses.* Office and administrative expenses were \$637 for the year ended September 30, 2020 compared to \$Nil for the period ended September 30, 2019. The increase of \$637 was a result of some immaterial overhead costs paid.

*Professional fees.* Professional fees were \$104,251 for the year ended September 30, 2020 compared to \$36,708 for the period ended September 30, 2019. The increase of \$67,543 was a result of increased use of legal counsel as the Company prepared to go public and close on financings.

*Regulatory and filing expenses.* Regulatory and filing expenses were \$5,451 for the year ended September 30, 2020 compared to \$Nil for the period ended September 30, 2019. The increase of \$5,451 was a result of some filing fees incurred to as part of the initial listing process.

*Research and development expenses.* Research and development were \$354,852 for the year ended September 30, 2020 compared to \$42,009 for the period ended September 30, 2019. The increase of \$312,843 was a result of continued development across all drug pipelines.

#### Net Loss

As a result of the above factors, we reported a net loss for the year ended September 30, 2020 of \$480,377, compared to a net loss of \$78,717 for the corresponding period in 2019.

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### B. Liquidity and Capital Resources

### Liquidity

The Company's financial success is dependent upon its ability to raise sufficient working capital to enable the Company to execute its business plan. The Company's historical capital needs have been met by private placements with investors. There is no assurance that equity funding will be possible at the times required by the Company. If no funds are able to be raised resulting in insufficient net cash flows to carry out operations, then the Company may require a significant curtailing of operations to ensure its survival.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis which assumes that the Company will be able to realize its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of business for the foreseeable future. The Company incurred a net loss of \$8,650,763 during the year ended September 30, 2021, and had a cash and cash equivalents balance and a working capital surplus of \$19,760,015 and \$19,399,795, respectively, as at September 30, 2021. There can be no assurance that funding from this or other sources will be sufficient in the future to continue its operations. Even if the Company is able to obtain new financing, it may not be on commercially reasonable terms or terms that are acceptable to it. Failure to obtain such financing on a timely basis could cause the Company to reduce or terminate its operations.

As of September 30, 2021, the Company had 11,834,361 issued and outstanding shares and 17,214,372 shares on a fully-diluted basis. The Company began trading on Canadian Stock Exchange on February 8, 2021 and began trading on Nasdaq on November 8, 2021.

The Company had \$19,399,795, of working capital surplus as at September 30, 2021, compared to \$727,293 of working capital surplus as at September 30, 2020. The increase in working capital resulted from significant funds raises from private placements.

### **Capital Resources**

As at September 30, 2021, the Company had cash of \$19,760,015 (September 30, 2020: \$799,929). The Company continues to pursue additional equity financing although there can be no guarantees given that the Company will be successful in such endeavors.

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

The preparation of the Company's financial statements requires management to use estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities as well as revenue and expenses. These are based on the best information available at the time utilizing generally accepted industry standards.

### Significant estimates and assumptions

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to make estimates, judgments and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates. Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimates are revised and in any future periods affected.

Certain of the Company's accounting policies and disclosures require key assumptions concerning the future and other estimates that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities or disclosures within the next fiscal year. Where applicable, further information about the assumptions made is disclosed in the notes specific to that asset or liability. The critical accounting estimates and judgments set out below have been applied consistently to all periods presented in these financial statements.

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### Significant judgements

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with IFRS requires the Company to make judgements, apart from those involving estimates, in applying accounting policies. The most significant judgements in applying the Company's financial statements include:

- the classification of financial instruments; and
  - the calculation of deferred income taxes require judgement in interpreting tax rules and regulations.

### **Financial Instruments**

Financial instruments are accounted for in accordance with IFRS 9, "Financial Instruments: Classification and Measurement". A financial instrument is any contract that gives rise to a financial asset of one entity and a financial liability or equity instrument of another entity.

### Financial assets

- (a) Recognition and measurement of financial assets
- The Company recognizes a financial asset when it becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.
- (b) Classification of financial assets

The Company classifies financial assets at initial recognition as financial assets: measured at amortized cost, measured at fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVTOCI") or measured at fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL").

i. Financial assets measured at amortized cost

A financial asset that meets both of the following conditions is classified as a financial asset measured at amortized cost:

The Company's business model for such financial assets is to hold the assets in order to collect contractual cash flows.
 The contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the amount outstanding.

A financial asset measured at amortized cost is initially recognized at fair value plus transaction costs directly attributable to the asset. After initial recognition, the carrying amount of the financial asset measured at amortized cost is determined using the effective interest method, net of impairment loss, if necessary.

ii. Financial assets measured at FVTOCI

A financial asset measured at fair value through other comprehensive income is recognized initially at fair value plus transaction costs directly attributable to the asset. After initial recognition, the asset is measured at fair value with changes in fair value included as "financial asset at fair value through other comprehensive income" in other comprehensive income or loss.

iii. Financial assets measured at FVTPL

A financial asset measured at fair value through profit or loss is initially recognized at fair value with any associated transaction costs being recognized in profit or loss when incurred. Subsequently, the financial asset is re-measured at fair value and a gain or loss is recognized in profit or loss in the reporting period in which it arises.

The Company's cash is classified as subsequently measured at FVTPL.



### (c) Derecognition of financial assets

The Company derecognizes a financial asset if the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire, or the Company transfers substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset. Any interests in transferred financial assets that are created or retained by the Company are recognized as a separate asset or liability. Gains and losses on derecognition are generally recognized in the statement of comprehensive loss. However, gains and losses on derecognition of financial assets classified as FVTOCI remain within accumulated other comprehensive income or loss.

### Financial liabilities

(a) Recognition and measurement of financial liabilities

The Company recognizes a financial liability when it becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

- (b) Classification of financial liabilities
  - i. Financial liabilities measured at amortized cost

A financial liability measured at amortized cost is initially measured at fair value less transaction costs directly attributable to the issuance of the financial liability. Subsequently, the financial liability is measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method.

The Company's accounts payable and accrued liabilities are classified as subsequently measured at amortized cost.

ii. Financial liabilities measured at fair value through profit or loss

A financial liability measured at fair value through profit or loss is initially measured at fair value with any associated transaction costs being recognized in profit or loss when incurred. Subsequently, the financial liability is re-measured at fair value and a gain or loss is recognized in profit or loss in the reporting period in which it arises.

(c) Derecognition of financial liabilities

The Company derecognizes a financial liability when the financial liability is discharged, cancelled or expired. Generally, the difference between the carrying amount of the financial liability derecognized and the consideration paid and payable, including any non-cash assets transferred or liabilities assumed, is recognized in the statement of comprehensive loss.

### Offsetting financial assets and liabilities

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount is presented in the statement of financial position only when the Company has a legally enforceable right to offset the recognized amounts and intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

### Impairment of financial assets

The Company recognizes a loss allowance for expected credit losses on financial assets that are measured at amortized cost.

At each reporting date, the Company measures the loss allowance for the financial asset at an amount equal to the lifetime expected credit losses if the credit risk on the financial asset has increased significantly since initial recognition. If at the reporting date, the financial asset has not increased significantly since initial recognition, the Company measures the loss allowance for the financial asset at an amount equal to the twelve-month expected credit losses. The Company recognizes in the statement of comprehensive income or loss, as an impairment loss (or gain), the amount of expected credit losses (or reversal) that is required to adjust the loss allowance at the reporting date to the amount that is required to be recognized.



#### Share-based payments

Share-based compensation expense relates to stock options as well as cash and equity settled restricted share units ("**RSUs**"). The grant date fair values of stock options and equity settled RSUs granted are recognized as an expense, with a corresponding increase in reserves in equity, over the vesting period. The amount recognized as an expense is based on the estimate of the number of awards expected to vest, which is revised if subsequent information indicates that actual forfeitures are likely to differ from the estimate. Upon exercise of stock options, the consideration paid by the holder is included in share capital and the related reserves associated with the stock options exercised is reclassified into share capital. Upon vesting of equity settled RSUs, the related reserves associated with the RSU is reclassified into share capital.

For cash settled RSUs, the fair value of the RSUs is recognized as share-based compensation expense, with a corresponding increase in accrued liabilities over the vesting period. The amount recognized as an expense is based on the estimate of the number of RSUs expected to vest. Cash settled RSUs are measured at their fair value at each reporting period on a mark-to-market basis. Upon vesting of the cash settled RSUs, the liability is reduced by the cash payout.

Share-based payments are included in the Company's Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Loss on a functional account basis.

#### **Research and development expenses**

Research costs are expensed when incurred. Development costs, including direct material, direct labor and contract service costs, are capitalized as intangible assets when: we can demonstrate that the technical feasibility of a project has been established; when we intend to complete the asset for use or sale and have the ability to do so; when the asset can generate probable future economic benefits; when the technical and financial resources are available to complete the development; and when we can reliably measure the expenditure attributable to the intangible asset during its development. After initial recognition, internally generated intangible assets are recorded at cost less accumulated amortization and accumulated impairment losses. These costs are amortized on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life. To date the Company did not have any development costs that met the capitalization criteria.

#### Income taxes

#### Current Income Tax

Current income tax assets and liabilities for the current period are measured at the amount expected to be recovered from or paid to the taxation authorities. The tax rates and tax laws used to compute the amount are those that are enacted or substantively enacted, at the reporting date, in the countries where the Company operates and generates taxable income.

#### <u>Deferred Tax</u>

Deferred tax is provided on temporary differences at the reporting date between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts for financial reporting purposes. The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at the end of each reporting period and recognized only to the extent that it is probable that sufficient taxable profit will be available to allow all or part of the deferred tax asset to be utilized.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply to the year when the asset is realized or the liability is settled, based on tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period. Deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities are offset if a legally enforceable right exists to set off current tax assets against current income tax liabilities and the deferred taxes relate to the same taxable entity and the same taxation authority.



### C. Research and Development, Patents and Licenses, etc.

The following table summarizes the material components of research and development expenditure across its drug portfolio for the years ended September 30, 2021, 2020, and for the period from May 31, 2019 (date of incorporation) to September 30, 2019:

Drug Portfolio	For the year ended September 30, 2021	For the year ended September 30, 2020	For the period ended September 30, 2019
	\$	\$	\$
5-HT <sub>2A</sub>	1,724,833	117,617	14,003
5-HT <sub>2C</sub>	3,626,015	117,617	14,003
5-HT <sub>2C/A</sub>	963,140	117,618	14,003
TOTAL	6,313,988	354,852	42,009

## D. Trend Information

Due to our short operating history, except as noted below, we are not aware of any trends that have or are reasonably likely to have a current or future effect on our financial condition, changes in financial condition, revenues or expenses, results of operations, liquidity, capital expenditures or capital resources that is material to investors.

### Potential Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic

The recent outbreak of the coronavirus, also known as "COVID-19", has spread across the globe and is impacting worldwide economic activity. Conditions surrounding the coronavirus continue to rapidly evolve and government authorities have implemented emergency measures to mitigate the spread of the virus. The outbreak and the related mitigation measures may have an adverse impact on global economic conditions as well as on the Company's business activities. The extent to which the coronavirus may impact the Company's business activities will depend on future developments, such as the duration of the outbreak, travel restrictions, business disruptions, and the effectiveness of actions taken in Canada and other countries to contain and treat the disease. These events are highly uncertain and as such, the Company cannot determine their financial impact at this time.

# E. Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

The Company has no off-balance sheet arrangements nor does it have any transactions, arrangements, obligations (including contingent obligations) or other relationships with any unconsolidated entities or other persons that may have material current or future effect on financial conditions, changes in the financial conditions, results of operations, liquidity, capital expenditures, capital resources or significant components of revenue or expenses.

### F. Tabular Disclosure of Contractual Obligations

The following table provides the Company's contractual obligations:

	Less than 1 year	1 - 3 years	3 - 5 years	More than 5 years
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
92,373	92,373	Nil	Nil	Nil
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
92,373	92,373	Nil	Nil	Nil
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# G. Safe Harbor

Not applicable.

# ITEM 6. DIRECTORS, SENIOR MANAGEMENT AND EMPLOYEES

### A. Directors and Senior Management

Name, Province/State and Country of Residence	Age	Position	<b>Director/Officer Since</b>
Ian McDonald, Ontario, Canada	34	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director	May 31, 2019
Ryan Cheung , British Columbia, Canada	43	Chief Financial Officer	May 29, 2020
Dr. Gideon Shapiro, Florida, USA	61	Vice President (Discovery)	September 29, 2020
Dr. Revati Shreeniwas, California, USA	60	Chief Medical Officer	June 5, 2020
Nils Christian Bottler <sup>(1)(2)(3)</sup> , Berlin, Germany	34	Director	September 29, 2020
Jeremy Fryzuk <sup>(1)(2)(3)</sup> , London, UK	36	Director	September 29, 2020
Dr. Alan Kozikowski, Illinois, USA	71	Chief Science Officer and Director	September 29, 2020
Dr. Emer Leahy <sup>(1)(2)(3</sup> , Pennsylvania, USA	55	Director	June 10, 2021

#### Notes

(1) Member of the Audit Committee.

(2) Member of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee.

(3) Member of the Compensation Committee.

#### **Business Experience**

The following summarizes the occupation and business experience during the past five years or more for our directors and executive officers as of the date of this Annual Report:

### Ian McDonald, President, Chief Executive Officer and Director

Mr. McDonald is an entrepreneur and former investment banker. Prior to joining the Company, Mr. McDonald served on the management team at a TSX-listed gold mining company. In that capacity, Mr. McDonald developed and implemented the corporate strategy as it relates to M&A and capital markets resulting in a \$160 million sale within one year. Previously, he worked in a senior role at a Canadian investment bank and in private equity in Vancouver, London and Toronto. Under Mr. McDonald's guidance, clients raised hundreds of millions of dollars in capital. Mr. McDonald has served as a member of the board of directors of several TSX Venture Exchange, Canadian Securities Exchange listed and private companies.

## Ryan Cheung, Chief Financial Officer

Mr. Cheung is the founder and managing partner of MCPA Services Inc., Chartered Professional Accountants, in Vancouver, B.C. Leveraging his experience as a former auditor of junior venture and resource companies, Mr. Cheung serves as a director and officer or consultant for public and private companies, providing financial reporting, taxation and strategic guidance.



He has been an active member of the Chartered Professional Accountants of British Columbia (formerly Institute of Chartered Accountants of British Columbia) since January 2008. Mr. Cheung holds a diploma in accounting from the University of British Columbia and a Bachelor of Commerce in international business from the University of Victoria.

### Dr. Gideon Shapiro, Vice President (Discovery)

Dr. Shapiro, PhD, trained as an organic chemist at UNC Chapel Hill and UC Berkeley, before going on to do postdoctoral research at the ETH Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich, Switzerland. He began his drug discovery career as a senior medicinal chemist in Central Nervous System department of Sandoz Pharmaceuticals in Basel, Switzerland. Over his 10-year career at Sandoz he advanced to lead the Alzheimer's and Neurodegeneration drug discovery group which was responsible for promoting numerous drug candidates into clinical trials including the marketed Alzheimer's drug Exelon®. After the merger of Sandoz with Ciba-Geigy to form Novartis, he transitioned his career to founding and leading biopharmaceutical ventures. He was co-founder and CEO of EraGen Biosciences, one of the first Novartis Venture Companies. EraGen was acquired by Luminex for its novel marketed DNA chemistry based diagnostic Multicode®-RTx product line co-invented by Dr. Shapiro. Backed by Alliance Technology Ventures out of Atlanta, Georgia, he went on to found Somatocor Pharmaceuticals based on his inventions of peptidomimetic drugs of the peptide hormone somatostatin and marketed drug Sandostatin®.

Over the last 15-years Dr. Shapiro has had a central role in drug discovery, development and corporate partnering efforts at Fidelity venture backed companies. He was Vice President of Chemistry at the Fidelity neuroscience venture EnVivo Pharmaceuticals (subsequently Forum Pharmaceuticals), and played a leadership role in the invention and advancement of a portfolio numerous CNS drugs that entered late stage clinical trials in patients.

Among these the alpha-7 nicotinic agonist drug encenicline (FRM-6124) advanced to Phase III clinical trials in Alzheimer's disease and schizophrenia for cognitive enhancement. Most recently Dr. Shapiro led the discovery and development as Chief Scientific Officer of Rugen which is advancing new small molecule drug therapies for psychiatric diseases. Dr. Shapiro has extensive experience and participated in numerous R&D collaborations and licensing deals with biopharmaceutical and global pharmaceutical industry partners. He has over 100 patents and publications to his name.

#### Dr. Revati Shreeniwas, Chief Medical Officer

Dr. Shreeniwas, MD, is a physician researcher with 17 years of experience in the pharmaceutical industry passionate about bringing novel therapeutics to patients with an unmet clinical need. She has served as an executive level clinical expert with operational knowledge in leading complex programs for a range of therapeutics (Phase I-IV studies). She has worked on several drugs that have gone on to be approved and are commercially successful, including Tracleer Lexiscan, Natrecor, Rytary, Esbriet, Sunosi and Talzenna. Dr. Shreeniwas has served in senior leadership roles in other privately held companies such as Neuraxon Pharmaceuticals (developing migraine drugs) and has also run a boutique clinical development consulting company providing startup companies with strategic drug development services to help achieve key milestones in a cost effective manner.

### Nils Christian Bottler, Director

Mr. Bottler is a venture capitalist currently working at Think.Health Ventures as an associate partner. The company focuses on investment in early-stage start-ups in the fields of digital health and medical device technology. Think.Health supports its portfolio beyond financial investment with knowledge, experience and access to an extensive business network. Mr. Bottler's prior work experience was in the banking industry working mainly on M&A projects as well as on a number of consulting projects in Germany, China, the UK, and the United Arab Emirates. He then moved to digital media and analyzed, developed and executed new business models at the Axel Springer SE in Berlin before taking a deep dive into the German health care market as SVP RHÖN-Innovations and the premier hospital chain RHÖNKLINIKUM AG.



### Jeremy Fryzuk, Director

Mr. Fryzuk is a private equity investment professional based in London. He has over 10 years of experience in private equity. He started his career in investment banking in Toronto with BMO Capital Markets. Mr. Fryzuk holds a Bachelor of Commerce with a major in Finance from Dalhousie University in Canada.

### Dr. Alan Kozikowski, Director

Dr. Kozikowski, PhD, trained at Michigan, Berkeley, and Harvard, began his own career as a professor of organic chemistry at the University of Pittsburgh. Following his interests in the applications of chemistry to biological problems, he moved on to the Mayo Clinic, and then assumed a position at the Georgetown University Medical Center as director of the Drug Discovery Program. After a decade at Georgetown, he led a research group at the University of Illinois at Chicago in the Department of Medicinal Chemistry.

Specifically, Dr. Kozikowski's continued efforts to identify possible treatments for Alzheimer's disease have resulted in the advancement of the natural product huperzine A to the clinic, an acetylcholinesterase inhibitor that has now become an OTC pharmaceutical. He has also developed a new Positron Emission Tomography (PET) imaging agent for use in prostate cancer diagnosis, which is in the clinic. Other novel inventions have been created, with a number of these moving into the clinical realm. A new company, Actuate Therapeutics Inc., has been founded to advance small molecule kinase inhibitors for the treatment of brain cancers. Actuate has raised millions of dollars to advance a GSK-3 inhibitor that he invented to Phase II clinical trials for the treatment of melanoma, breast cancer, and pancreatic cancer. He has experience running biotechnology companies including acting as the CEO of StarWise Therapeutics, focused on developing novel HDAC6 inhibitors for use in Fragile X syndrome, Charcot Marie Tooth disease, and Rett syndrome. Dr. Kozikowski has over 550 publications and more than 100 patents to his name.

### Dr. Emer Leahy, Director

Dr. Emer Leahy received her Ph.D. in Neuropharmacology from University College Dublin, Ireland and her MBA from Columbia University. She is CEO of PsychoGenics Inc., a preclinical CNS service company, and CEO of PGI Drug Discovery LLC, a company engaged in psychiatric drug discovery. She holds an Adjunct Associate Professors of Neuroscience position at Mount Sinai School of Medicine. Dr. Leahy has over thirty years of experience in drug discovery, clinical development and business development for pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, including extensive knowledge of technology assessment, licensing, mergers and acquisitions, and strategic planning. Dr. Leahy served on the Emerging Companies Section Governing Board for the Board of Directors of the Biotechnology Industry Organization (BIO), the Business Review Board for the Alzheimer's Drug Discovery Foundation, and the Scientific Advisory Board of the International Rett Syndrome Foundation. She currently serves on the board of directors of PsychoGenics Inc., the board of directors of Intensity Therapeutics, and the board of trustees of BIONJ.

### **Family Relationships**

There are no family relationships among any of our directors and executive officers.

#### **Term of Office**

All appointments of officers are to be made on the terms and conditions and at the remuneration (whether by way of salary, fee, commission, participation in profits or otherwise) that the Board thinks fit and are subject to termination at the pleasure of the Board, and an officer may in addition to such remuneration be entitled to receive, after he or she ceases to hold such office or leaves the employment of the Company, a pension or gratuity. The Board may, from time to time, appoint such officers, if any, as it determines and the Board may, at any time, terminate any such appointment.

