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**FORM S-1  
REGISTRATION STATEMENT  
UNDER  
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

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**PTC THERAPEUTICS, INC.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**2834**  
(Primary Standard Industrial  
Classification Code Number)

**04-3416587**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

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**Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public:  
 As soon as practicable after this Registration Statement is declared effective.**

If any of the securities being registered on this form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, check the following box.

If this form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

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**CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**

<b>Title of Each Class of Securities To Be Registered</b>	<b>Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price(1)</b>	<b>Amount of Registration Fee(2)</b>

Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share	\$75,000,000	\$9,660
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(1) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(o) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

(2) Calculated pursuant to Rule 457(o) based on a bona fide estimate of the proposed maximum aggregate offering price.

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**The Registrant hereby amends this Registration Statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this Registration Statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until the Registration Statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.**

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**The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. We may not sell these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and it is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted.**

**Subject to completion, dated January 30, 2014**

Prospectus

*shares*

***Common stock***

This is a public offering of common stock by PTC Therapeutics, Inc. We are selling \_\_\_\_\_ shares of our common stock.

Our common stock trades on The NASDAQ Global Select Market under the trading symbol "PTCT". On January \_\_\_\_\_, 2014, the last sale price of our common stock as reported on The NASDAQ Global Select Market was \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per share.

We are an "emerging growth company" and have elected to rely on certain reduced public company disclosure requirements. See "Prospectus summary Implications of being an emerging growth company."

**Investing in our common stock involves a high degree of risk. See "Risk factors" beginning on page 11.**

	<b>Per share</b>	<b>Total</b>
Public offering price	\$ _____	\$ _____
Underwriting discounts and commissions(1)	\$ _____	\$ _____
Proceeds to PTC Therapeutics, Inc., before expenses	\$ _____	\$ _____

(1) The underwriters will receive compensation in addition to the underwriting discount. See "Underwriting" on page 182.

We have granted the underwriters an option for a period of 30 days to purchase up to \_\_\_\_\_ additional shares of common stock to cover any over-allotments. The underwriters can exercise this right at any time within 30 days after the date of this prospectus.

**Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed on the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.**

The underwriters expect to deliver the shares of common stock to investors on or about \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.

**J.P. Morgan**

**Credit Suisse**

The date of this prospectus is \_\_\_\_\_, 2014

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We have not authorized anyone to provide you with information other than that contained in this prospectus or in any free writing prospectus prepared by or on behalf of us or to which we have referred you. We take no responsibility for, and can provide no assurance as to the reliability of, any other information that others may give to you. We are offering to sell, and seeking offers to buy, shares of our common stock only in jurisdictions where offers and sales are permitted. The information contained in this prospectus is accurate only as of the date of this prospectus, regardless of the time of delivery of this prospectus or any sale of our common stock. Our business, financial conditions, results of operations and prospects may have changed since that date.

No action is being taken in any jurisdiction outside the United States to permit a public offering of our common stock or possession or distribution of this prospectus in that jurisdiction. Persons who come into possession of this prospectus in jurisdictions outside the United States are required to inform themselves about and to observe any restrictions as to this offering and the distribution of this prospectus applicable to that jurisdiction.

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## Prospectus summary

*This summary highlights information contained elsewhere in this prospectus. This summary does not contain all of the information you should consider before investing in our common stock. You should read this entire prospectus carefully, especially the "Risk factors" section and our financial statements and the related notes appearing elsewhere in this prospectus, before making an investment decision.*

## Our company overview

We are a biopharmaceutical company focused on the discovery and development of orally administered, proprietary small-molecule drugs that target post-transcriptional control processes. While our discovery programs are directed at targets in multiple therapeutic areas, we are focusing particularly on the development and commercialization of treatments for orphan and ultra-orphan disorders. Our lead product candidate is ataluren for the treatment of patients with genetic disorders that arise from a type of genetic mutation known as a nonsense mutation. We hold worldwide commercialization rights to ataluren for all indications in all territories. Ataluren is in late stage clinical development for the treatment of Duchenne muscular dystrophy caused by nonsense mutations, or nmDMD, and cystic fibrosis caused by nonsense mutations, or nmCF. There are currently no marketed therapies approved to treat the underlying cause of nmDMD or nmCF. The European Medicines Agency, or EMA, has designated ataluren as an orphan medicinal product, and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, or FDA, has granted orphan drug designation to ataluren for the treatment of both nmDMD and nmCF.

We have initiated a confirmatory Phase 3 clinical trial of ataluren for the treatment of nmDMD. We refer to this trial as the Ataluren Confirmatory Trial in DMD, or ACT DMD. We dosed the first patient in this trial in 2013 and expect to complete enrollment in mid-2014. In October 2012, we submitted a marketing authorization application, or MAA, to the EMA for conditional approval of ataluren for the treatment of nmDMD. In January 2014, EMA's Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use, or CHMP, adopted a negative opinion recommending the refusal of the granting of the conditional marketing authorization for ataluren for the treatment of nmDMD. We have requested a re-examination of the CHMP opinion. We are also planning a Phase 3 clinical trial of ataluren for the treatment of nmCF. We plan to begin dosing patients in this trial in the first half of 2014.

We have completed a Phase 2b clinical trial of ataluren for the treatment of nmDMD and a Phase 3 clinical trial of ataluren for the treatment of nmCF. We did not achieve the primary efficacy endpoint in either trial with the pre-specified level of statistical significance. However, we believe that the collective data from these trials, including retrospective and subgroup analyses that we have performed, provide strong support for concluding that ataluren was active and showed clinically meaningful improvements over placebo in these trials. In addition, we believe that our experience in these completed clinical trials has allowed us to enhance the designs of our confirmatory Phase 3 clinical trials and improve our likelihood of success in these trials. Accordingly, we initiated our confirmatory Phase 3 ACT DMD clinical trial and are planning a confirmatory Phase 3 clinical trial of ataluren for the treatment of nmCF. Ataluren has been generally well tolerated in all of our clinical trials to date. We also plan to pursue additional indications for ataluren beyond nmDMD and nmCF and expect to initiate a proof-of-concept study for a third indication in 2014.

We continue to advance the development of our spinal muscular atrophy collaboration with F. Hoffman-La Roche Ltd and Hoffman-La Roche Inc., which we refer to collectively as Roche, and the Spinal Muscular Atrophy Foundation, or SMA Foundation. A development candidate for the program was selected in August 2013, and a Phase 1 clinical program was initiated in healthy volunteers in January 2014. Each of these events triggered a milestone payment to us from Roche.

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The letters "PTC" in our corporate name are an acronym for post-transcriptional control processes, which are the regulatory events that occur in cells after a messenger RNA, or mRNA, molecule is copied, or transcribed, from DNA. Post-transcriptional control processes regulate the rate and timing of protein production and are essential to proper cellular function. Nonsense mutations create a premature stop signal in the translation of the genetic code contained in mRNA and prevent the production of full-length, functional proteins. The absence or overproduction of specific proteins can cause disease. We apply proprietary technologies and our extensive knowledge of post-transcriptional control processes in our drug discovery and development activities. We discovered ataluren by applying our technologies to identify molecules that promote or enhance the suppression of nonsense mutations.

In addition, we have a pipeline of product candidates that are in preclinical development. Our preclinical and discovery programs are focused on the development of new treatments for multiple therapeutic areas, including neuromuscular disease, oncology and infectious disease. We have discovered all of our compounds currently under development using our proprietary technologies. We plan to develop these compounds both on our own and through selective collaboration arrangements with leading pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies.

**Ataluren**

Ataluren is a novel, orally administered small-molecule compound that targets nonsense mutations. We are developing ataluren for the treatment of genetic disorders in which a nonsense mutation is the cause of the disease. Genetic tests are available for many genetic disorders, including Duchenne muscular dystrophy and cystic fibrosis, to determine if the underlying cause is a nonsense mutation.

We believe that ataluren interacts with the ribosome, which is the component of the cell that decodes the mRNA molecule and manufactures proteins, to enable the ribosome to read through premature nonsense stop signals on mRNA and allow the cell to produce a full-length, functional protein. We believe that a drug with a mechanism of action that allows the ribosome to read through premature stop signals without affecting the normal termination of protein synthesis may be able to overcome the effects of nonsense mutations.

Ataluren is administered orally as granules mixed with permitted liquids or semi-solid foods, such as milk, water, applesauce or yogurt. We designed this formulation because children comprise a significant portion of the patient population for ataluren and often have difficulty swallowing pills or capsules. Ataluren is manufactured in reliable and reproducible synthetic processes from readily available starting materials.

**Ataluren for nmDMD**

Muscular dystrophies are genetic disorders involving progressive muscle wasting and weakness. Duchenne muscular dystrophy is the most common and one of the most severe types of muscular dystrophy. Duchenne muscular dystrophy occurs when a mutation in the dystrophin gene prevents the cell from making a functional dystrophin protein. Based on information from the American Journal of Medical Genetics, we estimate that a nonsense mutation is the cause of Duchenne muscular dystrophy in approximately 13% of patients, or approximately 2,000 patients in the United States and 2,500 patients in the European Union. There is currently no marketed therapy approved for the treatment of the underlying cause of Duchenne muscular dystrophy. Currently available treatments for Duchenne muscular dystrophy are only palliative.

We have initiated our confirmatory Phase 3 ACT DMD clinical trial to evaluate the efficacy and safety of ataluren in patients with nmDMD. This is a multicenter, randomized, double-blind, placebo controlled



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Phase 3 clinical trial. We dosed the first patient in this trial in April 2013, with enrollment expected to be completed in mid-2014. We plan to conduct this trial in approximately 220 patients at investigational sites worldwide.

The primary objective of this trial is to evaluate the effect of ataluren on ambulation as measured by mean change in distance walked during a 6-minute walk test, which we refer to as 6-minute walk distance. Based on our estimates regarding patient enrollment, we expect to complete this trial and have initial, top-line data available in mid-2015.

The trial protocol specifies the following key inclusion criteria for patients enrolling in this trial:

the patient must be seven through 16 years of age;

at baseline, the patient must walk no more than 80% of predicted 6-minute walk distance compared to healthy boys matched for age and height, but have the ability to walk at least 150 meters during the 6-minute walk test; and

the patient must have used systemic corticosteroids for a minimum of six months prior to the start of treatment.

The study population and outcome measures that we are using in our confirmatory Phase 3 ACT DMD clinical trial are based on, and reflect our analysis of the results of, our completed Phase 2b clinical trial of ataluren for the treatment of nmDMD, including data regarding disease progression, referred to as natural history data, and a post-hoc, retrospective subgroup analysis of patients who would meet the enrollment criteria for our confirmatory Phase 3 ACT DMD clinical trial. This retrospective subgroup analysis showed a much larger treatment effect in mean change in 6-minute walk distance between ataluren and placebo in this subgroup than in the overall population included in the Phase 2b clinical trial. In light of this natural history data and retrospective subgroup analysis, our confirmatory Phase 3 ACT DMD clinical trial is focusing on patients in the decline phase of the disease based on age and baseline 6-minute walk distance. The intent of focusing on patients in the decline phase of the disease is to enhance the demonstration of ataluren's effect to slow decline in walking ability. In addition, we believe that by only enrolling patients who are treated with systemic corticosteroids, the variability of 6-minute walk distance results will be reduced.

In October 2012, we submitted an MAA to the EMA for conditional approval of ataluren for the treatment of nmDMD. During the review process, the EMA informed us of major objections that would preclude a recommendation for marketing authorization unless adequately addressed. These major objections related to, among other things, the EMA's views regarding insufficient evidence of efficacy based on our single Phase 2b clinical trial, resulting in a negative risk-benefit balance for purposes of conditional approval and uncertainties about the effective dose. EMA also questioned whether our confirmatory Phase 3 ACT DMD clinical trial could be completed if the EMA granted conditional approval. In December 2013, the EMA convened a scientific advisory group, or SAG, meeting as part of the regulatory review process followed by the oral explanation meeting with the CHMP. We believe that both the SAG and oral explanation meetings allowed us and independent experts in the DMD field to provide information to the SAG and CHMP members about important aspects of our clinical data and trial design.

In January 2014, the CHMP adopted a negative opinion recommending the refusal of the granting of the conditional marketing authorization for ataluren for the treatment of nmDMD. The CHMP stated that a principal reason for the negative opinion was that the prior Phase 2b clinical trial had failed to demonstrate in the primary analysis that patients taking ataluren could achieve the six minute walk test, the primary endpoint. Additionally, the CHMP noted that other measures of efficacy provided only limited

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supportive evidence of the beneficial effects of ataluren. The CHMP acknowledged in communication to us that the post hoc analyses that we presented to the CHMP were performed in line with the most current knowledge about the natural history of the disease and that our definition of the subgroups in the analyses were both clinically and scientifically justified. However, the CHMP concluded that we did not provide sufficiently compelling evidence of efficacy to justify conditional approval. In addition, the CHMP considered that we had not provided sufficient data to determine how ataluren works in the body and how its effects change with dose. Finally, the CHMP expressed concern that the conduct of the confirmatory Phase 3 ACT DMD trial might be affected by the availability of an authorized product and therefore potentially jeopardize the feasibility of completing the trial. Therefore, despite divergent minority positions, the CHMP concluded a favorable risk-benefit balance could not be established at the point in time of their meeting and adopted a negative opinion. We have requested a re-examination of the CHMP opinion. Based upon the timelines for a re-examination process, we believe that our confirmatory Phase 3 ACT DMD clinical trial will be substantially enrolled at the time the CHMP would consider a revision of their initial opinion as part of the re-examination process.

We continue to believe that completion of our confirmatory Phase 3 ACT DMD clinical trial and submission of data to the regulatory authorities is the more likely path to obtain marketing approval of ataluren. There is substantial risk that the EMA will not grant us conditional approval upon re-examination of the original CHMP negative opinion. If granted, EMA conditional approval would permit us to market ataluren in the European Union for treatment of nmDMD prior to completion of our confirmatory Phase 3 ACT DMD clinical trial. We plan to complete our confirmatory Phase 3 ACT DMD clinical trial before applying for marketing approval from the FDA. In designing our confirmatory Phase 3 ACT DMD clinical trial for the treatment of nmDMD, we have sought to reflect the views expressed by both the EMA and the FDA in our discussions with these regulatory authorities. We expect that these trial results, if favorable, could serve as the basis for full approval by the EMA and the FDA of ataluren for the treatment of nmDMD. If the trial results are favorable, and based on our estimates of patient enrollment and data availability, we expect to be able to submit applications for full marketing approval of ataluren for the treatment of nmDMD in both the European Union and the United States in 2016.

### **Ataluren for nmCF**

Cystic fibrosis is among the most common life-threatening genetic disorders worldwide. Cystic fibrosis is caused by defects in a single gene known as the cystic fibrosis transmembrane conductance regulator, or CFTR. Based on information from the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, we estimate that nonsense mutations are the cause of cystic fibrosis in approximately 10% of patients, or approximately 3,000 patients in the United States and approximately 3,700 to 4,200 patients in the European Union. There is currently no marketed therapy approved to correct defective CFTR production and function in patients with nmCF. For nmCF patients, available treatments do not address the underlying cause of the disease and are designed only to alleviate the symptoms of the disease.

We are planning a multicenter, randomized, double-blind, placebo controlled Phase 3 clinical trial to evaluate the efficacy and safety of ataluren in approximately 210 patients with cystic fibrosis caused by a nonsense mutation as confirmed by gene sequencing. We expect that the primary objective of this trial will be to evaluate the effect of ataluren on pulmonary function as measured by relative change in percent of predicted forced expiratory volume in one second, or FEV<sub>1</sub>. FEV<sub>1</sub> is a measure of the volume of air that has been exhaled at the end of the first second of forced expiration. Percent of predicted FEV<sub>1</sub>, or %-predicted FEV<sub>1</sub>, is based on a comparison to healthy individuals matched for age, height and gender. Based on our

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estimates regarding initiation of the trial and patient enrollment, we expect to complete this trial and have initial, top-line data available in 2016.

We expect to require that patients in this trial be at least six years of age and have %-predicted FEV<sub>1</sub> within a specified range, sweat chloride in excess of a specified level as evidence of the severity of the disease and documentation of a nonsense mutation in at least one copy of the CFTR gene. We expect to exclude patients from the trial if, among other reasons, they are receiving chronic inhaled aminoglycoside antibiotics.

We selected the enrollment criteria for our confirmatory Phase 3 clinical trial in part based on a subgroup analysis of patients not receiving inhaled aminoglycoside antibiotics in our completed Phase 3 clinical trial for the treatment of nmCF. We believe that the inhaled antibiotic tobramycin interfered with ataluren's mechanism of action. For the subgroup of patients not receiving chronic inhaled aminoglycoside antibiotics, there was a substantial difference in mean relative changes from baseline in %-predicted FEV<sub>1</sub> at the end of the trial favoring ataluren in comparison with placebo. In contrast, patients that received chronic inhaled aminoglycoside antibiotics and ataluren did not exhibit a difference compared to patients that received chronic inhaled aminoglycoside antibiotics and placebo.

We have received scientific advice from the EMA regarding the possibility of submitting an MAA for conditional approval of ataluren for the treatment of nmCF and the protocol design of a post-approval confirmatory trial. There is substantial risk that the EMA will not grant us conditional approval of ataluren for the treatment of nmCF. We had interactions with the FDA in 2013 regarding the clinical development design which would have the potential to support an NDA, but did not achieve a consensus between the EMA and FDA views. While we have incorporated feedback from the FDA into our proposed trial design, we believe that certain key recommendations are not appropriate. Two of the key recommendations that we are in disagreement with are the designation of FEV<sub>1</sub>, CF pulmonary exacerbations and body mass index as three co-primary endpoints for the trial as well as a suggested three-year trial duration. We plan to make FEV<sub>1</sub> the primary endpoint with CF pulmonary exacerbations and body mass index key secondary endpoints, which is consistent with other clinical trials currently ongoing in cystic fibrosis and FDA's earlier recommendation. Additionally, we believe that extending the study duration to three years would result in a number of complications that would ultimately limit the robustness of the data and conclusions that could be drawn from the results. Based on these interactions, we nonetheless intend to proceed with our confirmatory Phase 3 ACT DMD clinical trial of ataluren in nmCF in the first half of 2014 consistent with feedback from the EMA on our trial design.

**Our strategy**

Our goal is to become a leading biopharmaceutical company focused on discovering, developing and commercializing small-molecule therapeutics that target post-transcriptional control processes and address disorders, particularly in the orphan and ultra-orphan areas, with high unmet medical needs. To achieve our goal, we are pursuing the following strategies:

Complete clinical development and seek marketing approvals for ataluren for the treatment of nmDMD and nmCF.

Commercialize ataluren through our own focused, specialized sales force initially in the European Union and the United States and, eventually, in other key territories.

Explore additional, strategically attractive indications for ataluren based on the large number of genetic disorders caused by nonsense mutations.

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Advance the development of our preclinical product candidates and discover and develop additional small molecules that alter post-transcriptional control processes in a broad range of indications.

Seek third party grants and support and selectively establish strategic alliances.

**Risks associated with our business**

Our business is subject to a number of risks of which you should be aware before making an investment decision. These risks are discussed more fully in the "Risk factors" section of this prospectus immediately following this prospectus summary. These risks include, among others, the following:

We currently depend heavily on the success of ataluren. Our ability to generate product revenues, which may not occur for several years, if ever, will depend heavily on the successful development and commercialization of ataluren for either or both of nmDMD and nmCF. There is substantial risk that the EMA will not grant us conditional approval of ataluren for the treatment of either nmDMD or nmCF.

Clinical trials of ataluren or any of our other product candidates may not be successful. For example, we did not achieve the primary efficacy endpoint with the pre-specified level of statistical significance in a Phase 2b clinical trial of ataluren for the treatment of nmDMD that we completed in 2009 or in a Phase 3 clinical trial of ataluren for the treatment of nmCF that we completed in 2011. If we are unable to obtain required marketing approvals for, commercialize, obtain and maintain patent protection for or gain market acceptance by physicians, patients and third-party payors of ataluren or any of our other product candidates, or experience significant delays in doing so, our business will be materially harmed and our ability to generate revenue will be materially impaired.

Our scientific approach focusing on the discovery and development of product candidates that target post-transcriptional control processes is unproven and may not result in the development of commercially viable drugs that safely and effectively treat genetic disorders or other diseases.

Our current and any future collaborations with third parties for the development and commercialization of our product candidates may not be successful.

We have a limited operating history. We currently have no commercial products and we have not received marketing approval for any product candidate.

We have incurred significant operating losses since inception and may need substantial additional funding. We expect to incur significant expenses and increasing operating losses for at least the next several years. As of September 30, 2013, we had an accumulated deficit of \$310.9 million.

**Our corporate information**

Our executive offices are located at 100 Corporate Court, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080, and our telephone number is (908) 222-7000. Our website address is [www.ptcbio.com](http://www.ptcbio.com). The information contained on, or that can be accessed through, our website is not a part of this prospectus. We have included our website address in this prospectus solely as an inactive textual reference.

In this prospectus, unless otherwise stated or the context otherwise requires, references to "PTC," "PTC Therapeutics," "we," "us," "our" and similar references refer to PTC Therapeutics, Inc. and, where appropriate, its subsidiaries. The trademarks, trade names and service marks appearing in this prospectus are the property of their respective owners.



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**Implications of being an emerging growth company**

As a company with less than \$1 billion in revenue during our last fiscal year, we qualify as an "emerging growth company" as defined in the Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act of 2012, or the JOBS Act, and we may remain an emerging growth company until December 31, 2018, subject to satisfaction of certain conditions. For so long as we remain an emerging growth company, we are permitted and intend to rely on exemptions from certain disclosure and other requirements that are applicable to other public companies that are not emerging growth companies. In particular, in this prospectus, we have provided only two years of audited financial statements and have not included all of the executive compensation related information that would be required if we were not an emerging growth company. Accordingly, the information contained herein may be different than the information you receive from other public companies in which you hold stock.

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**The offering**

<b>Common stock offered by us</b>	shares
<b>Common stock to be outstanding after this offering</b>	shares
<b>Over-allotment option</b>	The underwriters have an option for a period of 30 days to purchase up to additional shares of our common stock to cover over-allotments.
<b>Use of proceeds</b>	We intend to use the net proceeds from this offering to fund the clinical development of and seek marketing approval for ataluren for the treatment of nmDMD, to fund the clinical development of and seek marketing approval for ataluren for the treatment of nmCF, to fund pre-approval commercial efforts for ataluren, to fund research and development of ataluren for additional indications and for our earlier stage programs, and for working capital and other general corporate purposes.  See "Use of proceeds" for more information.
<b>Risk factors</b>	You should read the "Risk factors" section of this prospectus for a discussion of factors to consider carefully before deciding to invest in shares of our common stock.
<b>NASDAQ Global Select Market symbol</b>	<u>"PTCT"</u>

The number of shares of our common stock to be outstanding after this offering is based on 24,913,508 shares of our common stock outstanding as of January 28, 2014 and excludes:

3,025,394 shares of our common stock issuable upon the exercise of stock options outstanding as of January 28, 2014, at a weighted-average exercise price of \$22.33 per share;

15,160 shares of our common stock issuable upon the exercise of warrants outstanding as of January 28, 2014, at a weighted-average exercise price of \$199.32 per share; and

163,661 shares of our common stock available for future issuance, as of January 28, 2014, under our 2013 long term incentive plan.

Unless otherwise indicated, all information in this prospectus assumes:

no exercise of the outstanding stock options or warrants described above; and

no exercise by the underwriters of their option to purchase up to additional shares of our common stock to cover over-allotments.





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You should read the following summary financial data together with our financial statements and the related notes appearing elsewhere in this prospectus and the "Selected financial data" and "Management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations" sections of this prospectus. We have derived the statements of operations data for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2012 from our audited financial statements included in this prospectus. We have derived the statements of operations data for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2013 and the balance sheet data as of September 30, 2013 from our unaudited financial statements included in this prospectus. The unaudited financial data include, in the opinion of our management, all adjustments, consisting of normal recurring adjustments, that are necessary for a fair statement of our financial position and results of operations for these periods. Our historical results for any prior period are not necessarily indicative of results to be expected in any future period, and our results for any interim period are not necessarily indicative of results to be expected for a full fiscal year.