#### **Involvement in Certain Legal Proceedings**

Except as disclosed below, during the past ten years, none of our directors or executive officers have been the subject of the following events:

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- 1. a petition under the Federal bankruptcy laws or any state insolvency law was filed by or against, or a receiver, fiscal agent or similar officer was appointed by a court for the business or property of such person, or any partnership in which he was a general partner at or within two years before the time of such filing, or any corporation or business association of which he was an executive officer at or within two years before the time of such filing;
- 2. convicted in a criminal proceeding or is a named subject of a pending criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations and other minor offenses);
- 3. the subject of any order, judgment, or decree, not subsequently reversed, suspended or vacated, of any court of competent jurisdiction, permanently or temporarily enjoining him from, or otherwise limiting, the following activities:
  - (a) acting as a futures commission merchant, introducing broker, commodity trading advisor, commodity pool operator, floor broker, leverage transaction merchant, any other person regulated by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, or an associated person of any of the foregoing, or as an investment adviser, underwriter, broker or dealer in securities, or as an affiliated person, director or employee of any investment company, bank, savings and loan association or insurance company, or engaging in or continuing any conduct or practice in connection with such activity;
  - (b) engaging in any type of business practice; or
  - (c) engaging in any activity in connection with the purchase or sale of any security or commodity or in connection with any violation of Federal or State securities laws or Federal commodities laws;
- 4. the subject of any order, judgment or decree, not subsequently reversed, suspended or vacated, of any Federal or State authority barring, suspending or otherwise limiting for more than 60 days the right of such person to engage in any activity described in paragraph 3.i in the preceding paragraph or to be associated with persons engaged in any such activity;
- was found by a court of competent jurisdiction in a civil action or by the SEC to have violated any Federal or State securities law, and the judgment in such civil action or finding by the SEC has not been subsequently reversed, suspended, or vacated;
- was found by a court of competent jurisdiction in a civil action or by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission to have violated any Federal commodities law, and the judgment in such civil action or finding by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission has not been subsequently reversed, suspended or vacated;
- 7. was the subject of, or a party to, any Federal or State judicial or administrative order, judgment, decree, or finding, not subsequently reversed, suspended or vacated, relating to an alleged violation of:
  - a) any Federal or State securities or commodities law or regulation;
  - b) any law or regulation respecting financial institutions or insurance companies including, but not limited to, a temporary or permanent injunction, order of disgorgement or restitution, civil money penalty or temporary or permanent cease-and-desist order, or removal or prohibition order, or
  - c) any law or regulation prohibiting mail or wire fraud or fraud in connection with any business entity; or
- 8. was the subject of, or a party to, any sanction or order, not subsequently reversed, suspended or vacated, of any self-regulatory organization (as defined in Section 3(a)(26) of the Exchange Act (15 U.S.C. 78c(a)(26))), any registered entity (as defined in Section 1(a)(29) of the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. 1(a)(29))), or any equivalent exchange, association, entity or organization that has disciplinary authority over its members or persons associated with a member.

Mr. Ryan Cheung is currently the CFO of DMG Blockchain Solutions Inc. ("**DMG**"), a company listed on the TSX Venture Exchange. DMG was issued a failure-to-file cease trade order on February 1, 2019 by the British Columbia Securities Commission (the "**BCSC**") for failing to file its annual audited financial statements for the year ended September 30, 2018 and the related management's discussion and analysis and certification. This failure-to-file cease trade order was revoked on August 28, 2019.

Mr. Cheung was formerly the CFO, CEO and a director of Xemplar Energy Corp. ("**Xemplar**"), a company previously listed on the TSX Venture Exchange and currently listed on the NEX board of the TSX Venture Exchange. Xemplar was issued a failure-to-file cease trade order on May 8, 2015 by the BCSC for failing to file its annual audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2014 and the related management's discussion and analysis and certification. Xemplar was issued another failure-to-file cease trade order on August 7, 2015 by the Alberta Securities Commission for failing to file its annual audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2014 and the related management's discussion and analysis and certification, as well as the interim unaudited financial statements for the period ended March 31, 2015 and the related management's discussion and analysis and certification. Both failure-to-file cease trade orders have not been revoked as of the date of this Annual Report. Mr. Cheung resigned as CFO on April 30, 2013 and resigned as CEO and director on April 28, 2015.

## **Director Independence**

Our Board of Directors has determined that the following directors are independent as such directors do not have a direct or indirect material relationship with our Company. A "material relationship" is a relationship which could, in the view of our Board of Directors, be reasonably expected to interfere with the exercise of a director's independent judgment.

- Emer Leahy;
- Nils Bottler; and
- Jeremy Fryzuk.

#### **Code of Business Conduct and Ethics**

The Board has adopted a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics (the "**Code of Ethics**") that applies to all of our employees and officers, including our principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller or persons performing similar functions. The Code of Ethics meets the requirements for a "code of ethics" within the meaning of that term in Item 16B of Form 20-F. A copy of our Code of Ethics will be provided to any person without charge upon request. All requests for a copy of our Code of Ethics should be directed in writing to the attention of Ian McDonald at <u>ian@brightmindsbio.com</u>.

### B. Compensation

### **Compensation Discussion and Analysis**

This section sets out the objectives of our Company's executive compensation arrangements, our Company's executive compensation philosophy and the application of this philosophy to our Company's executive compensation arrangements. It also provides an analysis of the compensation design, and the decisions that the Board of Directors made in fiscal 2020 with respect to its Named Executive Officers (as herein defined). When determining the compensation arrangements for the Named Executive Officers, our Companying fair and competitive compensation; (ii) balancing the interests of management and our Company's shareholders; and (iv) rewarding performance, both on an individual basis and with respect to the business in general.



### Elements of the Compensation Program

The responsibilities relating to executive and director compensation, including reviewing and recommending compensation of the Company's officers and employees and overseeing the Company's base compensation structure and equity-based compensation program is performed by the Board as a whole. The Board also assumes responsibility for reviewing and monitoring the long-range compensation strategy for the Company's senior management. The Board generally reviews the compensation of senior management on an annual basis taking into account compensation paid by other issuers of similar size and activity and the performance of officers generally and in light of the Company's goals and objectives.

The Company is a small biotechnology company with limited resources. The compensation for senior management of the Company is designed to ensure that the level and form of compensation achieves certain objectives, including: (a) attracting and retaining talented, qualified and effective executives; (b) motivating the short and long-term performance of executives; and (c) better aligning the interests of executive officers with those of the Company's shareholders. In the Board's view, paying salaries which are competitive in the markets in which the Company operates is a first step to attracting and retaining talented, qualified and effective executives. Competitive salary information on comparable companies is compiled from a variety of sources, including national and international publications.

The Board determines the compensation for the CEO. The compensation of the Company's executives is determined by the Board after the recommendation of the CEO. In each case, the Board takes into consideration the prior experience of the executive, industry standards, competitive salary information on comparable companies of similar size and stage of development, the degree of responsibility and participation of the executive in the day-to-day affairs of the Company's available cash resources.

In the Board's view, to attract and retain qualified and effective executives, the Company must pay base salaries which are reasonable in relation to the level of service expected while remaining competitive in the markets in which the Company operates.

The Board has assessed the Company's compensation plans and programs for its executive officers to ensure alignment with the Company's business plan and to evaluate the potential risks associated with those plans and programs. The Board has concluded that the compensation policies and practices do not create any risks that are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company. The Board considers the risks associated with executive compensation and corporate incentive plans when designing and reviewing such plans and programs.

The Company has not adopted a policy restricting its executive officers or directors from purchasing financial instruments that are designated to hedge or offset a decrease in market value of equity securities granted as compensation or held, directly or indirectly, by its executive officers or directors. To the knowledge of the Company, none of the executive officers or directors has purchased such financial instruments.

# Philosophy and Objectives

The compensation program for the senior management of the Company is designed within this context with a view that the level and form of compensation achieves certain objectives, including:

- attracting and retaining qualified executives;
- · motivating the short and long-term performance of these executives; and
- better aligning their interests with those of the Company's shareholders.

### **Base Salary or Consulting Fees**

In the Board's view, paying base salaries which are reasonable in relation to the level of service expected while remaining competitive in the markets in which the Company operates is a first step to attracting and retaining qualified and effective executives.



Base salary ranges for the executive officers were initially determined upon a review of companies within the biotechnology industry, which were of the same size as the Company, at the same stage of development as the Company and considered comparable to the Company.

In determining the base salary of an executive officer, the Board considers the following factors:

- the particular responsibilities related to the position;
- · salaries paid by other companies in the biotechnology industry which were similar in size as the Company;
- the experience level of the executive officer;
- · the amount of time and commitment which the executive officer devotes to the Company; and
- the executive officer's overall performance and performance in relation to the achievement of corporate milestones and objectives.

#### **Executive** Compensation

Except for the grant of incentive share options and restricted share unit awards to the NEOs and any compensation payable pursuant to an executive compensation agreement between the CEO or CFO and the Company, there are no arrangements under which NEOs were compensated by the Company during the two most recently completed financial years for their services in their capacity as NEOs, directors or consultants.

#### **Director Compensation**

The directors receive no cash compensation for acting in their capacity as directors of the Company.

Except for the grant to directors of stock options and restricted share unit awards, there are no arrangements under which directors were compensated by the Company during the two most recently completed financial years for their services in their capacity as directors.

#### **Bonus Incentive Compensation**

The Company's objective is to achieve certain strategic objectives and milestones. The Board considers executive bonus compensation dependent upon the Company meeting those strategic objectives and milestones and sufficient cash resources being available for the granting of bonuses. The Board approves executive bonus compensation dependent upon compensation levels based on recommendations of the CEO. Such recommendations are generally based on information provided by issuers that are similar in size and scope to the Company's operations.

#### **Equity Compensation**

The Company believes that encouraging its executives and consultants to become shareholders is the best way of aligning their interests with those of its shareholders. Equity participation is accomplished through the Company's existing stock option plan and its restricted share unit plan. Stock options and RSUs are granted to executives and employees taking into account a number of factors, including the amount and term of options and RSUs previously granted, base salary and bonuses and competitive factors. The amounts and terms of options and RSUs granted are determined by the Compensation and Corporate Governance Committee based on recommendations put forward by the CEO. Prior to the establishment of the Compensation and Corporate Governance Committee, grants of stock options and RSUs were considered and approved by the board of directors of the Company.

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### **Compensation Review Process**

### Risks Associated with the Company's Compensation Program

The Company's directors have not considered the implications of any risks to the Company associated with decisions regarding the Company's compensation program. The Company intends to formalize its compensation policies and practices and will take into consideration the implications of the risks associated with the Company's compensation program and how it might mitigate those risks.

The Company did not retain a compensation consultant during financial years ending September 30, 2021, September 30, 2020 and September 30, 2019.

#### **Benefits and Perquisites**

The Company does not, as of the date of this Annual Report offer any benefits or perquisites to its NEOs other than potential grants of incentive stock options and RSUs as otherwise disclosed and discussed herein.

# Hedging by Directors or NEOs

The Company has adopted a policy restricting directors, officers and employees of the Company from hedging or monetizing transactions to lock in the value of holdings in securities (whether debt or equity) of the Company. The objective of the policy is to prohibit individuals subject to the policy from (i) directly or indirectly engaging in the hedging against future declines in the market value of any securities of the Company (including through the purchase of financial instruments designed to offset such risk), and (ii) pledging Company securities as collateral for a loan (whether in a margin account or otherwise).

As of the date of this Annual Report, entitlement to grants of incentive stock options under the Option Plan (as defined herein) and unit awards under the RSU Plan (as defined herein) are the only equity security elements awarded by the Company to its executive officers and directors.

## **Pension Disclosure**

The Company does not have a pension plan that provides for payments or benefits to the NEOs at, following, or in connection with retirement.

### Summary Compensation Table

The following table sets forth all compensation paid, payable, awarded, granted, given or otherwise provided, directly or indirectly, by Bright Minds or its subsidiaries, to each of the executive officers set out below (each, an "NEO"), in any capacity, including, for greater certainty, all plan and non-plan compensation, direct or indirect pay, remuneration, economic or financial award, reward, benefit, gift or perquisite paid, payable, awarded, granted, given or otherwise provided to the NEO for services provided and for services to be provided, directly or indirectly, to Bright Minds for the periods indicated.

Named Executive Officer and Principal Position	Year	Salary (C\$)	Share based awards (C\$)	Option based awards (C\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	Annual Incentive Plan (C\$)	Long- term Incentive Plan (C\$)	Pension Value (C\$)	All Other Compen- sation (C\$)	Total Compen- sation (C\$)
Ian McDonald <sup>(2)</sup>	2021	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
President and CEO	2020	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	2019	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Ryan Cheung <sup>(3)</sup>	2021	86,575	Nil	23,126	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	109,701
ĊFO	2020	22,575	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	22,575
	2019	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Revati Shreeniwas <sup>(4)</sup>	2021	244,084	236,652	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	480,736
Chief Medical Officer	2020	26,777	23,300	138,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	188,077
	2019	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Alan Kozikowski <sup>(5)</sup>	2021	246,655	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	246,655
Chief Science Officer	2020	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
0 00	2019	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

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#### Notes:

- (1) Option-based awards represent the fair value of stock options granted in the year under our Stock Option Plan. The fair value of stock options granted is calculated as of the grant date using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. For discussion of the assumptions made in the valuation, refer to Note 6 to our financial statements for our fiscal year ended September 30, 2020.
- (2) Mr. McDonald was appointed President and a director of the Company on May 31, 2019 and as CEO on June 5, 2020.
- (3) Mr. Cheung was appointed CFO of the Company on May 29, 2020.
- (4) Dr. Shreeniwas was engaged as Chief Medical Officer of the Company on June 5, 2020.
- (5) Dr. Kozikowski was engaged as Chief Science Officer of the Company on October 29, 2020.

#### **Executive Compensation Agreements**

The Company has entered into an Independent Contractor Agreement dated October 29, 2020 between the Company and Dr. Alan Kozikowski engaging the services of Dr. Kozikowski as Chief Science Officer of the Company, with compensation to be determined by the Board of Directors of the Company. The agreement contains standard nondisclosure, noncompetition and non-solicitation provisions and automatically renews on an annual basis unless terminated by either party.

The Company has entered into an Independent Contractor Agreement dated November 17, 2020 between the Company and Dr. Gideon Shapiro engaging the services of Dr. Shapiro as Vice President (Discovery) of the Company, with compensation to be determined by the Board of Directors of the Company. The agreement contains standard nondisclosure, noncompetition and non-solicitation provisions and automatically renews on an annual basis unless terminated by either party.

The Company entered into an Independent Consultant Agreement dated June 5, 2020, between the Company a corporation controlled by Dr. Revati Shreeniwas, pursuant to which Dr. Revati Shreeniwas was engaged to perform services as Chief Medical Officer of the Company. The agreement contains standard nondisclosure, noncompetition and non-solicitation provisions and automatically renews on an annual basis unless terminated by either party.

Other than as set out above, the Company has not entered into any other contract, agreement, plan or arrangement that provides for payments to a NEO or a director at, following or in connection with any termination (whether voluntary, involuntary or constructive), resignation, retirement a change in control of the Company or a change in an NEOs or directors responsibilities).

#### Securities Authorized For Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans

The Company has two equity compensation plans: (i) a 10% "rolling" stock option plan and (ii) a 10% "rolling" restricted share unit plan, as described in this Annual Report. The Company received shareholder approval of the Option Plan and RSU Plan on May 18, 2021.

The following table sets forth details of the Company's equity compensation plan information as at the financial year ended September 30, 2021:

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	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options and settlement of	Weighted-average exercise price of	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected
Plan Category	outstanding RSUs (a) <sup>(1)</sup>	outstanding options (\$) (b) <sup>(1)</sup>	in column (a)) (c) <sup>(1)</sup>
Equity compensation plans approved by securityholders	1,025,807 (Options) 380,000 (RSUs)	\$3.87 (Options/RSUs)	158,879 (Options) 804,686 (RSUs)
Equity compensation plans not approved by securityholders <sup>(2)</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	1,025,807 (Options) 380,000 (RSUs)		158,879 (Options) 804,686 (RSUs)

Note:

(1) The figures are presented on a post-Consolidation basis. The Company consolidated the Common Shares on the basis of 2.5 pre-Consolidation share for 1 post-Consolidation share on November 10, 2020.

### **Stock Option Plan**

The Company adopted a 10% rolling stock option plan (the "Option Plan"), which became effective on July 1, 2020.

The principal purpose of the Option Plan is to advance the interests of the Company by encouraging the directors, employees and consultants of the Company and of its subsidiaries or affiliates, if any, by providing them with the opportunity, through options, to acquire Common Shares in the share capital of the Company, thereby increasing their proprietary interest in the Company, encouraging them to remain associated with the Company and furnishing them with additional incentive in their efforts on behalf of the Company in the conduct of its affairs.

The Option Plan provides that the number of Common Shares issuable under the Option Plan, together with all of the Company's other previously established or proposed share compensation arrangements, may not exceed 10% of the total number of the Company's issued and outstanding Common Shares.

The Option Plan is administered by the board of directors of the Company or by a special committee of the directors appointed from time to time by the board of directors of the Company. The maximum term may not exceed ten (10) years from the date of grant.

The following information is intended to be a brief description of the Option Plan and is qualified in its entirety by the full text of the Option Plan. All capitalized words used but not defined have the meanings ascribed to such term in the Option Plan:

- the maximum number of Options which may be granted to any one holder under the Option Plan within any 12 month period shall be 5% of the number of issued and outstanding Common Shares (unless the Company has obtained disinterested shareholder approval if required by applicable laws);
- if required by applicable laws, disinterested shareholder approval is required to grant to related persons, within a 12 month period, of a number of Options which, when added to the number of outstanding Options granted to related persons within the previous 12 months, exceed 10% of the issued Common Shares;
- the expiry date of an Option shall be no later than the tenth anniversary of the grant date of such Option;

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- the maximum number of Options which may be granted to any one consultant within any 12 month period must not exceed 2% of the number of issued and outstanding Common Shares;
- the maximum number of Options which may be granted within any 12 month period to employees or consultants engaged in investor relations activities must not exceed 2% of the number of issued and outstanding Common Shares and such Options must vest in stages over 12 months with no more than 25% of the Options vesting in any three month period;
- the exercise price of any Option issued under the Option Plan shall not be less than the Market Value (as defined in the Option Plan) of the Common Shares as of the grant date; and
- the Board, or any committee to whom the Board delegates, may determine the vesting schedule for any Option.

The foregoing summary of the Option Plan is not complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Option Plan, which is filed as Exhibit 15.1 to the Company's registration statement on Form 20-F as filed with the SEC on June 17, 2021

### **Restricted Share Unit Plan and Restricted Share Units**

The Company has in place a restricted share unit plan which became effective July 1, 2020 (the "**RSU Plan**"). A copy of the RSU Plan is filed as Exhibit 15.2 to the Company's registration statement on Form 20-F as filed with the SEC on June 17, 2021. The RSU Plan was designed to provide certain directors, officers, consultants and other key employees (an "**Eligible Person**") of the Company and its related entities with the opportunity to acquire restricted share units ("**RSUs**") of the Company. The acquisition of RSUs allows an Eligible Person to participate in the long-term success of the Company thus promoting the alignment of an Eligible Persons. The following is a summary of the RSU Plan. Capitalized terms used but not defined have the meanings ascribed to them in the RSU Plan.

#### Nature and Administration of the RSU Plan

All Directors, Officers, Consultants and Employees (as defined in the RSU Plan) of the Company and its related entities ("**Eligible Persons**") are eligible to participate in the RSU Plan (as "**Participants**"), and the Company reserves the right to restrict eligibility or otherwise limit the number of persons eligible for participation as Participants in the RSU Plan. Eligibility to participate as a Participant in the RSU Plan does not confer upon any person a right to receive an award of RSUs.

Subject to certain restrictions, the Board or its appointed committee, can, from time to time, award RSUs to Eligible Persons. RSUs will be credited to an account (an "Account") maintained for each Participant on the books of the Company as of the award date. The number of RSUs to be credited to each Participant's account shall be determined at the discretion of the Board and pursuant to the terms of the RSU Plan. RSUs and all other rights, benefits or interests in the RSU Plan are not transferable or assignable otherwise than by will or the laws of descent and distribution, and shall be exercisable during the lifetime of the Participant only by the Participant and after death only by the Participant's legal representative.

### Credit for Dividends

A Participant's Account will be credited with additional RSUs (the "**Dividend RSUs**") as of each dividend payment date in respect of which cash dividends are paid on Common Shares. The number of Dividend RSUs credited to a Participant's Account in connection with the payment of dividends on Common Shares will be based on the actual amount of cash dividends that would have been paid to such Participant had he or she been holding such number of Common Shares equal to the number of RSUs credited to the Participant's Account on the date on which cash dividends are paid on the Common Shares and the market price of the Common Shares on the payment date. Note that the Company is not obligated to pay dividends on Common Shares.

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### Resignation, Termination, Leave of Absence or Death

Generally, if a Participant's employment or service is terminated, or if the Participant resigns from employment with the Company, then all RSUs held by the Participant (whether vested or unvested) shall terminate automatically upon the termination of the Participant's service or employment.

In the event a Participant is terminated by reason of (i) termination by the Company other than for cause or (ii) the Participant's death, the Participant's unvested RSUs shall vest automatically as of such date. In the event the termination of the Participant's services is by reason of voluntary resignation, only the Participant's unvested RSUs shall terminate automatically as of such date.

### **Change of Control**

In the event of a Change of Control, the Board may, in its discretion, without the necessity or requirement for the agreement or consent of any Participant: (i) accelerate, conditionally or otherwise, on such terms as it sees fit, the vesting date of any RSU; (ii) permit the conditional settlement of any RSU, on such terms as it sees fit; (iii) otherwise amend or modify the terms of the RSU, including for greater certainty permitting Participants to settle any RSU, to assist the Participants to tender the underlying Common Shares to, or participate in, the actual or potential Change of Control Event (as defined in the RSU Plan) or to obtain the advantage of holding the underlying Common Shares during such Change of Control Event; and (iv) terminate, following the successful completion of such Change of Control Event, on such terms as it sees fit, the RSUs not settled prior to the successful completion of such Change of Control Event, including, without limitation, for no payment or other compensation. The determination of the Board in respect of any such Change of Control Event shall for the purposes of this RSU Plan be final, conclusive and binding.

#### Adjustments

In the event there is a change in the outstanding Common Shares by reason of any stock dividend or split, recapitalization, amalgamation, consolidation, combination or exchange of shares, or other corporate change, the Board shall make, subject to the prior approval of the CSE and NASDAQ where necessary, appropriate substitution or adjustment in (i) the number or kind of Common Shares or other securities reserved for issuance pursuant to the RSU Plan, and (ii) the number and kind of Common Shares or other securities subject to unsettled and outstanding RSUs granted pursuant to the RSU Plan.

#### Vesting

Each award of RSUs vests on the date(s) specified by the Board on the award date, and is reflected in the applicable RSU agreement certificate.