Statement of operations data (in thousands, except share and per share data)	Year ended December 31,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2011	2012	2012	2013
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Collaboration revenue	\$ 98,961	\$ 28,779	\$ 22,861	\$ 27,395
Grant revenue	6,451	5,167	4,445	2,890
Total revenues	105,412	33,946	27,306	30,285
<b>Operating expenses:</b>				
Research and development	58,677	46,139	36,689	39,855
General and administrative	16,153	14,615	11,391	17,735
Total operating expenses	74,830	60,754	48,080	57,590
Income (loss) from operations	30,582	(26,808)	(20,774)	(27,305)
Interest income (expense), net	(2,444)	(1,210)	(1,007)	(6,250)
Loss on extinguishment of debt				(130)
Other income, net	461	1,783	1,818	(3)
Income (loss) before tax benefit	28,599	(26,235)	(19,963)	(33,688)
Income tax benefit	2,306			
Net income (loss)	30,905	(26,235)	(19,963)	(33,688)
Deemed dividend				(18,249)
Gain on exchange of convertible preferred stock in connection with recapitalization		159,954	159,954	3,391
Less beneficial conversion charge		(378)	(378)	
Net income (loss) attributable to common stockholders	\$ 30,905	\$ 133,341	\$ 139,613	\$ (48,546)
<b>Net income (loss) per share(1)</b>				
Basic	\$ 23.95	\$ 219.76	\$ 182.41	\$ (5.40)
Diluted	\$ 4.55	\$ 42.50	\$ 39.41	\$ (5.40)
<b>Weighted-average shares outstanding:</b>				
Basic	1,089	3,328	2,937	8,995,167

Diluted	5,729	17,205	13,593	8,995,167
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(1) See Note 8 to our audited financial statements appearing at the end of this prospectus regarding the calculation of net income per share.

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<b>Balance sheet data (in thousands)</b>	<b>As of December 31,</b>		<b>As of September 30,</b>
	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
Cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities	\$ 28,431	\$ 2,726	\$ 157,227
Working capital	(10,091)	(23,564)	146,217
Total assets	44,148	13,072	167,244
Long-term debt, including current portion	11,689	4,883	84
Convertible preferred stock	214,380	80,824	
Accumulated deficit	(250,612)	(277,225)	(310,912)
Total stockholders' equity (deficit)	(238,605)	(99,641)	151,033

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## **Risk factors**

*Investing in our common stock involves a high degree of risk. Before investing in our common stock, you should consider carefully the risks described below, together with the other information contained in this prospectus, including our financial statements and the related notes appearing elsewhere in this prospectus. If any of the following risks occur, our business, financial condition, results of operations and future growth prospects could be materially and adversely affected. In these circumstances, the market price of our common stock could decline, and you may lose all or part of your investment.*

### **Risks related to our financial position and need for additional capital**

*We have incurred significant losses since our inception. We expect to incur losses for at least the next several years and may never generate profits from operations or maintain profitability.*

Since inception, we have incurred significant operating losses. As of September 30, 2013, we had an accumulated deficit of \$310.9 million. To date, we have financed our operations primarily through the issuance and sale of our common stock in our initial public offering, the private placements of our preferred stock, collaborations, bank debt, convertible debt financings, grant funding and clinical trial support from governmental and philanthropic organizations and patient advocacy groups in the disease areas addressed by our product candidates. We have devoted substantially all of our efforts to research and development, including clinical trials. We have not completed development of any drugs. We expect to continue to incur significant expenses and increasing operating losses for at least the next several years. The net losses we incur may fluctuate significantly from quarter to quarter.

We anticipate that our expenses will increase substantially in connection with initiating and completing confirmatory Phase 3 clinical trials for our lead product candidate, ataluren, for the treatment of patients with Duchenne muscular dystrophy caused by nonsense mutations, or nmDMD, and patients with cystic fibrosis caused by nonsense mutations, or nmCF, commencing early access programs for ataluren for nmDMD patients in selected territories and seeking marketing approval for ataluren for these indications in the European Union and the United States. We have submitted a marketing authorization application, or MAA, to the European Medicines Agency, or EMA, for conditional approval of ataluren for the treatment of nmDMD. Subject to the conclusion of our ongoing discussions with regulatory authorities regarding the proposed design of our planned Phase 3 clinical trial and the timing of the conditional approval process for the MAA for ataluren for the treatment of nmDMD, we also plan to pursue conditional approval of ataluren for the treatment of nmCF in the European Union. EMA conditional approval would permit us to market ataluren in the European Union for treatment of the applicable indication prior to completion of the confirmatory Phase 3 clinical trial for that indication. If we obtain marketing approval of ataluren for either nmDMD or nmCF, we also expect to incur significant sales, marketing, distribution and manufacturing expenses. The timing of commercialization expenses for ataluren depends in part on whether we receive conditional approval for ataluren for either or both of nmDMD and nmCF.

In addition, our expenses will increase if and as we:

initiate or continue the research and development of ataluren for additional indications and of our other product candidates;

seek to discover and develop additional product candidates;

maintain, expand and protect our intellectual property portfolio; and

add operational, financial and management information systems and personnel, including personnel to support our product development and planned future commercialization efforts.

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Our ability to generate profits from operations and remain profitable depends on our ability to successfully develop and commercialize drugs that generate significant revenue. Based on our current plans, we do not expect to generate significant revenue unless and until we obtain marketing approval for, and commercialize, ataluren for the treatment of nmDMD or nmCF. This will require us to be successful in a range of challenging activities, including:

obtaining approval to market ataluren for the treatment of either or both of nmDMD and nmCF;

successfully initiating and completing confirmatory Phase 3 clinical trials of ataluren for the treatment of either or both of nmDMD and nmCF;

protecting our rights to our intellectual property portfolio related to ataluren;

contracting for the manufacture of commercial quantities of ataluren;

negotiating and securing adequate reimbursement from third-party payors for ataluren; and

establishing sales, marketing and distribution capabilities to effectively market and sell ataluren in the European Union and the United States.

We may never succeed in these activities and, even if we do, may never generate revenues that are significant enough to generate profits from operations. Even if we do generate profits from operations, we may not be able to sustain or increase profitability on a quarterly or annual basis. Our failure to generate profits from operations and remain profitable would decrease the value of our company and could impair our ability to raise capital, expand our business, maintain our research and development efforts, diversify our product offerings or continue our operations. A decline in the value of our company could also cause you to lose all or part of your investment in our company.

***We will need substantial additional funding. If we are unable to raise capital when needed, we could be forced to delay, reduce or eliminate our product development programs or commercialization efforts.***

We expect our research and development expenses to increase in connection with our ongoing activities, particularly as we initiate and continue confirmatory Phase 3 clinical trials of ataluren for the treatment of nmDMD and nmCF, continue our research activities in our preclinical programs and initiate clinical development of other product candidates. In addition, if we obtain regulatory approval for ataluren or any of our other product candidates, we expect to incur significant commercialization expenses related to product sales, marketing, distribution and manufacturing. We also expect to incur expenses in connection with commencing early access programs for ataluren for nmDMD patients in selected territories. Furthermore, since the closing of our initial public offering in June 2013, we have begun to incur additional costs associated with operating as a public company. Accordingly, we will need to obtain substantial additional funding in connection with our continuing operations. If we are unable to raise capital when needed or on attractive terms, we could be forced to delay, reduce or eliminate our research and development programs or any future commercialization efforts.

We believe that the net proceeds from this offering, together with our existing cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities, including the net proceeds from our initial public offering of common stock and research funding that we expect to receive under our collaborations, will be sufficient to enable us to fund our operating expenses, debt service obligations and capital expenditure requirements through 2016. We have based this estimate on assumptions that may prove to be wrong, and we could use our capital resources sooner than we currently expect. This estimate assumes, among other things, that we do not receive conditional approval to market ataluren for nmDMD or nmCF in the European Union prior to completing a confirmatory Phase 3 clinical trial for the applicable indication and, as a result, that we do

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not incur significant related commercialization expenses prior to such time. Our future capital requirements will depend on many factors, including:

the progress and results of confirmatory Phase 3 clinical trials of ataluren for nmDMD and nmCF;

the scope, progress, results and costs of preclinical development, laboratory testing and clinical trials for ataluren for additional indications and for our other product candidates;

the number and development requirements of other product candidates that we pursue;

the costs, timing and outcome of regulatory review of ataluren and our other product candidates;

the costs and timing of commercialization activities, including product sales, marketing, distribution and manufacturing, for any of our product candidates that receive marketing approval;

subject to receipt of marketing approval, revenue received from commercial sales of ataluren or any of our other product candidates;

the costs of preparing, filing and prosecuting patent applications, maintaining, and protecting our intellectual property rights and defending against intellectual property-related claims;

the extent to which we acquire or invest in other businesses, products and technologies; and

our ability to establish and maintain collaborations, including our collaborations with F. Hoffmann-La Roche Ltd and Hoffmann-La Roche, Inc., which we refer to collectively as Roche, and the Spinal Muscular Atrophy Foundation, or the SMA Foundation, and our ability to obtain research funding and achieve milestones under these agreements.

Conducting preclinical testing and clinical trials is a time-consuming, expensive and uncertain process that takes years to complete, and we may never generate the necessary data or results required to obtain regulatory approval and achieve product sales. In addition, our product candidates, if approved, may not achieve commercial success. Our commercial revenues, if any, will be derived from sales of products that we are not planning to have commercially available for several years, if at all. Accordingly, we will need to continue to rely on additional financing to achieve our business objectives. In addition, we may seek additional capital due to favorable market conditions or strategic considerations, even if we believe that we have sufficient funds for our current or future operating plans. Additional financing may not be available to us on acceptable terms, or at all.

***Raising additional capital may cause dilution to our stockholders, including purchasers of common stock in this offering, restrict our operations or require us to relinquish rights to our technologies or product candidates.***

Until such time, if ever, as we can generate substantial product revenues, we expect to finance our cash needs through a combination of equity offerings, debt financings, collaborations, strategic alliances, grants and clinical trial support from governmental and philanthropic organizations and patient advocacy groups in the disease areas addressed by our product candidates and marketing, distribution or licensing arrangements. To the extent that we raise additional capital through the sale of equity or convertible debt securities, your ownership interest will be diluted, and the terms of these securities may include liquidation or other preferences that adversely affect your rights as a common stockholder. Debt financing, if available, may involve agreements that include covenants limiting or restricting our ability to take specific actions, such as incurring additional debt, making capital expenditures or declaring dividends.

If we raise additional funds through collaborations, strategic alliances or marketing, distribution or licensing arrangements with third parties, we may have to relinquish valuable rights to our technologies, future revenue streams, research programs or product candidates or to grant licenses on terms that may



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not be favorable to us. If we are unable to raise additional funds through equity or debt financings when needed, we may be required to delay, limit, reduce or terminate our product development or future commercialization efforts or grant rights to develop and market product candidates that we would otherwise prefer to develop and market ourselves.

*Our limited operating history may make it difficult for you to evaluate the success of our business to date and to assess our future viability.*

Our operations to date have been limited to organizing and staffing our company, developing and securing our technology, raising capital and undertaking preclinical studies and clinical trials of our product candidates. We have not yet demonstrated our ability to successfully complete development of any product candidates, obtain marketing approvals, manufacture a commercial scale product, or arrange for a third party to do so on our behalf, or conduct sales and marketing activities necessary for successful product commercialization. Consequently, any predictions you make about our future success or viability may not be as accurate as they could be if we had a longer operating history.

In addition, as a new business, we may encounter unforeseen expenses, difficulties, complications, delays and other known and unknown factors. We will need to transition from a company with a research and development focus to a company capable of supporting commercial activities. We may not be successful in such a transition.

**Risks related to the development and commercialization of our product candidates**

*We depend heavily on the success of our lead product candidate, ataluren, which we are developing for nmDMD and nmCF. All of our other product candidates are still in preclinical development. If we are unable to commercialize ataluren, or experience significant delays in doing so, our business will be materially harmed.*

We have invested a significant portion of our efforts and financial resources in the development of ataluren for nmDMD and nmCF. Our ability to generate product revenues, which may not occur for several years, if ever, will depend heavily on the successful development and commercialization of ataluren. The success of ataluren will depend on a number of factors, including the following:

successful completion of confirmatory Phase 3 clinical trials of ataluren;

receipt of marketing approvals for ataluren in the European Union and the United States, including possible receipt of conditional approval to market ataluren in the European Union prior to completion of confirmatory Phase 3 clinical trials;

establishing commercial manufacturing arrangements with third-party manufacturers;

building an infrastructure capable of supporting product sales, marketing and distribution of ataluren in territories where we pursue commercialization directly;

launching commercial sales of ataluren, if and when approved, whether alone or in collaboration with others;

acceptance of ataluren, if and when approved, by patients, the medical community and third-party payors;

effectively competing with other therapies;

a continued acceptable safety profile of ataluren following approval;

obtaining and maintaining patent and trade secret protection and regulatory exclusivity; and



protecting our rights in our intellectual property portfolio.

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If we do not achieve one or more of these factors in a timely manner or at all, we could experience significant delays or an inability to successfully commercialize ataluren, which would materially harm our business.

***If clinical trials of our product candidates, such as our confirmatory Phase 3 clinical trials of ataluren, fail to demonstrate safety and efficacy to the satisfaction of the EMA or the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, or FDA, or do not otherwise produce favorable results, we may experience delays in completing, or ultimately be unable to complete, the development and commercialization of ataluren or any other product candidate.***

In connection with seeking marketing approval from regulatory authorities for the sale of any product candidate, we must complete preclinical development and then conduct extensive clinical trials to demonstrate the safety and efficacy of our product candidates in humans. 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. The outcome of preclinical testing and early clinical trials may not be predictive of the success of later clinical trials, and interim results of a clinical trial do not necessarily predict final results. 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.

For example, we did not achieve the primary efficacy endpoint with the pre-specified level of statistical significance in a Phase 2b clinical trial of ataluren for the treatment of nmDMD that we completed in 2009 or in a Phase 3 clinical trial of ataluren for the treatment of nmCF that we completed in 2011. Although we believe that the collective data from these trials, including retrospective and subgroup analyses that we have performed, provide strong support for concluding that ataluren was active and showed clinically meaningful improvements over placebo in these trials, we may similarly fail to achieve the primary efficacy endpoint in confirmatory Phase 3 clinical trials of ataluren for these indications. If the results of our confirmatory Phase 3 clinical trials are not favorable, we may need to conduct additional clinical trials at significant cost or altogether abandon development of ataluren for either or both of nmDMD and nmCF. We also did not achieve the primary objective in one of four prior Phase 2 clinical trials that we conducted for ataluren for the treatment of nmCF in which we measured change in chloride conductance in nasal cells over the course of treatment.

If we are required to conduct additional clinical trials or other testing of ataluren or any other product candidate that we develop beyond those that we contemplate, if we are unable to successfully complete our clinical trials or other testing, if the results of these trials or tests are not positive or are only modestly positive or if there are safety concerns, we may:

be delayed in obtaining marketing approval for our product candidates;

not obtain marketing approval 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, including boxed warnings;

be subject to additional post-marketing testing requirements or restrictions; or

have the product removed from the market after obtaining marketing approval.

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***If we experience any of a number of possible unforeseen events in connection with our clinical trials, potential marketing approval or commercialization of our product candidates could be delayed or prevented.***

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

clinical trials of our product candidates may produce negative or inconclusive results, and we may decide, or regulators may require us, to conduct additional clinical trials or abandon product development programs;

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 or participants may drop out of these clinical trials at a higher rate than we anticipate;

we may be unable to enroll a sufficient number of patients in our trials to ensure adequate statistical power to detect any statistically significant treatment effects;

our third-party contractors may fail to comply with regulatory requirements or meet their contractual obligations to us in a timely manner, or at all;

regulators, institutional review boards or independent ethics committees may not authorize us or our investigators to commence a clinical trial or conduct a clinical trial at a prospective trial site;

we may have delays in reaching or fail to reach agreement on acceptable clinical trial contracts or clinical trial protocols with prospective trial sites;

we may have to suspend or terminate clinical trials of our product candidates for various reasons, including a finding that the participants are being exposed to unacceptable health risks;

regulators, institutional review boards or independent ethics committees may require that we or our investigators suspend or terminate clinical research for various reasons, including noncompliance with regulatory requirements or a finding that the participants are being exposed to unacceptable health risks;

the cost of clinical trials of our product candidates may be greater than we anticipate;

the supply or quality of our product candidates or other materials necessary to conduct clinical trials of our product candidates may be insufficient or inadequate; or

our product candidates may have undesirable side effects or other unexpected characteristics, causing us or our investigators, regulators, institutional review boards or independent ethics committees to suspend or terminate the trials.

Our product development costs will increase if we experience delays in testing or marketing approvals. We do not know whether any preclinical tests or clinical trials will begin as planned, will need to be restructured or will be completed on schedule, or at all. Significant preclinical or clinical trial delays also could shorten any periods during which we may have the exclusive right to commercialize our product candidates, allow our competitors to bring products to market before we do, or impair our ability to successfully commercialize our product candidates, and so may harm our business and results of operations.



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***Our conclusions regarding the activity and potential efficacy of ataluren in our completed Phase 2b clinical trial of ataluren for the treatment of nmDMD and in our completed Phase 3 clinical trial of ataluren for nmCF are based on retrospective analyses of the results of these trials and nominal p-values, which are generally considered less reliable indicators of efficacy than pre-specified analyses and adjusted p-values.***

After determining that we did not achieve the primary efficacy endpoint with the pre-specified level of statistical significance in our completed Phase 2b clinical trial of ataluren for the treatment of nmDMD and in our completed Phase 3 clinical trial of ataluren for nmCF, we performed retrospective and subgroup analyses that we believe provide strong support for concluding that ataluren was active and showed clinically meaningful improvements over placebo in these trials. Although we believe that these additional analyses of the results of these trials were warranted, a retrospective analysis performed after unblinding trial results can result in the introduction of bias if the analysis is inappropriately tailored or influenced by knowledge of the data and actual results. Some of our favorable statistical data from these trials also are based on nominal p-values that reflect only one particular comparison when more than one comparison is possible, such as when two active treatments are compared to placebo or when two or more subgroups are analyzed. Nominal p-values cannot be compared to the benchmark p-value of 0.05 to determine statistical significance without being adjusted for the testing of multiple dose groups or analyses of subgroups.

Because of these limitations, regulatory authorities typically give greatest weight to results from pre-specified analyses and adjusted p-values and less weight to results from post-hoc, retrospective analyses and nominal p-values. This diminishes the likelihood that the EMA will grant conditional approval of ataluren for either of these indications and, even if we successfully complete our confirmatory Phase 3 clinical trials, could negatively impact the evaluation by the EMA or the FDA of our anticipated applications for full marketing approval for ataluren for the applicable indication.

***If our request for re-examination of the negative opinion on our MAA for conditional approval of ataluren for the treatment of nmDMD is not successful in changing the negative opinion, our potential commercialization of this product candidate and receipt of related revenues will be delayed.***

On January 24, 2014, the EMA's Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use, or CHMP, adopted a negative opinion on our MAA for conditional approval of ataluren for nmDMD. We have requested a re-examination of the opinion and will be required, within 60 days of receipt of the negative opinion, to submit a document explaining the basis for our request for re-examination. The CHMP will have 60 calendar days to consider the request for re-examination. If the re-examination does not successfully change the negative opinion, we will be required to submit a new MAA at a later date and our potential commercialization of this product candidate and the receipt of related revenues will be delayed.

There is substantial risk that the re-examination request, and any conditional approval for which we have applied will not be successful until we have completed a confirmatory Phase 3 clinical trial for this indication, which would delay the potential commercialization of this product candidate and our receipt of related revenues. We expect to face similar risks if we apply for conditional approval of ataluren for the treatment of nmCF prior to completing a confirmatory Phase 3 clinical trial for this indication. In particular, conditional approval of ataluren for the treatment of nmCF will depend on the EMA's assessment of the relative risks and benefits of conditional approval and our ability to provide comprehensive clinical data from a post-approval confirmatory trial.

***Our confirmatory Phase 3 clinical trials of ataluren for nmDMD and nmCF, even if successfully completed, may not be sufficient for approval of ataluren for the applicable indication.***

It is possible that the EMA or the FDA may not consider the results of our confirmatory Phase 3 clinical trials of ataluren for nmDMD or nmCF, once completed and even if successful, to be sufficient for approval

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of ataluren for such indication. The FDA typically requires two adequate and well-controlled pivotal clinical trials to support marketing approval of a product candidate for a particular indication. The EMA or the FDA could determine that the results of our trials are not sufficiently robust, are subject to confounding factors or are not adequately supported by other trial endpoints. In addition, although we have had discussions with the FDA regarding our proposed confirmatory Phase 3 clinical trial of ataluren for the treatment of nmCF, the FDA may not consider our proposed trial design acceptable. For example, in 2012, the FDA indicated that in its view the data from our completed Phase 3 clinical trial and other data from our development program in cystic fibrosis do not by themselves support an NDA submission and, consequently, the FDA informed us that additional clinical data would be required to establish the evidence necessary to support eventual filing of an NDA for the use of ataluren to treat nmCF. We had additional interactions with the FDA in 2013 regarding the clinical development design which would have the potential to support an NDA, but did not achieve a consensus between the EMA and FDA views. While we have incorporated feedback from the FDA into our proposed trial design, we believe that certain key recommendations are not appropriate. Two of the key recommendations that we are in disagreement with are the designation of FEV<sub>1</sub>, CF pulmonary exacerbations and body mass index as three co-primary endpoints for the trial as well as a suggested three-year trial duration. We plan to make FEV<sub>1</sub> the primary endpoint with CF pulmonary exacerbations and body mass index key secondary endpoints, which is consistent with other clinical trials currently ongoing in cystic fibrosis and FDA's earlier recommendation. Additionally, we believe that extending the study duration to three years would result in a number of complications that would ultimately limit the robustness of the data and conclusions that could be drawn from the results. Based on these interactions, we nonetheless intend to proceed with our Phase 3 trial of ataluren in nmCF in the first half of 2014 consistent with feedback from the EMA on our trial design. If the FDA does not consider our proposed trial designs acceptable, we may need to conduct more than one confirmatory clinical trial and our ability to receive marketing approval for this indication could be delayed or prevented.

***Because we are developing product candidates for the treatment of diseases in which there is little clinical experience and, in some cases, using new endpoints or methodologies, there is increased risk that the outcome of our clinical trials will not be favorable.***

There are no marketed therapies approved to treat the underlying cause of nmDMD or nmCF. In addition, there has been limited historical clinical trial experience generally for the development of drugs to treat either of these diseases. As a result, the design and conduct of clinical trials for these diseases, particularly for drugs to address the underlying nonsense mutations causing these diseases in some subsets of patients, is subject to increased risk.

Prior to our conducting the Phase 2b clinical trial of ataluren for nmDMD, there was no established precedent for an appropriate trial design to evaluate the efficacy of ataluren for nmDMD and little clinical experience in the methodologies used to analyze the resulting data. Although we believe that we now understand the issues of concern with the pre-specified statistical analyses of our Phase 2b clinical trial results and that we have designed our confirmatory Phase 3 clinical trial of ataluren for nmDMD in an appropriate fashion, we may nonetheless experience similar or other unknown complications with our confirmatory Phase 3 clinical trial because of the limited clinical experience in this indication. As a result, we may not achieve the pre-specified endpoint with statistical significance in our confirmatory Phase 3 clinical trial, which would make approval of ataluren for this indication unlikely. Among other endpoints in our confirmatory Phase 3 clinical trial of ataluren for nmDMD, the trial protocol includes two secondary endpoints that have not been used previously as outcome measures in published therapeutic clinical trials of nmDMD. These endpoints, in particular, may produce results that are unpredictable or inconsistent with other trial results.

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With regard to nmCF, we believe that we now understand subgroup effects that we observed in our completed Phase 3 clinical trial and that we have designed our confirmatory Phase 3 clinical trial of ataluren for nmCF to take these effects into account. However, we may nonetheless experience unknown complications with our confirmatory Phase 3 clinical trial. As a result, we may not achieve the pre-specified endpoint with statistical significance in our confirmatory Phase 3 clinical trial, which would make approval of ataluren for this indication unlikely.

***If we experience delays or difficulties in the enrollment of patients in our clinical trials, our receipt of necessary regulatory approvals could be delayed or prevented.***

We may not be able to initiate or continue clinical trials for our product candidates, including our confirmatory Phase 3 clinical trials of ataluren, if we are unable to locate and enroll a sufficient number of eligible patients to participate in these trials. For example, both nmDMD and nmCF are characterized by relatively small patient populations, which could result in slow enrollment of clinical trial participants. In addition, our competitors have ongoing clinical trials for product candidates that could be competitive with our product candidates. As a result, potential clinical trial sites may elect to dedicate their limited resources to participation in our competitors' clinical trials and not ours, and patients who would otherwise be eligible for our clinical trials may instead enroll in clinical trials of our competitors' product candidates.

Patient enrollment is affected by other factors including:

- severity of the disease under investigation;
- eligibility criteria for the study in question;
- perceived risks and benefits of the product candidate under study;
- efforts to facilitate timely enrollment in clinical trials;
- patient referral practices of physicians;
- the ability to monitor patients adequately during and after treatment; and
- proximity and availability of clinical trial sites for prospective patients.