### Limitations under the RSU Plan

The maximum number of Common Shares made available for issuance pursuant to the RSU Plan shall be determined from time to time by the Board, but in any case, shall not exceed 10% of the Common Shares issued and outstanding from time to time, subject to adjustments as provided in the RSU Plan.

### **Incentive Plan Awards**

# **Outstanding Option-based Awards**

The following table sets out the option-based awards outstanding as at September 30, 2021, for any NEO:

		Option-based Awards				
Name	Number of securities underlying unexercised options (#)	Option exercise price (\$)	Option expiration date m – d – y	Value of unexercised in-the- money options <sup>(1)</sup> (\$)		
Ryan Cheung CFO	25,000	\$1.25	11-17-2025 <sup>(2)</sup>	\$194,750		
Revati Shreeniwas Chief Medical Officer	150,000	\$1.25	07-23-2025 <sup>(3)</sup>	\$1,168,500		

Notes:

(1) The value is the difference between the closing price of \$9.04 per common share on the Canadian Securities Exchange at September 30, 2021 and the exercise price of the options.

(2) Options were granted during the year ended September 30, 2021.

(3) Options were granted during the year ended September 30, 2020.

### **Outstanding Share-Based Awards**

The following table sets out share-based awards outstanding as at September 30, 2021, for any NEO:

Name	Share-based Awards			
	Number of shares or units of shares that have not vestedMarket or payout value of share-based awards that have not vested (\$)(#)(\$)		Market or payout value of vested share-based awards not paid out or distributed (\$)	
Revati Shreeniwas Chief Medical Officer	285,000	228,000	236,652	

# Incentive Plan Awards - Value Vested or Earned During the Year

The following table sets out the value vested or earned under the Option Plan awards and the RSU Plan awards during the financial year ended September 30, 2021, for each NEO:

Name of NEO	Option-based awards - Value vested during the year (\$)	Share-based awards - Value vested during the year (\$)	Non-equity incentive plan compensation - Value earned during the year(\$)
Ian McDonald	Nil	Nil	Nil
Ryan Cheung	23,126	Nil	Nil
Revati Shreeniwas	Nil	236,652	Nil

# **Director Compensation for Fiscal 2021**

The following table sets forth all compensation for services as a director to the Company during the fiscal years ended September 30, 2021, 2020, and 2019 in respect of the directors set out below, which for those directors who are NEOs excludes compensation for services provided as an NEO:

Name	Year	Salary (\$)	Share- based Awards (\$)	Option-based Awards <sup>(1)</sup> (\$)	All Other Compensation (\$)	Total Compensation (\$)
Ian McDonald	2021	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	2020	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	2019	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Nils Christian Bottler	2021	Nil	Nil	39,237	Nil	39,237
	2020	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	2019	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Jeremy Fryzuk	2021	Nil	Nil	39,237	Nil	39,237
	2020	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	2019	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Alan Kozikowski	2021	246,655	Nil	Nil	Nil	246,655
	2020	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	2019	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Emer Leahy	2021	Nil	Nil	58,132	Nil	58,132
	2020	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	2019	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

(1) Option-based awards represent the fair value of stock options granted in the year under our Stock Option Plan. The fair value of stock options granted is calculated as of the grant date using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. For discussion of the assumptions made in the valuation, refer to Note 6 to our financial statements for our fiscal year ended September 30, 2021.

We reimburse out-of-pocket costs that are incurred by the directors.

# **Outstanding Option-based Awards**

The following table sets out the option-based awards outstanding as at September 30, 2021, for each director, excluding a director who is already set out in disclosure for an NEO of the Company:

	Option-based Awards					
	Number of securities underlying unexercised	Option exercise price	Option expiration date	Value of unexercised in-the- money options <sup>(1)</sup>		
Name	options (#)	(\$)	m - d - y	(\$)		
Jeremy Fryzuk	80,000	\$1.25	11-17-2025 <sup>(2)</sup>	\$632,200		
Nils Bottler	80,000	\$1.25	11-17-2025 <sup>(2)</sup>	\$632,200		
Emer Leahy	100,000	\$7.60	06-15-2026 <sup>(2)</sup>	\$144,000		

Notes:

(1) The value is the difference between the closing price of \$9.04 per common share on the Canadian Securities Exchange at September 30, 2021 and the exercise price of the options.

(2) Options were granted during the year ended September 30, 2021.

### **Outstanding Share-Based Awards**

There are no share-based awards outstanding as at September 30, 2021 for any of the directors of the Company.

### Incentive Plan Awards - Value Vested or Earned During the Year

The following table sets out the value vested or earned under the Option Plan awards and the RSU Plan awards during the financial year ended September 30, 2021, for each director, excluding a director who is already set out in disclosure for an NEO for the Company:

Name	Option-based awards – Value vested during the year (\$)	Share-based awards – Value vested during the year (\$)	Non-equity incentive plan compensation – Value earned during the year (\$)
Ian McDonald	Nil	Nil	Nil
Alan Kozikowski	Nil	Nil	Nil
Jeremy Fryzuk	39,237	Nil	Nil
Nils Bottler	39,237	Nil	Nil
Emer Leahy	58,132	Nil	Nil

#### **Pension Benefits**

We do not have any defined benefit pension plans or any other plans providing for retirement payments or benefits.

#### Termination of Employment and Change of Control Benefits

Details with respect to termination of employment and change of control benefits for our directors and executive officers is reported above under the section titled "Executive Compensation Agreements".

## C. Board Practices

#### **Board of Directors**

Our Notice of Articles and Articles were filed as Exhibit 1.1 to our registration statement on Form 20-F as filed with the SEC on September 16, 2021 and incorporated herein by reference. The Articles of the Company provide that the number of directors is set at:

- (a) subject to paragraphs (b) and (c), the number of directors that is equal to the number of the Company's first directors;
- (b) if the Company is a public company, the greater of three and the number most recently elected by ordinary resolution (whether or not previous notice of the resolution was given); and

(c) if the Company is not a public company, the number most recently elected by ordinary resolution (whether or not previous notice of the resolution was given). The Board currently consists of five directors. The directors are elected annually at each annual meeting of our Company's shareholders. The Board assesses potential Board candidates to fill perceived needs on the Board for required skills, expertise, independence and other factors.

The Board is responsible for appointing the Company's officers.

The Company has entered into an Independent Contractor Agreement dated October 29, 2020 between the Company and Dr. Alan Kozikowski engaging the services of Dr. Kozikowski as Chief Science Officer of the Company, with compensation to be determined by the Board of Directors of the Company. The agreement contains standard nondisclosure, noncompetition and non-solicitation provisions and automatically renews on an annual basis unless terminated by either party.

# **Board of Director Committees**

The Board currently has four committees, the Audit Committee, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, the Compensation Committee and the Corporate Disclosure Committee.

### Audit Committee

The Audit Committee consists of Dr. Emer Leahy, Jeremy Fryzuk and Nils Christian Bottler (Chair). Each member of the Audit Committee satisfies the "independence" requirements of Rule 5605(a)(2) of the Listing Rules of the Nasdaq and meets the independence standards under Rule 10A-3 under the Exchange Act. The Audit Committee consists solely of independent directors that satisfy the Nasdaq and SEC requirements. The Audit Committee oversees the accounting and financial reporting processes and the audits of the financial statements of the Company. The Audit Committee is responsible for, among other things:

• ensuring, through discussion with management and the external auditors, that the Company's annual and quarterly financial statements (individually and collectively, the "Financial Statements"), as applicable, present fairly in all material respects the financial conditions, results of operations and cash flows of the Company as of and for the periods presented;

- reviewing and recommending for approval to the Board, the Company's financial statements, accounting policies that affect the financial statements, annual MD&A and associated press release(s);
- reviewing significant issues affecting financial reports;
- monitoring the objectivity and credibility of the Company's financial reports;
- considering the effectiveness of the Company's internal controls over financial reporting and related information technology security and control;
- reviewing with auditors any issues or concerns related to any internal control systems in the process of the audit;
- reviewing with management, external auditors and legal counsel any material litigation claims or other contingencies, including tax assessments, and adequacy of financial provisions, that could materially affect financial reporting;
- overseeing the work of the external auditor engaged for the purpose of preparing or issuing an auditor's report or performing such other audit, review or attest services for the Company, including the resolution of disagreements between management and the external auditor regarding financial reporting; and
- taking such other actions within the general scope of its responsibilities as the Audit Committee shall deem appropriate or as directed by the Board of Directors.

#### Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee

On June 13, 2021, 2021, the Board of Directors adopted a new Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee Charter that complies with the requirements of Nasdaq Listing Rule 5605(e)(2), and has established a nominating and corporate governance committee (the "N&CG Committee") which operates under its Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee Charter. The N&CG Committee is currently comprised of Nils Bottler (Chair), Jeremy Fryzuk and Dr. Emer Leahy. The N&CG Committee is responsible for (i) identifying and recommending to the Board, individuals qualified to be nominated for election to the Board; (ii) recommending to the Board, the members and chairperson for each Board committee; and (iii) periodically reviewing and assessing the Company's corporate governance principles contained in the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee Charter and making recommendations for changes thereto to the Board.

The N&CG Committee is responsible for, among other things:

- leading the Company's search for individuals qualified to become members of the Board;
- evaluating and recommending to the Board for nomination candidates for election or re-election as directors;
- · establishing and overseeing appropriate director orientation and continuing education programs;
- · making recommendations to the Board regarding an appropriate organization and structure for the Board of Directors;
- evaluating the size, composition, membership qualifications, scope of authority, responsibilities, reporting obligations and charters of each committee of the Board;

- periodically reviewing and assessing the adequacy of the Company's corporate governance principles as contained in the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee Charter and, should it deem it appropriate, it may develop and recommend to the Board of Directors for adoption of additional corporate governance principles;
- periodically reviewing the Company's Articles in light of existing corporate governance trends, and shall recommend any proposed changes for adoption by the Board of Directors or submission by the Board of Directors to the Company's shareholders;
- making recommendations on the structure and logistics of Board of Directors' meetings and may recommend matters for consideration by the Board of Directors;
- considering, adopting and overseeing all processes for evaluating the performance of the Board of Directors, each committee and individual directors; and
- annually reviewing and assessing its own performance.

### **Compensation Committee**

On June 13, 2021, the Board of Directors adopted a new Compensation Committee Charter which complies with the requirements of Nasdaq Listing Rule 5605(d)(1) and the Board of Directors has established a Compensation Committee (the "**Compensation Committee**"). The Compensation Committee is comprised of Nils Bottler (Chair), Dr. Emer Leahy and Jeremy Fryzuk.

The Compensation Committee assists the Board in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities relating to officer and director compensation, succession planning for senior management, development and retention of senior management and such other duties as directed by the Board.

Each of the Compensation Committee members satisfies the "independence" requirements of Rule 5605(a)(2) of the Listing Rules of Nasdaq. The Compensation Committee will be responsible for, among other things:

- reviewing and approving the Company's compensation guidelines and structure;
- reviewing and approving on an annual basis the corporate goals and objectives with respect to the CEO of the Company;
- reviewing and approving on an annual basis the evaluation process and compensation structure for the Company's other officers, including salary, bonus, incentive and equity compensation;
- reviewing the Company's incentive compensation and other equity-based plans and recommending changes in such plans to the Board as needed.
- Periodically making recommendations to the Board regarding the compensation of non-management directors, including Board and committee retainers, meeting fees, equity-based compensation and such other forms of compensation and benefits as the Committee may consider appropriate; and
- overseeing the appointment and removal of executive officers, and reviewing and approving for executive officers, including the CEO, any employment, severance
  or change in control agreements.

#### **Corporate Disclosure Committee**

The Company's Corporate Disclosure Committee consists of Nils Bottler (Chair), Dr. Emer Leahy and Jeremy Fryzuk. The Corporate Disclosure Committee oversees the effectiveness of risk management policies, procedures and practices implemented by management of the Company with respect to the Company's disclosure controls and procedures.

# D. Employees

As of December 23, 2021, we had no employees, and operated solely through the use of our consultants.

The Company has entered into the following consulting Agreements with the following consultants on the following terms:

- Scientific Advisory Board Agreement dated June 1, 2020 between the Company and Narayan R. Kissoon, MD, engaging the services of Narayan R. Kissoon as a member of the Company's Scientific Advisory Board and as a consultant to the Company;
- Scientific Advisory Board Agreement dated July 14, 2020 between the Company and Peter Hendricks, engaging Peter Hendricks as a member of the Company's Scientific Advisory Board and as a consultant to the Company;
- Scientific Advisory Board Agreement dated April 21, 2021 between the Company and Jianmin Duan, engaging Jiamin Duan as a member of the Company's Scientific Advisory Board and as a consultant to the Company;
- Consulting agreement dated August 15, 2020 between the Company and Dr. Krista Lanctot, engaging the public relations services of Dr. Lanctot as a consultant;
- Consulting agreement dated August 15, 2020 between the Company and Werner Tueckmantel, engaging the public relations services of Mr. Tueckmantel as a consultant;
- Consulting agreement dated August 15, 2020 between the Company and John McCorvy, engaging the public relations services of Dr. McCorvy as a consultant;
- Consulting agreement dated August 15, 2020 between the Company and Peter Kowey, MD, engaging the public relations services of Dr. Kowey as a consultant;
- · Consulting agreement dated August 15, 2020 between the Company and Arina Zhukova engaging the services of Ms. Zhukova as a consultant;
- Consulting agreement dated August 15, 2020 between the Company and Laurentiu Nicolae, engaging the services of Mr. Nicolae as a consultant;
- Consulting agreement dated August 15, 2020 between the Company and Jesse Damsker engaging the services of Dr. Damsker as a consultant;
- · Consulting Agreement dated January 4, 2021 between the Company and Uroš Laban, engaging the services of Mr. Laban as a consultant;
- · Consulting Agreement dated January 25, 2021 between the Company and John McCall, engaging the services of Mr. McCall as a consultant;
- Independent contractor agreement dated May 7, 2021 between the Company and Bay Area Clinical Research Consulting LLC, Katherine McDougall, engaging the services of Katherine McDougall as a consultant; and
- Consulting agreement dated December 22, 2020 between the Company and Toxicology Services, Inc., engaging the services of Dr. Thomas Grizzle as a consultant.

#### E. Share Ownership

#### Shares

The shareholdings of our officers and directors are set out in Item 7 below.

# Options

The Options, exercisable into common shares of the Company, held by our officers and directors are set out in Item 6 B above.

#### Warrants

The Company's officers and directors do not hold any warrants exercisable into commons shares of the Company.

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## ITEM 7. MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

#### A. Major Shareholders

## Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management

The following table sets forth certain information regarding the beneficial ownership of our common share as of December 23, 2021 by: (a) each stockholder who is known to us to own beneficially 5% or more of our outstanding common share; (b) all directors; (c) our executive officers; and (d) all executive officers and directors as a group. Except as otherwise indicated, all persons listed below have (i) sole voting power and investment power with respect to their common shares, except to the extent that authority is shared by spouses under applicable law, and (ii) record and beneficial ownership with respect to their common shares.

Name	Common Shares of the Company Beneficially Owned <sup>(1)</sup>	Percentage of Common Shares Beneficially Owned <sup>(2)</sup>
Directors and Executive Officers:		
Ian McDonald, Chief Executive Officer, President and Director	913,700	7.71%
Ryan Cheung <sup>(3)</sup> , Chief Financial Officer	25,000	0.21%
Alan Kozikowski <sup>(4)</sup> , Chief Science Officer and Director	2,000,001	16.88%
Gideon Shapiro <sup>(5)</sup> , Vice President (Discovery)	1,496,000	12.63%
Revati Shreeniwas <sup>(6)</sup> , Chief Medical Officer	645,000	5.33%
Jeremy Fryzuk <sup>(7)</sup> , Director	66,400	0.56%
Nils Bottler <sup>(8)</sup> , Director	46,400	0.39%
Emer Leahy, Director	Nil	Nil%
Directors and Executive Officers as a Group (8 persons)	5,191,801	42.66%
Other 5% or more Shareholders:		
Sphera Global Healthcare Management LP <sup>(9)</sup>	1,079,000	9.11%
OrbiMed Advisors LLC <sup>(10)</sup>	990,900	8.36%
MNL Nominees Limited <sup>(11)</sup>	695,940	5.87%

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(4) Shares beneficially owned consist of 2,000,001 Common Shares held directly by Mr. Kozikowski.

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<sup>(1)</sup> Under Rule 13d-3, a beneficial owner of a security includes any person who, directly or indirectly, through any contract, arrangement, understanding, relationship, or otherwise has or common shares: (i) voting power, which includes the power to vote, or to direct the voting of common shares; and (ii) investment power, which includes the power to dispose or direct the disposition of common shares. Certain shares may be deemed to be beneficially owned by more than one person (if, for example, persons share the power to vote or the power to dispose of the common shares). In addition, shares are deemed to be beneficially owned by a person if the person has the right to acquire the shares (for example, upon exercise of an option) within 60 days of the date as of which the information is provided. In computing the percentage ownership of any person, the amount of shares outstanding is deemed to include the amount of shares beneficially owned by such person (and only such person) by reason of these acquisition rights. As a result, the percentage of outstanding shares of any person as shown in this table does not necessarily reflect the person's actual ownership or voting power with respect to the number of common shares actually outstanding on December 23, 2021.

<sup>(2)</sup> The percentage is calculated based on 11,846,861 common shares that were outstanding as of December 23, 2021.

<sup>(3)</sup> Shares beneficially owned consist of stock options to purchase 25,000 Common Shares.

- (5) Shares beneficially owned consist of 1,496,000 Common Shares held directly by Mr. Shapiro.
- (6) Shares beneficially owned consist of (i) 400,000 Common Shares held directly by Dr. Shreeniwas, (ii) stock options to purchase 150,000 Common Shares, which have all vested, and (iii) restricted share units to receive 95,000 Common shares, which have vested.
- (7) Shares beneficially owned consist of (i) 40,000 Common Shares held directly by Mr. Fryzuk, and (ii) stock options to purchase 26,400 Common Shares which have vested.
- (8) Shares beneficially owned consist of (i) 20,000 Common Shares held directly by Mr. Bottler, and (ii) stock options to purchase 26,400 Common Shares which have vested.
- (9) Shares beneficially owned consist of 924,500 Common Shares and 462,250 2021 Warrants. Mr. Amit Drach has voting and investment control over the shares held by Sphera Global Healthcare Management LP ("Sphera"). Pursuant to the terms and conditions of a Warrant Exercise Agreement with the Company dated March 9, 2021, Sphera is only permitted to exercise that number of Warrants which will result in Sphera being deemed to own, control or have the power to vote securities of the Company which would represent 9.9% of any class of voting securities of the Company as of the date of the exercise of such Warrants.
- (10) Shares beneficially owned consist of 660,600 Common Shares and 330,300 2021 Warrants. Mr. Geoffrey Hsu has voting and investment control over the shares held by OrbiMed Advisors LLC.
- (11) Shares beneficially owned consist of 695,940 Common Shares. Mr. Stephen Geddes has voting and investment control over the shares held by MNL Nominees Limited.

The information as to shares beneficially owned, not being within our knowledge, has been furnished by the officers and directors.

As at December 23, 2021, there were 159 holders of record of our common shares.

### **Transfer Agent**

Our Common Shares are recorded in registered form on the books of our transfer agent, Computershare Trust Company located at 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 510 Burrard Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, V6C 3B9.

### B. Related Party Transactions

#### Dr. Revati Shreeniwas

On June 5, 2020, the Company entered into an independent consultant agreement (the "CMO ICA") whereby the consultant Revati, Inc., a private corporation incorporated in the State of California, USA, was engaged and the consultant's representative, Dr. Revati Shreeniwas, will serve as the Company's Chief Medical Officer, with the services being provided in California. As compensation for performing these services, the consultant or the consultant's representative will participate in the Company's equity incentive plans and will be eligible for cash payments in respect of fees at such time as the Company begins to compensate other C-level personnel in cash and in similar proportion to total compensation (the "fees"). The cash portion of the consultant's fees was US\$15,000 per month until August 2021, when it was amended to US\$25,000 per month. The non-cash portion of the consultant's fees for the first year of the term was in the form of a grant of 150,000 vested stock options and 150,000 RSUs. The services will continue for an initial term of one year unless sooner terminated. The CMO ICA can be terminated by either party giving the other 30 days written notice or by mutual written agreement. At the end of the initial term, the CMO ICA will automatically be extended for additional one-year period(s) unless either party gives the other 30 days written notice.

#### Dr. Alan Kozikowski

On October 29, 2020, the Company entered into an independent contractor agreement (the "CSO ICA") whereby the contractor, Dr. Alan Kozikowski, was engaged to serve as the Company's Chief Science Officer on an as-needed basis. The contractor will be compensated for these services as determined by the Board of Directors of the Company. The services will continue for an initial term of one year unless sooner terminated. The CSO ICA can be terminated by the Company providing five working days written notice, the contractor providing three months' written notice or by mutual written agreement. At the end of the initial term, the CSO ICA will automatically be extended for additional one-year period(s) unless the Company provides contractor with 30 days written notice.

# C. Interests of Experts and Counsel

Not applicable.

# **ITEM 8. FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

### A. Consolidated Statements and Other Financial Information

### **Financial Statements**

The financial statements of the Company for the years ended September 30, 2021, 2020, and the period from May 31, 2019 (date of incorporation) to September 30, 2019 have been prepared in accordance with IFRS, as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board, or IASB, and are included under Item 18 of this Annual Report. The financial statements including related notes are accompanied by the report of the Company's independent registered public accounting firm, DeVisser Gray LLP.

#### Legal Proceedings

As of the date of this Annual Report, in the opinion of our management, we are not currently a party to any litigation or legal proceedings which are material, either individually or in the aggregate, and, to our knowledge, no legal proceedings of a material nature involving us currently are contemplated by any individuals, entities or governmental authorities.

### Dividends

We have not paid any dividends on our common shares since incorporation. Our management anticipates that we will retain all future earnings and other cash resources for the future operation and development of our business. We do not intend to declare or pay any cash dividends in the foreseeable future. Payment of any future dividends will be at the Board of Directors' discretion, subject to applicable law, after taking into account many factors including our operating results, financial condition and current and anticipated cash needs.

## B. Significant Changes

We have not experienced any significant changes since the date of the financial statements included with this Annual Report except as disclosed in this Annual Report.

### **ITEM 9. THE OFFER AND LISTING**

### A. Offer and Listing

Our common shares are traded on the Canadian Securities Exchange and Nasdaq under the symbol "DRUG".

#### B. Plan of Distribution

Not applicable.

### C. Markets

Please see Item 9.A above.

# D. Selling Shareholders

Not applicable.

## E. <u>Dilution</u>

Not applicable.

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# F. Expenses of the Issue

Not applicable.

# **ITEM 10. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

# A. Share Capital

Not applicable.

## B. Memorandum and Articles of Association

The following is a summary of the Company's Notice of Articles (the "Notice of Articles") and Articles (the "Articles"). You should read those documents for a complete understanding of the rights and limitations set out therein. The Company number, as assigned by the British Columbia Registry Services, is BC1210954.

## **Remuneration of Directors**

The directors are entitled to the remuneration for acting as directors, if any, as the directors may from time to time determine. If the directors so decide, the remuneration of the directors, if any, will be determined by the shareholders. We must reimburse each director for the reasonable expenses that he or she may incur in and about our business. If any director performs any professional or other services for us that in the opinion of the directors are outside the ordinary duties of a director, he or she may be paid remuneration fixed by the directors, or at the option of the directors, fixed by ordinary resolution, and such remuneration will be in addition to any other remuneration that he or she may be entitled to receive. Unless otherwise determined by ordinary resolution, the directors on our behalf may pay a gratuity or pension or allowance on retirement to any director who has held any salaried office or place of profit with us or to his or her spouse or dependents and may make contributions to any fund and pay premiums for the purchase or provision of any such gratuity, pension or allowance.

### Number of Directors

According to Article 13.1 of our Articles, the number of directors, excluding additional directors appointed under Article 14.8 is set at:

- (a) subject to paragraphs (b) and (c), the number of directors that is equal to the number of our first directors;
- (b) if we are a public company, the greater of three and the most recently set of:
  - (i) the number of directors set by a resolution of the directors (whether or not previous notice of the resolution was given); and
  - (ii) the number of directors in office pursuant to Article 14.4 of our Articles; and
- (c) if we are not a public company, the most recently set of:
  - (i) the number of directors set by a resolution of the directors (whether or not previous notice of the resolution was given); and
  - (ii) the number of directors in office pursuant to Article 14.4 of our Articles.

#### Directors

Our directors are elected annually at each annual meeting of our company's shareholders. Our Articles provide that the Board of Directors may, between annual meetings, appoint one or more additional directors to serve until the next annual meeting, but the number of additional directors must not at any time exceed:

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- (a) one-third of the number of first directors, if, at the time of the appointments, one or more of the first directors have not yet completed their first term of office; or
- (b) in any other case, one-third of the number of the current directors who were elected or appointed as directors at the expiration of the last annual meeting of our company's shareholders.

Our Articles provide that our directors may from time to time on behalf of our company, without shareholder approval:

- subdivide or consolidate all or any of its unissued, or fully paid issued, shares;
- alter the identifying name of any of its shares;
- · borrow money in the manner and amount, on the security, from the sources and on the terms and conditions that they consider appropriate;
- issue bonds, debentures and other debt obligations either outright or as security for any liability or obligation of the Company or any other person and at such discounts or premiums and on such other terms as the directors consider appropriate;
- guarantee the repayment of money by any other person or the performance of any obligation of any other person; and
- mortgage, charge, whether by way of specific or floating charge, grant a security interest in, or give other security on, the whole or any part of the present and future assets and undertaking of the Company.

Our Articles also provide that, we may by resolution of the directors authorize an alteration to our Notice of Articles to change our name or adopt or change any translation of that name.

Our Articles provide that the directors may meet together for the conduct of business, adjourn and otherwise regulate their meetings as they think fit, and meetings of the directors held at regular intervals may be held at the place, at the time and on the notice, if any, as the directors may from time to time determine. Questions arising at any meeting of directors are to be decided by a majority of votes and, in the case of an equality of votes, the chair of the meeting has a second or casting vote. A director may participate in a meeting of the directors or of any committee of the directors in person, or by telephone or other communications medium, if all directors participating in the meeting, whether in person or by telephone or other communications medium, are able to communicate with each other. A director who participates in a meeting in a manner contemplated by the foregoing is deemed for all purposes of the BCBCA and our Articles to be present at the meeting and to have agreed to participate in that manner.

Our Articles provide that the quorum necessary for the transaction of the business of the directors may be set by the directors and, if not so set, is deemed to be a majority of the directors or, if the number of directors is set at one, is deemed to be set at one director, and that director may constitute a meeting.

Our Articles provide that a director who holds a disclosable interest (as that term is used in the BCBCA) in a contract or transaction into which we have entered or propose to enter is liable to account to us for any profit that accrues to the director under or as a result of the contract or transaction only if and to the extent provided in the BCBCA. A director who holds a disclosable interest in a contract or transaction into which we have entered or propose to enter is not entitled to vote on any directors' resolution to approve that contract or transaction, unless all the directors have a disclosable interest in that contract or transaction, in which case any or all of those directors may vote on such resolution. A director who holds a disclosable interest in a contract or transaction into which we have entered or propose to enter and who is present at the meeting of directors at which the contract or transaction is considered for approval may be counted in the quorum at the meeting whether or not the director votes on any or all of the resolutions considered at the meeting. A director who holds any office or possesses any property, right or interest that could result, directly or indirectly, in the creation of a duty or interest that materially conflicts with that individual's duty or interest as a director, must disclose the nature and extent of the conflict as required by the BCBCA. A director may hold any office or place of profit with us, other than the office of our auditor, in addition to his or her office of director for the period and on the terms (as to remuneration or otherwise) that the directors may determine. No director or intended director is disqualified by his or her office or place of profit the director holds with us or as vendor, purchaser or otherwise, and no contract or transaction entered into by or on behalf of us in which a director is in any way interested is liable to be voided for that reason.



Our Articles do not set out a mandatory retirement age for our directors. Our directors are not required to own our securities to serve as directors.

#### **Authorized Capital**

Our Notice of Articles provide that our authorized capital consists of an unlimited number of common shares, without par value.

## **Rights, Preferences and Restrictions Attaching to Our Shares**

The BCBCA provides the following rights, privileges, restrictions and conditions attaching to our common shares:

- to vote at meetings of shareholders, except meetings at which only holders of a specified class of shares are entitled to vote;
- subject to the rights, privileges, restrictions and conditions attaching to any other class of shares of our company, to share equally in the remaining property of our company on liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of our company; and
- subject to the rights of the preferred shares, the common shares are entitled to receive dividends if, as, and when declared by the Board of Directors

The provisions in our Articles attaching to our common shares may be altered, amended, repealed, suspended or changed by the affirmative vote of the holders of not less than two-thirds of the outstanding common shares.

With the exception of special resolutions (i.e. resolutions in respect of fundamental changes to our company, including: the sale of all or substantially all of our assets, an amalgamation or other arrangement or an alteration to our authorized capital that is not allowed by resolution of the directors) that require the approval of holders of two-thirds of the outstanding common shares entitled to vote at a meeting, either in person or by proxy, resolutions to approve matters brought before a meeting of our shareholders require approval by a simple majority of the votes cast by shareholders entitled to vote at a meeting, either in person or by proxy.

#### **Shareholder Meetings**

The BCBCA provides that: (i) a general meeting of shareholders must be held in British Columbia, or may be held at a location outside British Columbia if (A) the location is provided for in the articles, (B) the articles do not restrict the company from approving a location outside of British Columbia for the holding of the general meeting and the location for the meeting is (1) approved by the resolution required by the articles for that purpose, or (2) if no resolution is required for that purpose by the articles, approved by ordinary resolution, or (C) the location for the meeting is approved in writing by the Registrar of Companies for British Columbia before the meeting is held; (ii) directors must call an annual meeting of shareholders not later than 15 months after the last preceding annual meeting; (iii) for the purpose of determining shareholders entitled to receive notice of or vote at meetings of shareholders, the directors may fix in advance a date as the record date for that determination, provided that such date shall not precede by more than two months or by less than 21 days the date on which the meeting is to be held, and, if no record date is set, the record date is 5:00 p.m. on the day immediately preceding the first date on which the notice is sent or, if no notice is sent, the beginning of the meeting; (iv) the holders of not less than 5% of the issued shares entitled to vote at a meeting may requisition the directors to call a meeting of shareholders; and (vi) upon the application of a director or shareholder entitled to vote at the meeting, the British Columbia Supreme Court may order a meeting to be called, held and conducted in a manner that the Court directs.

Pursuant to Article 10.9 of our Articles, in addition to any location in British Columbia, any general meeting may be held in any location outside of British Columbia approved by a resolution of the directors.

Pursuant to Article 11.3 of our Articles, the quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting of shareholders is at least one person who is, or who represents by proxy, one or more shareholders who, in the aggregate, hold at least 5% of the issued shares entitled to be voted at the meeting.

### Limitations on Rights of Non-Canadians

We are incorporated pursuant to the laws of the province of British Columbia. There is no law or governmental decree or regulation in Canada that restricts the export or import of capital, or affects the remittance of dividends, interest or other payments to a non-resident holder of common shares, other than withholding tax requirements. Any such remittances to United States residents are generally subject to withholding tax, however no such remittances are likely in the foreseeable future. See "Certain Canadian Federal Income Tax Information For United States Residents" below.

There is no limitation imposed by Canadian law or by the charter or other constituent documents of our Company on the right of a non-resident to hold or vote common shares of our company. However, the Investment Canada Act (Canada) (the "Investment Act") has rules regarding certain acquisitions of shares by non-Canadians, along with other requirements under that legislation.

The following discussion summarizes the principal features of the Investment Act for a "non-Canadian" (as defined under the Investment Act) who proposes to acquire common shares of our Company. The discussion is general only; it is not a substitute for independent legal advice from an investor's own advisor; and it does not anticipate statutory or regulatory amendments.

The Investment Act is a federal statute of broad application regulating the establishment and acquisition of Canadian businesses by non-Canadians, including individuals, governments or agencies thereof, corporations, partnerships, trusts or joint ventures (each an "entity"). Investments by non-Canadians to acquire control over existing Canadian businesses or to establish new ones are either reviewable or notifiable under the Investment Act. If an investment by a non-Canadian to acquire control over an existing Canadian business is reviewable under the Investment Act, the Investment Act generally prohibits implementation of the investment unless, after review, the Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry (the "Minister") is satisfied that the investment is likely to be of net benefit to Canada.

A non-Canadian would acquire control of our Company for the purposes of the Investment Act through the acquisition of common shares if the non-Canadian acquired a majority of the voting interests in our Company.

Further, the acquisition of less than a majority but one-third or more of the voting interests in our Company by a non-Canadian would be presumed to be an acquisition of control of our Company unless it could be established that, on the acquisition, our Company was not controlled in fact by the acquirer through the ownership of such voting interests.

For a direct acquisition that would result in an acquisition of control of our Company, subject to the exception for "WTO-investors" that are controlled by persons who are nationals or permanent residents of World Trade Organization ("WTO") member nations, a proposed investment generally would be reviewable where the value of the acquired assets is CAD\$5 million or more.

For a proposed indirect acquisition by an investor other than a so-called WTO investor that would result in an acquisition of control of our Company through the acquisition of a non-Canadian parent entity, the investment generally would be reviewable where the value of the assets of the entity carrying on the Canadian business, and of all other entities in Canada, the control of which is acquired, directly or indirectly is CAD\$50 million or more.

In the case of a direct acquisition by a "WTO investor", the threshold is significantly higher. An investment in common shares of our Company by a WTO investor that is not a state-owned enterprise would be reviewable only if it was an investment to acquire control of the company and the enterprise value of the assets of the company was equal to or greater than a specified amount, which is published by the Minister after its determination for any particular year. For 2021, this amount is CAD\$1.043 billion (unless the investor is controlled by persons who are nationals or permanent residents of countries that are party to one of a list of certain free trade agreements, in which case the amount is CAD\$1.565 billion for 2021); each January 1, both thresholds are adjusted by a GDP (Gross Domestic Product) based index.

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The higher WTO threshold for direct investments and the exemption for indirect investments do not apply where the relevant Canadian business is carrying on a "cultural business". The acquisition of a Canadian business that is a "cultural business" is subject to lower review thresholds under the Investment Act because of the perceived sensitivity of the cultural sector.

In 2009, amendments were enacted to the Investment Act concerning investments that may be considered injurious to national security. If the Minister has reasonable grounds to believe that an investment by a non-Canadian "could be injurious to national security," the Minister may send the non-Canadian a notice indicating that an order for review of the investment may be made. The review of an investment on the grounds of national security may occur whether or not an investment is otherwise subject to review on the basis of net benefit to Canada or otherwise subject to notification under the Investment Act.

Certain transactions, except those to which the national security provisions of the Investment Act may apply, relating to common shares of our Company are exempt from the Investment Act, including:

- (a) the acquisition of our common shares by a person in the ordinary course of that person's business as a trader or dealer in securities;
- (b) the acquisition of control of our company in connection with the realization of security granted for a loan or other financial assistance and not for a purpose related to the provisions of the Investment Act, if the acquisition is subject to approval under the *Bank Act*, the *Cooperative Credit Associations Act*, the *Insurance Companies Act* or the *Trust and Loan Companies Act*; and
- (c) the acquisition of control of our company by reason of an amalgamation, merger, consolidation or corporate reorganization following which the ultimate direct or indirect control in fact of our company, through the ownership of voting interests, remained unchanged.

#### C. Material Contracts

The following summary of our material agreements, all of which have been previously filed with the SEC, does not purport to be complete and is subject to, and is qualified in its entirety by reference to, all the provisions of those agreements. There are no material contracts, other than those contracts entered into in the ordinary course of business, currently in place or to which we or any member of our group is a party, from the two years immediately preceding the publication of this Annual Report, except as follows:

#### **Escrow Agreement**

On January 28, 2021, the Company, Computershare Investor Services Inc. (the "Escrow Agent"), and certain shareholders (the "Escrow Shareholders") entered into an escrow agreement (the "Escrow Agreement") in connection with the listing of the Company's Common Shares on the CSE. The Escrow Agreement was entered into pursuant to Section 3.5 of National Policy 46-201 - *Escrow for Initial Public Offerings* which provides that all securities of a company owned or controlled by principals will be escrowed at the time of the company's initial public offering, unless the securities held by the principal or issuable to the principal upon conversion of convertible securities held by the principal collectively represent less than 1% of the total issued and outstanding shares of the company after giving effect to the initial public offering.

A total of 2,852,800 Common Shares and 1,948,000 warrants (collectively, the "Escrowed Securities") were placed in escrow with the Escrow Agent. The Escrowed Securities will be released from escrow in accordance with the following schedule:



Release Date	Amount of Securities to be Released
February 8, 2021	10% of Escrowed Securities
August 8, 2021	15% of Escrowed Securities
February 8, 2022	15% of Escrowed Securities
August 8, 2022	15% of Escrowed Securities
February 8, 2023	15% of Escrowed Securities
August 8, 2023	15% of Escrowed Securities
February 8, 2024	15% of Escrowed Securities

### **Underwriting Agreement**

On February 23, 2021, the Company entered into an underwriting agreement (the "**Underwriting Agreement**") with Eight Capital (the "**Lead Underwriter**"), as lead underwriter and book-runner, Stifel Nicolaus Canada Inc., Beacon Securities Limited, and Haywood Securities Inc. (together with the Lead Underwriter, the "**Underwriters**"). The Underwriting Agreement was entered into in connection with the sale of 3,419,883 units of the Company (the "**Units**") at a price of \$7.57 per Unit for aggregate gross proceeds of \$25,888,514.31 on March 17, 2021 pursuant to the Company's short form prospectus dated February 23, 2021 (the "**Unit Offering**").

Each Unit consisted of one Common Share and one-half of one Common Share purchase warrant of the Company (each whole Common Share purchase warrant, a "Warrant"). Each Warrant is exercisable to acquire one Common Share (each, a "Warrant Share") at an exercise price of \$9.46 per Warrant Share until March 17, 2024, subject to adjustment and the Acceleration Right (as defined herein).

Pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement, the Underwriters were paid fees for their services in the amount of \$916,317.13 plus expenses and received compensation warrants entitling them to purchase an aggregate of 132,666 Common Shares at a price of \$7.57 per Common Share for a period of thirty-six months following closing.

#### Warrant Indenture

In connection with the Unit Offering, the Company and Computershare Trust Company of Canada (the "Warrant Agent") entered into a warrant indenture (the "Warrant Indenture") dated March 17, 2021 governing the terms of the Warrants.

The Warrant Indenture provides for adjustment in the number of Warrant Shares issuable upon the exercise of the Warrants and/or the exercise price per Warrant Share upon the occurrence of certain events. However, no adjustment in the exercise price or the number of Warrant Shares issuable upon the exercise of the Warrants is required to be made unless the cumulative effect of such adjustment or adjustments would result in a change of at least 1% in the exercise price. Pursuant to the Warrant Indenture, the Company must give notice to the Warrant Agent and to the holders of the Warrants of certain stated events, including events that would result in an adjustment to the exercise price for the Warrants or the number of Warrant Shares issuable upon exercise of the Warrants. The notice must be given not less than fourteen (14) days prior to any such applicable record date. If notice has been given and the adjustment is not then determinable, the Company shall promptly, after the adjustment and give notice to the holders of the Warrants of such adjustment computation.

The Warrant Indenture also provides that, if, at any time following the closing of the Offering, the daily volume weighted average trading price of the Common Shares on the CSE for any ten (10) consecutive trading days equals or exceeds \$13.25 per Common Share, the Company shall have the right to, upon issuing a news release, to accelerate the expiry date of the Warrants to a date that is at least thirty (30) days following the date of such news release (the "Acceleration Right").



No fractional Warrant Shares are issuable upon the exercise of any Warrants and no compensation will be paid in lieu of fractional Warrant Shares. Except as may be specifically provided in the Warrant Indenture, nothing in the Warrant Indenture or in the holding of a Warrant certificate, entitlement to a Warrant or otherwise, confers or is to be construed as conferring upon holders of Warrants any right or interest whatsoever as a shareholder of the Company, including, but not limited to, the right to vote at, to receive notice of, or to attend, meetings the Company's shareholders or any other proceedings of the Company, or the right to dividends and other allocations.

### **Exclusive License Agreement**

On April 23, 2021, the Company entered into the License Agreement with the UIC pursuant to which it was granted the License to the Inventions. The Company had previously been evaluating the Inventions pursuant to the Roth Kozikowski Agreement, as amended. In consideration for the License, the Company (i) paid the University a signing fee of USD\$100,000, less USD\$15,000 paid by the Company pursuant to the Option Agreement; and (ii) issued 63,000 Payment Shares to the University (part of which is received by the University on behalf of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill). Additionally, the Company will pay the University a royalty on net sales of products derived from the Inventions and a portion of all revenue received by the Company from sublicencees. The Payment Shares are subject to a voluntary hold period of five years from the date of issuance. See "Item 4. Information on the Company - B. Business Overview - Patent and Patent Applications - Kozikowski-Roth Patents."

### D. Exchange Controls

We are incorporated pursuant to the laws of the Province of British Columbia, Canada. There is no law or governmental decree or regulation in Canada that restricts the export or import of capital, or affects the remittance of dividends, interest or other payments to a non-resident holder of common shares, other than withholding tax requirements. Any such remittances to United States residents are generally subject to withholding tax, however no such remittances are likely in the foreseeable future. See "Certain Canadian Federal Income Tax Information For United States Residents" below.

There is no limitation imposed by Canadian law or by the charter or other constituent documents of our Company on the right of a non-resident to hold or vote common shares of our Company. However, the Investment Act has rules regarding certain acquisitions of shares by non-residents, along with other requirements under that legislation.

The following discussion summarizes the principal features of the Investment Act for a nonresident who proposes to acquire common shares of our Company. The discussion is general only; it is not a substitute for independent legal advice from an investor's own advisor; and it does not anticipate statutory or regulatory amendments.

The Investment Act is a federal statute of broad application regulating the establishment and acquisition of Canadian businesses by non-Canadians, including individuals, governments or agencies thereof, corporations, partnerships, trusts or joint ventures (each an "entity"). Investments by non-Canadians to acquire control over existing Canadian businesses or to establish new ones are either reviewable or notifiable under the Investment Act. If an investment by a non-Canadian to acquire control over an existing Canadian business is reviewable under the Investment Act generally prohibits implementation of the investment unless, after review, the Minister of Industry, is satisfied that the investment is likely to be of net benefit to Canada.

A non-Canadian would acquire control of our Company for the purposes of the Investment Act through the acquisition of common shares if the non-Canadian acquired a majority of the common shares of our Company.

Further, the acquisition of less than a majority but one-third or more of the common shares of our Company would be presumed to be an acquisition of control of our Company unless it could be established that, on the acquisition, our Company was not controlled in fact by the acquirer through the ownership of common shares.

For a direct acquisition that would result in an acquisition of control of our Company, subject to the exception for "WTO-investors" that are controlled by persons who are resident in World Trade Organization ("WTO") member nations, a proposed investment would be reviewable where the value of the acquired assets is \$5 million or more, or if an order for review was made by the federal cabinet on the grounds that the investment related to Canada's cultural heritage or national identity, where the value of the acquired assets is less than \$5 million.



For a proposed indirect acquisition that is not a so-called WTO transaction and that would result in an acquisition of control of our Company through the acquisition of a non-Canadian parent entity, the investment would be reviewable where (a) the value of the Canadian assets acquired in the transaction is \$50 million or more, or (b) the value of the Canadian assets is greater than 50% of the value of all of the assets acquired in the transaction and the value of the Canadian assets is \$5 million or more.

In the case of a direct acquisition by or from a "WTO investor", the threshold is significantly higher. The 2016 threshold is \$600 million, which threshold will be increased to \$800 million in April 2017 for a two-year period. Other than the exception noted below, an indirect acquisition involving a WTO investor is not reviewable under the Investment Act.