Enrollment delays in our clinical trials may result in increased development costs for our product candidates, which would cause the value of the company to decline and limit our ability to obtain additional financing. Our inability to enroll a sufficient number of patients in our confirmatory Phase 3 clinical trials of ataluren or any of our other clinical trials would result in significant delays or may require us to abandon one or more clinical trials altogether.

***If serious adverse or inappropriate side effects are identified during the development of ataluren or any other product candidate, we may need to abandon or limit our development of that product candidate.***

All of our product candidates are in clinical or preclinical development and their risk of failure is high. It is impossible to predict when or if any of our product candidates will prove effective or safe in humans or will receive regulatory approval. If our product candidates are associated with undesirable side effects or have characteristics that are unexpected, we may need to abandon their development or limit development to certain uses or subpopulations in which the undesirable side effects or other characteristics are less prevalent, less severe or more acceptable from a risk-benefit perspective. Many compounds that initially showed promise in clinical or earlier stage testing have later been found to cause side effects that prevented further development of the compound.

For example, although we did not observe a pattern of liver enzyme elevations in our Phase 2 or Phase 3 clinical trials of ataluren, we did observe modest elevations of liver enzymes in some subjects in one of our Phase 1 clinical trials. These elevated enzyme levels did not require cessation of ataluren administration, and enzyme levels typically normalized after completion of the treatment phase. We did not observe any increases in bilirubin, which can be associated with serious harm to the liver, in the Phase 1 clinical trial.

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In addition, in our completed Phase 3 clinical trial of ataluren for the treatment of nmCF, five adverse events in the ataluren arm of the trial that involved the renal system led to discontinuation. As compared to the placebo group, the ataluren treatment arm also had a higher incidence of adverse events of creatinine elevations, which can be an indication of impaired kidney function. In the ataluren treatment arm, more severe clinically meaningful creatinine elevations were reported in conjunction with cystic fibrosis pulmonary exacerbations. These creatinine elevations were associated with concomitant treatment with antibiotics associated with impaired kidney functions, such as aminoglycosides or vancomycin. This led to the subsequent prohibition of concomitant use of ataluren and these antibiotics, which was successful in addressing this issue in the clinical trial. If patients in the ataluren arm of a confirmatory Phase 3 clinical trial for the treatment of nmCF exhibit clinically meaningful creatinine elevations, the EMA or the FDA might not approve ataluren for this indication or could require that we instruct physicians to frequently monitor patients for these abnormalities or impose other conditions, which may be an impediment to the use of ataluren because of concerns related to its safety and convenience.

Further, in 2011, we suspended development of our oncology product candidate PTC299, an inhibitor of production of vascular endothelial growth factor, or VEGF, in part because of two cases of severe liver toxicity that occurred in our clinical trials of PTC299 and in part because of our limited resources available at that time.

***Our focus on the discovery and development of product candidates that target post-transcriptional control processes is unproven, and we do not know whether we will be able to develop any products of commercial value.***

Our scientific approach focuses on the discovery and development of product candidates that target post-transcriptional control processes. While a number of commonly used drugs and a growing body of research validate the importance of post-transcriptional control processes in the origin and progression of a number of diseases, no existing drugs have been specifically designed to alter post-transcriptional control processes in the same manner as ataluren or our other product candidates. As a result, our focus on targeting these processes may not result in the discovery and development of commercially viable drugs that safely and effectively treat genetic disorders or other diseases. In addition, even if we are successful in developing and receiving regulatory approval for a commercially viable drug that treats an approved indication by targeting a particular post-transcriptional control process, we may not receive regulatory approval for additional indications. Furthermore, we may not receive regulatory approval for product candidates that target different post-transcriptional control processes. If we fail to develop and commercialize viable drugs, we will not achieve commercial success.

***Even if ataluren or any other product candidate receives marketing approval, it may fail to achieve the degree of market acceptance by physicians, patients, third-party payors and others in the medical community necessary for commercial success.***

If ataluren or any of our other product candidates receive marketing approval, they may nonetheless fail to gain sufficient market acceptance by physicians, patients, third-party payors and others in the medical community. If these products do not achieve an adequate level of acceptance, we may not generate significant product revenues or any profits from operations. The degree of market acceptance of our product candidates, if approved for commercial sale, will depend on a number of factors, including:

the efficacy and potential advantages compared to alternative treatments;

the prevalence and severity of any side effects;

the ability to offer our product candidates for sale at competitive prices;



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convenience and ease of administration compared to alternative treatments;

the willingness of the target patient population to try new therapies and of physicians to prescribe these therapies;

the strength of marketing and distribution support;

sufficient third-party coverage or reimbursement; and

any restrictions on concomitant use of other medications, such as a restriction that nmCF patients taking ataluren not also use chronic inhaled aminoglycoside antibiotics.

Our ability to negotiate, secure and maintain third-party coverage and reimbursement may be affected by political, economic and regulatory developments in the United States, the European Union and other jurisdictions. Governments continue to impose cost containment measures, and third-party payors are increasingly challenging prices charged for medicines and examining their cost effectiveness, in addition to their safety and efficacy. These and other similar developments could significantly limit the degree of market acceptance of ataluren or any of our other product candidates that receive marketing approval.

***If we are unable to establish sales and marketing capabilities or enter into agreements with third parties to market and sell our product candidates, we may not be successful in commercializing ataluren or any other product candidate if and when they are approved.***

We do not have a sales or marketing infrastructure and have no experience in the sale or marketing of pharmaceutical products. To achieve commercial success for any approved product, we must either develop a sales and marketing organization or outsource these functions to third parties. We plan to establish our own sales and marketing capabilities and promote ataluren in the European Union and the United States with a targeted sales force if and when it is approved. There are risks involved with establishing our own sales and marketing capabilities and entering into arrangements with third parties to perform these services. For example, recruiting and training a sales force is expensive and time consuming and could delay any product launch. If the commercial launch of a product candidate for which we recruit a sales force and establish marketing capabilities is delayed or does not occur for any reason, we would have prematurely or unnecessarily incurred these commercialization expenses. This may be costly, and our investment would be lost if we cannot retain or reposition our sales and marketing personnel.

Factors that may inhibit our efforts to commercialize our products on our own include:

our inability to recruit, train and retain adequate numbers of effective sales and marketing personnel;

the inability of sales personnel to obtain access to or persuade adequate numbers of physicians to prescribe any future products;

the lack of complementary products to be offered by sales personnel, which may put us at a competitive disadvantage relative to companies with more extensive product lines; and

unforeseen costs and expenses associated with creating an independent sales and marketing organization.

If we enter into arrangements with third parties to perform sales and marketing services, our product revenues or the profitability of these product revenues to us are likely to be lower than if we were to market and sell any products that we develop ourselves. In addition, we may not be successful in entering into arrangements with third parties to sell and market our product candidates or may be unable to do so on terms that are favorable to us. We likely will have little control over such third parties, and any of them may fail to devote the necessary resources and attention to sell and market our products effectively. If we



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do not establish sales and marketing capabilities successfully, either on our own or in collaboration with third parties, we will not be successful in commercializing our product candidates.

***We face substantial competition, which may result in others discovering, developing or commercializing products before or more successfully than we do.***

The development and commercialization of new drug products is highly competitive. We face competition with respect to our current product candidates and any products we may seek to develop or commercialize in the future from major pharmaceutical companies, specialty pharmaceutical companies and biotechnology companies worldwide.

Currently available treatments for Duchenne muscular dystrophy are only palliative. Although there are currently no marketed therapeutics approved to treat the underlying cause of nmDMD, there are other biopharmaceutical companies, including Prosensa Therapeutics and Sarepta Therapeutics, that are developing treatments for Duchenne muscular dystrophy based on a different scientific approach known as exon-skipping. Summit Corporation also has a product candidate in early clinical development designed to increase the production of the protein utrophin, which is functionally similar to dystrophin, to treat Duchenne muscular dystrophy. We believe that ataluren is the only product candidate in clinical trials that is designed to treat the underlying cause of nmDMD by restoring dystrophin activity.

There are a number of large pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies that currently market and sell products to manage the symptoms and side effects of cystic fibrosis. These products include Chiron Corporation's TOBI and Genentech, Inc.'s Pulmozyme. Although there are currently no marketed products approved to treat the underlying cause of nmCF, Vertex Pharmaceuticals' CFTR potentiator drug Kalydeco is approved by the FDA as a treatment for cystic fibrosis in patients six years of age and older who have a type of mutation in the CFTR gene known as a gating mutation. Vertex Pharmaceuticals also is developing two other product candidates for the treatment of cystic fibrosis in patients who have a type of mutation in the CFTR gene known as a process block mutation. We believe that ataluren is the only product candidate in clinical trials that is designed to treat the underlying cause of nmCF by restoring CFTR activity.

Potential competitors also include academic institutions, government agencies and other public and private research organizations that conduct research, seek patent protection and establish collaborative arrangements for research, development, manufacturing and commercialization. Our competitors may develop products that are more effective, safer, more convenient or less costly than any that we are developing or that would render our product candidates obsolete or non-competitive. Our competitors may also obtain marketing approval for their products more rapidly than we may obtain approval for ours, which could result in our competitors establishing a strong market position before we are able to enter the market.

We believe that many competitors are attempting to develop therapeutics for the target indications of our product candidates, including academic institutions, government agencies, public and private research organizations, large pharmaceutical companies and smaller more focused companies.

Many of our competitors may have significantly greater financial resources and expertise in research and development, manufacturing, preclinical testing, conducting clinical trials, obtaining regulatory approvals and marketing approved products than we do. Mergers and acquisitions in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries may result in even more resources being concentrated among a smaller number of our competitors. Smaller and other early stage companies may also prove to be significant competitors, particularly through collaborative arrangements with large and established companies. These third parties compete with us in recruiting and retaining qualified scientific and management personnel, establishing

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clinical trial sites and patient registration for clinical trials, as well as in acquiring technologies complementary to or necessary for our programs.

***Even if we are able to commercialize ataluren or any other product candidate that we develop, the product may become subject to unfavorable pricing regulations, third-party reimbursement practices or healthcare reform initiatives, which would harm our business.***

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

Our ability to commercialize ataluren or any other product candidate successfully also will depend in part on the extent to which reimbursement for these products and related treatments will be available from government health administration authorities, private health insurers and other organizations. Government authorities and other third-party payors, such as private health insurers and health maintenance organizations, decide which medications they will pay for and establish reimbursement levels. A primary trend in the E.U. and U.S. healthcare industries and elsewhere is cost containment. Government authorities and other third-party payors have attempted to control costs by limiting coverage and the amount of reimbursement for particular medications. Increasingly, third-party payors are requiring that drug companies provide them with predetermined discounts from list prices and are challenging the prices charged for medical products. We cannot be sure that coverage and reimbursement will be available for ataluren or any other product that we commercialize and, if coverage and reimbursement are available, the level of reimbursement. Reimbursement may impact the demand for, or the price of, any product candidate for which we obtain marketing approval. Obtaining reimbursement for ataluren may be particularly difficult because of the higher prices typically associated with drugs directed at smaller populations of patients. In addition, third-party payors are likely to impose strict requirements for reimbursement of a higher priced drug. If reimbursement is not available or is available only to limited levels, we may not be able to successfully commercialize any product candidate for which we obtain marketing approval.

There may be significant delays in obtaining reimbursement for newly approved drugs, and coverage may be more limited than the purposes for which the drug is approved by the applicable regulatory authority. Moreover, eligibility for reimbursement does not imply that any drug will be paid for in all cases or at a rate that covers our costs, including research, development, manufacture, sale and distribution. Interim reimbursement levels for new drugs, if applicable, may also not be sufficient to cover our costs and may not be made permanent. Reimbursement rates may vary according to the use of the drug and the clinical setting in which it is used, may be based on reimbursement levels already set for lower cost drugs, and may be incorporated into existing payments for other services. Net prices for drugs may be reduced by mandatory discounts or rebates required by government healthcare programs or private payors and by any future relaxation of laws that presently restrict imports of drugs from countries where they may be sold at

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lower prices than in the United States. In the United States, third-party payors often rely upon Medicare coverage policy and payment limitations in setting their own reimbursement policies. In the European Union, reference pricing systems and other measures may lead to cost containment and reduced prices. Our inability to promptly obtain coverage and profitable payment rates from both government-funded and private payors for any approved products that we develop could have a material adverse effect on our operating results, our ability to raise capital needed to commercialize products and our overall financial condition.

***Product liability lawsuits against us could cause us to incur substantial liabilities and to limit commercialization of any products that we may develop.***

We face an inherent risk of product liability exposure related to the testing of our product candidates in human clinical trials and will face an even greater risk if we commercially sell any products that we may develop. If we cannot successfully defend ourselves against claims that our product candidates or products caused injuries, we will incur substantial liabilities. Regardless of merit or eventual outcome, liability claims may result in:

- reduced resources of our management to pursue our business strategy;
- decreased demand for any product candidates or products that we may develop;
- injury to our reputation and significant negative media attention;
- withdrawal of clinical trial participants;
- significant costs to defend the related litigation;
- increased insurance costs, or an ability to maintain appropriate insurance coverage;
- substantial monetary awards to trial participants or patients;
- loss of revenue; and
- the inability to commercialize any products that we may develop.

We have product liability insurance that covers our clinical trials up to a \$5.0 million annual aggregate limit and subject to a per claim deductible. The amount of insurance that we currently hold may not be adequate to cover all liabilities that we may incur. We will need to increase our insurance coverage when and if we begin commercializing ataluren or any other product candidate that receives marketing approval. Insurance coverage is increasingly expensive. We may not be able to maintain insurance coverage at a reasonable cost or in an amount adequate to satisfy any liability that may arise.

***If we fail to comply with environmental, health and safety laws and regulations, we could become subject to fines or penalties or incur costs that could have a material adverse effect on the success of our business.***

We are subject to numerous environmental, health and safety laws and regulations, including those governing laboratory procedures and the handling, use, storage, treatment and disposal of hazardous materials and wastes. Our operations currently, and may in the future, involve the use of hazardous and flammable materials, including chemicals and medical and biological materials, and produce hazardous waste products. Even if we contract with third parties for the disposal of these materials and wastes, we cannot eliminate the risk of contamination or injury from these materials. In the event of contamination or injury resulting from our use of hazardous materials or disposal of hazardous wastes, we could be held liable for any resulting damages, and any liability could exceed our resources.

Although we maintain workers' compensation insurance to cover us for costs and expenses we may incur due to injuries to our employees resulting from the use of hazardous materials, this insurance may not provide adequate coverage against potential liabilities. We also maintain liability insurance for some of these risks, but our policy excludes pollution and has a coverage limit of \$5.0 million.

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In addition, we may incur substantial costs in order to comply with current or future environmental, health and safety laws and regulations. These current or future laws and regulations may impair our research, development or production efforts. Failure to comply with these laws and regulations also may result in substantial fines, penalties or other sanctions.

*We may expend our limited resources to pursue a particular product candidate or indication and fail to capitalize on product candidates or indications that may be more profitable or for which there is a greater likelihood of success.*

Because we have limited financial and managerial resources, we focus on research programs and product candidates for specific indications. As a result, we may forego or delay pursuit of opportunities with other product candidates or for other indications that later prove to have greater commercial potential. For example, we initiated separate Phase 2 clinical trials of ataluren for the treatment of hemophilia in 2009 and the metabolic disorder methylmalonic acidemia in 2010, but then suspended these clinical trials to focus on the development of ataluren for nmDMD and nmCF when we found variability in the assays used in these trials and preliminary data from these trials did not indicate definitive evidence of activity. Our resource allocation decisions may cause us to fail to capitalize on viable commercial products or profitable market opportunities. Our spending on current and future research and development programs and product candidates for specific indications may not yield any commercially viable products.

We have based our research and development efforts on small-molecule drugs that target post-transcriptional control processes. Notwithstanding our large investment to date and anticipated future expenditures in proprietary technologies, including GEMS and our alternative splicing technology, which we use in the discovery of these molecules, we have not yet developed, and may never successfully develop, any marketed drugs using this approach. As a result of pursuing the development of product candidates using our proprietary technologies, we may fail to develop product candidates or address indications based on other scientific approaches that may offer greater commercial potential or for which there is a greater likelihood of success. Research programs to identify new product candidates require substantial technical, financial and human resources. These research programs may initially show promise in identifying potential product candidates, yet fail to yield product candidates for clinical development.

If we do not accurately evaluate the commercial potential or target market for a particular product candidate, we may relinquish valuable rights to that product candidate through collaboration, licensing or other royalty arrangements in cases in which it would have been more advantageous for us to retain sole development and commercialization rights to such product candidate.

### **Risks related to our dependence on third parties**

*Use of third parties to manufacture our product candidates may increase the risk that we will not have sufficient quantities of our product candidates or products or such quantities at an acceptable cost, which could delay, prevent or impair our development or commercialization efforts.*

We do not own or operate manufacturing facilities for the production of clinical or commercial supplies of our product candidates. We have limited personnel with experience in drug manufacturing and lack the resources and the capabilities to manufacture any of our product candidates on a clinical or commercial scale. We currently rely on third parties for supply of the active pharmaceutical ingredients in our product candidates. Our strategy is to outsource all manufacturing of our product candidates and products to third parties.

We do not currently have any agreements with third-party manufacturers for the long-term commercial supply of any of our product candidates. We obtain our supply of the bulk drug substance for ataluren from a single third-party manufacturer. We engage a separate manufacturer to provide fill and finish

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services for the finished product that we are using in our clinical trials of ataluren. We may be unable to conclude agreements for commercial supply with third-party manufacturers, or may be unable to do so on acceptable terms.

Even if we are able to establish and maintain arrangements with third-party manufacturers, reliance on third-party manufacturers entails additional risks, including:

reliance on the third party for regulatory compliance and quality assurance;

the possible breach of the manufacturing agreement by the third party;

the possible misappropriation of our proprietary information, including our trade secrets and know-how; and

the possible termination or nonrenewal of the agreement by the third party at a time that is costly or inconvenient for us.

Third-party manufacturers may not be able to comply with current good manufacturing practice, or cGMP, regulations or similar regulatory requirements outside the United States. Our failure, or the failure of our third-party manufacturers, to comply with applicable regulations could result in sanctions being imposed on us, including fines, injunctions, civil penalties, delays, suspension or withdrawal of approvals, license revocation, seizures or recalls of product candidates or products, operating restrictions and criminal prosecutions, any of which could significantly and adversely affect supplies of our product candidates.

Our product candidates and any products that we may develop may compete with other product candidates and products for access to manufacturing facilities. There are a limited number of manufacturers that operate under cGMP regulations and that might be capable of manufacturing for us.

If the third parties that we engage to manufacture product for our preclinical tests and clinical trials should cease to continue to do so for any reason, we likely would experience delays in advancing these trials while we identify and qualify replacement suppliers and we may be unable to obtain replacement supplies on terms that are favorable to us. In addition, if we are not able to obtain adequate supplies of our product candidates or the drug substances used to manufacture them, it will be more difficult for us to develop our product candidates and compete effectively.

Our current and anticipated future dependence upon others for the manufacture of our product candidates may adversely affect our future profit margins and our ability to develop product candidates and commercialize any products that receive regulatory approval on a timely and competitive basis.

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

We do not independently conduct clinical trials for our product candidates. We rely on third parties, such as contract research organizations, clinical data management organizations, medical institutions and clinical investigators, to perform this function. Any of these third parties may terminate their engagements with us at any time. If we need to enter into alternative arrangements, it would delay our product development activities.

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Our reliance on these third parties for clinical development activities reduces our control over these activities but does not relieve us of our responsibilities. For example, we remain responsible for ensuring that each of our clinical trials is conducted in accordance with the general investigational plan and protocols for the trial. Moreover, the FDA requires us to comply with standards, commonly referred to as Good Clinical Practices, or GCP, for conducting, recording and reporting the results of clinical trials to assure that data and reported results are credible and accurate and that the rights, integrity and confidentiality of trial participants are protected. We also are required to register ongoing clinical trials and post the results of completed clinical trials on a government-sponsored database, ClinicalTrials.gov, within certain timeframes. Failure to do so can result in fines, adverse publicity and civil and criminal sanctions. Similar GCP and transparency requirements apply in the European Union. Failure to comply with such requirements, including with respect to clinical trials conducted outside the European Union, can also lead regulatory authorities to refuse to take into account clinical trial data submitted as part of an MAA.

For example, in the first half of 2013, inspectors acting at the request of the EMA conducted GCP inspections of selected clinical sites from our completed Phase 2b clinical trial of ataluren for the treatment of nmDMD and our clinical trial site relating to our pending MAA for conditional approval of ataluren for the treatment of nmDMD. Following these inspections, we received inspection reports containing a combination of critical and major findings. These findings relate to waivers we granted to admit patients to our Phase 2b clinical trial of ataluren for the treatment of nmDMD in advance of formal approval of protocol amendments that would have established their eligibility for the trial, as well as our oversight of our trial sites and the completeness or sufficiency of clinical trial documentation. In response to these findings, we described to the EMA the enhanced internal procedures and controls we have implemented, and the internal quality assurance department we have established, since the conclusion of our Phase 2b clinical trial of ataluren for the treatment of nmDMD. In addition, we proposed corrective action plans to address the inspectors' specific findings. If we do not meet our commitment to the corrective actions we proposed to the EMA, we may face additional consequences, including rejection of data or other direct action by national regulatory authorities, which could require us to conduct additional clinical trials or other supportive studies to obtain EMA approval of ataluren for the treatment of nmDMD.

Furthermore, third parties that we rely on for our clinical development activities may also have relationships with other entities, some of which may be our competitors. If these third parties do not successfully carry out their contractual duties, meet expected deadlines or conduct our clinical trials in accordance with regulatory requirements or our stated protocols, we will not be able to obtain, or may be delayed in obtaining, marketing approvals for our product candidates and will not be able to, or may be delayed in our efforts to, successfully commercialize our product candidates. Our product development costs will increase if we experience delays in testing or obtaining marketing approvals.

We also rely on other third parties to store and distribute drug supplies for our clinical trials. Any performance failure on the part of our distributors could delay clinical development or marketing approval of our product candidates or commercialization of our products, producing additional losses and depriving us of potential product revenue.

***We currently depend, and expect to continue to depend, on collaborations with third parties for the development and commercialization of some of our product candidates. If those collaborations are not successful, we may not be able to capitalize on the market potential of these product candidates.***

For each of our product candidates, we plan to evaluate the merits of retaining commercialization rights for ourselves or entering into selective collaboration arrangements with leading pharmaceutical or biotechnology companies, such as our collaborations with Roche and the SMA Foundation, for our spinal



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muscular atrophy program. We generally plan to seek collaborators for the development and commercialization of product candidates that have high anticipated development costs; are directed at indications for which a potential collaborator has a particular expertise; or involve markets that require a large sales and marketing organization to serve effectively. Our likely collaborator(s) for any marketing, distribution, development, licensing or broader collaboration arrangements may include: large and mid-size pharmaceutical companies, regional and national pharmaceutical companies and/or biotechnology companies.

We will have limited control over the amount and timing of resources that our collaborators dedicate to the development or commercialization of our product candidates. Our ability to generate revenues from these arrangements will depend on our collaborators' desire and abilities to successfully perform the functions assigned to them in these arrangements. In particular, the successful development of a product candidate from our spinal muscular atrophy program will initially depend on the success of our collaborations with the SMA Foundation and Roche, including whether Roche pursues clinical development of any compounds identified under the collaborations.

Collaborations involving our product candidates, including our collaborations with the SMA Foundation and Roche, pose the following risks to us:

collaborators have significant discretion in determining the efforts and resources that they will apply to these collaborations;

collaborators may not pursue development and commercialization of our product candidates or may elect not to continue or renew development or commercialization programs based on clinical trial results, changes in the collaborators' strategic focus or available funding, or external factors such as an acquisition that diverts resources or creates competing priorities;

collaborators may delay clinical trials, provide insufficient funding for a clinical trial program, stop a clinical trial or abandon a product candidate, repeat or conduct new clinical trials or require a new formulation of a product candidate for clinical testing;

collaborators could independently develop, or develop with third parties, products that compete directly or indirectly with our products or product candidates if the collaborators believe that competitive products are more likely to be successfully developed or can be commercialized under terms that are more economically attractive than ours;

a collaborator with marketing and distribution rights to one or more products may not commit sufficient resources to the marketing and distribution of such product or products;

collaborators may not properly maintain or defend our intellectual property rights or may use our proprietary information in such a way as to invite litigation that could jeopardize or invalidate our intellectual property or proprietary information or expose us to potential litigation;

collaborators may infringe the intellectual property rights of third parties, which may expose us to litigation and potential liability;

disputes may arise between the collaborator and us as to the ownership of intellectual property arising during the collaboration;

we may grant exclusive rights to our collaborators, which would prevent us from collaborating with others;

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disputes may arise between the collaborators and us that result in the delay or termination of the research, development or commercialization of our products or product candidates or that result in costly litigation or arbitration that diverts management attention and resources; and

collaborations may be terminated and, if terminated, may result in a need for additional capital to pursue further development or commercialization of the applicable product candidates.