The higher WTO threshold for direct investments and the exemption for indirect investments do not apply where the relevant Canadian business is carrying on a "cultural business". The acquisition of a Canadian business that is a "cultural business" is subject to lower review thresholds under the Investment Act because of the perceived sensitivity of the cultural sector.

In 2009, amendments were enacted to the Investment Act concerning investments that may be considered injurious to national security. If the Industry Minister has reasonable grounds to believe that an investment by a non-Canadian "could be injurious to national security," the Industry Minister may send the non-Canadian a notice indicating that an order for review of the investment may be made. The review of an investment on the grounds of national security may occur whether or not an investment is otherwise subject to review on the basis of net benefit to Canada or otherwise subject to notification under the Investment Canada Act. To date, there is neither legislation nor guidelines published, or anticipated to be published, on the meaning of "injurious to national security." Discussions with government officials suggest that very few investment proposals will cause a review under these new sections.

Certain transactions, except those to which the national security provisions of the Investment Act may apply, relating to common shares of our Company are exempt from the Investment Act, including:

- (a) acquisition of common shares of the Company by a person in the ordinary course of that person's business as a trader or dealer in securities,
- (b) acquisition of control of our Company in connection with the realization of security granted for a loan or other financial assistance and not for a purpose related to the provisions on the Investment Act, and
- (c) acquisition of control of our Company by reason of an amalgamation, merger, consolidation or corporate reorganization following which the ultimate direct or indirect control in fact of our Company, through the ownership of common shares, remained unchanged.

### E. <u>Taxation</u>

## Certain Canadian Federal Income Tax Considerations for United States Residents

The following is a summary of certain Canadian federal income tax considerations generally applicable to the holding and disposition of our common shares acquired by a holder who, at all relevant times, (a) for the purposes of the Income Tax Act (Canada) (the "Tax Act") (i) is not resident, or deemed to be resident, in Canada, (ii) deals at arm's length with us and any underwriters that we have recently used, and is not affiliated with us or the underwriters that we have recently used, (iii) holds our common shares as capital property, (iv) does not use or hold the common shares in the course of carrying on, or otherwise in connection with, a business carried on or deemed to be carried on, in Canada and (v) is not a "registered non-resident insurer", an "authorized foreign bank" (each as defined in the Tax Act), or other holder of special status or in special circumstances, and (b) for the purposes of the Canada-U.S. Tax Convention (the "Tax Treaty"), is a resident of the United States, has never been a resident of Canada, does not have and has not had, at any time, a permanent establishment or fixed base in Canada, and who qualifies for the full benefits of the Tax Treaty. Holders who meet all the criteria in clauses (a) and (b) above are referred to herein as "**U.S. Holders**", and this summary only addresses such U.S. Holders.

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This summary does not deal with special situations, such as the particular circumstances of traders or dealers, tax exempt entities, insurers or financial institutions, or other holders of special status or in special circumstances. Such holders, and all other holders who do not meet the criteria in clauses (a) and (b) above, should consult their own tax advisors.

This summary is based on the current provisions of the Tax Act, the regulations thereunder in force at the date hereof (the "Regulations"), the current provisions of the Tax Treaty, and our understanding of the administrative and assessing practices of the Canada Revenue Agency published in writing prior to the date hereof. This summary takes into account all specific proposals to amend the Tax Act and Regulations publicly announced by or on behalf of the Minister of Finance (Canada) prior to the date hereof (the "Proposed Amendments") and assumes that any such Proposed Amendments will be enacted in the form proposed. However, such Proposed Amendments might not be enacted in the form proposed, or at all. This summary does not otherwise take into account or anticipate any changes in law or administrative or assessing practices, whether by legislative, governmental or judicial decision or action, nor does it take into account tax laws of any province or territory of Canada or of any other jurisdiction outside Canada, which may differ significantly from those discussed in this summary.

For the purposes of the Tax Act, all amounts relating to the acquisition, holding or disposition of our securities must be expressed in Canadian dollars. Amounts denominated in United States currency generally must be converted into Canadian dollars using the rate of exchange that is acceptable to the Canada Revenue Agency.

This summary is of a general nature only and is not intended to be, nor should it be construed to be, legal or tax advice to any particular U.S. Holder, and no representation with respect to the Canadian federal income tax consequences to any particular U.S. Holder or prospective U.S. Holder is made. This summary is not exhaustive of all Canadian federal income tax considerations. Accordingly, all prospective purchasers (including U.S. Holders as defined above) should consult with their own tax advisors for advice with respect to their own particular circumstances.

### Withholding Tax on Dividends

Amounts paid or credited or deemed to be paid or credited as, on account or in lieu of payment of, or in satisfaction of, dividends on our common shares to a U.S. Holder will be subject to Canadian withholding tax. Under the Tax Treaty, the rate of Canadian withholding tax on dividends paid or credited by us to a U.S. Holder that beneficially owns such dividends and qualifies for the full benefits of the Tax Treaty is generally 15% of the gross amount of the dividends (unless the beneficial owner is a company that owns at least 10% of our voting stock at that time, in which case the rate of Canadian withholding tax is generally reduced to 5%).

#### Dispositions

A U.S. Holder will, in general terms, not be subject to tax under the Tax Act on a capital gain realized on a disposition or deemed disposition of common shares unless the common shares are "taxable Canadian property" to the U.S. Holder for purposes of the Tax Act and the U.S. Holder is not entitled to relief under the Tax Treaty.

Provided the common shares are listed on a "designated stock exchange" as defined in the Tax Act (which currently includes the CSE) at the time of disposition, the common shares generally will not constitute "taxable Canadian property" of a U.S. Holder at that time unless, at any time during the 60 month period immediately preceding the disposition, the following two conditions are met: (i) the U.S. Holder, persons with whom the U.S. Holder did not deal at arm's length, partnerships in which the U.S. Holder or such non-arm's length persons holds a membership interest (either directly or indirectly through one or more partnerships), or the U.S. Holder together with all such persons, owned 25% or more of the issued shares of any class or series of shares of our company; and (ii) more than 50% of the fair market value of the common shares of the company was derived directly or indirectly from one or any combination of real or immovable property situated in Canada, Canadian resource properties (as defined in the Tax Act) or options in respect of, or interests in, or for civil law rights in, property described in any of the foregoing whether or not the property exists. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in certain other circumstances set out in the Tax Act, common shares could also be deemed to be "taxable Canadian property".

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U.S. Holders who may hold common shares as "taxable Canadian property" should consult their own tax advisors with respect to the application of Canadian capital gains taxation, any potential relief under the Tax Treaty, and compliance procedures under the Tax Act, none of which is described in this summary.

#### F. Dividends and Paying Agents

Not applicable.

#### G. Statements by Experts

Not applicable.

# H. Documents on Display

The documents concerning our Company referred to in this Annual Report may be viewed at our registered office, 1500 - 1055 West Georgia St., Vancouver, BC, V6E 4N7 (Telephone: (647) 407-2515), during normal business hours. Copies of our financial statements and other continuous disclosure documents required under the *Securities Act* (British Columbia) are available for viewing on SEDAR at <u>www.sedar.com</u>. All of the documents referred to are in English.

In addition, we have filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form 20-F under the Securities Act and the documents referred to in this Annual Report have been filed as exhibits to such Form 20-F with the SEC and may be inspected and copied at the public reference facility maintained by the SEC at 100F. Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20549. In addition, the SEC maintains a website at www.sec.gov that contains copies of documents that we have filed with the SEC using its EDGAR system.

#### I. Subsidiary Information

The Company has three wholly owned subsidiaries, PsilocybinLabs Ltd., a company incorporated under the BCBCA, Bright Minds Biosciences LLC, a limited liability company formed pursuant to the laws of Delaware, and Bright Minds Bioscience Pty. Ltd., a company formed pursuant to the laws of Australia. None of the subsidiaries are material subsidiaries to the Company.

# ITEM 11. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

We are exposed in varying degrees to a variety of financial instrument related risks. The Board approves and monitors the risk management processes, inclusive of controlling and reporting structures. The type of risk exposure and the way in which such exposure is managed is provided as follows:

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#### **Credit Risk**

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation and cause the other party to incur a financial loss. The Company's primary exposure to credit risk is on its cash balance. At September 30, 2021, the Company had cash of \$19,760,015, which was held with a major bank in Canada and a major bank in the United States. Because of the balance on deposit with one bank, there is a concentration of credit risk. This risk is managed by using a major bank that is a high credit quality financial institution as determined by rating agencies. The maximum exposure to credit risk is the carrying amount of the Company's financial instruments. The credit risk is assessed as low.

#### **Foreign Exchange Risk**

Foreign currency risk is the risk that the fair values of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because they are denominated in currencies that differ from the respective functional currency. At September 30, 2021, the company had the following foreign currency balances - cash (US\$2,789,264) and accounts payable (US\$420,481 and AUD 6,765) and prepaid (US\$79,908). The Company is not exposed to significant foreign exchange risk.

#### Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk arises through the excess of financial obligations over available financial assets due at any point in time. The Company's objective in managing liquidity risk is to maintain sufficient readily available reserves in order to meet its liquidity requirements at any point in time. The Company's main source of funding has been the issuance of equity securities for cash, primarily through private placements. The Company's access to financing is always uncertain. There can be no assurance of continued access to significant equity funding. At September 30, 2021, the company had cash of \$19,760,015 to cover current liabilities of \$638,573.

#### **Capital Management**

Management's objective is to manage its capital to ensure that there are adequate capital resources to safeguard the Company's ability to continue as a going concern through the optimization of its capital structure. The capital structure consists of share capital and working capital. In order to achieve this objective, management makes adjustments to it in light of changes in economic conditions and risk characteristics of the underlying assets. To maintain or adjust the capital structure, management may invest its excess cash in interest bearing accounts of Canadian chartered banks and/or raise additional funds externally as needed. The Company is not subject to externally imposed capital requirements. The Company's management of capital did not change during the year ended September 30, 2021.

# ITEM 12. DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES OTHER THAN EQUITY SECURITIES

Not applicable.

#### PART II

# ITEM 13. DEFAULTS, DIVIDEND ARREARAGES AND DELINQUENCIES

There have not been any defaults with respect to dividends, arrearages or delinquencies since incorporation on May 31, 2019.

# ITEM 14. MATERIAL MODIFICATIONS TO THE RIGHTS OF SECURITY HOLDERS AND USE OF PROCEEDS

There have been no material modifications to the rights of our security holders since incorporation on May 31, 2019.

#### **Use of Proceeds**

Not applicable.

# **ITEM 15. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

Disclosure controls and procedures are defined in Rule 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act to mean controls and other procedures of an issuer that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported, within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms and includes, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that such information is accumulated and communicated to the issuer's management, including its principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

As required by Rule 13a-15 or 15d-15 under the Exchange Act, we have carried out an evaluation of the effectiveness of our Company's disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this Annual Report, that being as at September 30, 2021. This evaluation was carried out by our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer. Based upon that evaluation, our CEO and CFO concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of September 30, 2021.

#### Management's Annual Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting. Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) define this as a process designed by, or under the supervision of, the Company's principal executive and principal financial officers and effected by the Board of Directors, management and other personnel, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and includes those policies and procedures that:

- pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the Company;
- provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted
  accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors
  of the Company; and
- provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of the company's assets that may have a material effect on the financial statements.

Under the supervision and with the participation of our CEO and CFO, our management assessed the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as at September 30, 2021. In making this assessment, our management used the criteria, established in Internal Control-Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. Based upon this assessment, our management concluded that our internal control over financial reporting was effective as at September 30, 2021.

#### Attestation Report of the Registered Public Accounting Firm

This Annual Report does not include an attestation report of the Company's registered public accounting firm regarding internal control over financial reporting. Management's report is not subject to attestation by the Company's registered public accounting firm pursuant to rules of the SEC that permit the Company to provide only management's report in this Annual Report.

# **Changes In Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

Except as noted above, during the period ended September 30, 2021, there were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) of the Exchange Act) that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

# ITEM 16. ITEM 16A. AUDIT COMMITTEE FINANCIAL EXPERT

As disclosed above, as of the date hereof, our Audit Committee is comprised of Dr. Emer Leahy, Jeremy Fryzuk and Nils Christian Bottler (Chair), each of whom is independent under the listing standards regarding "independence" within the meaning of the Listing Rules of Nasdaq.

Our Board of Directors has determined that Nils Bottler qualifies as an audit committee financial expert pursuant to Items 16A(b) and (c) of Form 20-F. In addition, we believe that each member of the Audit Committee satisfies the "independence" requirements of Rule 5605(a)(2) of the Listing Rules of Nasdaq, meets the independence standards under Rule 10A-3 under the Exchange Act and is financially literate under applicable Canadian laws.

# **ITEM 16B. CODE OF ETHICS**

The Board has adopted a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics (the "**Code of Ethics**") that applies to all of our employees and officers, including our principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller or persons performing similar functions. The Code of Ethics meets the requirements for a "code of ethics" within the meaning of that term in Item 16B of Form 20-F. A copy of our Code of Ethics will be provided to any person without charge upon request. All requests for a copy of our Code of Ethics should be directed in writing to the attention of Ian McDonald, President and CEO, at 1500-1055 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6E 4N7, or by email at jan@brightmindsbio.com.

# ITEM 16C. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES

The following table sets forth information regarding the amount billed and accrued to us by DeVisser Gray LLP for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021 and 2020:

	Year Ended September 30		
	2021		2020
Audit Fees:	\$ 98,125	\$	10,750
Audit Related Fees:	\$ -	\$	-
Tax Fees:	\$ 1,750	\$	1,750
Total:	\$ 99,875	\$	12,500

# Audit Fees

This category includes the aggregate fees billed by our independent auditor for the audit of our annual financial statements, reviews of interim financial statements that are provided in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements.

#### **Audit Related Fees**

This category includes the aggregate fees billed in each of the last two fiscal years for assurance and related services by our independent auditor that are reasonably related to the performance of the audits or reviews of the financial statements and are not reported above under "Audit Fees", and generally consist of fees for other engagements under professional auditing standards, accounting and reporting consultations.

# **Tax Fees**

This category includes the aggregate fees billed in each of the last two fiscal years for professional services rendered by our independent auditor for tax compliance, tax planning and tax advice.



#### Policy on Pre-Approval by Audit Committee of Services Performed by Independent Auditors

The policy of our Audit Committee is to pre-approve all audit and permissible non-audit services to be performed by our independent auditors during the fiscal year.

# ITEM 16D. EXEMPTIONS FROM THE LISTING STANDARDS FOR AUDIT COMMITTEES

Not applicable.

# ITEM 16E. PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES BY THE ISSUER AND AFFILIATED PURCHASERS

Not applicable.

# ITEM 16F. CHANGE IN REGISTRANT'S CERTIFYING ACCOUNTANT

Not applicable.

#### **ITEM 16G. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

The Company is a foreign private issuer and our common shares are listed on Nasdaq. Nasdaq Marketplace Rule 5615(a)(3) permits a foreign private issuer to follow its home country practices in lieu of most of the requirements of the 5600 Series of the Nasdaq Marketplace Rules. In order to claim such an exemption, the Company must disclose the significant differences between its corporate governance practices and those required to be followed by U.S. domestic issuers under Nasdaq's corporate governance requirements. Set forth below is a brief summary of such differences.

#### **Shareholder Approval Requirements**

Nasdaq Marketplace Rule 5635 requires each issuer to obtain shareholder approval prior to certain dilutive events, including a transaction other than a public offering involving the sale of 20% or more of the issuer's common shares outstanding prior to the transaction for less than the greater of book or market value of the stock. The Company does not follow this Nasdaq Marketplace Rule. Instead, and in accordance with the Nasdaq exemption, the Company complies with British Columbia corporate and securities laws, which do not require shareholder approval for dilutive events unless the Company were to dispose of all or substantially all of its undertaking. In addition, the Company follows the Canadian Securities Exchange policies which require shareholder approval on the occurrence of a "fundamental change", defined by the policies of the Canadian Securities Exchange to be an acquisition pursuant to which at least 50% of the issuer's assets or anticipated revenues will be a result of the acquisition, in combination with a change of control. The determination of a change of control in such context would include the distribution of 100% of the number of equity securities of the issuer.

In addition, Nasdaq Marketplace Rule 5635 requires shareholder approval of most equity compensation plans and material revisions to such plans, as well as with respect to the sale of our securities at a discount to their market value to an officer, director, employee or consultant. We do not follow this Nasdaq Marketplace Rule. Instead, and in accordance with the Nasdaq exemption, we comply with British Columbia corporate and securities laws, which do not require shareholder approval of equity compensation plans or most discount to market offerings of securities unless otherwise indicated in the Articles of the Company. In addition, the Company intends to follow the Canadian Securities Exchange policies and certain provisions of Canadian securities laws which require limitations on the number of equity compensation securities that can be distributed to persons performing investor relations services to 1% of the issued and outstanding amount of listed securities in a 12-month period, and further limit the number of equity compensation securities that can be distributed to a director, officer or a related entity of the issuer, or an associate thereof (each a "related person"), on a fully diluted basis to not exceed 5% of the outstanding securities of the issuer, or collectively to related persons exceeds 10% of the outstanding securities of the issuer.



#### **Quorum Requirement**

NASDAQ Marketplace Rule 5620(c) requires that each company that is not a limited partnership shall provide for a quorum as specified in its by-laws for any meeting of holders of common stock; provided, however, that in no case shall such quorum be less than 33 1/3% of the outstanding shares of the company's common voting stock. The Company does not presently follow this NASDAQ Marketplace Rule. Instead, the Company complies with British Columbia corporate and securities laws and its Articles which do not require a quorum of no less than 33 1/3% of the outstanding shares of the Company's common voting stock and provides that the quorum for the transaction of business at a meeting of shareholders is the quorum established by the Company's Articles, which is at least one person who is, or who represents by proxy, one or more shareholders who, in the aggregate, hold at least 5% of the issued shares entitled to be voted at the meeting.

#### **Executive Sessions**

NASDAQ Marketplace Rule 5605(b)(2) requires that the independent board members of a company have Executive Sessions which are regularly scheduled and at which only independent directors are present. Under applicable Canadian rules, customs and practice, the Company's independent directors are not required to hold executive sessions. However, the Company is subject to certain disclosure requirements prescribed in Canadian Form 58-101F1 - *Corporate Governance Disclosure*. In particular, the Company must disclose whether the independent directors hold executive sessions and, if such executive sessions are held, how many of these meetings have been held since the beginning of the Company's most recently completed financial year. If the Company does not hold executive sessions, the Company must describe what the Board does to facilitate open and candid discussion among its independent directors.

#### **Proxy Delivery Requirements**

Nasdaq Marketplace Rule 5620(b) requires that a listed company that is not a limited partnership to solicit proxies and provide proxy statements for all meetings of shareholders, and also provide copies of such proxy solicitation materials to Nasdaq. The Company is a "foreign private issuer" as defined in Rule 3b-4 under the Exchange Act, and the equity securities of the Company are accordingly exempt from the proxy rules set forth in Sections 14(a), 14(b), 14(c) and 14(f) of the Exchange Act. The Company solicits proxies in accordance with applicable rules and regulations in Canada.

#### **Distribution of Annual and Interim Reports**

Nasdaq Marketplace Rule 5250(d)(1) requires that a listed company (including a limited partnership) make available to shareholders an annual report containing audited financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries (which, for example may be on Form 10-K, 20-F, 40-F or N-CSR) within a reasonable period of time following the filing of the annual report with the SEC. In addition, under Nasdaq Marketplace Rule 5250(d)(4)(A), each company that is not a limited partnership and is not subject to Rule 13a-13 under the Exchange Act and that is required to file with the SEC, or other regulatory authority, interim reports relating primarily to operations and financial position, shall make available to shareholders reports which reflect the information contained in those interim reports. Such reports shall be made available to shareholders either before or as soon as practicable following filing with the appropriate regulatory authority. If the form of the interim report provided to shareholders differs from that filed with the regulatory authority, the company shall file one copy of the report to shareholders with Nasdaq in addition to the report to the regulatory authority that is filed with Nasdaq pursuant to Rule 5250(c)(1).

The Company currently complies with Nasdaq Marketplace Rules 5250(d)(1) and 5250(d)(4)(A), however, the Company may not do so or on a consistent basis. Instead, the Company may determine to comply with British Columbia corporate and securities laws which do not require the distribution of annual or interim reports to shareholders but do require the Company to place before the annual general meeting the annual financial statements that the Company is required to with the applicable securities commissions in Canada under the *Securities Act* (British Columbia) in relation to the most recently completed financial year, file annual and interim financial statements on SEDAR at www.sedar.com, and send annually a request form to the registered holders and beneficial owners of its securities that can be used to request a paper copy of the Company's annual financial statements and management discussion and analysis for the annual financial statements, and a copy of the Company's interim financial reports and management discussion and analysis for the interim financial reports free of charge.

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# ITEM 16H. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURE

Not applicable.

# PART III

# ITEM 17. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Not applicable.

# **ITEM 18. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Our financial statements were prepared in accordance with IFRS, as issued by the IASB, and are presented in Canadian dollars.

Financial statements are filed as part of this Annual Report:



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# REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

#### To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of Bright Minds Biosciences Inc.

#### **Opinion on the Consolidated Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying consolidated statements of financial position of Bright Minds Biosciences Inc. ("the Company") as of September 30, 2021 and 2020, and the related consolidated statements of comprehensive loss, changes in shareholders' equity and cash flows for the years ended September 30, 2021 and 2020 and the period from May 31, 2019 (date of incorporation) to September 30, 2019, 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 September 30, 2021 and 2020, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years ended September 30, 2021 and 2020 and the period from May 31, 2019 (date of incorporation) to September 30, 2021 and 2020 and the period from May 31, 2019 (date of incorporation) to September 30, 2021 and 2020 and the period from May 31, 2019 (date of incorporation) to September 30, 2021 and 2020 and the period from May 31, 2019 (date of incorporation) to September 30, 2021 and 2020 and the period from May 31, 2019 (date of incorporation) to September 30, 2021 and 2020 and the period from May 31, 2019 (date of incorporation) to September 30, 2019, in conformity with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

#### **Critical Audit Matters**

Critical audit matters are matters arising from the current period audit of the consolidated financial statements that were 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. We determined that there are no critical audit matters.

# **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 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 audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of 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.

#### /s/ De-Visser Gray LLP

# CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS

We have served as the Company's auditor since 2020.

Vancouver, Canada December 24, 2021 Bright Minds Biosciences Inc. Consolidated Statements of Financial Position

(Expressed in Canadian dollars)

		September 30,	September 30,
As at	Notes	2021	2020
		\$	\$
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	9	19,760,015	799,929
Sales tax receivable		110,146	-
Prepaids		168,207	78,287
		20,038,368	878,216
Non-Current Assets			
Intangible assets	4	2,000	2,000
TOTAL ASSETS		20,040,368	880,216
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	5	638,573	150,923
TOTAL LIABILITIES	3	638,573	150,923
TOTAL LIABILITIES		030,575	150,925
Shareholders' equity			
Share capital	6	27,080,281	980,661
Subscriptions receivable	6	(33,684)	(1,000
Subscriptions received	6	-	147,426
Reserves	6	1,565,055	161,300
Deficit		(9,209,857)	(559,094
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		19,401,795	729,293
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		20,040,368	880,216
Vature and continuance of operations (Note 1) Subsequent events (Note 14)			
subsequent events (Note 14)			
Approved on behalf of the Board of Directors:			
"Ian McDonald"		"Alan Kozikowski"	
Director		Director	
The accompanying notes are an integral part of th	ese consolidated financial stat		
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Bright Minds Biosciences Inc. Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Loss (Expressed in Canadian dollars)

		For the year	For the year	For the period
		ended	ended	ended
		September 30,	September 30,	September 30,
	Notes	2021	2020	2019
		\$	\$	\$
EXPENSES				
Consulting fees	6	394,624	-	-
Directors' compensation	6,7	136,612	-	-
Foreign exchange		(154,099)	-	-
Funds processing fees - private placements		18,665	5,568	-
Marketing, advertising, and investor relations	6	852,151	9,618	-
Office and administrative	11	197,125	637	-
Professional fees	6,7	709,954	104,251	36,708
Regulatory and filing		181,743	5,451	-
Research and development	6,7,10	6,313,988	354,852	42,009
Net loss and comprehensive loss		(8,650,763)	(480,377)	(78,717)
Basic and diluted loss per share		(0.96)	(0.13)	(0.04)
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding -basic	and diluted	8,974,023	3,612,436	2,073,240

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

Bright Minds Biosciences Inc. Consolidated Statements of Changes in Shareholders' Equity (Expressed in Canadian Dollars)

	Share						
	Number of	Share	Subscriptions	Subscriptions			
	shares	capital	receivable	received	Reserves	Deficit	Total
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance at May 31, 2019 (date of							
incorporation)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Private placement	4,079,600	203,980	(81,980)	-	-	-	122,000
Acquisition of intangible assets	40,000	2,000	-	-	-	-	2,000
Net loss	-	-	-	-	-	(78,717)	(78,717)
Balance as at September 30, 2019	4,119,600	205,980	(81,980)	-	-	(78,717)	45,283
Balance as at September 30, 2019	4,119,600	205,980	(81,980)	-	-	(78,717)	45,283
Private placement	623,941	779,924	80,980	147,426	-	-	1,008,330
Share issue costs	-	(5,243)	-	-	-	-	(5,243)
Share-based compensation	-	-	-	-	161,300	-	161,300
Net loss	-	-	-	-	-	(480,377)	(480,377)
Balance as at September 30, 2020	4,743,541	980,661	(1,000)	147,426	161,300	(559,094)	729,293
Balance as at September 30, 2020	4,743,541	980,661	(1,000)	147,426	161,300	(559,094)	729,293
Private placements	5,049,021	27,924,936	(32,684)	(147,426)	101,500	(339,094)	27,744,826
Finder's fees - cash	5,049,021	(1,516,317)	(32,084)	(147,420)	-	=	(1,516,317)
Finder's fees - broker warrants	-	(1,510,517)	-	-	521,000	-	(1,510,517)
Finder's fees - share options	-	(321,000) (2,140)	-	-	2,140	-	-
Share issue costs	-	(2,140)	-	-	2,140	-	(290,309)
Debt settlement with shares	14,799	18,500	-	-	-	-	18,500
Special warrant conversion	16,000	20,000	-	-	-	-	20,000
Warrants exercised	1,948,000	20,000 97,400	-	-	-	-	20,000 97,400
Shares issued to the University	63.000	368,550	-	-	-	-	368,550
Share-based compensation	05,000	508,550	-	-	880,615	-	880,615
Net loss	-	-	-	-	000,015	(8,650,763)	(8,650,763)
Balance as at September 30, 2021	11,834,361	27,080,281	(33,684)	-	1,565,055	(9,209,857)	19,401,795

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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	For the year	For the year	For the period	
	ended September 30, 2021	ended	ended	
		September 30,	September 30	
		2020	2019	
	\$	\$		
Operating activities			(=0 =1 =)	
Net loss for the year	(8,650,763)	(480,377)	(78,717)	
Non-cash items:				
Foreign exchange	(223,787)	-	-	
Shares recorded as research and development	368,550	-	-	
Share-based compensation	880,615	161,300	-	
Changes in non-cash operating working capital items:				
Sales tax receivable	(110,146)	-	-	
Prepaids	(89,920)	(78,287)	-	
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	506,150	108,972	36,708	
Net cash used in operating activities	(7,319,301)	(288,392)	(42,009)	
Financing activities				
Private placement proceeds	27,744,826	1,008,330	122,000	
Finder's fees	(1,516,317)	-	-	
Share issuance costs	(290,309)	-	-	
Special warrant proceeds	22,875	-	-	
Refund of special warrant proceeds	(2,875)	-	-	
Warrant exercise proceeds	97,400	-	-	
Net cash from financing activities	26,055,600	1,008,330	122,000	
		510.000	<b>5</b> 0.001	
Change in cash	18,736,299	719,938	79,991	
Effect of foreign exchange on cash	223,787	-	-	
Cash, beginning of year	799,929	79,991	-	
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	19,760,015	799,929	79,991	
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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION				
Debt settled by issuing shares	18,500	-	-	
Fair value ascribed to brokers' warrants issued	521,000	-	-	
Fair value of options issued as finder's fees	2,140	-	-	
Share issue costs included in accounts payable		5,243	-	
Acquisition of intangible assets by issuing common shares	_		2,000	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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#### Bright Minds Biosciences Inc. Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements For the years ended September 30, 2021 and 2020 and the period from May 31, 2019 (date of incorporation) to September 30, 2019 (Expressed in Canadian Dollars)

# 1. NATURE AND CONTINUANCE OF OPERATIONS

Bright Minds Biosciences Inc. (the "Company") was incorporated under the Business Corporations Act of British Columbia on May 31, 2019. The Company's objective is to generate income and achieve long term profitable growth through the development of therapeutics to improve the lives of patients with certain severe and lifealtering diseases. On February 8, 2021, the Company started trading on the Canadian Stock Exchange ("CSE") under the symbol DRUG. On May 17, 2021, the Company started trading on the OTCQB under the symbol BMBIF. On November 8, 2021, the Company started trading on NASDAQ under the symbol DRUG. The head office, and principal address of the Company are located at 1500 - 1055 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V6E 4N7, Canada.

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis which assumes that the Company will be able to realize its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of business for the foreseeable future. As at September 30, 2021, the Company is not able to finance day to day activities through operations and has incurred a loss of \$8,650,763 for the year ended September 30, 2021. The Company has a deficit of \$9,209,857 since inception and negative operating cash flows. As at September 30, 2021, the Company has working capital of \$19,399,795 (September 30, 2020 - \$727,293). The continuing operations of the Company are dependent upon its ability to attain profitable operations and generate funds therefrom. Management intends to finance operating costs with equity financings, loans from directors and companies controlled by directors and/or private placement of common shares.

The coronavirus, also known as "COVID-19", has spread across the globe and is impacting worldwide economic activity. Government authorities have implemented emergency measures to mitigate the spread of the virus. The outbreak and the related mitigation measures may have an adverse impact on global economic conditions as well as on the Company's business activities specifically related to possible disruptions in the operations of the laboratories upon whom the Company relies, including laboratories situated in various parts of the United States and Europe. The extent to which the coronavirus may impact the Company's business activities will depend on future developments, such as the duration of the outbreak, travel restrictions, business disruptions, and the effectiveness of actions taken in Canada and other countries to contain and treat the disease. These events are highly uncertain and as such, the Company cannot determine their financial impact at this time.

# 2. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE AND BASIS OF PREPARATION

These consolidated financial statements were authorized for issue on December 24, 2021 by the directors of the Company.

#### Statement of compliance

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB") and Interpretations of the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee ("IFRIC"). The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below.

#### **Basis of preparation**

Depending on the applicable IFRS requirements, the measurement basis used in the preparation of these financial statements is cost, net realizable value, fair value or recoverable amount. These financial statements, except for the statement of cash flows, are based on the accrual basis.

# 3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Basis of consolidation**

These consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiaries Psilocybinlabs Ltd. (see Note 4), Bright Minds Biosciences LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and Bright Minds Bioscience Pty Ltd., a proprietary company registered under the Corporations Act of Australia on June 24, 2021. On June 10, 2021, the CEO of the Company transferred, assigned and conveyed all of his membership interests in Bright Minds Biosciences LLC to the Company.

A subsidiary is an entity that the Company controls, either directly or indirectly, where control is defined as the power to govern the financial and operating policies of an entity so as to obtain benefits from its activities. The financial results of the Company's subsidiaries are included in the financial statements from the date that control commences until the date that control ceases. The accounting policies of the Company's subsidiaries have been aligned with the policies adopted by the Company. When the Company ceases to control a subsidiary, the financial statements of that subsidiary are de-consolidated.

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements For the years ended September 30, 2021 and 2020 and the period from May 31, 2019 (date of incorporation) to September 30, 2019 (Expressed in Canadian Dollars)

Inter-company balances and transactions, and any income and expenses arising from inter-company transactions, have been eliminated in these financial statements.

#### **Critical accounting estimates**

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to make estimates, judgments and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates. Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimates are revised and in any future periods affected.

Certain of the Company's accounting policies and disclosures require key assumptions concerning the future and other estimates that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities or disclosures within the next fiscal year. Where applicable, further information about the assumptions made is disclosed in the notes specific to that asset or liability. The critical accounting estimates and judgments set out below have been applied consistently to all periods presented in these financial statements.

#### Ability to continue as a going concern

Evaluation of the ability of the Company to realize its strategy for funding its future needs for working capital involves making judgments.

#### Share-based compensation

The fair value of stock options is measured using a Black Scholes option pricing model. Measurement inputs include the common share price on the grant date, the exercise price of the instrument, the expected common share price volatility, the weighted average expected life of the instruments, the expected dividends and the risk-free interest rate. Service and non-market performance conditions are not taken into account in determining fair value. The fair value of equity settled RSUs is measured based on management's best estimate of the Company's share price on the grant date.

The share-based compensation recognized is also determined based on management's grant date estimate of the forfeitures that are expected to occur over the life of the stock options and equity settled RSUs. Cash settled RSUs outstanding are fair valued using a mark-to-market calculation based on the Company's closing common share price at the end of the period. The number of stock options and RSUs that actually vest could differ from the estimated number of awards expected to vest and any differences between the actual and estimated forfeitures are recognized prospectively as they occur.

#### Foreign currency translation

The functional currency of the Company, Psilocybinlabs Ltd., Bright Minds Biosciences LLC and Bright Minds Bioscience Pty Ltd. is the Canadian dollar and the presentation currency of the Company is the Canadian dollar. Transactions in currencies other than the functional currency are recorded at the rates of exchange prevailing on the transaction date. Monetary assets and liabilities that are denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rates prevailing at each reporting date. Non-monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies that are measured at fair value are retranslated to the functional currency at the exchange rate at the date the fair value was determined. Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are not retranslated. Foreign currency translation differences are recognized in profit or loss.

#### **Business combinations**

The Company uses the acquisition method to account for business combinations. The Company measures goodwill as the fair value of the consideration transferred, less the net recognized amount (generally fair value) of the identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed, all measured as of the acquisition date. When the excess is negative, a gain on acquisition is recognized immediately in net income or loss.

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

For the years ended September 30, 2021 and 2020 and the period from May 31, 2019 (date of incorporation) to September 30, 2019 (Expressed in Canadian Dollars)

Goodwill is not amortized and is tested for impairment annually. Additionally, goodwill is reviewed at each reporting date to determine if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the asset might be impaired, in which case an impairment test is performed. Goodwill is measured at cost less accumulated impairment losses.

Transaction costs, other than those associated with the issue of debt or equity securities, that the Company incurs in connection with a business combination are expensed as incurred.

#### Internally generated intangible assets - Research and development expenditure

Intangible assets acquired separately are initially recognized at cost. Expenditure on research activities is recognized as an expense in the period in which it is incurred. An internally-generated intangible asset arising from development (or from the development phase of an internal project) is recognized if, and only if, all of the following have been demonstrated:

- The technical feasibility of completing the intangible asset so that it will be available for use or sale;
- The intention to complete the intangible asset and use or sell it;
- The ability to use or sell the intangible asset;
- How the intangible asset will generate probable future economic benefits;
- The availability of adequate technical, financial and other resources to complete the development and to use or sell the intangible asset; and
- The ability to measure reliably the expenditure attributable to the intangible asset during its development.

The amount initially recognized for internally-generated intangible assets is the sum of the expenditure incurred from the date when the intangible asset first meets the recognition criteria listed above. Where no internally-generated intangible asset can be recognized, development expenditure is recognized in profit or loss in the period in which it is incurred.

Subsequent to initial recognition, internally-generated intangible assets are reported at cost less accumulated amortization and accumulated impairment losses, on the same basis as intangible assets that are acquired separately.

At September 30, 2021 and 2020, the Company has not recognized any internally-generated intangible assets.

#### Share-based compensation awards

Share-based compensation expense relates to stock options as well as cash and equity settled restricted share units ("RSUs"). The grant date fair values of stock options and equity settled RSUs granted are recognized as an expense, with a corresponding increase in reserves in equity, over the vesting period. The amount recognized as an expense is based on the estimate of the number of awards expected to vest, which is revised if subsequent information indicates that actual forfeitures are likely to differ from the estimate. Upon exercise of stock options, the consideration paid by the holder is included in share capital and the related reserves associated with the stock options exercised is reclassified into share capital. Upon vesting of equity settled RSUs, the related reserves associated with the RSU is reclassified into share capital.

For cash settled RSUs, the fair value of the RSUs is recognized as share-based compensation expense, with a corresponding increase in accrued liabilities over the vesting period. The amount recognized as an expense is based on the estimate of the number of RSUs expected to vest. Cash settled RSUs are measured at their fair value at each reporting period on a mark-to-market basis. Upon vesting of the cash settled RSUs, the liability is reduced by the cash payout.

#### Provisions

A provision is recognized if, as a result of a past event, the Company has a present legal or constructive obligation that can be estimated reliably, and it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation. Provisions are determined by discounting the expected future cash flows at a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognized as a finance cost within net income or loss.

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

For the years ended September 30, 2021 and 2020 and the period from May 31, 2019 (date of incorporation) to September 30, 2019 (Expressed in Canadian Dollars)

#### Income taxes

#### Current income tax:

Current income tax assets and liabilities for the current period are measured at the amount expected to be recovered from or paid to the taxation authorities. The tax rates and tax laws used to compute the amount are those that are enacted or substantively enacted, at the reporting date, in the countries where the Company operates and generates taxable income.

# Deferred tax:

Deferred tax is provided on temporary differences at the reporting date between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts for financial reporting purposes. The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at the end of each reporting period and recognized only to the extent that it is probable that sufficient taxable profit will be available to allow all or part of the deferred tax asset to be utilized.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply to the year when the asset is realized or the liability is settled, based on tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period. Deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities are offset if a legally enforceable right exists to set off current tax assets against current income tax liabilities and the deferred taxes relate to the same taxable entity and the same taxation authority.

#### Loss per share

Basic loss per share is calculated by dividing the loss attributable to common shareholders by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding in the period. The loss attributable to common shareholders equals the reported loss attributable to owners of the Company. Diluted loss per share is calculated using the treasury stock method. Under the treasury stock method, the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the calculation of diluted loss per share assumes that the proceeds to be received on the exercise of dilutive share options and warrants are used to repurchase common shares at the average market price during the period. Because the Company incurred net losses, the effect of dilutive instruments would be anti-dilutive and therefore diluted loss per share equals loss per share.

#### Share capital

Financial instruments issued by the Company are classified as equity only to the extent that they do not meet the definition of a financial liability or financial asset. The Company's common shares are classified as equity instruments.

Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of new common shares are recognized as a deduction from equity, net of tax.

#### **Financial instruments**

Financial instruments are accounted for in accordance with IFRS 9, "Financial Instruments: Classification and Measurement". A financial instrument is any contract that gives rise to a financial asset of one entity and a financial liability or equity instrument of another entity.

#### Financial assets

(a) Recognition and measurement of financial assets

The Company recognizes a financial asset when it becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

#### (b) Classification of financial assets

The Company classifies financial assets at initial recognition as financial assets: measured at amortized cost, measured at fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVTOCI") or measured at fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL").

# (i) Financial assets measured at amortized cost

A financial asset that meets both of the following conditions is classified as a financial asset measured at amortized cost:

- The Company's business model for such financial assets is to hold the assets in order to collect contractual cash flows.
- The contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the amount outstanding.

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A financial asset measured at amortized cost is initially recognized at fair value plus transaction costs directly attributable to the asset. After initial recognition, the carrying amount of the financial asset measured at amortized cost is determined using the effective interest method, net of impairment loss, if necessary.

(ii) Financial assets measured at FVTOCI

A financial asset measured at FVOCI is recognized initially at fair value plus transaction costs directly attributable to the asset. After initial recognition, the asset is measured at fair value with changes in fair value included as "financial asset at fair value through other comprehensive income" in other comprehensive income or loss.

(iii) Financial assets measured at FVTPL

A financial asset measured at FVTPL is initially recognized at fair value with any associated transaction costs being recognized in profit or loss when incurred. Subsequently, the financial asset is re-measured at fair value and a gain or loss is recognized in profit or loss in the reporting period in which it arises.

The Company's cash and cash equivalents are classified as subsequently measured at FVTPL.

(c) Derecognition of financial assets

The Company derecognizes a financial asset if the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire, or the Company transfers substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset. Any interests in transferred financial assets that are created or retained by the Company are recognized as a separate asset or liability. Gains and losses on derecognition are generally recognized in the statement of comprehensive loss. However, gains and losses on derecognition of financial assets classified as FVTOCI remain within accumulated other comprehensive income or loss.

#### Financial liabilities

(a) Recognition and measurement of financial liabilities

The Company recognizes a financial liability when it becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

# (b) Classification of financial liabilities

(i) Financial liabilities measured at amortized cost

A financial liability measured at amortized cost is initially measured at fair value less transaction costs directly attributable to the issuance of the financial liability. Subsequently, the financial liability is measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method.

The Company's accounts payable and accrued liabilities are classified as subsequently measured at amortized cost.

#### (ii) Financial liabilities measured at fair value through profit or loss

A financial liability measured at fair value through profit or loss is initially measured at fair value with any associated transaction costs being recognized in profit or loss when incurred. Subsequently, the financial liability is re-measured at fair value and a gain or loss is recognized in profit or loss in the reporting period in which it arises.

#### (c) Derecognition of financial liabilities

The Company derecognizes a financial liability when the financial liability is discharged, cancelled or expired. Generally, the difference between the carrying amount of the financial liability derecognized and the consideration paid and payable, including any non-cash assets transferred or liabilities assumed, is recognized in the statement of comprehensive loss.

#### Offsetting financial assets and liabilities

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount is presented in the statement of financial position only when the Company has a legally enforceable right to offset the recognized amounts and intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Impairment of financial assets

The Company recognizes a loss allowance for expected credit losses on financial assets that are measured at amortized cost.

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At each reporting date, the Company measures the loss allowance for the financial asset at an amount equal to the lifetime expected credit losses if the credit risk on the financial asset has increased significantly since initial recognition. If at the reporting date, the financial asset has not increased significantly since initial recognition, the Company measures the loss allowance for the financial asset at an amount equal to the twelve-month expected credit

losses. The Company recognizes in the statement of comprehensive income or loss, as an impairment loss (or gain), the amount of expected credit losses (or reversal) that is required to adjust the loss allowance at the reporting date to the amount that is required to be recognized.

#### Leases

Leases are accounted for in accordance with IFRS 16, "Leases". At inception of a contract, the Company assesses whether a contract is, or contains, a lease. A contract is, or contains, a lease if the contract conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset over a period of time in exchange for consideration. The Company assesses whether the contract involves the use of an identified asset, whether it has the right to obtain substantially all of the economic benefits from the use of the asset during the term of the contract and if it has the right to direct the use of the asset.

As a lessee, the Company recognizes a right-of-use asset and a lease liability at the commencement date of the lease.

## Right-of-use asset

The right-of-use asset is initially measured at cost, which is comprised of the initial amount of the lease liability adjusted for any lease payments made and any initial direct costs incurred at or before the commencement date, less any lease incentives received.

The right-of-use asset is subsequently depreciated from the commencement date to the earlier of the end of the lease term, or the end of the useful life of the asset. In addition, the right-of-use asset may be reduced due to impairment losses, if any, and adjusted for certain re-measurements of the lease liability.

#### Lease liability

A lease liability is initially measured at the present value of the lease payments that are not paid at the commencement date discounted by the interest rate implicit in the lease or, if that rate cannot be readily determined, the incremental borrowing rate. The lease liability is subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method.

#### New standards and interpretations not yet adopted

A number of new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations are not yet effective for the year ended September 30, 2021 and have not been applied in preparing these financial statements. The following new standards have not been adopted which may impact the Company in future:

#### IAS 1 - Presentation of Financial Statements

An amendment to IAS 1 clarifies the criterion for classifying a liability as non-current relating to the right to defer settlement of a liability for at least 12 months after the reporting period.