Collaborators have terminated collaborations with us in the past. For example, in 2008, we entered into a collaboration with Genzyme Corporation for the development and commercialization of ataluren under which we granted to Genzyme rights to commercialize ataluren in all countries other than the United States and Canada. In 2011, we restructured the collaboration and regained worldwide rights to ataluren, with Genzyme obtaining an option to commercialize ataluren in indications other than nmDMD outside the United States and Canada. In 2012, this option expired without being exercised by Genzyme and the collaboration terminated.

Collaboration agreements may not lead to development or commercialization of product candidates in the most efficient manner or at all. If a collaborator of ours were to be involved in a business combination, the continued pursuit and emphasis on our product development or commercialization program could be delayed, diminished or terminated.

***If we are not able to establish additional collaborations, we may have to alter our development and commercialization plans.***

Our product development programs and the potential commercialization of our product candidates will require substantial additional cash to fund expenses. For some of our product candidates, we may decide to collaborate further with pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies for the development and potential commercialization of those product candidates.

We face significant competition in seeking appropriate collaborators. Whether we reach a definitive agreement for a collaboration will depend, among other things, upon our assessment of the collaborator's resources and expertise, the terms and conditions of the proposed collaboration and the proposed collaborator's evaluation of a number of factors. Those factors may include the design or results of clinical trials, the likelihood of approval by regulatory authorities, the potential market for the subject product candidate, the costs and complexities of manufacturing and delivering such product candidate to patients, the potential of competing products, the existence of uncertainty with respect to our ownership of technology, which can exist if there is a challenge to such ownership without regard to the merits of the challenge; and industry and market conditions generally. The collaborator may also consider alternative product candidates or technologies for similar indications that may be available to collaborate on and whether such a collaboration could be more attractive than the one with us for our product candidate. We may also be restricted under future license agreements from entering into agreements on certain terms with potential collaborators. Collaborations are complex and time-consuming to negotiate and document. In addition, there have been a significant number of recent business combinations among large pharmaceutical companies that have resulted in a reduced number of potential future collaborators.

We may not be able to negotiate collaborations on a timely basis, on acceptable terms, or at all. If we are unable to do so, we may have to curtail the development of a product candidate, reduce or delay its development program or one or more of our other development programs, delay its potential commercialization or reduce the scope of any sales or marketing activities, or increase our expenditures and undertake development or commercialization activities at our own expense. If we elect to increase our expenditures to fund development or commercialization activities on our own, we may need to obtain

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additional capital, which may not be available to us on acceptable terms or at all. If we do not have sufficient funds, we may not be able to further develop our product candidates or bring them to market and generate product revenue.

***If we fail to comply with our obligations in our intellectual property licenses and funding arrangements with third parties, we could lose rights that are important to our business.***

We are a party to a number of license agreements and expect to enter into additional licenses in the future. Our existing licenses impose, and we expect that future licenses will impose, various diligence, milestone payment, royalty, insurance and other obligations on us. If we fail to comply with these obligations, the licensor may have the right to terminate the license, in which event we might not be able to market any product that is covered by these agreements, which could materially adversely affect the value of the product candidate being developed under such license agreement. Termination of these license agreements or reduction or elimination of our licensed rights may result in our having to negotiate new or reinstated licenses with less favorable terms, or cause us to lose rights in important intellectual property or technology.

We have also received grant funding for some of our development programs from philanthropic organizations and patient advocacy groups pursuant to agreements that impose development and commercialization diligence obligations on us. If we fail to comply with these obligations, the applicable organization could require us to grant to the organization exclusive rights under certain of our intellectual property, which could materially adversely affect the value to us of product candidates covered by that intellectual property even if we are entitled to a share of any consideration received by such organization in connection with any subsequent development or commercialization of the product candidates.

Some of our patented technology was developed with U.S. federal government funding. When new technologies are developed with U.S. government funding, the government obtains certain rights in any resulting patents, including a nonexclusive license authorizing the government to use the invention for non-commercial purposes. These rights may permit the government to disclose our confidential information to third parties and to exercise "march-in" rights to use or allow third parties to use our patented technology. The government can exercise its march-in rights if it determines that action is necessary because we fail to achieve practical application of the U.S. government-funded technology, because action is necessary to alleviate health or safety needs, to meet requirements of federal regulations or to give preference to U.S. industry. In addition, U.S. government-funded inventions must be reported to the government and U.S. government funding must be disclosed in any resulting patent applications. Furthermore, our rights in such inventions are subject to government license rights and certain restrictions on manufacturing products outside the United States.

### **Risks related to our intellectual property**

***If we are unable to obtain and maintain patent protection for our technology and products, or if the scope of the patent protection is not sufficiently broad, our competitors could develop and commercialize technology and products similar or identical to ours, and our ability to successfully commercialize our technology and products may be adversely affected.***

Our success depends in large part on our ability to obtain and maintain patent protection in the United States and other countries with respect to our proprietary technology and products. We seek to protect our proprietary position by filing patent applications in the United States and in certain foreign jurisdictions related to our novel technologies and product candidates that are important to our business. This process is expensive and time-consuming, and we may not be able to file and prosecute all necessary or desirable

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patent applications at a reasonable cost or in a timely manner. It is also possible that we will fail to identify patentable aspects of our research and development output before it is too late to obtain patent protection. Moreover, if we license technology or product candidates from third parties in the future, these license agreements may not permit us to control the preparation, filing and prosecution of patent applications, or to maintain or enforce the patents, covering this intellectual property. These agreements could also give our licensors the right to enforce the licensed patents without our involvement, or to decide not to enforce the patents at all. Therefore, in these circumstances, these patents and applications may not be prosecuted and enforced in a manner consistent with the best interests of our business.

The patent position of biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies generally is highly uncertain, involves complex legal and factual questions and has in recent years been the subject of much litigation. As a result, the issuance, scope, validity, enforceability and commercial value of our patent rights are highly uncertain. Our pending and future patent applications may not result in patents being issued which protect our technology or products, in whole or in part, or which effectively prevent others from commercializing competitive technologies and products. Changes in either the patent laws or interpretation of the patent laws in the United States and other countries may diminish the value of our patents or narrow the scope of our patent protection.

The laws of foreign countries may not protect our rights to the same extent as the laws of the United States. For example, European patent law restricts the patentability of methods of treatment of the human body more than U.S. law does. In addition, we may not pursue or obtain patent protection in all major markets. Assuming the other requirements for patentability are met, currently, the first to file a patent application is generally entitled to the patent. However, prior to March 16, 2013, in the United States, the first to invent was entitled to the patent. Publications of discoveries in the scientific literature often lag behind the actual discoveries, and patent applications in the United States and other jurisdictions are typically not published until 18 months after filing, or in some cases not at all. Therefore, we cannot know with certainty whether we were the first to make the inventions claimed in our patents or pending patent applications, or that we were the first to file for patent protection of such inventions.

Moreover, we may be subject to a third party preissuance submission of prior art to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office or become involved in opposition, derivation, reexamination, inter partes review, post grant review, interference proceedings or other patent office proceedings or litigation, in the United States or elsewhere, challenging our patent rights or the patent rights of others. An adverse determination in any such submission, proceeding or litigation could reduce the scope of, or invalidate, our patent rights, allow third parties to commercialize our technology or products and compete directly with us, without payment to us, or result in our inability to manufacture or commercialize products without infringing third-party patent rights. In addition, if the breadth or strength of protection provided by our patents and patent applications is threatened, it could dissuade companies from collaborating with us to license, develop or commercialize current or future product candidates.

Even if our patent applications issue as patents, they may not issue in a form that will provide us with any meaningful protection, prevent competitors from competing with us or otherwise provide us with any competitive advantage. Our competitors may be able to circumvent our owned or licensed patents by developing similar or alternative technologies or products in a non-infringing manner. In addition, other companies may attempt to circumvent any regulatory data protection or market exclusivity that we obtain under applicable legislation, which may require us to allocate significant resources to preventing such circumvention. Legal and regulatory developments in the European Union and elsewhere may also result in clinical trial data submitted as part of an MAA becoming publicly available. Such developments could enable other companies to circumvent our intellectual property rights and use our clinical trial data to

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obtain marketing authorizations in the European Union and in other jurisdictions. Such developments may also require us to allocate significant resources to prevent other companies from circumventing or violating our intellectual property rights. Our attempts to prevent third parties from circumventing our intellectual property and other rights may ultimately be unsuccessful. We may also fail to take the required actions or pay the necessary fees to maintain our patents.

The issuance of a patent is not conclusive as to its inventorship, scope, validity or enforceability, and our owned and licensed patents may be challenged in the courts or patent offices in the United States and abroad. Such challenges may result in loss of exclusivity or freedom to operate or in patent claims being narrowed, invalidated or held unenforceable, in whole or in part, which could limit our ability to stop others from using or commercializing similar or identical technology and products, or limit the duration of the patent protection of our technology and products. Given the amount of time required for the development, testing and regulatory review of new product candidates, patents protecting such candidates might expire before or shortly after such candidates are commercialized. As a result, our patent portfolio may not provide us with sufficient rights to exclude others from commercializing products similar or identical to ours.

***We may become involved in lawsuits to protect or enforce our patents or other intellectual property, which could be expensive, time consuming and unsuccessful.***

Competitors may infringe our patents, trademarks, copyrights or other intellectual property. To counter infringement or unauthorized use, we may be required to file claims, which can be expensive and time consuming. Any claims we assert against perceived infringers could provoke these parties to assert counterclaims against us alleging that we infringe their intellectual property. In addition, in a patent infringement proceeding, a court may decide that a patent of ours is invalid or unenforceable, in whole or in part, construe the patent's claims narrowly or may refuse to stop the other party from using the technology at issue on the grounds that our patents do not cover the technology in question.

***Third parties may initiate legal proceedings alleging that we are infringing their intellectual property rights, the outcome of which would be uncertain and could have a material adverse effect on the success of our business.***

Our commercial success depends upon our ability and the ability of our collaborators to develop, manufacture, market and sell our product candidates and use our proprietary technologies without infringing the intellectual property and other proprietary rights of third parties. There is considerable intellectual property litigation in the biotechnology and pharmaceutical industries, and we may become party to, or threatened with, future adversarial proceedings or litigation regarding intellectual property rights with respect to our products and technology, including interference, derivation, inter partes review or post-grant review proceedings before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. The risks of being involved in such litigation and proceedings may also increase as our product candidates approach commercialization, and as we gain greater visibility as a public company. Third parties may assert infringement claims against us based on existing or future intellectual property rights. We may not be aware of all such intellectual property rights potentially relating to our product candidates. For example, we have not conducted a recent freedom-to-operate search or analysis for ataluren. Any freedom-to-operate search or analysis previously conducted may not have uncovered all relevant patents and patent applications, and there may be pending or future patent applications that, if issued, would block us from commercializing ataluren. Thus, we do not know with certainty whether ataluren, any other product candidate, or our commercialization thereof, does not and will not infringe any third party's intellectual property.

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If we are found to infringe a third party's intellectual property rights, or in order to avoid or settle litigation, we could be required to obtain a license to continue developing and marketing our products and technology. However, we may not be able to obtain any required license on commercially reasonable terms or at all. Even if we were able to obtain a license, it could be non-exclusive, thereby giving our competitors access to the same technologies licensed to us, and could require us to make substantial payments. We could be forced, including by court order, to cease commercializing the infringing technology or product. In addition, we could be found liable for monetary damages, including treble damages and attorneys' fees if we are found to have willfully infringed a patent or other intellectual property right. A finding of infringement could prevent us from commercializing our product candidates or force us to cease some of our business operations, which could materially harm our business. Claims that we have misappropriated the confidential information or trade secrets of third parties could have a similar negative impact on our business.

For example, it is possible that one or more third parties might bring a patent infringement or other legal proceeding against us regarding ataluren. We are aware of an issued U.S. patent and international patent applications that purport to disclose or contain claims to chemical scaffolds that are sufficiently broad that they could be read to encompass ataluren, even though neither the issued U.S. patent nor any of the international patent applications specifically discloses ataluren. In order to successfully challenge the validity of any issued U.S. patent, we would need to overcome a presumption of validity. This burden is a high one requiring us to present clear and convincing evidence as to the invalidity of these claims. There is no assurance that a court would find these claims to be invalid. In addition, we believe that our testing of ataluren in clinical trials for the purpose of seeking FDA approval would be a valid defense against any infringement claims in the United States based on the availability of a statutory exemption. However, there can be no assurance that our interpretation of the statutory exemption would be upheld, and the statutory exemption would only cover our preclinical research activities, and not the commercialization of ataluren.

***We may be subject to claims by third parties asserting that we or our employees have misappropriated their intellectual property, or claiming ownership of what we regard as our own intellectual property.***

Many of our employees were previously employed at universities or other biotechnology or pharmaceutical companies, including our competitors or potential competitors. Although we try to ensure that our employees do not use the proprietary information or know-how of others in their work for us, we may be subject to claims that we or these employees have used or disclosed intellectual property, including trade secrets or other proprietary information, of any such employee's former employer. Litigation may be necessary to defend against these claims.

In addition, while we typically require our employees and contractors who may be involved in the development of intellectual property to execute agreements assigning such intellectual property to us, we may be unsuccessful in executing such an agreement with each party who in fact develops intellectual property that we regard as our own. Our and their assignment agreements may not be self-executing or may be breached, and we may be forced to bring claims against third parties, or defend claims they may bring against us, to determine the ownership of what we regard as our intellectual property.

If we fail in prosecuting or defending any such claims, in addition to paying monetary damages, we may lose valuable intellectual property rights or personnel. Even if we are successful in prosecuting or defending against such claims, litigation could result in substantial costs and be a distraction to management.

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***Intellectual property litigation could cause us to spend substantial resources and could distract our personnel from their normal responsibilities.***

Even if resolved in our favor, litigation or other legal proceedings relating to intellectual property claims may cause us to incur significant expenses, and could distract our technical and management personnel from their normal responsibilities. In addition, there could be public announcements of the results of hearings, motions or other interim proceedings or developments. If securities analysts or investors perceive these results to be negative, it could have a substantial adverse effect on the price of our common stock. Such litigation or proceedings could substantially increase our operating losses and reduce the resources available for development, sales, marketing or distribution activities. We may not have sufficient financial or other resources to adequately conduct such litigation or proceedings. Some of our competitors may be able to sustain the costs of such litigation or proceedings more effectively than we can because of their greater financial resources. Uncertainties resulting from the initiation and continuation of patent litigation or other proceedings could have a material adverse effect on our ability to compete in the marketplace.

***If we are unable to protect the confidentiality of our trade secrets, our business and competitive position would be harmed.***

In addition to seeking patents for some of our technology and products, we also rely on trade secrets, including unpatented know-how, technology and other proprietary information, to maintain our competitive position. We seek to protect these trade secrets, in part, by entering into non-disclosure and confidentiality agreements with parties who have access to them, such as our employees, corporate collaborators, outside scientific collaborators, contract manufacturers, consultants, advisors and other third parties. We also enter into confidentiality and invention or patent assignment agreements with our employees and consultants. However, we cannot guarantee that we have executed these agreements with each party that may have or have had access to our trade secrets or that the agreements we have executed will provide adequate protection. Any party with whom we have executed such an agreement may breach that agreement and disclose our proprietary information, including our trade secrets, and we may not be able to obtain adequate remedies for such breaches. Enforcing a claim that a party illegally disclosed or misappropriated a trade secret is difficult, expensive and time-consuming, and the outcome is unpredictable. In addition, some courts inside and outside the United States are less willing or unwilling to protect trade secrets. If any of our trade secrets were to be lawfully obtained or independently developed by a competitor, we would have no right to prevent them, or those to whom they communicate it, from using that technology or information to compete with us. If any of our trade secrets were to be obtained or independently developed by a competitor, our competitive position would be harmed.

***We have not yet registered our trademarks in all of our potential markets, and failure to secure those registrations could adversely affect our business.***

Our trademark applications may not be allowed for registration, and our registered trademarks may not be maintained or enforced. During trademark registration proceedings, we may receive rejections. Although we are given an opportunity to respond to those rejections, we may be unable to overcome such rejections. In addition, in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and in comparable agencies in many foreign jurisdictions, third parties are given an opportunity to oppose pending trademark applications and to seek to cancel registered trademarks. Opposition or cancellation proceedings may be filed against our trademarks, and our trademarks may not survive such proceedings. If we do not secure registrations for our trademarks, we may encounter more difficulty in enforcing them against third parties than we otherwise would.

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**Risks related to regulatory approval of our product candidates**

*If we are not able to obtain, or if there are delays in obtaining, required regulatory approvals, we will not be able to commercialize our product candidates, and our ability to generate revenue will be materially impaired.*

Our product candidates, including ataluren, and the activities associated with their development and commercialization, including their design, testing, manufacture, safety, efficacy, recordkeeping, labeling, storage, approval, advertising, promotion, sale and distribution, are subject to comprehensive regulation by the FDA and by comparable authorities in other countries. Failure to obtain marketing approval for a product candidate will prevent us from commercializing the product candidate. We have not received approval to market ataluren or any of our other product candidates from regulatory authorities in any jurisdiction. In 2011, we submitted a new drug application, or NDA, to the FDA for approval of ataluren for the treatment of nmDMD. The FDA refused to file this NDA on the grounds that the NDA did not contain substantial evidence of effectiveness based on the single placebo controlled Phase 2b clinical trial conducted to date.

We have only limited experience in filing and supporting the applications necessary to obtain marketing approvals for product candidates and expect to rely on third-party contract research organizations to assist us in this process. Securing marketing approval requires the submission of extensive preclinical and clinical data and supporting information to regulatory authorities for each therapeutic indication to establish the product candidate's safety and efficacy. Securing marketing approval also requires the submission of information about the product manufacturing process to, and inspection of manufacturing facilities by, the regulatory authorities. Regulatory authorities may determine that ataluren or any of our other product candidates are not effective or only moderately effective, or have undesirable or unintended side effects, toxicities, safety profiles or other characteristics that preclude us from obtaining marketing approval or that prevent or limit commercial use.

The process of obtaining marketing approvals is expensive, may take many years, if approval is obtained at all, and can vary substantially based upon a variety of factors, including the type, complexity and novelty of the product candidates involved. Changes in marketing approval policies during the development period, changes in or the enactment of additional statutes or regulations, or changes in regulatory review for each submitted product application, may cause delays in the approval or rejection of an application. Regulatory authorities have substantial discretion in the approval process and may refuse to accept any application or may decide that our data are insufficient for approval and require additional preclinical, clinical or other studies. In addition, varying interpretations of the data obtained from preclinical and clinical testing could delay, limit or prevent marketing approval of a product candidate. Any marketing approval we ultimately obtain may be limited or subject to restrictions or post-approval commitments that render the approved product not commercially viable.

*We may not be able to obtain orphan drug exclusivity for our product candidates. If our competitors are able to obtain orphan drug exclusivity for their products that are the same drug as our product candidates, or can be classified as a similar medicinal product within the meaning of E.U. law, we may not be able to have competing products approved by the applicable regulatory authority for a significant period of time.*

Regulatory authorities in some jurisdictions, including the European Union and the United States, may designate drugs for relatively small patient populations as orphan drugs. We have obtained orphan drug designations from the EMA and from the FDA for ataluren for the treatment of nmDMD and nmCF. Generally, if a product with an orphan drug designation subsequently receives the first marketing approval



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for the indication for which it has such designation, the product is entitled to a period of market exclusivity, which, subject to certain exceptions, precludes the EMA from accepting another marketing application for a similar medicinal product or the FDA from approving another marketing application for the same drug for the same indication for that time period. The applicable market exclusivity period is ten years in the European Union and seven years in the United States. The E.U. exclusivity period can be reduced to six years if a drug no longer meets the criteria for orphan drug designation, including if the drug is sufficiently profitable so that market exclusivity is no longer justified.

In the European Union, a "similar medicinal product" is a medicinal product containing a similar active substance or substances as contained in a currently authorized orphan medicinal product, and which is intended for the same therapeutic indication. For a drug such as ataluren, which is composed of small molecules, the FDA defines "same drug" as a drug that contains the same active moiety and is intended for the same use. Obtaining orphan drug exclusivity for ataluren for these indications, both in the European Union and in the United States, may be important to the product candidate's success. If a competitor obtains orphan drug exclusivity for and approval of a product with the same indication as ataluren before we do and if the competitor's product is the same drug or a similar medicinal product as ours, we could be excluded from the market. Even if we obtain orphan drug exclusivity for ataluren for these indications, we may not be able to maintain it. For example, if a competitive product that is the same drug or a similar medicinal product as our product candidate is shown to be clinically superior to our product candidate, any orphan drug exclusivity we have obtained will not block the approval of such competitive product. In addition, orphan drug exclusivity will not prevent the approval of a product that is the same drug as our product candidate if the FDA finds that we cannot assure the availability of sufficient quantities of the drug to meet the needs of the persons with the disease or condition for which the drug was designated.

*The fast track designation for ataluren may not actually lead to a faster development or regulatory review or approval process.*

If a drug is intended for the treatment of a serious or life-threatening condition and the drug demonstrates the potential to address unmet medical needs for this condition, the drug sponsor may apply for FDA fast track designation. We have obtained a fast track designation from the FDA for ataluren for the treatment of nmDMD. However, we may not experience a faster development process, review or approval compared to conventional FDA procedures. The FDA may withdraw our fast track designation if the FDA believes that the designation is no longer supported by data from our clinical development program. Our fast track designation does not guarantee that we will qualify for or be able to take advantage of the FDA's expedited review procedures.

*Any product candidate for which we obtain marketing approval could be subject to restrictions or withdrawal from the market and we may be subject to penalties if we fail to comply with regulatory requirements or if we experience unanticipated problems with our products, when and if any of them are approved.*

Any product for which we obtain marketing approval, along with the manufacturing processes, post-approval clinical data, labeling, advertising and promotional activities for such product, will be subject to continual requirements of and review by the FDA and other regulatory authorities. The FDA's requirements include submissions of safety and other post-marketing information and reports, registration requirements, cGMP requirements relating to manufacturing, quality control, quality assurance and complaints and corresponding maintenance of records and documents, requirements regarding the distribution of samples to healthcare professionals and recordkeeping. Even if marketing approval of a

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product candidate is granted, the approval may be subject to limitations on the indicated uses for which the product may be marketed or may be subject to significant conditions of approval, including the requirement of risk evaluation and mitigation strategy, or REMS. The FDA also may impose requirements for costly post-marketing studies or clinical trials and surveillance to monitor the safety or efficacy of the product. The FDA closely regulates the post-approval marketing and promotion of drugs to ensure drugs are marketed only for the approved indications and in accordance with the provisions of the approved labeling and regulatory requirements. The FDA imposes stringent restrictions on manufacturers' communications regarding off-label use and if we do not comply with the laws governing promotion of approved drugs, we may be subject to enforcement action for off-label promotion. Violations of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act relating to the promotion of prescription drugs may lead to civil and criminal penalties, investigations alleging violations of federal and state health care fraud and abuse laws, as well as state consumer protection laws.

In addition, later discovery of previously unknown adverse events or other problems with our products, manufacturers or manufacturing processes, or failure to comply with regulatory requirements, may yield various results, including:

- restrictions on such products, manufacturers or manufacturing processes;
- changes to or restrictions on the labeling or marketing of a product;
- restrictions on product distribution or use;
- requirements to implement a REMS;
- requirements to conduct post-marketing studies or clinical trials;
- warning or untitled letters;
- withdrawal of the products from the market;
- refusal to approve pending applications or supplements to approved applications that we submit;
- recall of products;
- fines, restitution or disgorgement of profits or revenues;
- suspension or withdrawal of marketing approvals;
- refusal to permit the import or export of our products;
- product seizure;
- injunctions; or
- the imposition of civil or criminal penalties.

Non-compliance with E.U. requirements regarding safety monitoring or pharmacovigilance, and with requirements related to the development of products for the pediatric population, can also result in significant financial penalties. Similarly, failure to comply with the European Union's requirements regarding the protection of personal information can also lead to significant penalties and sanctions.