IAS 1 has amended the definition of material to "information is material if omitting, misstating or obscuring it could reasonably be expected to influence decisions that the primary users of general-purpose financial statements make on the basis of those financial statements, which provide financial information about a specific reporting entity." The previous definition of material from IAS1 was "omissions or misstatements of items are material if they could, individually or collectively, influence the economic decisions that users make on the basis of the financial statements. Materiality depends on the size and nature of the omission or misstatement judged in the surrounding circumstances. The size or nature of the item, or a combination of both, could be the determining factor."

# IAS 8 - Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors

IAS 8 amended the definition of material reflect the changes outlined above under IAS 1.

#### IAS 12 and IFRIC 23 - Income Taxes

IAS 12 currently provides guidance on current and deferred tax assets and liabilities however uncertainty may exist on how tax law applies to certain transactions. IFRIC 23 provides guidance on how to address uncertainty related to tax treatments.

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# 4. SHARE EXCHANGE AND ASSIGNMENT

Psilocybinlabs Ltd. ("PL") was incorporated under the laws of the province of British Columbia on April 25, 2019, with the incorporator share being held by a company controlled by the CEO of the Company. On May 17, 2019, this share was transferred to the Company. On April 25, 2019, PL entered into a confirmatory assignment and waiver (the "CAW") with an individual, which was amended and restated on May 17, 2019. Pursuant to the amended and restated CAW, this individual assigned all of the right, title and interest, including all other intellectual property rights (the Rights, as described) to PL. As compensation for the assignment of the Rights, PL issued 100,000 common shares valued at \$2,000 to this individual. On August 7, 2019, the Company then purchased the 100,000 common shares of PL by issuing 100,000 common shares of the Company valued at \$2,000, with the reacquisition being recorded as an asset acquisition.

# 5. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES

	September 30,	September 30,
	2021	2020
	\$	\$
Accounts payable	596,573	138,423
Accrued liabilities	42,000	12,500
Total accounts payable and accrued liabilities	638,573	150,923

#### 6. SHARE CAPITAL

#### Authorized share capital

Unlimited number of common shares without par value.

On November 10, 2020, the Directors of the Company approved the consolidation of the Company's issued and outstanding common shares on a 2.5:1 basis. All common shares, stock options and warrant references in these financial statements reflect the effect of the share consolidation.

#### Issued share capital for the year ended September 30, 2021

On November 2, 2020, the Company closed the second tranche of a non-brokered private placement financing through the issuance of 1,629,138 common shares at a price \$1.25 per common share for gross proceeds of \$2,036,422.

On January 6, 2021, the Company issued 14,799 common shares at a deemed price of \$1.25 per share to settle an \$18,500 debt owing to a consultant pursuant to a debt settlement agreement entered into by the Company with the consultant.

On February 3, 2021, the 16,000 SWs were deemed to be exercised for SW shares and 16,000 common shares of the Company were issued to the SW holders (see below).

On March 17, 2021, the Company issued 3,419,883 Units at a price per Unit of \$7.57 for aggregate gross proceeds of \$25,888,514. Each Unit comprised one common share and one-half of one common share purchase warrant of the Company. Each warrant is exercisable to acquire one common share of the Company at an exercise price of \$9.46 per warrant until March 17, 2024, subject to adjustment and acceleration in certain events. If the daily volume weighted average trading price of the common shares on the CSE is equal to or greater than \$13.25 per common share for any 10 consecutive trading days, the Company shall have the right to accelerate the expiry date of the warrants to a date that is at least 30 trading days following the date of the Company issuing a press release disclosing such acceleration. The underwriters were paid fees for their services in the amount of \$916,317 and received compensation warrants entitling them to purchase an aggregate of 132,666 common shares at a price of \$7.57 per common share for a period of thirty-six months following closing. These warrants have an ascribed value of \$521,000.

On April 6, 2021, the Company paid a New York-based company a contingent cash fee in the amount of \$600,000, being 4.5% of \$13,333,333 in net equity proceeds received from three investors introduced to the Company by the company. The company was also entitled to receive compensation warrants allowing it to purchase an aggregate of 8,807 common shares at a price of \$7.57 per common share for a period of five years. These warrants, having an ascribed value of \$33,100, were never issued. Instead, on September 21,2021, the Company granted compensation options (see below).

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On April 23, 2021, 1,948,000 escrowed share purchase warrants were exercised for \$0.05 per share for gross proceeds of \$97,400.

On April 28, 2021, the Company issued 63,000 common shares to the University at a deemed price of \$5.85 per share. The \$368,550 value attributed to these shares has been recognized as a research and development expense in the consolidated statements of comprehensive loss during the year ended September 30, 2021. See Note 8.

#### Issued share capital for the year ended September 30, 2020

On September 30, 2020, the Company closed the first tranche of a non-brokered private placement financing through the issuance of 623,941 common shares at a price \$1.25 per common share for gross proceeds of \$779,924.

#### Issued share capital from May 31, 2019 (date of incorporation) to September 30, 2019

On July 30, 2019, the Company closed a non-brokered private placement financing through the issuance of 4,079,600 units at a price of \$0.05 per unit for gross proceeds of \$203,980. Of this amount, \$80,980 was received subsequent to year end. Each unit comprises one common share, and one share purchase warrant exercisable at \$0.05 per share until July 30, 2024.

#### Special Warrants and Resulting Share Issuance

In October 2020, the Company entered into subscription agreements for special warrants (the "SWs") whereby the subscribers subscribed for a total of 18,300 SWs at \$1.25 per SW, with the SWs providing that each SW is deemed to be exercised, without payment of any additional consideration and without any further action by the SW holders, for one SW share, subject to adjustment in accordance with the provisions of the SW certificate on the SW exercise date.

On November 2, 2020, the Company issued 18,300 SWs for gross proceeds of \$22,875. On January 19, 2021, as a result of a compliance review of the SW offering by the British Columbia Securities Commission, the Company rescinded the issuance of 2,300 SWs and refunded the \$2,875 in proceeds received. On February 3, 2021, the \$20,000 in escrowed proceeds was released to the Company, the SWs were deemed to be exercised for SW shares and 16,000 common shares of the Company were issued to the SW holders.

#### Share subscriptions received/receivable

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020, the Company received \$147,426 in subscriptions for 294,852 common shares relating to the private placement that closed on November 2, 2020.

On July 31, 2019, 4,049,000 common shares were issued for which the gross proceeds of \$80,980 were received on October 7, 2019 and September 28, 2020.

#### **Escrowed Securities**

On January 28, 2021, the Company entered into an escrow agreement under National Policy 46-201 *Escrow for Initial Public Offerings* (the "Policy") in connection with the listing of common shares of the Company on the CSE, whereby 2,852,800 common shares of the Company and 1,948,000 share purchase warrants (exercised on April 23, 2021), being an aggregate of 4,800,800 securities, were deposited to be held in escrow. As the Company is defined as an emerging issuer under the Policy, the escrowed securities will be released as follows:

- 480,080 on the date that the Company's shares are listed on the CSE (February 8, 2021); and
- 720,120 six, 12, 18, 24, 30 and 36 months after the listing date.

# Stock options

The Company's stock option plan provides for stock options to be issued to directors, officers, employees and consultants of the Company, its subsidiaries and any personal holding company of such individuals so that they may participate in the growth and development of the Company. Subject to the specific provisions of the stock option plan, eligibility, vesting period, terms of the options and the number of options granted are to be determined by the Board of Directors at the time of grant. The stock option plan allows the Board of Directors to issue up to 10% of the Company's outstanding common shares as stock options.

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# Options granted during the year ended September 30, 2021

On November 17, 2020, the Company granted 467,000 options, to the Chief Financial Officer of the Company, two directors of the Company and seven consultants. These options have an exercise price of \$1.25 per share, expire on November 17, 2025 and vest as follows:

- 25,000 options 100% on the date of grant;
- 14,000 options 25% on the Company's listing date, 25% on the first anniversary of the listing date and 50% on the second anniversary of the listing date;
- 4,000 options 50% on the Company's listing date and 50% on the six-month anniversary of the listing date; and
- 424,000 options 33% on the first anniversary of the grant date, 33% on the second anniversary of the grant date and 33% on the third anniversary of the grant date.

The fair value of these stock options was measured using the Black Scholes option pricing model using the following inputs: i) exercise price: \$1.25; ii) share price: \$1.25; iii) term: 5 years; iv) volatility: 100%; v) discount rate: 0.43%; and dividends: nil.

On April 28, 2021, the Company granted 240,000 options to three consultants of the Company. These options have an exercise price of \$7.60 per share, expire on April 28, 2026 and vest as follows:

- 160,000 options 25% on the first anniversary of the grant date, 25% on the second anniversary of the grant date, 25% on the third anniversary of the grant date; and 25% on the fourth anniversary of the grant date; and
- 80,000 options 25% on the six-month anniversary of the grant date, 25% on the first anniversary of the grant date, 25% on the eighteen-month anniversary of the grant date and 25% on the second anniversary of the grant date.

The fair value of these stock options was measured using the Black Scholes option pricing model using the following inputs: i) exercise price: \$7.60; ii) share price: \$5.98; iii) term: 5 years; iv) volatility: 100%; v) discount rate: 0.92%; and dividends: nil.

On June 15, 2021, the Company granted 180,000 options to a director and a consultant of the Company. These options have an exercise price of \$7.60 per share, expire on June 15, 2026 and vest as follows: 25% on the first anniversary of the grant date, 25% on the second anniversary of the grant date, 25% on the third anniversary of the grant date and 25% on the fourth anniversary of the grant date. The fair value of these stock options was measured using the Black Scholes option pricing model using the following inputs: i) exercise price: \$7.60; ii) share price: \$5.55; iii) term: 5 years; iv) volatility: 100%; v) discount rate: 0.84%; and dividends: nil.

On September 21, 2021, the Company granted 8,807 options to a consultant of the Company (see above). These options have an exercise price of \$7.64 per share, expire on September 21, 2024 and vest as follows: 25% on December 21, 2021, 25% on March 21, 2022, 25% on June 21, 2022 and 25% on September 21, 2022. The fair value of these stock options was measured using the Black Scholes option pricing model using the following inputs: i) exercise price: \$7.64; ii) share price: \$7.64; iii) term: 3 years; iv) volatility: 100%; v) discount rate: 0.55%; and dividends: nil.

# Options granted during the year ended September 30, 2020

On July 23, 2020, the Company granted 150,000 options to the Company's Chief Medical Officer. The fair value of these stock options was measured using the Black Scholes option pricing model using the following inputs: i) exercise price: \$1.25; ii) share price: \$1.25; iii) term: 5 years; iv) volatility: 100%; v) discount rate: 0.35%; and dividends: nil.

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The following table summarizes the movements in the Company's outstanding stock options for the years ended September 30, 2021 and 2020:

		Weighted average
	Number of options	exercise price
Balance at September 30, 2019 and May 31, 2019	-	-
Granted	150,000	\$ 1.25
Balance at September 30, 2020	150,000	\$ 1.25
Granted	895,807	\$ 4.29
Cancelled*	(20,000)	\$ 1.25
Balance at September 30, 2021	1,025,807	\$ 3.90

\* On January 21, 2021, the Company cancelled 20,000 options granted to a consultant in error on November 17, 2020.

As at September 30, 2021, the options have a weighted average remaining life of 4.28 years (September 30, 2020 - 4.81).

The following table summarizes the stock options issued and outstanding:

	Options Outstanding and Exercisable				
	Number of				Remaining life
Expiry Date	options	Exercisable		Exercise price	(Years)
September 21, 2024	8,807	-	\$	7.64	2.98
July 23, 2025	150,000	150,000	\$	1.25	3.81
November 17, 2025	447,000	30,500	\$	1.25	4.13
April 28, 2026	240,000	-	\$	7.60	4.58
June 15, 2026	180,000	-	\$	7.60	4.71

# Restricted share unit plan

The Company's restricted share unit ("RSU") plan provides RSUs to be issued to directors, officers, employees and consultants of the Company, its subsidiaries and any personal holding company of such individuals so that they may participate in the growth and development of the Company. Subject to the specific provisions of the RSU plan, eligibility, vesting period, terms of the RSUs and the number of RSUs granted are to be determined by the Board of Directors at the time of the grant. The RSU plan allows the Board of Directors to issue common shares of the company as equity settled RSUs, provided that, when combined, the maximum number of common shares reserved for issuance under all share-based compensation arrangements of the Company does not exceed 10% of the Company's outstanding common shares.

On July 23, 2020 and September 18, 2020, the Company issued 150,000 RSUs and 230,000 RSUs, respectively, to the Chief Medical Officer of the Company. These RSUs vest on an annual basis over a period of four years commencing on the first anniversary of the grant date.

The following table summarizes the movements in the Company's outstanding RSUs for the years ended September 30, 2021 and 2020:

	Equity settled	Cash settled	Total
Balance at September 30, 2019 and May 31, 2019	-	-	-
Granted	380,000	-	380,000
Balance at September 30, 2020	380,000	-	380,000
Vested	(95,000)	-	(95,000)
Balance at September 30, 2021	285,000	-	285,000

The estimated fair value of the equity settled RSUs granted during the year ended September 30, 2020 was \$475,000 and will be recognized as an expense over the vesting period of the RSUs.

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The accounting fair value of the equity settled RSUs as at the grant date was estimated by management using the following inputs:

	Year ended September 30, 2020
Share price on grant date	\$ 1.25
Forfeiture rate	0%

Share-based compensation expense recognized in the consolidated statements of comprehensive loss is comprised of the following:

	Year ended September 30, 2021	Year ended September 30, 2020	Period ended September 30, 2019
	\$	\$	\$
Stock options	643,963	138,000	-
Restricted share units - equity settled grants	236,652	23,300	-
Total equity settled share-based compensation expense	880,615	161,300	-
Restricted share units - cash settled grants	-	-	-
Total share-based compensation expense	880,615	161,300	-

Share-based compensation expense is included in the consolidated statements of comprehensive loss as follows:

	Year ended September 30, 2021	Year ended September 30, 2020	Period ended September 30, 2019
		2020 \$	\$
Consulting fees	8,045	-	-
Directors' compensation	136,612	-	-
Marketing, advertising and investor relations	3,696	-	-
Professional fees	23,126	-	-
Research and development	709,136	161,300	-
Total share-based compensation expense	880,615	161,300	-

# <u>Warrants</u>

The following table summarizes the movements in the Company's outstanding warrants for the years ended September 30, 2021 and 2020:

		Weighted average
	Number of warrants	exercise price
Balance at September 30, 2019 and May 31, 2019	-	\$ -
Issued	4,079,600	0.05
Balance at September 30, 2020	4,079,600	0.05
Issued*	1,709,938	9.46
Issued - broker	132,666	7.57
Exercised	(1,948,000)	0.05
Balance at September 30, 2021	3,974,204	\$ 4.35

\*On November 2, 2020, the Directors of the Company reduced the exercise price of the outstanding warrants from \$0.125 to \$0.05 effective July 11, 2020.

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On March 17, 2021, the Company issued 132,666 compensation warrants to underwriters. The fair value of these share purchase warrants of \$521,000 was measured using the Black Scholes option pricing model using the following inputs: i) exercise price: \$7.57; ii) share price: \$6.65; iii) term: 3 years; iv) volatility: 100%; v) discount rate: 0.35%; and dividends: nil. The fair value of these broker warrants was recorded as a reduction against share capital.

As at September 30, 2021, the warrants have a weighted average remaining life of 2.66 (September 30, 2020 - 3.83) years.

The following table summarizes the warrants issued and outstanding:

	Warrants Outstanding			
	Number of			Remaining life
Expiry Date	warrants		Exercise price	(Years)
July 30, 2024 (1)	2,131,600	\$	0.05	2.83
March 17, 2024	1,709,938	\$	9.46	2.46
March 17, 2024	132,666	\$	7.57	2.46

(1) On June 15, 2021, the Company entered into warrant exercise agreements with the two warrant holders, whereby the warrant holders authorized the Company to issue only such number of common shares (or other class of voting securities of the Company, if applicable) as will result in the warrant holders and any other person (as defined) holding less than the threshold number of 4.99% (as defined) of any class of voting securities of the Company as of the date of exercise or conversion of the warrants.

# 7. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Related party transactions were recorded at the exchange value, which is the consideration determined and agreed to by the related parties. The Company's related parties include directors, key management and companies controlled by directors and key management.

#### Compensation of Key Management Personnel

Key management personnel are those persons that have authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Company, directly and indirectly, and by definition include the directors of the Company.

The following table summarizes expenses related to key management personnel:

	Year ended September 30, 2021	Year ended September 30, 2020	Period ended September 30, 2019
	\$	\$	\$
Professional fees	87,074	22,575	-
Research and development	772,596	26,777	-
Share-based compensation included in directors' compensation	136,612	-	-
Share-based compensation included in professional fees	23,126	-	-
Share-based compensation included in research and development	236,652	161,300	-
	1,256,060	210,652	-

See Note 8 for related party contractual obligations.

# 8. CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS

#### Option agreement

On May 26, 2020, the Company entered into an option agreement (the "OA") with the University of Illinois at Chicago (the "UIC"), whereby the Company obtained the right to evaluate certain of the UIC's technology (as defined) for the purpose of making a decision as to whether to exclusively license the rights to the technology. Pursuant to the OA, the Company was granted an exclusive option to evaluate the technology and obtain an exclusive license to the patents and patent applications (as listed) and a non-exclusive right to use the technology for non-commercial research purposes. The Company paid US\$15,000 (\$20,313) in non-refundable option fees prior to exercising its option.

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# License agreement

On April 23, 2021, the Company entered into an exclusive license agreement with equity (the "LA") with the Board of Trustees of the UIC (the "University") whereby the University granted to the Company, in all fields of use and worldwide, an exclusive, non-transferable license with the right to sublicense under the University's rights in and to the Patent Rights (as defined) and a non-exclusive, non-transferable license with the right to sublicense under the University's rights in and to the Technical Information (as defined) to make, have made, construct, have constructed, use, import, sell, and offer for sale royalty-bearing Product (as defined). As consideration for the grant of license, the Company will pay the following amounts (in US\$) to the University:

- Signing Fee a signing fee of \$100,000 less \$15,000 in option fees was paid (CDN\$105,502) and 63,000 common shares of the Company were issued to the University (see Note 6);
- Net Sales royalties on Net Sales (as defined) ranging from 3% (under \$1 billion) to 4.5% (over \$2 billion), with such royalty payments being credited toward the annual minimum for the license year in which the royalty payment accrues;
- Sublicensee Revenues royalties (as for net sales above) on Sublicensee Revenue (as defined), with such royalty payments being credited toward the annual minimum for the license year in which the royalty payment accrues and 12% on all non-royalty revenue until the Company has raised \$7.5 million and then 10% thereafter;
- Annual Minimums if the total royalties paid to the University for any license year are less than the following annual minimums, the Company must pay the University the amount equal to the shortfall:
  - Years 1 and 2 \$nil;
  - Year 3 \$5,000;
  - o Year 4 \$15,000;
  - Year 5 \$35,000;
  - Year 6 and thereafter \$50,000; and
  - After first commercial sale \$250,000 or net sales royalty, whichever is higher.
- Milestone Payments milestone payments after the occurrence of the following milestone events:
- Prior to any sublicensing agreements, joint ventures or change of control:
  - \$10,000 upon dosing the first patient in a Phase I trial;
  - \$50,000 upon dosing the first patient in the first Phase II trial;
  - \$250,000 upon dosing the first patient in a Phase III trial in the first clinical indication; and
     \$2 million upon the first commercial sale of each clinical indication.
  - After any sublicensing agreements, joint ventures or change of control:
  - As above;
  - \$250,000 upon dosing the first patient in each Phase II trial;
  - \$500,000 upon dosing the first patient in each Phase III trial; and
  - \$2 million upon the first commercial sale of each clinical indication.

Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the University, the Company will reimburse the University for all documented costs and expenses in connection with the Patent Rights, including the preparation, filing, prosecution, maintenance and defense thereof. From time to time, the anticipated costs and expenses may be significant and, upon request, the Company will pay the estimated costs and expenses in advance of such costs and expenses being incurred by the University.

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The term of the LA ends on the later of the last to expire of the Patent Rights, expiration of regulatory exclusivity for Product or when the Company provides notice that use of Technical Information has ceased. The University has the right to terminate the LA if the Company fails to make any required payments or is in breach of any provision of the LA. The Company may terminate the LA at any time upon providing at least 90 days written notice to the University.

#### Related party contracts

On June 5, 2020, the Company entered into an independent consultant agreement (the "ICA") whereby the consultant, a private corporation incorporated in the State of California, USA, was engaged and the consultant's representative will serve as the Company's Chief Medical Officer, with the services being provided in California. As compensation for performing these services, the consultant or the consultant's representative will participate in the Company's equity incentive plans and will be eligible for cash payments in respect of fees at such time as the Company begins to compensate other C-level personnel in cash and in similar proportion to total compensation (the "fees"). The non-cash portion of the consultant's fees for the first year of the term was in the form of a grant of 150,000 vested stock options and 150,000 RSUs (see Note 6). The services will continue for an initial term of one year unless sooner terminated. The ICA can be terminated by either party giving the other 30 days written notice. In March 2021, the Board of Directors authorized a monthly fee of US\$15,000 and was further amended to US\$25,000 in August 2021.

On October 29, 2020, the Company entered into an independent contractor agreement (the "ICA") whereby the contractor was engaged to serve as the Company's Chief Science Officer on an as-needed basis. The contractor will be compensated for these services as determined by the Board of Directors of the Company. The services will continue for an initial term of one year unless sooner terminated. The ICA can be terminated by the Company providing five working days written notice, the contractor providing three months' written notice or by mutual written agreement. At the end of the initial term, the ICA will automatically be extended for additional one-year period(s) unless the Company provides the contractor with 30 days written notice. In March 2021, the Board of Directors authorized a monthly fee of US\$15,000 and was further amended to US\$25,000 in August 2021.

#### Scientific advisory board agreements

On June 1, 2020, July 14, 2020 and April 12, 2021, the Company entered into scientific advisory board agreements (the "SABAs") whereby the advisors were retained to serve as members of the Company's scientific advisory board and as consultants to the Company and senior management in the areas of scientific, technical and business advice. As compensation for performing these services, the Company will pay the advisors hourly rates of \$150 and \$160 per hour. The Company also granted 130,000 share purchase options to the advisors as part of the Company's November 17, 2020 and April 28, 2021 grant of options of which 20,000 options were cancelled on January 21, 2021 (see Note 6). The advisors have the same hour requirements and restrictions as noted below. The services will continue for initial terms of one year unless sooner terminated. At the end of the initial terms, the SABAs will automatically be extended for an additional one-year period(s) unless either party gives the other 30 days written notice.

#### Consulting agreements

The Company has entered into numerous consulting agreements (the "CAs") whereby the consultants were retained to serve as advisors to the Company and senior management in the areas of public relations and content creation and scientific, technical and business advice. As compensation for performing these services, the Company will pay the advisors hourly rates between US\$30 to US\$600. The Company also granted 302,000 share purchase options to six advisors as part of the Company's November 17, 2020 and April 28, 2021 grant of options (see Note 6). The advisors being paid \$400 and \$600 per hour will reserve at least six full days of services to the Company and such additional days as requested by the Company each annual period, but not to exceed 36 full days of service per year unless otherwise agreed and up to a maximum of 288 hours total per year, unless otherwise agreed. The services will continue for initial terms of one year unless sooner terminated. At the end of the initial terms, the CAs will automatically be extended for an additional one-year period(s) unless either party gives the other 30 days written notice.

On October 9, 2020, the Company entered into a consulting agreement whereby the consultant was retained to serve as an advisor to the Company in the areas of scientific, technical and business advice. As compensation for performing these services, the Company will pay the advisor an hourly rate of US\$130. The Company granted 90,000 stock options to the consultant on November 17, 2020 (see Note 6).

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On November 6, 2020, the Company entered into a sponsored research agreement (the "SRA") with the University of Texas Medical Branch (the "UTMB") whereby the UTMB conducted a research program on behalf of the Company. Pursuant to the SRA, the agreement is effective as of October 15, 2020 and the research program was carried out through to its conclusion on February 15, 2021. As consideration for UTMB's performance, the Company paid US\$66,764 which was recorded in research and development costs.

On November 17, 2020, the Company entered into an ICA whereby the contractor was engaged to serve as the Company's Vice President (Discovery). The contractor will be compensated for these services as determined by the Board of Directors of the Company. The services will continue for an initial term of one year unless sooner terminated. The ICA can be terminated by the Company providing five working days written notice, the contractor providing three months' written notice or by mutual written agreement. At the end of the initial term, the ICA will automatically be extended for additional one-year period(s) unless the Company provides the contractor with 30 days written notice. In March 2021, the Board of Directors authorized a monthly fee of US\$15,000.

# 9. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

The following table summarizes the carrying value of financial assets and liabilities:

	September 30, 2021	September 30, 2020
FVTPL	\$	\$
Cash	19,673,765	799,929
Guaranteed investment certificate	86,250	-
Cash and cash equivalents	19,760,015	799,929
Amortized cost		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	638,573	150,923

#### Fair value measurement

Financial assets and liabilities that are recognized on the statement of financial position at fair value can be classified in a hierarchy that is based on the significance of the inputs used in making the measurements.

#### The levels in the hierarchy are:

Level 1 - quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;

Level 2 - inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (that is, as prices) or indirectly (that is, derived from prices); and

Level 3 - inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (that is, unobservable inputs).

The Company's cash and cash equivalents is classified as Level 1, whereas accounts payable and accrued liabilities are classified as Level 2. As at September 30, 2021, the Company believes that the carrying values of cash and cash equivalents and accounts payable and accrued liabilities approximate their fair values because of their nature and relatively short maturity dates or durations.

# Financial risk management

The Company is exposed in varying degrees to a variety of financial instrument related risks. The Board of Directors approves and monitors the risk management processes. The type of risk exposure and the way in which such exposure is managed is provided as follows:

# Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will fail to discharge an obligation and cause the other party to incur a financial loss. The Company's primary exposure to credit risk is on its cash and cash equivalents balance. As at September 30, 2021, the Company had cash and cash equivalents of \$19,760,015 which was held with a major bank in Canada and a major bank in the United States. Because deposits are with two banks, there is a concentration of credit risk. This risk is managed by using major banks that are high credit quality financial institutions as determined by rating agencies. The maximum exposure to credit risk is the carrying amount of the Company's financial instruments. The credit risk is assessed as low.

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# Foreign exchange risk

Foreign currency risk is the risk that the fair values of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because they are denominated in currencies that differ from the respective functional currency. As at September 30, 2021, the Company had the following foreign currency balances - cash (US\$2,789,264) and accounts payable and accrued liabilities (US\$420,481). A 10% fluctuation in the US\$ against the Canadian dollar would have an impact of approximately \$301,807 on the net comprehensive loss.

#### Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk arises through the excess of financial obligations over available financial assets due at any point in time. The Company's objective in managing liquidity risk is to maintain sufficient readily available reserves in order to meet its liquidity requirements at any point in time. The Company's main source of funding has been the issuance of equity securities for cash, primarily through private placements. The Company's access to financing is always uncertain. There can be no assurance of continued access to significant equity funding. As at September 30, 2021, the Company had cash and cash equivalents of \$19,760,015 to cover current liabilities of \$638,573.

# Capital management

Management's objective is to manage its capital to ensure that there are adequate capital resources to safeguard the Company's ability to continue as a going concern through the optimization of its capital structure. The capital structure consists of share capital and working capital. In order to achieve this objective, management makes adjustments to it in light of changes in economic conditions and risk characteristics of the underlying assets. To maintain or adjust the capital structure, management may invest its excess cash in interest bearing accounts of Canadian chartered banks and/or raise additional funds externally as needed. The Company is not subject to externally imposed capital requirements. The Company's management of capital did not change during the year ended September 30, 2021.

#### 10. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Research and development expense recognized in the consolidated statements of comprehensive loss is comprised of the following:

	Year ended September 30, 2021	Year ended September 30, 2020	Period ended September 30, 2019
	\$	\$	\$
Laboratory costs (see Note 11)	82,871	25,874	27,164
Novel drug development	3,638,910	110,029	-
Patents and related payments	513,302	13,895	-
Salary and subcontractors	1,369,769	43,754	14,845
Share-based compensation (see Note 6)	709,136	161,300	-
	6,313,988	354,852	42,009

# 11. PREMISES LEASES

Commencing June 1, 2021, the Company entered into a commercial laboratory lease in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin USA for a term of one year at a monthly base rent of US\$1,709. For the year ended September 30, 2021, \$7,003 is included in laboratory costs (see Note 10).

Commencing September 1, 2021, the Company entered into an apartment lease in New York, New York USA for a term of one year at a monthly base rent of US\$5,300. For the year ended September 30, 2021, \$6,700 is included in office and administrative expense.

# 12. INCOME TAXES

A reconciliation of the expected income tax recovery to the actual income tax recovery is as follows:

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	September 30, 2021	September 30, 2020	September 30, 2019
	\$	\$	\$
Net loss	(8,650,763)	(480,377)	(78,717)
Statutory tax rate	27.75%	27%	27%
Expected income tax recovery	(2,400,311)	(129,702)	(21,254)
Deductible and non-deductible items	(256,939)	42,136	-
Change in deferred tax assets not recognized	2,657,250	87,566	21,254
Total income tax recovery	-	-	-

The Company has the following deductible temporary differences for which no deferred tax has been recognized:

	September 30, 2021	September 30, 2020
	\$	\$
Non-capital losses	9,976,000	403,000
Share issue costs	1,448,000	4,000
Intangible assets	(1,000)	(2,000)
Valuation allowance	(11,423,000)	(405,000)
Net deferred income tax assets		-

The Company has Canadian non-capital losses of approximately \$9,940,000 (2019 - \$403,000), US non-capital losses of \$ 30,000 (2019 - \$Nil) and Australian noncapital losses of \$6,000 (2019 - \$Nil), which may be carried forward and applied against taxable income in future years. Future tax benefits which may arise as a result of these losses have not been recognized in these financial statements and have been offset by a valuation allowance.

The Company's Canadian non-capital loss carry-forwards expire as follows:

Year of Origin	Year of Expiry	Non-Capital Losses
		\$
2019	2039	79,000
2020	2040	324,000
2021	2041	9,537,000
		9,940,000

# **13. COMPARATIVE AMOUNTS**

Certain of the prior year's amounts have been reclassified to conform with the current year's presentation (see Note 10).

# 14. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Events not disclosed elsewhere in these consolidated financial statements are as follows:

On November 1, 2021, the Company entered into a letter agreement (the "LA") with a New York-based company, whereby the company will provide investor relations services to the Company. As compensation for performing these services, the Company will pay a non-refundable monthly retainer of US\$5,000 and issue 11,200 shares of restricted stock in three tranches: 3,800 on January 1, 2022; 3,700 on April 1, 2022 and 3,700 on July 1, 2022. If the contract is terminated prior to the issuance date, the outstanding balance is not owed. The services will continue for an initial term of one year unless sooner terminated by either party giving the other 15 days written notice.

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#### On November 9, 2021, 12,500 warrants were exercised for gross proceeds of \$118,250.

In November 2021, the Company entered into director indemnity agreements (the "DIAs") with five directors of the Company. Pursuant to the DIAs and subject to all applicable laws, including the applicable limitations and restrictions set forth in the Business Corporations Act (British Columbia), the Company will:

- Indemnify and save harmless the Directors against and from:
  - any and all charges or claims by reason of them being or having been a director of the Company or another corporation, at a time when the other corporation is or was an affiliate of the Company, or at the request of the Company;
  - any and all costs, damages, expenses, fines, liabilities, losses and penalties (the "Consequences") which they may sustain, incur or be liable for in consequence of their acting as a director of the Company, whether sustained or incurred by reason of their negligence, default, breach of duty or trust, failure to exercise due diligence or otherwise in relation to the Company or any of its affairs; and
- o in particular, and without in any way limiting the generality of the foregoing, any and all Consequences which they may sustain, incur or be liable for as a result of or in connection with the release or presence in the environment of substances, contaminants, litter, waste, effluent, refuse, pollutants or deleterious materials and that arise out of or are in any way connected with the management, operation, activities or existence of the Company or by virtue of them holding any other directorship with any other entity at the Company's request.
- gross up any indemnity payment made pursuant to the DIAs by the amount of any income tax payable by the Directors in respect of that payment; and
- indemnify the Directors for the amount of all costs they incur in obtaining any Court approval required to enable or require the Company to make a
  payment to them under the DIAs, or enforce the DIAs against the Company, including without limitation legal fees and disbursements on a full indemnity basis.

Notwithstanding the above-noted, the Company will have no obligation to indemnify or save harmless the Directors in respect of any liability for which they are entitled to indemnity pursuant to any valid and collectible policy of insurance obtained and maintained by the Company, to the extent of the amounts actually collected by the Directors under the insurance policy.

# **ITEM 19. EXHIBITS**

The following exhibits are filed as part of this Annual Report on Form 20-F:

<u>1.1</u>	Notice of Articles <sup>(1)</sup>
<u>1.2</u>	<u>Articles<sup>(1)</sup></u>
<u>2.1</u>	Form of Common Share Certificate <sup>(1)</sup>
2.2	Description of Registrant's Securities*
<u>4.1</u>	Escrow Agreement dated January 28, 2021 <sup>(1)</sup>
<u>4.2</u>	Independent Contractor Agreement with Dr. Alan Kozikowski dated October 29, 2020(2)+
<u>4.3</u>	Independent Consultant Agreement with Revati, Inc. dated June 5, 2020(2)+
<u>4.4</u>	Independent Contractor Agreement with Dr. Giedon Shapiro dated November 17, 2021 <sup>(2)+</sup>
<u>4.5</u>	Consulting Agreement with Dr. Krista Lanctot dated August 15, 2020 <sup>(1)+</sup>
<u>4.6</u>	Consulting Agreement with Werner Tueckmantel dated August 15, 2020(1)+
<u>4.7</u>	Consulting Agreement with John McCorvy dated August 15, 2020(1)+
<u>4.8</u>	Consulting Agreement with Peter Kowey dated August 15, 2020 <sup>(1)+</sup>
<u>4.9</u>	Consulting Agreement with Arina Zhukova dated August 15, 2020(1)+
<u>4.10</u>	Consulting Agreement with Laurentiu Nicolae dated August 15, 2020(1)+
<u>4.11</u>	Consulting Agreement with Jesse Damsker dated August 15, 2020 <sup>(1)+</sup>
<u>4.12</u>	Consulting Agreement with Toxicology Services Inc. dated December 22, 2020(1)+
<u>4.13</u>	Consulting Agreement with Uroš Laban dated January 4, 2021 <sup>(1)±</sup>
<u>4.14</u>	Consulting Agreement with John McCall dated January 25, 2021(1)+
<u>4.15</u>	Independent Contractor Agreement with Bay Area Clinical Research Consulting LLC, Katherine McDougall dated May 7, 2021(1)+
<u>4.16</u>	Scientific Advisory Board Agreement with Narayan R. Kissoon, MD dated June 1, 2020 <sup>(1)±</sup>
<u>4.17</u>	Scientific Advisory Board Agreement with Peter Hendricks dated July 14, 2020 <sup>(1)±</sup>
<u>4.18</u>	Scientific Advisory Board Agreement with Jianmin Duan dated April 21, 2021 <sup>(1)±</sup>
<u>4.19</u>	Services Agreement dated June 22, 2020 between the Company and the Medical College of Wisconsin, Inc. (1)+
<u>4.20</u>	Sponsored Research Agreement dated October 15, 2020 between the Company and the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston d/b/a UTMB Health <sup>(1)+</sup>

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<u>4.21</u>	<u>First Amendment to the Sponsored Research Agreement between the Company and the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston d/b/a UTMB</u> Health dated June 11, 2021 <sup>(1)±</sup>
<u>4.22</u>	Underwriting Agreement dated February 23, 2021 among the Company, Eight Capital, Stifel Nicolaus Canada Inc., Beacon Securities Limited and Haywood Securities Inc. <sup>(1)</sup>
4.23	Warrant Indenture dated March 17, 2021 between the Company and Computershare Trust Company of Canada <sup>(1)</sup>
<u>4.24</u>	Option Agreement dated May 26, 2020 between the Company and the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois. <sup>(2)+</sup>
<u>4.25</u>	Exclusive License Agreement dated April 23, 2021 between the Company and the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois. (1)+
<u>8.1</u>	List of Subsidiaries <sup>(*)</sup>
<u>11.1</u>	Code of Business Conduct and Ethics <sup>(1)</sup>
<u>12.1</u>	Section 302(a) Certification of CEO*
12.2	Section 302(a) Certification of CFO*
<u>13.1</u>	Section 906 Certifications of CEO and CFO*
<u>15.1</u>	Audit Committee Charter <sup>(1)</sup>
<u>15.2</u>	Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee Charter <sup>(1)</sup>
<u>15.3</u>	Compensation Committee Charter <sup>(1)</sup>
101.INS	XBRL Instance Document-the instance document does not appear in the Interactive Data File as its XBRL tags are embedded within the Inline XBRL document*
<u>101.SCH</u>	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document*
<u>101.DEF</u>	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document*
<u>101.LAB</u>	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document*
<u>101.PRE</u>	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document*
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (formatted as Inline XBRL and contained in Exhibit 101).*

Notes:

\* Filed herewith.

Portions of this exhibit have been omitted pursuant to a request for confidential treatment. Confidential information has been omitted from the exhibit in places  $^+$ marked "\*\*\*\*" and has been filed separately with the SEC.

(1)

Filed as an exhibit to our registration statement on Form 20-F/A (Amendment No. 1) as filed with the SEC on July 29, 2021 and incorporated herein by (2) reference.

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# SIGNATURES

The registrant certifies that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form 20-F and that it has duly caused and authorized the undersigned to sign this annual report on its behalf.

Bright Minds Biosciences Inc.

Date: December 29, 2021

By: <u>/s/ Ian McDonald</u> Ian McDonald President and Chief Executive Officer

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#### EXHIBIT 2.2

# DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT'S SECURITIES

The following securities of our Company are registered under section 12(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"):

our Company's common shares are listed on the Nasdaq Capital Market ("Nasdaq"), under the symbol "DRUG".

#### **Jurisdiction of Incorporation**

Our Company was incorporated under the Business Corporations Act (British Columbia) on May 31, 2019.

#### Authorized and Issued Share Capital

Our Notice of Articles provide that our authorized capital consists of an unlimited number of common shares without par value.

As of September 30, 2021, we had 11,834,361 common shares issued and outstanding.

As of December 29, 2021, we had 11,846,861 common shares issued and outstanding.

#### **Rights, Preferences and Restrictions Attaching to Our Shares**

The Business Corporations Act provides the following rights, privileges, restrictions and conditions attaching to our common shares:

- (a) to vote at meetings of shareholders, except meetings at which only holders of a specified class of shares are entitled to vote;
- (b) subject to the rights, privileges, restrictions and conditions attaching to any other class of shares of our Company, to share equally in the remaining property of our Company on liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of our Company; and
- (c) subject to the rights of the preferred shares, the common shares are entitled to receive dividends if, as, and when declared by our Board of Directors.

The provisions in our Articles attaching to our common shares may be altered, amended, repealed, suspended or changed by the affirmative vote of the holders of not less than two-thirds of the outstanding common.

With the exception of special resolutions (i.e., resolutions in respect of fundamental changes to our Company, including: the sale of all or substantially all of our assets, a merger or other arrangement or an alteration to our authorized capital that is not allowed by resolution of the directors) that require the approval of holders of two-thirds of the outstanding common shares entitled to vote at a meeting, either in person or by proxy, resolutions to approve matters brought before a meeting of our shareholders require approval by a simple majority of the votes cast by shareholders entitled to vote at a meeting, either in person or by proxy.

#### **Shareholder Meetings**

The Business Corporations Act provides that: (i) a general meetings of shareholders must be held in British Columbia, or may be held at a location outside British Columbia since our Articles do not restrict our Company from approving a location outside of British Columbia for the holding of the general meeting and the location for the meeting is approved by ordinary resolution; (ii) directors must call an annual meeting of shareholders not later than 15 months after the last preceding annual meeting; (iii) for the purpose of determining shareholders entitled to receive notice of or vote at meetings of shareholders, the directors may fix in advance a date as the record date for that determination, provided that such date shall not precede by more than two months or by less than 21 days the date on which the meeting is to be held; (iv) the holders of not less than 5% of the issued shares entitled to vote at a meeting may requisition the directors to call a meeting of shareholders; and (vi) upon the application of a director or shareholder entitled to vote at the meeting, the British Columbia Supreme Court may order a meeting to be called, held and conducted in a manner that the Court directs.

# Limitations on Rights of Non-Canadians

Our Company is incorporated pursuant to the laws of the Province of British Columbia, Canada. There is no law or governmental decree or regulation in Canada that restricts the export or import of capital, or affects the remittance of dividends, interest or other payments to a non-resident holder of common shares, other than withholding tax requirements. Any such remittances to United States residents are generally subject to withholding tax, however, no such remittances are likely in the foreseeable future. For additional information, see "Item 10. Additional Information - E. Taxation - Canadian Federal Income Tax Considerations for United States Residents" in our Annual Report on Form 20-F.

There is no limitation imposed by Canadian law or by our Articles or other constituent documents of our Company on the right of a non-resident to hold or vote common shares of our Company. However, the Investment Canada Act (Canada) has rules regarding certain acquisitions of shares by non-residents, along with other requirements under that legislation. For additional information, see "Item 10. Additional Information - B. Memorandum and Articles of Association - Limitations on Rights of Non-Canadians" in our Annual Report on Form 20-F.

# EXHIBIT 8.1

# LIST OF SUBSIDIARIES

# **Subsidiaries**

- 1. PsilocybinLabs Ltd., a British Columbia, Canada, corporation;
- 2. Bright Minds Biosciences LLC, a Delaware limited liability company; and
- 3. Bright Minds Bioscience Pty. Ltd., an Australia corporation.

# EXHIBIT 12.1

#### CERTIFICATION OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER PURSUANT TO SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

I, Ian McDonald, certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this Annual Report on Form 20-F of Bright Minds Biosciences Inc.;
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the company as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The company's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the company and have:
  - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the company, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the company's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the company's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the period covered by the annual report that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the company's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5. The company's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the company's auditors and the audit committee of company's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the company's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the company's internal control over financial reporting.

Date:	December	29,	2021

 
 Name:
 /s/ Ian McDonald

 Title:
 President and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)

#### **EXHIBIT 12.2**

## CERTIFICATION OF PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER PURSUANT TO SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

I, Ryan Cheung, certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this Annual Report on Form 20-F of Bright Minds Biosciences Inc.;
- 2 Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial 3. condition, results of operations and cash flows of the company as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The company's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the company and have:
  - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the company, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - Evaluated the effectiveness of the company's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of (c) the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the company's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the period covered by the annual report that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the company's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5. The company's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the company's auditors and the audit committee of company's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the company's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the company's internal control over financial reporting.

December 29, 2021 Date:

/s/ Rvan Cheung

Name: Ryan Cheung Title:

Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)

# EXHIBIT 13.1

#### CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350, AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

In connection with the Annual Report of Bright Minds Biosciences Inc. on Form 20-F for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), the undersigned hereby certify that to the best of our knowledge:

- 1. The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- 2. The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial conditions and results of operations of Bright Minds Biosciences Inc.

Date: December 29, 2021

/s/ Ian McDonald Name: Ian McDonald Title: President and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)

Date: December 29, 2021

/s/ Ryan Cheung Name: Ryan Cheung Title: Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)

A signed original of this written statement, or other document authenticating, acknowledging, or otherwise adopting each of the signatures appearing in typed form within the electronic version of this written statement, has been provided to Bright Minds Biosciences Inc. and will be retained by Bright Minds Biosciences Inc. and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

This written statement accompanies the Annual Report on Form 20-F in which it appears as an Exhibit pursuant to Section 906 of the U.S. Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and shall not, except to the extent required by the U.S. Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 or other applicable law, be deemed filed by Bright Minds Biosciences Inc. for purposes of Section 18 of the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.