***Failure to obtain or maintain regulatory approval in international jurisdictions would prevent us from marketing our products abroad.***

In order to market and sell ataluren and our other products in the European Union and many other jurisdictions, we must obtain separate marketing approvals and comply with numerous and varying regulatory requirements. The approval procedure varies among countries and can involve additional testing. The time required to obtain approval may differ from that required to obtain FDA approval. The regulatory approval process outside the United States generally includes all of the risks associated with obtaining FDA approval. In addition, some countries outside the United States require approval of the sales price of a drug before it can be marketed. In many countries, separate procedures must be followed to obtain reimbursement. We may not obtain marketing, pricing or reimbursement approvals outside the



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United States on a timely basis, if at all. Approval by the FDA does not ensure approval by regulatory authorities in other countries or jurisdictions, and approval by one regulatory authority outside the United States does not ensure approval by regulatory authorities in other countries or jurisdictions or by the FDA. We may not be able to file for marketing approvals and may not receive necessary approvals to commercialize our products in any market. Regulatory approvals in countries outside the United States do not ensure pricing approvals in those countries or in any other countries, and regulatory approvals and pricing approvals do not ensure that reimbursement will be obtained.

Our ability to obtain and maintain conditional marketing authorizations in the European Union is limited to specific circumstances and subject to several conditions and obligations. Conditional marketing authorizations based on incomplete clinical data may be granted for a limited number of listed medicinal products for human use, including products designated as orphan medicinal products under E.U. law, if (1) the risk-benefit balance of the product is positive, (2) it is likely that the applicant will be in a position to provide the required comprehensive clinical trial data, (3) unmet medical needs will be fulfilled and (4) the benefit to public health of the immediate availability on the market of the medicinal product outweighs the risk inherent in the fact that additional data are still required. Specific obligations, including with respect to the completion of ongoing or new studies, and with respect to the collection of pharmacovigilance data, may be specified in the conditional marketing authorization. Conditional marketing authorizations are valid for one year, and may be renewed annually, if the risk-benefit balance remains positive, and after an assessment of the need for additional or modified conditions. Even if we obtain conditional approval for ataluren for the treatment of either or both of nmDMD and nmCF, we may not be able to renew such conditional approval. A failure to renew any conditional approval that we obtain prior to full approval for the applicable indication would prevent us from continuing to market ataluren for such indication.

***Governments outside the United States tend to impose strict price controls, which may adversely affect our revenues, if any.***

In some countries, particularly the member states of the European Union, the pricing of prescription pharmaceuticals is subject to governmental control. In these countries, pricing negotiations with governmental authorities can take considerable time after the receipt of marketing approval for a product. In addition, there can be considerable pressure by governments and other stakeholders on prices and reimbursement levels, including as part of cost containment measures. Political, economic and regulatory developments may further complicate pricing negotiations, and pricing negotiations may continue after reimbursement has been obtained. Reference pricing used by various E.U. member states and parallel distribution, or arbitrage between low-priced and high-priced member states, can further reduce prices. In some countries, we may be required to conduct a clinical trial or other studies that compare the cost-effectiveness of our product candidate to other available therapies in order to obtain or maintain reimbursement or pricing approval. Publication of discounts by third-party payors or authorities may lead to further pressure on prices or reimbursement levels within the country of publication and other countries. If reimbursement of our products is unavailable or limited in scope or amount, or if pricing is set at unsatisfactory levels, our business could be adversely affected.

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***Our relationships with customers, healthcare providers and professionals and third-party payors will be subject to applicable anti-kickback, fraud and abuse and other healthcare laws and regulations, which could expose us to criminal sanctions, civil penalties, contractual damages, reputational harm and diminished profits and future earnings.***

Healthcare providers, physicians and third-party payors play a primary role in the recommendation and prescription of any product candidates, including ataluren, for which we obtain marketing approval. Our future arrangements with customers, healthcare providers and professionals and third-party payors may expose us to broadly applicable fraud and abuse and other healthcare laws and regulations that may constrain the business or financial arrangements and relationships through which we market, sell and distribute our products for which we obtain marketing approval. Restrictions under applicable federal and state healthcare laws and regulations, include, and are not limited to, the following:

The federal healthcare anti-kickback statute prohibits, among other things, persons from knowingly and willfully soliciting, offering, receiving or providing remuneration, directly or indirectly, in cash or in kind, to induce or reward either the referral of an individual for, or the purchase, order or recommendation of, any good or service, for which payment may be made under federally funded healthcare programs such as Medicare and Medicaid. This statute has been broadly interpreted to apply to manufacturer arrangements with prescribers, purchasers and formulary managers, among others. Several other countries, including the United Kingdom, have enacted similar anti-kickback, fraud and abuse, and healthcare laws and regulations.

The federal False Claims Act imposes civil penalties, including civil whistleblower or qui tam actions, against individuals or entities for knowingly presenting, or causing to be presented, to the federal government, claims for payment that are false or fraudulent or making a false statement to avoid, decrease or conceal an obligation to pay money to the federal government. The government and *qui tam* relators have brought False Claims Act actions against pharmaceutical companies on the theory that their practices have caused false claims to be submitted to the government. There is also a separate false claims provision imposing criminal penalties.

The federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, or HIPAA, as amended by the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act, imposes criminal and civil liability for executing a scheme to defraud any healthcare benefit program and also imposes obligations, including mandatory contractual terms, with respect to safeguarding the privacy, security and transmission of individually identifiable health information.

HIPAA also imposes criminal liability for knowingly and willfully falsifying, concealing or covering up a material fact or making any materially false statement in connection with the delivery of or payment for healthcare benefits, items or services.

The federal Physician Sunshine Act requirements under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010, as amended by the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, referred to together as the Affordable Care Act, require manufacturers of drugs, devices, biologics and medical supplies to report to the Department of Health and Human Services information related to payments and other transfers of value made to or at the request of covered recipients, such as physicians and teaching hospitals, and physician ownership and investment interests in such manufacturers. Payments made to physicians and research institutions for clinical trials are included within the ambit of this law.

Analogous state laws and regulations, such as state anti-kickback and false claims laws, may apply to sales or marketing arrangements and claims involving healthcare items or services reimbursed by

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non-governmental third-party payors, including private insurers, and some state laws require pharmaceutical companies to comply with the pharmaceutical industry's voluntary compliance guidelines and the relevant compliance guidance promulgated by the federal government in addition to requiring drug manufacturers to report information related to payments to physicians and other health care providers or marketing expenditures.

Efforts to ensure that our business arrangements with third parties will comply with applicable healthcare laws and regulations will involve substantial costs. It is possible that governmental authorities will conclude that our business practices may not comply with current or future statutes, regulations or case law involving applicable fraud and abuse or other healthcare laws and regulations. If our operations are found to be in violation of any of these laws or any other governmental regulations that may apply to us, we may be subject to significant civil, criminal and administrative penalties, damages, fines, exclusion from government funded healthcare programs, such as Medicare and Medicaid, and the curtailment or restructuring of our operations. Exclusion, suspension and debarment from government funded healthcare programs would significantly impact our ability to commercialize, sell or distribute any drug. If any of the physicians or other providers or entities with whom we expect to do business are found to be not in compliance with applicable laws, they may be subject to criminal, civil or administrative sanctions, including exclusions from government funded healthcare programs.

***Recently enacted and future legislation may increase the difficulty and cost for us to obtain marketing approval of and commercialize our product candidates and affect the prices we may obtain.***

In the United States and some foreign jurisdictions, there have been a number of legislative and regulatory changes and proposed changes regarding the healthcare system that could prevent or delay marketing approval of ataluren or any of our other product candidates, restrict or regulate post-approval activities and affect our ability to profitably sell any product candidates, including ataluren, for which we obtain marketing approval.

In the United States, the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003, or Medicare Modernization Act, changed the way Medicare covers and pays for pharmaceutical products. The legislation expanded Medicare coverage for drug purchases by the elderly and introduced a new reimbursement methodology based on average sales prices for physician administered drugs. In addition, this legislation provided authority for limiting the number of drugs that will be covered in any therapeutic class. Cost reduction initiatives and other provisions of this legislation could decrease the coverage and price that we receive for any approved products. While the Medicare Modernization Act applies only to drug benefits for Medicare beneficiaries, private payors often follow Medicare coverage policy and payment limitations in setting their own reimbursement rates. Therefore, any reduction in reimbursement that results from the Medicare Modernization Act may result in a similar reduction in payments from private payors.

In March 2010, President Obama signed into law the Affordable Care Act, a sweeping law intended to broaden access to health insurance, reduce or constrain the growth of healthcare spending, enhance remedies against fraud and abuse, add new transparency requirements for health care and health insurance industries, impose new taxes and fees on the health industry and impose additional health policy reforms. Effective October 1, 2010, the Affordable Care Act revised the definition of "average manufacturer price" for reporting purposes, which could increase the amount of Medicaid drug rebates to states. Further, the new law imposes a significant annual fee on companies that manufacture or import branded prescription drug products. Substantial new provisions affecting compliance have also been enacted, which may affect our business practices with health care practitioners. We will not know the full effects of the

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Affordable Care Act until applicable federal and state agencies issue regulations or guidance under the new law. Although it is too early to determine the full effect of the Affordable Care Act, the new law appears likely to continue the pressure on pharmaceutical pricing, especially under the Medicare program, and may also increase our regulatory burdens and operating costs.

Legislative and regulatory proposals have been made to expand post-approval requirements and restrict sales and promotional activities for pharmaceutical products. We cannot be sure whether additional legislative changes will be enacted, or whether the FDA regulations, guidance or interpretations will be changed, or what the impact of such changes on the marketing approvals of our product candidates, if any, may be. In addition, increased scrutiny by the U.S. Congress of the FDA's approval process may significantly delay or prevent marketing approval, as well as subject us to more stringent product labeling and post-marketing testing and other requirements.

In the European Union, similar political, economic and regulatory developments may affect our ability to profitably commercialize our products. In addition to continuing pressure on prices and cost containment measures, legislative developments at the European Union or member state level may result in significant additional requirements or obstacles that may increase our operating costs.

**Risks related to employee matters and managing growth**

*Our future success depends on our ability to retain our chief executive officer and other key executives and to attract, retain and motivate qualified personnel.*

We are highly dependent on Dr. Stuart W. Peltz, our co-founder and Chief Executive Officer, and the other principal members of our executive and scientific teams. Although we have formal employment agreements with each of our executive officers, these agreements do not prevent our executives from terminating their employment with us at any time. We do not maintain "key person" insurance on any of our executive officers. The loss of the services of any of these persons might impede the achievement of our research, development and commercialization objectives.

Recruiting and retaining qualified scientific, clinical, manufacturing and sales and marketing personnel will also be critical to our success. We may not be able to attract and retain these personnel on acceptable terms given the competition among numerous pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies for similar personnel. We also experience competition for the hiring of scientific and clinical personnel from universities and research institutions. In addition, we rely on consultants and advisors, including scientific and clinical advisors, to assist us in formulating our research and development and commercialization strategy. Our consultants and advisors may be employed by employers other than us and may have commitments under consulting or advisory contracts with other entities that may limit their availability to us.

*We expect to expand our development, regulatory and sales and marketing capabilities, and as a result, we may encounter difficulties in managing our growth, which could disrupt our operations.*

We expect to experience significant growth in the number of our employees and the scope of our operations, particularly in the areas of drug development, regulatory affairs and sales and marketing. To manage our anticipated future growth, we must continue to implement and improve our managerial, operational and financial systems, expand our facilities and continue to recruit and train additional qualified personnel. Due to our limited financial resources and the limited experience of our management team in managing a company with such anticipated growth, we may not be able to effectively manage the expansion of our operations or recruit and train additional qualified personnel. The physical expansion of

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our operations may lead to significant costs and may divert our management and business development resources. Any inability to manage growth could delay the execution of our business plans or disrupt our operations.

**Risks related to our common stock and this offering**

*The price of our common stock may be volatile and fluctuate substantially, which could result in substantial losses for purchasers of our common stock in this offering.*

Our stock price may be volatile. The stock market in general and the market for smaller pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies in particular have experienced extreme volatility that has often been unrelated to the operating performance of particular companies. As a result of this volatility, you may not be able to sell your common stock at or above the public offering price. The market price for our common stock may be influenced by many factors, including:

the success of competitive products or technologies;

results of clinical trials of ataluren and any other product candidate that we develop;

results of clinical trials of product candidates of our competitors;

regulatory or legal developments in the United States and other countries;

developments or disputes concerning patent applications, issued patents or other proprietary rights;

the recruitment or departure of key personnel;

the level of expenses related to any of our product candidates or clinical development programs;

actual or anticipated changes in estimates as to financial results, development timelines or recommendations by securities analysts;

variations in our financial results or those of companies that are perceived to be similar to us;

changes in the structure of healthcare payment systems;

market conditions in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology sectors;

general economic, industry and market conditions; and

the other factors described in this "Risk factors" section.

*An active trading market for our common stock may not be sustained.*

Our shares of common stock began trading on The NASDAQ Global Select Market on June 20, 2013. Given the limited trading history of our common stock, there is a risk that an active trading market for our common stock will not be sustained, which could put downward pressure on



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the market price of our common stock and thereby affect the ability of our stockholders to sell their shares.

*We have broad discretion in the use of the net proceeds from this offering and may not use them effectively.*

Our management will have broad discretion in the application of the net proceeds from this offering and could spend the proceeds in ways that do not improve our results of operations or enhance the value of our common stock. The failure by our management to apply these funds effectively could result in financial

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losses that could have a material adverse effect on our business, cause the price of our common stock to decline and delay the development of our product candidates. Pending their use, we may invest the net proceeds from this offering in a manner that does not produce income or that loses value.

***After this offering, our executive officers, directors and principal stockholders will maintain the ability to control or significantly influence all matters submitted to stockholders for approval.***

Upon the closing of this offering, our executive officers, directors and principal stockholders will, in the aggregate, beneficially own shares representing approximately % of our capital stock. As a result, if these stockholders were to choose to act together, they would be able to control or significantly influence all matters submitted to our stockholders for approval, as well as our management and affairs. For example, these persons, if they choose to act together, would control or significantly influence the election of directors and approval of any merger, consolidation or sale of all or substantially all of our assets. This concentration of voting power could delay or prevent an acquisition of our company on terms that other stockholders may desire.

***Provisions in our corporate charter documents and under Delaware law could make an acquisition of us, which may be beneficial to our stockholders, more difficult and may prevent attempts by our stockholders to replace or remove our current management.***

Provisions in our corporate charter and our bylaws may discourage, delay or prevent a merger, acquisition or other change in control of us that stockholders may consider favorable, including transactions in which you might otherwise receive a premium for your shares. These provisions could also limit the price that investors might be willing to pay in the future for shares of our common stock, thereby depressing the market price of our common stock. In addition, because our board of directors is responsible for appointing our management team, these provisions may frustrate or prevent any attempts by our stockholders to replace or remove our current management by making it more difficult for stockholders to replace members of our board of directors. Among other things, these provisions:

provide for a classified board of directors such that not all members of the board are elected at one time;

allow the authorized number of our directors to be changed only by resolution of our board of directors;

limit the manner in which stockholders can remove directors from the board;

establish advance notice requirements for stockholder proposals that can be acted on at stockholder meetings and nominations to our board of directors;

require that stockholder actions must be effected at a duly called stockholder meeting and prohibit actions by our stockholders by written consent;

limit who may call stockholder meetings;

authorize our board of directors to issue preferred stock without stockholder approval, which could be used to institute a "poison pill" that would work to dilute the stock ownership of a potential hostile acquirer, effectively preventing acquisitions that have not been approved by our board of directors; and

require the approval of the holders of at least 75% of the votes that all our stockholders would be entitled to cast to amend or repeal certain provisions of our charter or bylaws.

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Moreover, because we are incorporated in Delaware, we are governed by the provisions of Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, which prohibits a person who owns in excess of 15% of our outstanding voting stock from merging or combining with us for a period of three years after the date of the transaction in which the person acquired in excess of 15% of our outstanding voting stock, unless the merger or combination is approved in a prescribed manner.

***We are an "emerging growth company," and the reduced disclosure requirements applicable to emerging growth companies may make our common stock less attractive to investors.***

We are an "emerging growth company," as defined in the Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act of 2012, or the JOBS Act, and may remain an emerging growth company until December 31, 2018, provided that, if the market value of our common stock that is held by non-affiliates exceeds \$700 million as of any June 30 before that time or if we have annual gross revenues of \$1 billion or more in any fiscal year, we would cease to be an emerging growth company as of December 31 of the applicable year. We also would cease to be an emerging growth company if we issue more than \$1 billion of non-convertible debt over a three-year period. For so long as we remain an emerging growth company, we are permitted and intend to rely on exemptions from certain disclosure requirements that are applicable to other public companies that are not emerging growth companies. These exemptions include:

providing only two years of audited financial statements, in addition to any required unaudited interim financial statements, with correspondingly reduced "Management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations" disclosure;

not being required to comply with the auditor attestation requirements in the assessment of our internal control over financial reporting;

not being required to comply with any requirement that may be adopted by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board regarding mandatory audit firm rotation or a supplement to the auditor's report providing additional information about the audit and the financial statements;

reduced disclosure obligations regarding executive compensation; and

exemptions from the requirements of holding a nonbinding advisory vote on executive compensation and shareholder approval of any golden parachute payments not previously approved.

We may choose to take advantage of some, but not all, of the available exemptions. We have taken advantage of reduced reporting burdens in this prospectus. In particular, in this prospectus, we have provided only two years of audited financial statements and have not included all of the executive compensation related information that would be required if we were not an emerging growth company. We cannot predict whether investors will find our common stock less attractive if we rely on these exemptions. If some investors find our common stock less attractive as a result, there may be a less active trading market for our common stock and our stock price may be more volatile.

In addition, the JOBS Act also provides that an emerging growth company can take advantage of an extended transition period for complying with new or revised accounting standards. This allows an emerging growth company to delay the adoption of certain accounting standards until those standards would otherwise apply to private companies. We have elected to delay such adoption of new or revised accounting standards, and as a result, we may not comply with new or revised accounting standards on the relevant dates on which adoption of such standards is required for public companies that are not emerging growth companies. As a result of such election, our financial statements may not be comparable to the financial statements of other public companies.

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***We are currently incurring and expect to continue to incur increased costs as a result of operating as a public company, and our management is and will continue to be required to devote substantial time to new compliance initiatives.***

As a public company, and particularly after we are no longer an "emerging growth company," we incur significant legal, accounting and other expenses that we did not incur as a private company. In addition, the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, the Dodd-Frank Act, the listing requirements of The NASDAQ Global Select Market and other applicable securities rules and regulations impose various requirements on public companies, including establishment and maintenance of effective disclosure and financial controls and corporate governance practices. Our management and other personnel will need to devote a substantial amount of time to these compliance initiatives. Moreover, these rules and regulations will increase our legal and financial compliance costs and will make some activities more time-consuming and costly. For example, we expect that these rules and regulations may make it more difficult and more expensive for us to obtain director and officer liability insurance. However, for as long as we remain an emerging growth company, we may take advantage of certain exemptions from various reporting requirements that are applicable to other public companies that are not emerging growth companies as described in the preceding risk factor.

Pursuant to Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, or Section 404, we will be required to furnish a report by our management on our internal control over financial reporting. However, as an emerging growth company, we will not be required to include an attestation report on internal control over financial reporting issued by our independent registered public accounting firm until we are no longer an emerging growth company. To achieve compliance with Section 404 within the prescribed period, we will be engaged in a process to document and evaluate our internal control over financial reporting, which is both costly and challenging. In this regard, we will need to continue to dedicate internal resources, potentially engage outside consultants and adopt a detailed work plan to assess and document the adequacy of internal control over financial reporting, continue steps to improve control processes as appropriate, validate through testing that controls are functioning as documented and implement a continuous reporting and improvement process for internal control over financial reporting. Despite our efforts, there is a risk that we will not be able to conclude within the prescribed timeframe that our internal control over financial reporting is effective as required by Section 404. This could result in an adverse reaction in the financial markets due to a loss of confidence in the reliability of our financial statements.

***Because we do not anticipate paying any cash dividends on our capital in the foreseeable future, capital appreciation, if any, will be your sole source of gain.***

We have never declared or paid cash dividends on our capital stock. We currently intend to retain all of our future earnings, if any, to finance the development and growth of our business. In addition, the terms of any future debt agreements may preclude us from paying dividends. As a result, capital appreciation, if any, of our common stock will be your sole source of gain for the foreseeable future.

***A significant portion of our total outstanding shares are restricted from immediate resale but may be sold into the market in the near future. This could cause the market price of our common stock to drop significantly, even if our business is doing well.***

Sales of a substantial number of shares of our common stock in the public market could occur at any time. These sales, or the perception in the market that the holders of a large number of shares intend to sell shares, could reduce the market price of our common stock. After this offering, we will have outstanding \_\_\_\_\_ shares of common stock based on the number of shares outstanding as of January 28, 2014. This

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includes the shares that we are selling in this offering, which may be resold in the public market immediately without restriction, unless purchased by our affiliates.

Holders of an aggregate of \_\_\_\_\_ shares of our common stock have rights, subject to certain conditions, to require us to file registration statements covering their shares or to include their shares in registration statements that we may file for ourselves or other stockholders. In connection with this offering, the holders of these securities waived these registration rights for a period that ends 90 days after the closing of this offering.

Of the shares described in this risk factor, \_\_\_\_\_ shares are subject to a 90-day contractual lock-up period as described in the "Underwriting" section of this prospectus. These shares can be sold, subject to any applicable volume limitations and federal securities laws, after the expiration of or release from the 90-day lock-up period. The balance of our outstanding shares of common stock may be freely sold in the public market at any time to the extent permitted by applicable federal securities laws. See "Shares eligible for future sale" for more information about the restrictions applicable to these shares.

In addition, we have registered on a Form S-8 registration statement all shares of common stock that we may issue under our equity compensation plans. As a result, these shares can be freely sold in the public market upon issuance, subject to volume limitations applicable to affiliates and the lock-up agreements.

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## **Special note regarding forward-looking statements**

This prospectus contains forward-looking statements that involve substantial risks and uncertainties. All statements, other than statements of historical facts, contained in this prospectus, including statements regarding our strategy, future operations, future financial position, future revenues, projected costs, prospects, plans and objectives of management, are forward-looking statements. The words "anticipate," "believe," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "may," "might," "plan," "predict," "project," "target," "potential," "will," "would," "could," "should," "continue," and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements, although not all forward-looking statements contain these identifying words.

The forward-looking statements in this prospectus include, among other things, statements about:

the timing and conduct of our clinical trials of ataluren for the treatment of Duchenne muscular dystrophy and cystic fibrosis caused by nonsense mutations, including statements regarding the timing of initiation and completion of the trials and the period during which the results of the trials will become available;

the timing of and our ability to obtain marketing approval, including conditional approval in the European Union, of ataluren and our other product candidates, and the ability of ataluren and our other product candidates to meet existing or future regulatory standards;

the potential receipt of revenues from future sales of ataluren;

our plans to pursue development of ataluren for additional indications other than Duchenne muscular dystrophy and cystic fibrosis caused by nonsense mutations;

our plans to pursue research and development of other product candidates;

the potential advantages of ataluren;

the rate and degree of market acceptance and clinical utility of ataluren;

our estimates regarding the potential market opportunity for ataluren;

our sales, marketing and distribution capabilities and strategy;

our ability to establish and maintain arrangements for manufacture of ataluren and our other product candidates;

our intellectual property position;

our expectations related to the use of proceeds from this offering;

our estimates regarding expenses, future revenues, capital requirements and needs for additional financing;

the impact of government laws and regulations;

our competitive position; and

our expectations with respect to development and regulatory status of our program directed against spinal muscular atrophy in collaboration with F. Hoffmann-La Roche Ltd and Hoffmann-La Roche Inc., which we refer to collectively as Roche, and the Spinal Muscular Atrophy Foundation, or the SMA

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Foundation, and our estimates regarding future revenues from achievement of milestones in that program.

We may not actually achieve the plans, intentions or expectations disclosed in our forward-looking statements, and you should not place undue reliance on our forward-looking statements. Actual results or events could differ materially from the plans, intentions and expectations disclosed in the forward-looking statements we make. We have included important factors in the cautionary statements included in this prospectus, particularly in the "Risk factors" section of this prospectus, that we believe could cause actual results or events to differ materially from the forward-looking statements that we make. Our forward-looking statements do not reflect the potential impact of any future acquisitions, mergers, dispositions, joint ventures or investments we may make.

You should read this prospectus and the documents that we reference in this prospectus and that we have filed as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part completely and with the understanding that our actual future results may be materially different from what we expect. The forward-looking statements contained in this prospectus are made as of the date of this prospectus, and we do not assume any obligation to update any forward-looking statements whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by applicable law.



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## Use of proceeds

We estimate that the net proceeds from our issuance and sale of \_\_\_\_\_ shares of our common stock in this offering will be approximately \$ \_\_\_\_\_ million, assuming a public offering price of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per share, which is the last sale price of our common stock as reported on The NASDAQ Global Select Market on \_\_\_\_\_, 2014, after deducting estimated underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by us. If the underwriters exercise in full their over-allotment option, we estimate that the net proceeds from this offering will be approximately \$ \_\_\_\_\_ million, after deducting estimated underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by us.

As of December 31, 2013, we had cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities of approximately \$142.5 million. We currently estimate that we will use the net proceeds from this offering, together with our cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities, as follows:

to fund the clinical development of and seek marketing approval for ataluren for the treatment of nmDMD;

to fund the clinical development of and seek marketing approval for ataluren for the treatment of nmCF;

to fund pre-approval commercial efforts for ataluren;

to fund research and development of ataluren for additional indications and for our earlier stage programs; and

for working capital and other general corporate purposes.

This expected use of the net proceeds from this offering and our existing cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities represents our current intentions based upon our present plans and business conditions. The amounts and timing of our actual expenditures may vary significantly depending on numerous factors, including the progress of our development and commercialization efforts, the status of and results from clinical trials, as well as any collaborations that we may enter into with third parties for our product candidates, and any unforeseen cash needs.

Our management will have broad discretion over the allocation of the net proceeds from this offering. In addition, we might decide to postpone or not pursue other clinical trials or preclinical activities if the net proceeds from this offering and the other sources of cash are less than expected. We have no current agreements, commitments or understandings for any material acquisitions or licenses of any products, businesses or technologies.

Based on our planned use of the net proceeds from this offering and our existing cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities described above, we estimate that such funds will be sufficient to enable us to complete the confirmatory Phase 3 clinical trial of ataluren for the treatment of nmDMD and initiate a confirmatory Phase 3 clinical trial of ataluren for the treatment of nmCF. We have based this estimate on assumptions that may prove to be wrong, and we could use our available capital resources sooner than we currently expect. This estimate assumes, among other things, that we do not receive conditional approval to market ataluren for nmDMD or nmCF prior to completing a Phase 3 clinical trial for the applicable indication and, as a result, that we do not incur significant related commercialization expenses prior to such time.

Pending our use of the net proceeds from this offering, we intend to invest the net proceeds in a variety of capital preservation investments, including short-term, investment-grade, interest-bearing instruments and U.S. government securities.

Table of Contents**Price range of common stock**

Our common stock has been listed on The NASDAQ Global Select Market since June 20, 2013 and trades under the symbol "PTCT". Prior to that time, there was no public market for our common stock. The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, the high and low intraday sales prices of our common stock as reported by The NASDAQ Global Select Market:

	<b>High</b>	<b>Low</b>
<b>Year Ended December 31, 2013</b>		
Second Quarter (June 20, 2013-June 30, 2013)	\$ 17.92	\$ 13.03
Third Quarter	\$ 24.38	\$ 13.88
Fourth Quarter	\$ 22.42	\$ 13.15
<b>Year Ended December 31, 2014</b>		
First Quarter (through _____, 2014)	\$	\$

On \_\_\_\_\_, 2014, the last sale price of our common stock as reported on The NASDAQ Global Select Market was \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per share. As of January 28, 2014, we had approximately 89 holders of record of our common stock. The actual number of stockholders is greater than this number of record holders and includes stockholders who are beneficial owners but whose shares are held in street name by brokers and other nominees.

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**Dividend policy**

We have never declared or paid cash dividends on our common stock. We currently intend to retain all of our future earnings, if any, to finance the growth and development of our business. We do not intend to pay cash dividends to holders of our common stock in the foreseeable future.

Table of Contents**Capitalization**

The following table sets forth our cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities and capitalization as of September 30, 2013:

on an actual basis;

on an as adjusted basis to give effect to our issuance and sale of \_\_\_\_\_ shares of our common stock in this offering at an assumed public offering price of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per share, which is the last sale price of our common stock as reported on The NASDAQ Global Select Market on \_\_\_\_\_, 2014, after deducting estimated underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by us.

You should read this table together with our financial statements and the related notes appearing elsewhere in this prospectus and the "Management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations" section of this prospectus.

<b>As of September 30, 2013</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>As adjusted</b>
Cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities	\$ 157,227,384	\$
Debt obligations	84,234	
Stockholders' deficit:		
Preferred Stock, \$0.001 par value per share, undesignated 5,000,000 shares, no shares issued or outstanding, actual or as adjusted		
Common stock, \$0.001 par value per share, authorized 125,000,000 shares; issued and outstanding 24,917,089(1) shares actual, issued and outstanding _____ shares as adjusted	24,344	
Additional paid-in capital	461,960,966	
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(40,467)	
Accumulated deficit	(310,912,330)	
<b>Total capitalization</b>	<b>\$ 151,116,747</b>	<b>\$</b>

(1) Includes 1,113,807 shares of unvested restricted stock.

The table above is based on actual shares of our common stock outstanding as of September 30, 2013 and excludes as of such date:

1,987,860 shares of our common stock issuable upon the exercise of stock options outstanding at a weighted-average exercise price of \$20.44 per share;

17,013 shares of our common stock issuable upon the exercise of warrants outstanding at a weighted-average exercise price of \$218.69 per share; and

201,074 shares of our common stock available for future issuance under our 2013 long term incentive plan.

Table of Contents**Dilution**

If you invest in our common stock in this offering, your ownership interest will be diluted immediately to the extent of the difference between the public offering price per share of our common stock and the pro forma net tangible book value per share of our common stock after this offering.

Our historical net tangible book value as of September 30, 2013 was \$151.0 million, or \$6.06 per share of our common stock. Historical net tangible book value per share represents the amount of our total tangible assets less total liabilities, divided by the number of shares of our common stock outstanding.

After giving effect to our issuance and sale of \_\_\_\_\_ shares of our common stock in this offering at an assumed public offering price of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per share, which is the last sale price of our common stock as reported on The NASDAQ Global Select Market on \_\_\_\_\_, 2014, and after deducting estimated underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by us, our net tangible book value as of September 30, 2013 would have been \$ \_\_\_\_\_ million, or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per share. This represents an immediate increase in net tangible book value per share of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to existing stockholders and immediate dilution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in net tangible book value per share to new investors purchasing common stock in this offering. Dilution per share to new investors is determined by subtracting net tangible book value per share after this offering from the public offering price per share paid by new investors. The following table illustrates this dilution on a per share basis:

Assumed public offering price per share	\$
Historical net tangible book value per share as of September 30, 2013	\$6.06

Increase in net tangible book value per share attributable to shares of common stock to be issued in this offering	
As adjusted net tangible book value per share after this offering	

Dilution per share to new investors	\$
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The foregoing table and calculations are based on 24,917,089 shares of our common stock outstanding as of September 30, 2013 and excludes as of such date:

1,987,860 shares of our common stock issuable upon the exercise of stock options outstanding at a weighted-average exercise price of \$20.44 per share;

17,013 shares of our common stock issuable upon the exercise of warrants outstanding at a weighted-average exercise price of \$218.69 per share; and

201,074 shares of our common stock available for future issuance under our 2013 long term incentive plan.

If the underwriters exercise their over-allotment option or any additional shares are issued in connection with outstanding stock options or warrants, there will be further dilution to new investors.

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You should read the following selected financial data together with our financial statements and the related notes appearing elsewhere in this prospectus and the "Management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations" section of this prospectus.

We have derived the statements of operations data for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2012 and the balance sheet data as of December 31, 2011 and 2012 from our audited financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus. We have derived the statements of operations data for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2013 and the balance sheet data as of September 30, 2013 from our unaudited financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus. The unaudited financial data include, in the opinion of our management, all adjustments, consisting of normal recurring adjustments, that are necessary for a fair statement of our financial position and results of operations for these periods. Our historical results for any prior period are not necessarily indicative of results to be expected in any future period, and our results for any interim period are not necessarily indicative of results to be expected for a full fiscal year.

Statement of operations data (in thousands, except share and per share data)	Year ended December 31,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2011	2012	2012	2013
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Collaboration revenue	\$ 98,961	\$ 28,779	\$ 22,861	\$ 27,395
Grant revenue	6,451	5,167	4,445	2,890
Total revenues	105,412	33,946	27,306	30,285
<b>Operating expenses:</b>				
Research and development	58,677	46,139	36,689	39,855
General and administrative	16,153	14,615	11,391	17,735
Total operating expenses	74,830	60,754	48,080	57,590
Income (loss) from operations	30,582	(26,808)	(20,774)	(27,305)
Interest income (expense), net	(2,444)	(1,210)	(1,007)	(6,250)
Loss on extinguishment of debt				(130)
Other income, net	461	1,783	1,818	(3)
Income (loss) before tax benefit	28,599	(26,235)	(19,963)	(33,688)
Income tax benefit	2,306			
Net income (loss)	30,905	(26,235)	(19,963)	(33,688)
Deemed dividend				(18,249)
Gain on exchange of convertible preferred stock in connection with recapitalization		159,954	159,954	3,391
Less beneficial conversion charge		(378)	(378)	
Net income (loss) attributable to common stockholders	\$ 30,905	\$ 133,341	\$ 139,613	\$ (48,546)
<b>Net income (loss) per share(1)</b>				
Basic	\$ 23.95	\$ 219.76	\$ 182.41	\$ (5.40)
Diluted	\$ 4.55	\$ 42.50	\$ 39.41	\$ (5.40)
<b>Weighted-average shares outstanding:</b>				
Basic	1,089	3,328	2,937	8,995,167
Diluted	5,729	17,205	13,593	8,995,167

(1) See Note 8 to our audited financial statements appearing at the end of this prospectus regarding the calculation of net income (loss) per share.

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<b>Balance sheet data (in thousands)</b>	<b>As of December 31,</b>		<b>As of September 30,</b>
	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
Cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities	\$ 28,431	\$ 2,726	\$ 157,227
Working capital	(10,091)	(23,564)	146,217
Total assets	44,148	13,072	167,244
Long-term debt, including current portion	11,689	4,883	84
Convertible preferred stock	214,380	80,824	
Accumulated deficit	(250,612)	(277,225)	(310,912)
Total stockholders' equity (deficit)	(238,605)	(99,641)	151,033



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## **Management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations**

*You should read the following discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations together with our financial statements and the related notes appearing elsewhere in this prospectus. Some of the information contained in this discussion and analysis or set forth elsewhere in this prospectus, including information with respect to our plans and strategy for our business and related financing, includes forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. You should read the "Risk factors" section of this prospectus for a discussion of important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from the results described in or implied by the forward-looking statements contained in the following discussion and analysis.*

### **Overview**

We are a biopharmaceutical company focused on the discovery and development of orally administered, proprietary small molecule drugs that target post-transcriptional control processes. Our lead product candidate is ataluren for the treatment of patients with genetic disorders that arise from a type of genetic mutation known as a nonsense mutation. In addition to ataluren, we have a pipeline of product candidates that are in preclinical development. Our preclinical and discovery programs are focused on the development of new treatments for multiple therapeutic areas, including neuromuscular disease, oncology and infectious disease.

We have initiated a confirmatory Phase 3 clinical trial of ataluren for the treatment of Duchenne muscular dystrophy caused by nonsense mutations, or nmDMD. We refer to this trial as the Ataluren Confirmatory Trial in DMD, or ACT DMD. We dosed the first patient in this trial in April 2013. In October 2012, we submitted a marketing authorization application, or MAA, to the European Medicines Agency, or EMA, for conditional approval of ataluren for the treatment of nmDMD. In January 2014, EMA's Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use, or CHMP, adopted a negative opinion recommending the refusal of the granting of the conditional marketing authorization for ataluren for the treatment of nmDMD. We have requested a re-examination of the CHMP opinion. We plan to complete our confirmatory Phase 3 clinical trial of ataluren for the treatment of nmDMD before applying for marketing approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, or FDA. We are also planning a Phase 3 clinical trial of ataluren for the treatment of cystic fibrosis caused by nonsense mutations, or nmCF. We plan to begin dosing patients in this trial in the first half of 2014. In addition, we plan to pursue early access programs for ataluren for nmDMD patients in selected territories that support reimbursement for such programs in the second half of 2013. We also plan to pursue additional indications for ataluren beyond nmDMD and nmCF and expect to initiate a proof-of-concept study for a third indication in 2014.

To date, we have financed our operations primarily through our initial public offering in June 2013, private placements of our preferred stock, collaborations, bank debt and convertible debt financings and grants and clinical trial support from governmental and philanthropic organizations and patient advocacy groups in the disease areas addressed by our product candidates. As of September 30, 2013, we had an accumulated deficit of \$310.9 million. We had net income of \$30.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2011, including a \$79 million revenue adjustment due to the termination of a collaboration with Genzyme Corporation, or Genzyme, a net loss of \$26.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2012 and a net loss of \$33.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013.

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We anticipate that our expenses will increase substantially in connection with initiating and continuing confirmatory Phase 3 clinical trials for ataluren for the treatment of nmDMD and nmCF, commencing early access programs for ataluren for nmDMD patients in selected territories and seeking marketing approval for ataluren for these indications in the European Union and the United States. If we obtain marketing approval of ataluren for either nmDMD or nmCF, we also expect to incur significant sales, marketing, distribution and manufacturing expenses, as well as ongoing research and development expenses for our other product candidates. The timing of commercialization expenses for ataluren depends in part on whether we receive conditional approval for ataluren for either or both of nmDMD and nmCF. Furthermore, as a result of our initial public offering in June 2013, we have incurred and expect to continue to incur additional costs associated with operating as a public company. Although we cannot reasonably estimate the amount of these additional public company costs, we expect that these costs will include significant legal, accounting, investor relations and other expenses that we did not incur as a private company. Accordingly, we will need to obtain substantial additional funding in connection with our continuing operations. Adequate additional financing may not be available to us on acceptable terms, or at all. If we are unable to raise capital when needed or on attractive terms, we could be forced to delay, reduce or eliminate our research and development programs or any future commercialization efforts. We will need to generate significant revenues to achieve and sustain profitability, and we may never do so.

## **Financial operations overview**

### ***Revenues***

To date, we have not generated any product sale revenues. Based on our current plans, we do not expect to generate significant product revenues unless and until we obtain marketing approval for, and commercialize, ataluren for the treatment of nmDMD or nmCF. The timing of any product revenues depends in part on whether we receive conditional approval for ataluren for either or both of nmDMD and nmCF. Our revenues to date have consisted of collaborative agreements revenues and grant revenues.

We have ongoing collaborations with F. Hoffman La Roche Ltd and Hoffman La Roche Inc., which we refer to collectively as Roche, and the Spinal Muscular Atrophy Foundation, or SMA Foundation, for our spinal muscular atrophy program and early stage discovery arrangements with other institutions.

*Genzyme.* In July 2008, we entered into an exclusive global collaboration with Genzyme to develop and commercialize ataluren for the treatment of genetic disorders due to nonsense mutations. Under the terms of this agreement, we granted Genzyme rights to commercialize ataluren in all countries except the United States and Canada, which rights we retained. Genzyme made a nonrefundable, upfront payment to us of \$100,000,000 in July 2008, which we then began recognizing over the estimated period of performance under the arrangement.

In August 2011, we announced a restructuring of the agreement with Genzyme. Under the terms of the restructuring, we regained worldwide rights to ataluren and Genzyme made an additional payment of \$7.5 million to us in exchange for an option to commercialize ataluren in indications other than nmDMD outside the United States and Canada. In March 2012, Genzyme declined to exercise the option, the option expired and the collaboration terminated.

We evaluated the August 2011 restructuring of the agreement and determined it to be a material modification to the original agreement for financial reporting purposes pursuant to the revised multiple element revenue recognition guidance. We reevaluated the collaboration arrangement under this revised guidance and recorded a one-time adjustment to our deferred revenue balance to reflect the value of the

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remaining performance obligations under the restructured agreement as represented by the best estimate of selling price. As a result of this reevaluation, we recognized approximately \$79 million of existing deferred revenue as of the modification date.

*Roche and the SMA Foundation.* In November 2011, we entered into a license and collaboration agreement with Roche and the SMA Foundation pursuant to which we are collaborating with Roche and the SMA Foundation to further develop and commercialize compounds identified under our spinal muscular atrophy sponsored research program with the SMA Foundation, as described below, and to research, develop and commercialize other small molecule compounds with potential for therapeutic use in patients with spinal muscular atrophy. Pursuant to the license and collaboration agreement, Roche paid us an upfront non-refundable payment of \$30.0 million.

In August 2013, we announced the selection of a development candidate. The achievement of this milestone triggered a \$10.0 million payment to us from Roche, and we recorded it as collaboration revenue for the nine months ended September 30, 2013;

In January 2014, we initiated a Phase 1 clinical program, which triggered a \$7.5 million milestone payment from Roche. Roche is responsible for pursuing clinical development of compounds from the program, consistent with a governance structure that includes representation from us and the SMA Foundation, and then commercialization of these compounds.

*Grant revenue.* We receive grant funding from various institutions and governmental bodies. The grants are typically for early discovery research, and generally the grant program lasts from two to five years.

***Research and development expenses***

Research and development expenses consist of the costs associated with our research activities, as well as the costs associated with our drug discovery efforts, conducting preclinical studies and clinical trials, manufacturing development efforts and activities related to regulatory filings. Our research and development expenses consist of:

external research and development expenses incurred under agreements with third party contract research organizations and investigative sites, third party manufacturing organizations and consultants;

employee related expenses, which include salaries and benefits, including stock based compensation, for the personnel involved in our drug discovery and development activities; and

facilities, depreciation and other allocated expenses, which include direct and allocated expenses for rent and maintenance of facilities, depreciation of leasehold improvements and equipment, and laboratory and other supplies.

We use our employee and infrastructure resources across multiple research projects, including our drug development programs. We track expenses related to our clinical programs and certain preclinical programs on a per project basis.

We expect our research and development expenses to increase in connection with our ongoing activities, particularly as we initiate and continue confirmatory Phase 3 clinical trials of ataluren for the treatment of nmDMD and nmCF, continue our research activities in our preclinical programs and initiate clinical development of other product candidates. The timing and amount of these expenses will depend upon the outcome of our ongoing clinical trials and the costs associated with our planned clinical trials. The timing

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and amount of these expenses will also depend on the costs associated with potential future clinical trials of our product candidates and the related expansion of our research and development organization, regulatory requirements, advancement of our preclinical programs and product candidate manufacturing costs.

The following table provides research and development expense for our most advanced principal product development programs.

(in thousands)	Year ended December 31,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2011	2012	2012	2013
Ataluren	\$ 30,231	\$ 21,470	\$ 16,967	\$ 22,070
Antibacterial	1,944	4,806	3,739	4,212
BMI1	5,084	4,413	4,080	1,012
Spinal muscular atrophy	7,444	3,029	2,435	2,084
Other research and preclinical	13,974	12,421	9,468	10,477
Total research and development	\$ 58,677	\$ 46,139	\$ 36,689	\$ 39,855

The successful development of our product candidates is highly uncertain. This is due to the numerous risks and uncertainties associated with developing drugs, including the uncertainty of:

the scope, rate of progress and expense of our clinical trials and other research and development activities;

the potential benefits of our product candidate over other therapies;

our ability to market, commercialize and achieve market acceptance for any of our product candidates that we are developing or may develop in the future;

clinical trial results;

the terms and timing of regulatory approvals; and

the expense of filing, prosecuting, defending and enforcing patent claims and other intellectual property rights.

A change in the outcome of any of these variables with respect to the development of ataluren or any other product candidate could mean a significant change in the costs and timing associated with the development of that product candidate. For example, if the EMA or FDA or other regulatory authority were to require us to conduct clinical trials beyond those which we currently anticipate will be required for the completion of clinical development of ataluren or any other product candidate or if we experience significant delays in enrollment in any our clinical trials, we could be required to expend significant additional financial resources and time on the completion of clinical development.

**General and administrative expense**

General and administrative expense consists primarily of salaries and other related costs for personnel, including stock based compensation expenses, in our executive, legal, business development, finance, accounting, information technology and human resource functions. Other general and administrative

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expenses include facility related costs not otherwise included in research and development expense; advertising and promotional expenses; costs associated with industry and trade shows; and professional fees for legal services, including patent related expenses, and accounting services.

We expect that general and administrative expense will increase in 2013 and in future periods as a result of increased payroll, expanded infrastructure, commercial operations, increased consulting, legal, accounting and investor relations expenses associated with being a public company and costs incurred to seek collaborations with respect to any of our product candidates, among other factors.

***Interest expense, net***

Interest income (expense), net consists of interest related to our secured debt facility and interest income earned on investments. In July 2013, we paid in full the outstanding principal and interest related to our secured debt facility.

***Critical accounting policies and significant judgments and estimates***

Our management's discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations is based on our financial statements, which we have prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. The preparation of these financial statements requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, as well as the reported revenues and expenses during the reporting periods. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions.

While our significant accounting policies are more fully described in the notes to our financial statements appearing at the end of this prospectus, we believe that the following accounting policies are the most critical to aid you in fully understanding and evaluating our financial condition and results of operations.

As an emerging growth company under the Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act of 2012, we have elected to delay the adoption of new or revised accounting standards until those standards would otherwise apply to private companies. As a result of this election, our financial statements may not be comparable to the financial statements of other public companies.

***Revenue recognition***

We recognize revenue when amounts are realized or realizable and earned. Revenue is considered realizable and earned when the following criteria are met: (1) persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists; (2) delivery has occurred or services have been rendered; (3) the price is fixed or determinable; and (4) collection of the amounts due are reasonably assured.

Our revenue is generated primarily through collaborative research and development and licensing agreements and grants.

The terms of these agreements typically include payments of one or more of the following: nonrefundable, upfront license fees; milestone payments; research funding; and royalties on future product sales. In addition, we generate service revenue through agreements that generally provide for fees for research and development services and may include additional payments upon achievement of specified events.

For existing collaborations entered into prior to the adoption in 2011 of the revised multiple element revenue recognition guidance described below, we recognize revenue consistent with the approach

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established at the inception of each arrangement. For these existing collaborations, where we have continued involvement, we recorded nonrefundable, upfront fees as deferred revenue and recognize revenue on a straight line basis as collaboration revenue over the expected performance period.

For new collaborations or for material modifications made to existing collaborations, in 2011, we adopted the updated multiple element revenue recognition guidance. Under this new guidance, all non-contingent arrangement consideration is allocated to the identified units of accounting based on their relative selling price at inception of the collaboration arrangement. We derive the selling price using a combination of internal subjective and available external objective information, such as comparable transactions. We recognize revenue commensurate with delivery, such as in the case with delivery of a license, or ratably over the course of a service period, as appropriate, such as in the case of ongoing research and development activities.

We evaluate all contingent consideration earned, such as a milestone payment, using the criteria as provided by the Financial Accounting Standards Board, or FASB, guidance on the milestone method of revenue recognition. At the inception of a collaboration arrangement, we evaluate if milestone payments are substantive. The criteria requires that (1) we determine if the milestone is commensurate with either its performance to achieve the milestone or the enhancement of value resulting from our activities to achieve the milestone; (2) the milestone be related to past performance; and (3) the milestone be reasonable relative to all deliverable and payment terms of the collaboration arrangement. If these criteria are met then the contingent milestones can be considered as substantive milestones and will be recognized as revenue in the period that the milestone is achieved. We recognize royalties as earned in accordance with the terms of various research and collaboration agreements. If not substantive, the contingent consideration is allocated to the existing units of accounting based on relative selling price and recognized following the same basis previously established for the associated unit of accounting.

We recognize reimbursements for research and development costs under collaboration agreements as revenue as the services are performed. We record these reimbursements as revenue and not as a reduction of research and development expenses as we have the risks and rewards as the principal in the research and development activities.

Our principal obligation under our grant agreements is to conduct the internal or external research in the specific field funded by the grant. We determine, through the grant's normal research process, which research and development projects to pursue. We recognize grant revenues as the research activities are performed. If the grant includes an upfront payment, we defer the amount and recognize it as revenue as the expenditures are incurred.

*Accrued expenses*

As part of the process of preparing our financial statements, we are required to estimate accrued expenses. This process involves communicating with our applicable personnel to identify services that have been performed on our behalf and estimating the level of service performed and the associated cost incurred for the service when we have not yet been invoiced or otherwise notified of actual cost. The majority of our service providers invoice us monthly in arrears for services performed. We make estimates of our accrued expenses as of each balance sheet date in our financial statements based on facts and circumstances known to us. Examples of estimated accrued expenses include:

fees paid to contract research organizations in connection with preclinical and toxicology studies and clinical trials;

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fees paid to investigative sites in connection with clinical trials;

fees paid to contract manufacturers in connection with the production of clinical trial materials; and

professional service fees.

***Share-based compensation***

We expect to grant additional stock options that will result in additional share based compensation expense. Accordingly, we describe below the methodology we have employed to date in measuring such expenses. Following our initial public offering, which was completed in June 2013, stock option values have been determined based on the market price of our common stock.

Prior to becoming a public company, we used various valuation methodologies in accordance with the framework of the 2004 American Institute of Certified Public Accountants Technical Practice Aid, *Valuation of Privately-Held Company Equity Securities Issued as Compensation*, or the AICPA Practice Aid, to estimate the fair value of our common stock. The methodologies included an option pricing method to estimate our underlying equity value, and a methodology that determined an estimated value under an initial public offering, or IPO, scenario and a sale scenario based upon an assessment of the probability of occurrence of each scenario. Each valuation methodology includes estimates and assumptions that require judgment. These estimates include assumptions regarding future performance, including the completion of clinical trials and the time to complete an IPO or sale of the company. As with any valuation, significant changes to the key assumptions used in the valuations could result in different fair values of common stock at each valuation date. Factors that we considered in determining the fair value of our common stock include:

pricing of private sales of our preferred stock;

prior valuations of stock grants and preferred stock sales and the effect of events, including the progression of our product candidates, that have occurred between the time of the grants or sales;

comparative rights and preferences of the security being granted compared to the rights and preferences of our other outstanding equity;

comparative values of public companies discounted for the risk and limited liquidity provided for in the shares we are issuing;

estimates and analysis provided by management and contemporaneous valuations;

perspective provided by investment banks, including the likelihood of an initial public offering and our potential value in an initial public offering; and

general economic trends and external market conditions affecting the biopharmaceutical industry.

We measure the cost of employee services received in exchange for an award of equity instruments based on the grant date fair value of the award. For service type awards, share-based compensation expenses is recognized on a straight-line basis over the period during which the employee is required to provide service in exchange for the entire award. For awards that vest or begin vesting upon achievement of a performance condition, we estimate the likelihood of satisfaction of the performance condition and recognize compensation expense when achievement of the performance condition is deemed probable using an accelerated attribution model.





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The fair value of options is calculated using the Black Scholes option pricing model to determine the fair value of stock options on the date of grant based on key assumptions such as expected volatility and expected term. As a new public company, we do not have sufficient history to estimate the volatility of our common stock price or the expected life of the options. We calculate expected volatility based on reported data for similar publicly traded companies for which historical information is available and will continue to do so until the historical volatility of our common stock is sufficient to measure expected volatility for future option grants.

Restricted stock awards are granted subject to certain restrictions, including service conditions. The grant date fair value of restricted stock awards, which is determined based upon the market value of our common stock on the grant date, is expensed over the vesting period.

The fair value of grants made in the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2012 and in the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2013 was contemporaneously estimated on the date of grant using the following assumptions:

	Year ended December 31,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2011	2012	2012	2013
Risk-free interest rate	2.40%	1.135%	1.135%	0.85%-1.69%
Expected volatility	87%	87%	87%	87%-88%
Expected term	6.00-6.25 years	6.00-6.25 years	6.00-6.25 years	5.00-6.00 years

We assumed no expected dividends for all grants. The weighted average grant date fair value per share was \$364.80 for options granted during the year ended December 31, 2011, \$160.65 for options granted during the year ended December 31, 2012, \$160.65 for options granted during the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and \$7.86 for options granted during the nine months ended September 30, 2013.

We use the "simplified method" to determine the expected term of options. Under this method, the expected term represents the average of the vesting period and the contractual term. The expected volatility of share options was estimated based on a historical volatility analysis of peers that were similar to us with respect to industry, stage of life cycle, size and financial leverage. The risk-free rate of the options is based on U.S. Government Securities Treasury Constant Maturities yields at the date of grant for a term similar to the expected term of the option.

We recognized share based compensation expense of approximately \$2.8 million during the year ended December 31, 2011 and \$2.3 million during the year ended December 31, 2012. We recognized share based compensation expense of approximately \$1.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and \$5.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013.

We had total unrecognized compensation cost related to unvested share based compensation arrangements of \$4.0 million as of December 31, 2011, \$2.2 million as of December 31, 2012 and \$21.0 million as of September 30, 2013. We expect to recognize this cost as compensation expense over the weighted average remaining service period of approximately 2.28 years.

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The following tables set forth information regarding stock and option awards and equity issuances during the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2012 and through January 28, 2014:

*Stock options*

Date	Number of options	Exercise price per share	Common stock grant date fair value per share	Black-Scholes fair value per share of options
4/27/2011	8,123	\$ 490.80	\$ 490.80	\$ 364.80
1/10/2012	5,715	\$ 218.40	\$ 218.40	\$ 160.65
3/7/2013	4,613	\$ 10.59	\$ 10.59	\$ 7.22
5/15/2013	1,877,100	\$ 10.85	\$ 10.85	\$ 7.90
5/22/2013	126,000	\$ 10.85	\$ 10.85	\$ 7.90
10/25/2013	70,000	\$ 20.71	\$ 20.71	\$ 15.38
12/13/2013	37,800	\$ 16.98	\$ 16.98	\$ 12.69
12/16/2013	1,600	\$ 19.34	\$ 19.34	\$ 14.45
1/28/2014	929,796	\$ 27.05	\$ 27.05	(1)

(1) The fair value per share of the option awards granted on January 28, 2014 will be calculated in connection with the preparation of our unaudited financial statements for the three months ended March 31, 2014.

*Restricted common stock*

Date	Number of restricted shares	Common stock grant date fair value per share	Black-Scholes fair value per share of common stock
3/7/2013	735,324	\$10.59	\$10.59
5/15/2013	382,200	\$10.85	\$10.85
5/22/2013	14,000	\$10.85	\$10.85

*Preferred stock*

Date	Number of series one preferred stock	Series one fair value per share	Number of series two preferred stock	Series two fair value per share	Number of series three preferred stock	Series three fair value per share	Common stock fair value per share
5/29/2012	1,483,337	\$41.98	10,701,405	\$1.68	2,853,517	\$0.13	\$67.20

Date	Number of series four preferred stock	Series four fair value per share	Number of series five preferred stock	Series five fair value per share	Common stock fair value per share
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3/7/2013	4,999,954	\$12.01	8,796,002	\$11.56	\$10.59
5/14/2013	375,000	\$12.85		\$12.50	\$10.85

*Stock option grants made on April 27, 2011.* Our board of directors granted options to purchase 8,123 shares of common stock on April 27, 2011, with each option having an exercise price of \$490.80 per share. In determining this exercise price, our board of directors considered input from management and a valuation of our common stock. We determined the value of our common stock based on the probability

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weighted expected return method, or PWERM, described in the AICPA Practice Aid. We considered but did not use the market approach because our early stage of development and the absence of clinical trial data from our lead candidate made comparisons to public companies difficult. Similarly, we did not use the income approach because of the uncertain outcomes of our ongoing and future clinical trials.

Under a PWERM analysis, the value of a company's common stock is estimated based upon an analysis of current and future enterprise values, assuming three possible liquidity scenarios: an IPO, a recapitalization of the company and a sale of the company. We considered two significant value inflection points related to the ataluren program. The first inflection point was related to anticipated FDA action regarding our dispute of the FDA's refusal to file our new drug application, or NDA, that we submitted for ataluren for the treatment of nmDMD. The second inflection point was related to anticipated Phase 3 clinical trial results for ataluren for the treatment of nmCF.

After considering the various potential liquidity scenarios for our company and their likely timing, we used a pre-money enterprise value assigned to each scenario based on recent trends in capital markets. To determine the price per share of our common stock, we divided the resulting enterprise value for each liquidity scenario by the number of common shares that would be outstanding under each scenario. The common stock price for each scenario was then assigned a probability based on management's estimates. The resulting probability weighted common share values were then discounted to present value at a rate that reflected general industry risks. The result was a value of our common stock on a minority, non-marketable basis of \$490.80 per share.

*Stock option grants made on January 10, 2012.* Our board of directors granted options to purchase 5,715 shares of common stock on January 10, 2012, with each option having an exercise price of \$218.40 per share. In determining this exercise price, our board of directors considered input from management and a valuation of our common stock. We determined the value of our common stock based on a PWERM analysis as described in the AICPA Practice Aid. We again considered but did not use the market approach because our early stage of development and the absence of clinical trial data from our lead candidate made comparisons to public companies difficult. Similarly, we did not use the income approach because of the uncertain outcomes of our ongoing and future clinical trials.

We considered two significant value inflection points related to the ataluren program. The first inflection point was related to anticipated Phase 3 clinical trial results for ataluren for the treatment of nmCF. The second inflection point was related to U.S. or E.U. regulatory approval of ataluren for the treatment of nmDMD.

After considering the various potential liquidity scenarios for our company and their likely timing, we used a pre-money enterprise value assigned to each scenario based on recent trends in capital markets. To determine the price per share of our common stock, we divided the resulting enterprise value for each liquidity scenario by the number of common shares that would be outstanding under each scenario. The common stock price for each scenario was then assigned a probability based on management's estimates. The resulting probability weighted common share values were then discounted to present value at a rate that reflected general industry risks. The result was a value of our common stock on a minority, non-marketable basis of \$218.40 per share.

The reduction in the value of our common stock from \$490.80 to \$218.40 between April 2011 and January 2012 primarily reflected the FDA's reaffirmation of its earlier decision to refuse to file our NDA for ataluren for the treatment of nmDMD and the unavailability of results of our Phase 3 clinical trial of ataluren for nmCF by January 2012. Acceptance of our NDA for filing by the FDA could have led to approval of ataluren

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and a subsequent higher value with respect to the IPO scenario. Given the FDA's reaffirmation of its earlier decision to refuse to file our NDA, the high value IPO scenarios were no longer realistic, resulting in a decrease in the value of our common stock.

*Series one preferred stock financing and June 2012 valuation.* In May and July 2012, we issued and sold an aggregate of 1,483,337 shares of our series one preferred stock, at a price per share of \$20.00, to accredited investors, including entities affiliated with Credit Suisse First Boston Equity Partners, L.P., HBM Healthcare Investments (Cayman) Ltd., Vulcan Ventures Incorporated, Celgene Corporation, Delphi Ventures, The Column Group, LP and Novo A/S, and other of our existing stockholders. In connection with the series one preferred stock financing, we also effected a recapitalization of our previously outstanding preferred stock into an aggregate of 10,701,405 shares of series two preferred stock and 2,853,517 shares of series three preferred stock. Stockholders who participated in the series one preferred stock financing received series two preferred stock following the recapitalization of our previously outstanding preferred stock.

In June 2012, in connection with the series one preferred stock financing, we conducted a valuation analysis. Our value was estimated using a PWERM analysis, as described in the AICPA Practice Aid. We considered but did not use the market approach because our early stage of development made comparisons to public companies difficult. Similarly, we did not use the income approach because of the uncertain outcomes of our ongoing and future clinical trials.

The PWERM considered the most significant near-term driver of value for us to be our ability to file an MAA for conditional approval of ataluren. The remaining scenarios in the PWERM related to funding the completion of the Phase 3 clinical trial for nmDMD. The path to raising this money made up the remaining nodes in the PWERM.

After identifying the various potential liquidity scenarios and their likely timing, a pre-money enterprise value was assigned to each scenario based on a combination of management's guidance and recent trends in the capital markets. The resulting enterprise value for each liquidity event was divided by the total shares that would be outstanding under each scenario to arrive at a price per share for the common and preferred classes of stock. Each scenario was then assigned an outcome probability based on management's estimates. The resulting probability weighted share values were then discounted to present value at a rate that reflects general industry risks (but not company specific risks). The senior series of preferred stock enjoys enhanced economics over the common stock, particularly liquidation preference. The resulting value per share was \$41.98 for series one preferred stock, \$1.68 for series two preferred stock, \$0.13 for series three preferred stock and \$67.20 for common stock.

In January and February 2013, we issued convertible promissory notes in an aggregate principal amount of \$6 million to certain existing investors, including entities affiliated with Credit Suisse First Boston Equity Partners, HBM Healthcare Investments, Vulcan Ventures, Celgene, Delphi Ventures, The Column Group and Novo A/S. In connection with this bridge financing, we issued to the holders of the promissory notes warrants to purchase an aggregate of 515,186 shares of series one preferred stock, at an exercise price of \$0.01 per share, and warrants to purchase an aggregate of 2,012,489 shares of series two preferred stock, at an exercise price of \$0.01 per share.

*Series four preferred stock financing, March 2013 valuation and March 2013 stock and option grants.* In March 2013, we issued and sold an aggregate of 4,497,035 shares of our series four senior preferred stock, at a price per share of \$12.00, to new accredited investors, including Brookside Capital Partners Fund, L.P., Adage Capital Partners, LP, Jennison Global Healthcare Master Fund, Ltd. and Longwood Fund LP, and existing investors, including entities affiliated with Credit Suisse First Boston Equity Partners, L.P., HBM

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Healthcare Investments (Cayman) Ltd., Vulcan Ventures Incorporated, Celgene Corporation, Delphi Ventures, The Column Group, LP and Novo A/S. In connection with the series four preferred stock financing, we issued an aggregate of 502,919 shares of our series four preferred stock upon conversion of the convertible promissory notes described above. In connection with the series four senior preferred stock financing, we effected a one-for-120 reverse stock split of our common stock and a recapitalization of our previously outstanding preferred stock into an aggregate of 6,700,487 shares of series five junior preferred stock. In addition, we issued an aggregate of 2,095,515 shares of our series five junior preferred stock upon the automatic exercise of the preferred stock warrants that we issued in January 2013.

In March 2013, in connection with the series four preferred stock financing, we conducted a valuation analysis. Our value was estimated using the PWERM analysis, as described in the AICPA Practice Aid. We considered but did not use the market approach because our early stage of development made comparisons to public companies difficult. Similarly, we did not use the income approach because of the uncertain outcomes of our ongoing and future clinical trials.

The PWERM considered the most significant near-term driver of value for us to be our ability to complete a Phase 3 clinical trial of ataluren for the treatment of nmDMD. The remaining scenarios in the PWERM related to funding the completion of the Phase 3 clinical trial for nmDMD. The path to raising this money made up the remaining nodes in the PWERM.

After identifying the various potential liquidity scenarios and their likely timing, a pre-money enterprise value was assigned to each scenario based on a combination of management's guidance and recent trends in the capital markets. The resulting enterprise value for each liquidity event was divided by the total shares that would be outstanding under each scenario to arrive at a price per share for the common and preferred classes of stock. Each scenario was then assigned an outcome probability based on management's estimates. The resulting probability weighted share values were then discounted to present value at a rate that reflects general industry risks (but not company specific risks). The senior series of preferred stock enjoys enhanced economics over the common stock, particularly liquidation preference. The resulting value per share was \$12.00 for series four preferred stock, \$11.56 for series five preferred stock and \$10.59 for common stock.

On March 7, 2013, we issued 735,324 shares of restricted common stock to our directors and employees, including our executive officers, and we issued options to purchase an aggregate of 4,613 shares of common stock to our directors. The exercise price of each of these options is \$10.59 per share.

*Additional sale of series four preferred stock and May 2013 stock and option grants.* In May 2013, we issued and sold 375,000 shares of our series four senior preferred stock, at a price per share of \$12.00, to a new accredited investor.

In May 2013, we conducted a valuation analysis of our common stock. Our value was estimated using the PWERM analysis, as described in the AICPA Practice Aid. We considered but did not use the market approach because our early stage of development made comparisons to public companies difficult. Similarly, we did not use the income approach because of the uncertain outcomes of our ongoing and future clinical trials.

The PWERM considered the most significant near-term driver of value for us to be our ability to complete a Phase 3 clinical trial of ataluren for the treatment of nmDMD. The remaining scenarios in the PWERM related to funding the completion of the Phase 3 clinical trial of ataluren for the treatment of nmDMD. The path to raising this money made up the remaining nodes in the PWERM.

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After identifying the various potential liquidity scenarios and their likely timing, a pre-money enterprise value was assigned to each scenario based on a combination of management's guidance and recent trends in the capital markets. The resulting enterprise value for each liquidity event was divided by the total shares that would be outstanding under each scenario to arrive at a price per share for our common stock. Each scenario was then assigned an outcome probability based on management's estimates. The resulting probability weighted share values were then discounted to present value at a rate that reflects general industry risks (but not company specific risks). The senior series of preferred stock enjoys enhanced economics over the common stock, particularly liquidation preference. The resulting value per share was \$10.85 for common stock.

The increase in the value per share of our common stock from \$10.59 in March 2013 to \$10.85 in May 2013 primarily reflected the increase in the probability of an IPO scenario.

On May 15, 2013, we issued 382,200 shares of restricted common stock and granted options to purchase an aggregate of 1,877,100 shares of our common stock to our directors and employees, including our executive officers. The exercise price of each of these options is \$10.85 per share. On May 22, 2013, we issued 14,000 shares of restricted common stock and granted an option to purchase 126,000 shares of our common stock, at an exercise price of \$10.85 per share.

On October 25, 2013, we granted options to purchase an aggregate of 70,000 shares of our common stock, at an exercise price of \$20.71 per share, the closing price of our stock on grant date.

On December 13, 2013, we granted options to purchase 37,800 shares of our common stock, at an exercise price of \$16.98 per share, the closing price of our stock on grant date.

On December 16, 2013, we granted options to purchase 1,600 shares of our common stock, at an exercise price of \$19.34 per share, the closing price of our stock on grant date.

***Warrant liability***

We classify as liabilities warrants to purchase our common stock with nonstandard antidilution provisions and warrants to purchase our preferred stock that include a put feature, regardless of the probability or likelihood that may conditionally obligate us to ultimately transfer assets, and record the estimated fair value of these warrants at each reporting period. We record as gain or loss any change in fair value of these warrants each reporting period in other income on our statement of operations.

***Income taxes***

As part of the process of preparing our financial statements, we are required to estimate our income taxes in each of the jurisdictions in which we operate. This process involves estimating our actual current tax expense together with assessing temporary differences resulting from differing treatments of items for tax and accounting purposes. These differences result in deferred tax assets and liabilities. As of December 31, 2012, we had federal net operating loss carryforwards of \$211.0 million, which expire starting in 2021, and federal research and development credit carryforwards of \$5.4 million, which expire starting in 2013. We also had state net operating loss carryforwards of \$128.3 million, which expire starting in 2029, and state research and development credit carryforwards of \$1.5 million, which expire starting in 2022. The Internal Revenue Code contains provisions that may limit the net operating loss and credit carryforwards available to be used in any given year given certain historical changes in the ownership interests of significant stockholders. At December 31, 2012, we recorded a full valuation allowance against our net deferred tax asset of approximately \$106.9 million, as our management believes it cannot at this time conclude that it is more likely than not they will be realized. If we determine in the future that we will be able to realize

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all or a portion of our net deferred tax asset, an adjustment to the deferred tax valuation allowance would increase net income in the period in which we make such a determination.

**Results of operations***Nine months ended September 30, 2012 compared to nine months ended September 30, 2013*

(in thousands)	2012	2013	Change 2013 vs. 2012
Revenue	\$ 27,306	\$ 30,285	\$ 2,979
Research and development expenses	36,689	39,855	3,166
General and administrative expenses	11,391	17,735	6,344
Interest income (expense), net	(1,008)	(6,250)	(5,242)
Loss on extinguishment of debt		(130)	(130)
Other income (expense), net	1,818	(3)	(1,821)

*Revenues.* Revenues were \$30.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013, an increase of \$3.0 million, or 11%, from \$27.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012. Collaboration revenue was \$27.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013, an increase of \$4.5 million, or 20%, from collaboration revenues of \$22.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012. The increase resulted primarily from the achievement of a \$10.0 million milestone related to the Roche agreement in July 2013, partially offset by a decrease in the recognition of the deferred revenue balance related to the value of the remaining performance obligations under our restructured agreement with Genzyme in 2012. Grant revenue was \$2.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013, a decrease of \$1.5 million, or 34%, from grant revenue of \$4.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012.

*Research and development expense.* Research and development expense was \$39.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013, an increase of \$3.2 million, or 9%, from \$36.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012. The increase resulted from increased clinical trial costs of \$4.5 million related to the initiation of the Phase 3 clinical trial of ataluren for the treatment of nmDMD and an increase in share-based compensation of \$0.7 million partially offset by a decrease in personnel costs of \$2.5 million as a result of a reduction in force that we implemented in the second quarter of 2012.

*General and administrative expense.* General and administrative expense was \$17.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013, an increase \$6.3 million or 56% from \$11.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012. The increase resulted primarily from an increase in share-based compensation of \$2.6 million and pre-commercial activities and increases in public company related expenses and pre-commercial activities.

*Interest (income) expense, net.* Net interest expense was \$6.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013, an increase of \$5.2 million from \$1.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012. The increase was due to interest related to the debt discount associated with the convertible debt that we issued in 2013 partially offset by interest income related to investments.

*Loss on extinguishment of debt.* In July 2013, we paid in full the outstanding principal and interest of \$2.6 million due under promissory notes issued related to a \$25 million secured debt facility with a syndicate of two lenders. In connection with the repayment, we incurred a loss on extinguishment of debt of \$0.1 million, primarily related to the write off of deferred financing costs, the acceleration of recognition of debt extinguishment fees and the prepayment premium payable. The notes were secured by substantially all our assets except for intellectual property and carried a fixed interest rate of 13.65%.

*Other income (expense), net.* Other income (expense), net was \$(0.003) million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013, a decrease of \$1.8 million from \$1.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012. The decrease was due to the change in fair value related to our warrant liability.



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(in thousands)	2011	2012	Change 2012 vs. 2011
Revenue	\$ 105,412	\$ 33,946	\$ (71,466)
Research and development expenses	58,677	46,139	(12,538)
General and administrative expenses	16,153	14,615	(1,538)
Interest expense	2,444	1,210	(1,234)
Other income, net	461	1,783	1,322
Tax benefit	2,306		(2,306)

*Years ended December 31, 2011 and 2012*

**Revenues.** Revenues were \$33.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2012, a decrease of \$71.5 million from revenues of \$105.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2011. Collaboration revenue was \$28.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2012, a decrease of \$70.2 million from collaboration revenues of \$99.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2011. The decrease resulted primarily from a one-time non cash adjustment in 2011 to our deferred revenue balance to reflect the value of the remaining performance obligations under our restructured agreement with Genzyme. We recognized approximately \$79 million of existing deferred revenue under our agreement with Genzyme as of the modification date. Grant revenue was \$5.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2012, a decrease of \$1.3 million from grant revenue of \$6.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2011.

**Research and development expense.** Research and development expense was \$46.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2012, a decrease of \$12.6 million, or 21%, from \$58.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2011. The decrease resulted primarily from decreased costs for clinical trials of \$5.8 million, decrease in manufacturing of clinical trial supplies of \$2.3 million and a decrease in personnel costs of \$2.3 million as a result of a reduction in force that we implemented in the second quarter of 2012. Clinical trial expense for 2011 reflected costs associated with our Phase 3 clinical trial of ataluren for the treatment of nmCF, which concluded in November 2011, and a related extension trial and a Phase 3 continuation trial for ataluren for the treatment of nmDMD. Clinical trial expense for 2012 reflected costs associated with the ongoing extension trial for patients who had participated in our Phase 3 clinical trial of ataluren for the treatment of nmCF, the ongoing continuation trial for ataluren for the treatment of nmDMD and a second Phase 3 continuation trial that we initiated in 2012 for ataluren for the treatment of nmDMD.

**General and administrative expense.** General and administrative expense was \$14.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2012, a decrease of \$1.6 million, or 9.5%, from \$16.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2011. The decrease was due principally to decreased personnel costs of \$1.6 million as a result of a reduction in force that we implemented in the second quarter of 2012.

**Interest expense.** Interest expense was \$1.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2012, a decrease of \$1.2 million from \$2.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2011. The increase was due to a smaller loan balance in 2012 as we continued to repay outstanding debt.

**Other income, net.** Other Income, net was \$1.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2012, an increase of \$1.3 million from \$0.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2011. The increase was due to the change in fair value related to our warrant liability.

**Tax benefit.** We recognized a tax benefit related to our sale of net operating losses in the New Jersey Technology Business Tax Certificate Transfer Program. For the year ended December 31, 2011, our benefit was \$2.3 million. We did not qualify for this program in 2012.

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**Liquidity and capital resources**

*Sources of liquidity*

Since inception, we have incurred significant operating losses. To date, we have not generated any product sale revenues. We have financed our operations primarily through the issuance and sale of our common stock in our initial public offering, private placements of our preferred stock, collaborations, bank debt and convertible debt financings and grant funding and clinical trial support from governmental and philanthropic organizations and patient advocacy groups in the disease areas addressed by our product candidates. In June 2013, we closed the initial public offering of our common stock, pursuant to which we issued and sold an aggregate of 9,627,800 shares of common stock at a public offering price of \$15.00 per share, including 1,255,800 shares pursuant to the exercise by the underwriters of an over-allotment option. We received net proceeds from the initial public offering of approximately \$131.6 million, after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and other offering expenses payable by us.

We have engaged in the following preferred stock and convertible debt financings since January 1, 2011.

*Series one preferred stock financing.* In May and July 2012, we issued and sold an aggregate of 1,483,337 shares of our series one preferred stock, at a price per share of \$20.00, for an aggregate purchase price of \$29.7 million. In connection with the series one preferred stock financing, we also effected a recapitalization of our previously outstanding preferred stock into an aggregate of 10,701,405 shares of series two preferred stock and 2,853,517 shares of series three preferred stock. Stockholders who participated in the series one preferred stock financing received series two preferred stock following the recapitalization of our outstanding preferred stock.

*Bridge financing.* In January and February 2013, we issued convertible promissory notes in an aggregate principal amount of \$6 million. In connection with this bridge financing, we also issued to the holders of the promissory notes warrants to purchase an aggregate of 515,186 shares of our series one preferred stock, at an exercise price of \$0.01 per share, and warrants to purchase an aggregate of 2,012,489 shares of our series two preferred stock, at an exercise price of \$0.01 per share.

*Series four preferred stock financing.* In March 2013, we issued and sold an aggregate of 4,497,035 shares of our series four senior preferred stock, at a price per share of \$12.00, for an aggregate purchase price of \$54 million. In addition, we issued an aggregate of 502,919 shares of our series four senior preferred stock upon conversion of the convertible promissory notes described above that we originally issued in January and February 2013. In connection with the series four senior preferred stock financing, we effected a one-for-120 reverse stock split of our common stock and a recapitalization of our previously outstanding preferred stock into an aggregate of 6,700,487 shares of series five junior preferred stock. In addition, we issued an aggregate of 2,095,515 shares of our series five junior preferred stock upon the automatic exercise of the preferred stock warrants that we originally issued in January 2013. In May 2013, we issued and sold an additional 375,000 shares of our series four preferred stock, at a price per share of \$12.00, for an aggregate purchase price of \$4.5 million.

Upon closing the initial public offering, all outstanding shares of the Series Four and Series Five were converted into 14,170,956 shares of common stock.

*Cash flows*

As of September 30, 2013, we had cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities of \$157.2 million.

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The following table provides information regarding our cash flows and our capital expenditures for the periods indicated.

(in thousands)	Year ended December 31,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2011	2012	2012	2013
<b>Cash provided by (used in):</b>				
Operating activities	\$ (20,767)	\$ (47,928)	\$ (36,891)	\$ (32,459)
Investing activities	27,703	(189)	(184)	(133,697)
Financing activities	(7,180)	22,411	23,115	187,475

Net cash used in operating activities was \$36.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and \$32.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013. The change in net cash used in operating activities primarily related to supporting clinical development, pre-commercial activities and public company readiness.

Net cash used in investing activities was \$0.2 million for nine months ended September 30, 2012 and \$133.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013. Cash used in investing activities was related to purchases of property and equipment for the nine months ended September 30, 2012. Cash used in investing activities was related to purchases of investments for the nine months ended September 30, 2013.

Net cash provided by financing activities was \$23.1 million for nine months ended September 30, 2012. Net cash provided by financing activities in 2012 was attributable to \$29.4 million in proceeds from the sale of Series One preferred stock, offset by \$6.2 million payments on debt obligations. Net cash provided by financing activities was \$187.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013. Net cash provided by financing activities in 2013 was primarily attributable to the \$60.8 million in net proceeds that we received from the sale of Series Four preferred stock and \$131.6 million in net proceeds received from the initial public offering. Partially offsetting these proceeds were payments on debt obligations of \$5.0 million in 2013.

Net cash used in operating activities was \$20.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2011 and \$47.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2012. The net cash used in 2011 and 2012 primarily reflects changes in deferred revenue, including an upfront cash payment of \$30 million in 2011 related to the collaboration agreement with Roche for a spinal muscular atrophy program, which is being amortized over the research term, and decreased spending in 2012 on research and development costs due to the completion of our Phase 2b clinical trial of ataluren for nmDMD and our Phase 3 clinical trial of ataluren for nmCF.

Net cash provided by investing activities was \$27.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2011. Net cash used in investing activities was \$0.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2012. Cash provided by or used in investing activities in 2011 was primarily related to net maturities of investments, and to a lesser extent, purchases of property and equipment.

Net cash used in financing activities was \$7.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2011. Net cash used in financing activities in 2011 was attributable to payments on debt obligations. Net cash provided by financing activities was \$22.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2012. Net cash provided by financing activities in 2012 was primarily attributable to the \$29.3 million in proceeds that we received from a

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preferred stock financing. Partially offsetting these proceeds were payments on debt obligations of \$6.9 million in 2012.

### ***Funding requirements***

We anticipate that our expenses will increase substantially in connection with initiating and continuing confirmatory Phase 3 clinical trials for ataluren for the treatment of nmDMD and nmCF, commencing early access programs for ataluren for nmDMD patients in selected territories and seeking marketing approval for ataluren for these indications in the European Union and the United States. If we obtain marketing approval of ataluren for either nmDMD or nmCF, we also expect to incur significant selling, marketing, distribution and manufacturing expenses. The timing of commercialization expenses for ataluren depends in part on whether we receive conditional approval for ataluren for either or both of nmDMD and nmCF.

In addition, our expenses will increase if and as we:

initiate or continue the research and development of ataluren for additional indications and of our other product candidates;

seek to discover and develop additional product candidates;

maintain, expand and protect our intellectual property portfolio; and

add operational, financial and management information systems and personnel, including personnel to support our product development and planned future commercialization efforts.

We believe that the net proceeds from this offering, together with our existing cash and cash equivalents, marketable securities and research funding that we expect to receive under our collaborations, will be sufficient to enable us to fund our operating expenses, debt service obligations and capital expenditure requirements through 2016. We have based this estimate on assumptions that may prove to be wrong, and we could use our capital resources sooner than we currently expect. This estimate assumes, among other things, that we do not receive conditional approval to market ataluren for nmDMD or nmCF in the European Union prior to completing a confirmatory Phase 3 clinical trial for the applicable indication and, as a result, that we do not incur significant related commercialization expenses prior to such time. Our future capital requirements will depend on many factors, including:

the progress and results of confirmatory Phase 3 clinical trials of ataluren for nmDMD and nmCF;

the scope, progress, results and costs of preclinical development, laboratory testing and clinical trials for ataluren for additional indications and for our other product candidates;

the number and development requirements of other product candidates that we pursue;

the costs, timing and outcome of regulatory review of ataluren and our other product candidates;

the costs and timing of commercialization activities, including product sales, marketing, distribution and manufacturing, for any of our product candidates that receive marketing approval;

subject to receipt of marketing approval, revenue received from commercial sales of ataluren or any of our other product candidates;

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the costs of preparing, filing and prosecuting patent applications, maintaining, and protecting our intellectual property rights and defending against intellectual property related claims;

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the extent to which we acquire or invest in other businesses, products and technologies; and

our ability to establish and maintain collaborations.

Until such time, if ever, as we can generate substantial product revenues, we expect to finance our cash needs through a combination of equity offerings, debt financings, collaborations, strategic alliances, grants and clinical trial support from governmental and philanthropic organizations and patient advocacy groups in the disease areas addressed by our product candidates and marketing, distribution or licensing arrangements. To the extent that we raise additional capital through the sale of equity or convertible debt securities, the ownership interest of our existing stockholders will be diluted, and the terms of these securities may include liquidation or other preferences that adversely affect your rights as a common stockholder. Debt financing, if available, may involve agreements that include covenants limiting or restricting our ability to take specific actions, such as incurring additional debt, making capital expenditures or declaring dividends. If we raise additional funds through collaborations, strategic alliances or marketing, distribution or licensing arrangements with third parties, we may have to relinquish valuable rights to our technologies, future revenue streams, research programs or product candidates or to grant licenses on terms that may not be favorable to us. If we are unable to raise additional funds through equity or debt financings when needed, we may be required to delay, limit, reduce or terminate our product development or future commercialization efforts or grant rights to develop and market product candidates that we would otherwise prefer to develop and market ourselves.

### Contractual obligations

The following table summarizes our significant contractual obligations and commercial commitments as of September 30, 2013.

(in thousands)	Total	Less than 1 year	1-3 years	4-5 years	More than 5 years
Debt obligations(1)	\$ 84	\$ 84	\$	\$	\$
Operating and equipment lease obligations(2)	4,786	913	2,546	1,327	
<b>Total fixed contractual obligations</b>	<b>4,870</b>	<b>997</b>	<b>2,546</b>	<b>1,327</b>	

(1) In July 2013, we paid in full the outstanding principal and interest of \$2.6 million due under promissory notes issued in connection with a \$25 million secured debt facility with a syndicate of two lenders. The notes were secured by substantially all our assets except for intellectual property and carried a fixed interest rate of 13.65%.

(2) We lease office space under a noncancelable operating lease with a term that extends through February 2019. We also lease certain office equipment under operating leases.

The preceding table excludes contingent contractual payments that we may become obligated to make. Under various agreements, we will be required to pay royalties and milestone payments upon the successful development and commercialization of products, including the following agreements with The Wellcome Trust Limited, or Wellcome Trust, and SMA Foundation.

We have entered into funding agreements with Wellcome Trust for the research and development of small molecule compounds in connection with our BMI1 and antibacterial programs. To the extent that we develop and commercialize program intellectual property on a for-profit basis, we may become obligated to pay to Wellcome Trust development and regulatory milestone payments of up to an aggregate of \$68.9 million and single digit royalties on sales of any research program product. Our obligation to pay such royalties would continue on a country-by-country basis until the longer of the expiration of the last

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patent in the program intellectual property in such country covering the research program product and the expiration of market exclusivity of such product in such country.

We have also entered into a sponsored research agreement with the SMA Foundation in connection with our spinal muscular atrophy program. We may become obligated to pay the SMA Foundation single digit royalties on worldwide net product sales of any collaboration product that we successfully develop and subsequently commercialize or, with respect to collaboration products we outlicense, a specified percentage of certain payments we receive from our licensee. We are not obligated to make such payments unless and until annual sales of a collaboration product exceed a designated threshold. Our obligation to make such payments would end upon our payment to the SMA Foundation of a specified amount.

We have employment agreements with certain employees which require the funding of a specific level of payments, if certain events, such as a change in control or termination without cause, occur.

**Quantitative and qualitative disclosures about market risk**

We are exposed to market risk related to changes in interest rates. Our primary exposure to market risk is interest rate sensitivity, which is affected by changes in the general level of U.S. interest rates, particularly because our investments are in short-term securities. Our available for sale securities are subject to interest rate risk and will fall in value if market interest rates increase.

**Recent accounting pronouncements**

Effective January 1, 2012, an update to an accounting standard was issued that requires that all nonowner changes in stockholders' equity be presented either in a single continuous statement of comprehensive income (loss) or in two separate but consecutive statements. This update was applied retrospectively. We adopted this pronouncement and elected to present a separate statement of comprehensive income (loss). The updated standard does not change the items that must be reported in comprehensive income, how such items are measure, or when they must be reclassified to net income.

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## **Business**

### **Overview**

We are a biopharmaceutical company focused on the discovery and development of orally administered, proprietary small-molecule drugs that target post-transcriptional control processes. While our discovery programs are directed at targets in multiple therapeutic areas, we are focusing particularly on the development and commercialization of treatments for orphan and ultra-orphan disorders. Our lead product candidate is ataluren for the treatment of patients with genetic disorders that arise from a type of genetic mutation known as a nonsense mutation. We hold worldwide commercialization rights to ataluren for all indications in all territories.

We have initiated a confirmatory Phase 3 clinical trial of ataluren for the treatment of Duchenne muscular dystrophy caused by nonsense mutations, or nmDMD. We refer to this trial as the Ataluren Confirmatory Trial in DMD, or ACT DMD. We dosed the first patient in this trial in 2013 and expect to complete enrollment in mid-2014. In October 2012, we submitted a marketing authorization application, or MAA, to the European Medicines Agency, or EMA, for conditional approval of ataluren for the treatment of nmDMD. In January 2014, EMA's Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use, or CHMP, adopted a negative opinion recommending the refusal of the granting of the conditional marketing authorization for ataluren for the treatment of nmDMD. We have requested a re-examination of the CHMP opinion. We are also planning a Phase 3 clinical trial of ataluren for the treatment of cystic fibrosis caused by nonsense mutations, or nmCF. We plan to begin dosing patients in this trial in the first half of 2014. In addition, we are pursuing early access programs for ataluren for nmDMD patients in selected territories that support reimbursement for such programs. There are currently no marketed therapies approved to treat the underlying cause of nmDMD or nmCF. The EMA has designated ataluren as an orphan medicinal product and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, or FDA, has granted orphan drug designation to ataluren for the treatment of both nmDMD and nmCF. We also plan to pursue additional indications for ataluren beyond nmDMD and nmCF and expect to initiate a proof-of-concept study for a third indication in 2014.

We continue to advance the development of our spinal muscular atrophy collaboration with F. Hoffman-La Roche Ltd and Hoffman-La Roche Inc., which we refer to collectively as Roche, and the Spinal Muscular Atrophy Foundation, or SMA Foundation. A development candidate for the program was selected in August 2013, and a Phase 1 clinical program was initiated in healthy volunteers in January 2014. Each of these events triggered a milestone payment to us from Roche.

The letters "PTC" in our corporate name are an acronym for post-transcriptional control processes, which are the regulatory events that occur in cells after a messenger RNA, or mRNA, molecule is copied, or transcribed, from DNA. The mRNA molecules are key intermediates in protein production. Post-transcriptional control processes regulate the rate and timing of protein production and are essential to proper cellular function. The absence or overproduction of specific proteins can cause disease. The small-molecule compounds that we are developing are designed to alter post-transcriptional control processes to correct or compensate for a genetic defect. We apply proprietary technologies and our extensive knowledge of post-transcriptional control processes in our drug discovery and development activities. We believe that systematically targeting post-transcriptional control processes represents an unexploited approach to drug discovery and development.

We discovered ataluren by applying our technologies to identify molecules that promote or enhance the suppression of nonsense mutations. Nonsense mutations are implicated in a variety of genetic disorders. Nonsense mutations create a premature stop signal in the translation of the genetic code contained in



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mRNA and prevent the production of full-length, functional proteins. We believe that ataluren interacts with the ribosome, which is the component of the cell that decodes the mRNA molecule and manufactures proteins, to enable the ribosome to read through premature nonsense stop signals on mRNA and allow the cell to produce a full-length, functional protein. As a result, we believe that ataluren has the potential to be an important therapy for muscular dystrophy, cystic fibrosis and other genetic disorders for which a nonsense mutation is the cause of the disease. Genetic tests are available for many genetic disorders, including Duchenne muscular dystrophy and cystic fibrosis, to determine if the underlying cause is a nonsense mutation.

Muscular dystrophies involve progressive muscle wasting and weakness and are caused by a mutation in the DNA that results in either the absence or very low levels of the dystrophin protein. Duchenne muscular dystrophy is the most common and one of the most severe types of muscular dystrophy. Patients with Duchenne muscular dystrophy typically lose walking ability by their early teens, require ventilation support in their late teens and, eventually, die due to heart and lung failure. The average age of death for Duchenne muscular dystrophy patients is in their mid-twenties.

Cystic fibrosis is caused by a mutation in the DNA that results in either the absence or very low levels of the cystic fibrosis transmembrane conductance regulator, or CFTR, protein. Cystic fibrosis results in the body producing abnormally thick and sticky mucus that clogs multiple organs, including the lungs, pancreas and liver. Cystic fibrosis leads to progressive loss of lung function, potentially life-threatening lung infections, permanent pancreatic damage and malnutrition. The average age of death for cystic fibrosis patients is approximately 27 years. A nonsense mutation is a type of mutation in the DNA that can cause both Duchenne muscular dystrophy and cystic fibrosis.

We have completed a Phase 2b clinical trial of ataluren for the treatment of nmDMD and a Phase 3 clinical trial of ataluren for the treatment of nmCF. We did not achieve the primary efficacy endpoint in either trial with the pre-specified level of statistical significance. However, we believe that the collective data from these trials, including retrospective and subgroup analyses that we have performed, provide strong support for concluding that ataluren was active and showed clinically meaningful improvements over placebo in these trials. In addition, we believe that our experience in these completed clinical trials has allowed us to enhance the designs of our confirmatory Phase 3 clinical trials and improve our likelihood of success in these trials. Accordingly, we initiated our confirmatory Phase 3 ACT DMD clinical trial and are planning a confirmatory Phase 3 clinical trial of ataluren for the treatment of nmCF. Ataluren has been generally well tolerated in all of our clinical trials to date.

In October 2012, we submitted an MAA to the EMA for conditional approval of ataluren for the treatment of nmDMD. During the review process, the EMA informed us of major objections that would preclude a recommendation for marketing authorization unless adequately addressed. These major objections related to, among other things, the EMA's views regarding insufficient evidence of efficacy based on our single Phase 2b clinical trial, resulting in a negative risk-benefit balance for purposes of conditional approval and uncertainties about the effective dose. EMA also questioned whether our confirmatory Phase 3 ACT DMD clinical trial could be completed if the EMA granted conditional approval. In December 2013, the EMA convened a scientific advisory group, or SAG, meeting as part of the regulatory review process followed by the oral explanation meeting with the CHMP. We believe that both the SAG and oral explanation meetings allowed us and independent experts in the DMD field to provide information to the SAG and CHMP members about important aspects of our clinical data and trial design.

In January 2014, the CHMP adopted a negative opinion recommending the refusal of the granting of the conditional marketing authorization for ataluren for the treatment of nmDMD. The CHMP stated that a

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principal reason for the negative opinion was that our prior Phase 2b clinical trial had failed to demonstrate in the primary analysis that patients taking ataluren could walk a greater distance than patients taking placebo in six minutes, the primary endpoint. Additionally, the CHMP noted that other measures of efficacy provided only limited supportive evidence of the beneficial effects of ataluren. The CHMP acknowledged to us that the retrospective analyses that we presented to the CHMP were performed in line with the most current knowledge about the natural history of the disease and that our definition of the subgroups in the analyses were both clinically and scientifically justified. However, the CHMP concluded that we did not provide sufficiently compelling evidence of efficacy to justify conditional approval. In addition, the CHMP considered that we had not provided sufficient data to determine how ataluren works in the body and how its effects change with dose. Finally, the CHMP expressed concern that the conduct of the confirmatory Phase 3 ACT DMD clinical trial might be affected by the availability of an authorized product and therefore potentially jeopardize the feasibility of completing the trial. As a result, despite divergent minority positions, the CHMP concluded a favorable risk-benefit balance could not be established at that time and adopted a negative opinion. We have requested a re-examination of the CHMP opinion. Based upon the timelines for a re-examination process, we believe that our confirmatory Phase 3 ACT DMD clinical trial will be substantially enrolled at the time the CHMP would consider a revision of their initial opinion as part of the re-examination process.

We continue to believe that completion of our confirmatory Phase 3 ACT DMD clinical trial and submission of data to the regulatory authorities is the more likely path to obtain marketing approval of ataluren. There is substantial risk that the EMA will not grant us conditional approval upon re-examination of the original CHMP negative opinion. If granted, EMA conditional approval would permit us to market ataluren in the European Union for treatment of nmDMD prior to completion of our confirmatory Phase 3 ACT DMD clinical trial. We plan to complete our confirmatory Phase 3 ACT DMD clinical trial before applying for marketing approval from the FDA. In designing our confirmatory Phase 3 ACT DMD clinical trial for the treatment of nmDMD, we have sought to reflect the views expressed by both the EMA and the FDA in our discussions with these regulatory authorities. We expect that these trial results, if favorable, could serve as the basis for full approval by the EMA and the FDA of ataluren for the treatment of nmDMD. If the trial results are favorable, and based on our estimates of patient enrollment and data availability, we expect to be able to submit applications for full marketing approval of ataluren for the treatment of nmDMD in both the European Union and the United States in 2016.

We have concluded discussions with regulatory authorities concerning our proposed trial protocol for a confirmatory Phase 3 clinical trial of ataluren for nmCF. We plan to begin dosing patients in this trial in the first half of 2014. We also have received scientific advice from the EMA regarding the possibility of submitting an MAA for conditional approval of ataluren for the treatment of nmCF. Our interactions with the FDA regarding the clinical development design options which would have the potential to support an NDA in 2013, did not achieve a consensus between the EMA and FDA views. However, based on these interactions, we nonetheless intend to proceed with our confirmatory Phase 3 clinical trial of ataluren in nmCF in the first half of 2014 consistent with feedback from the EMA on our trial design. Following the conclusion of the re-examination process for our MAA for conditional approval of ataluren in nmDMD, we plan to evaluate the benefit and timing for a potential MAA submission to the EMA for the conditional approval of ataluren in nmCF. There also is substantial risk that the EMA will not grant us conditional approval of ataluren for the treatment of nmCF.

We continue to advance the development of our spinal muscular atrophy collaboration with Roche and the SMA Foundation. The collaboration was initially funded in part by the SMA Foundation. In December 2011, we announced a collaboration with Roche which provided us with an upfront payment of \$30 million, the

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potential for up to \$460 million in milestone payments and royalties on any future sales. In August 2013, a development candidate for the program was selected which triggered a \$10 million milestone payment to us from Roche. In January 2014, a Phase 1 clinical program was initiated which triggered a \$7.5 million milestone payment to us from Roche. Roche is responsible for pursuing clinical development of compounds from the program consistent with a governance structure that includes representation from us and the SMA Foundation and then commercialization of these compounds.

In addition, we have a pipeline of product candidates that are in preclinical development. Our preclinical and discovery programs are focused on the development of new treatments for multiple therapeutic areas, including neuromuscular disease, oncology and infectious disease. We have discovered all of our compounds currently under development using our proprietary technologies. We plan to develop these compounds both on our own and through selective collaboration arrangements with leading pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies.

**Our strategy**

Our goal is to become a leading biopharmaceutical company focused on discovering, developing and commercializing small-molecule therapeutics that target post-transcriptional control processes and address disorders, particularly in the orphan and ultra-orphan areas, with high unmet medical needs. To achieve our goal, we are pursuing the following strategies:

***Complete development of and seek marketing approvals for ataluren in lead indications.*** We are devoting a significant portion of our resources and business efforts to completing the development of ataluren for the treatment of nmDMD and nmCF. We have initiated our confirmatory Phase 3 ACT DMD clinical trial and are pursuing a re-examination of our application for conditional approval to market ataluren for the treatment of nmDMD in the European Union prior to completing this trial. We expect that these trial results, if favorable, could serve as the basis for full approval by the EMA and the FDA of ataluren for the treatment of nmDMD. We plan to evaluate the benefit and timing for a potential MAA submission to the EMA for the conditional approval of ataluren in nmCF and, in the first half of 2014, to begin dosing patients for a confirmatory Phase 3 clinical trial of ataluren for the treatment of nmCF.

***Maximize commercial potential of ataluren.*** We hold worldwide commercialization rights to ataluren for all indications in all territories. If ataluren receives marketing approval, we plan to commercialize it with our own focused, specialized sales force. We believe that the medical specialists treating Duchenne muscular dystrophy and cystic fibrosis are sufficiently concentrated that we will be able to effectively promote ataluren with targeted sales teams initially in the European Union and the United States and, eventually, in other key territories, such as Asia and Latin America.

***Explore additional indications for ataluren.*** We believe that ataluren has the potential to be an important therapy for other genetic disorders for which a nonsense mutation is the cause of the disease. We estimate that, on average, 11% of patients with any genetic disorder resulting from the absence of a single protein, referred to as monogenic disorders, have a nonsense mutation as the cause of the disease. We plan to select additional indications for further clinical development of ataluren consistent with the criteria that we applied in selecting nmDMD and nmCF, such as high unmet medical need and commercially available genotyping. We plan to initiate a proof-of-concept study for a third indication for ataluren in 2014.

***Advance the development of our preclinical product candidates and continue to discover and develop small molecules that alter post-transcriptional control processes.*** Our preclinical and discovery programs are focused on new treatments for multiple therapeutic areas, including neuromuscular

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disease, oncology and infectious disease. We are particularly focused on the development and commercialization of treatments for orphan and ultra-orphan disorders. We are applying several proprietary technologies to identify, chemically optimize and develop small molecules designed to alter post-transcriptional control processes to achieve therapeutic effects. Because post-transcriptional control processes offer many targets for therapeutic intervention and because drugs that alter these processes have the potential to both increase and decrease protein production, we believe that our approach may be applicable to a broad range of diseases.

*Seek third party grants and support and selectively establish strategic alliances.* We have obtained, and we intend to continue to seek, development funding and other assistance from government entities, non-government and philanthropic organizations and patient advocacy groups for our product candidates. We previously have received grant funding and clinical trial support from the National Institutes of Health, the FDA, the Department of Defense, Defense Threat Reduction Agency, the Muscular Dystrophy Association, Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy, The Wellcome Trust Limited, or Wellcome Trust, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Therapeutics and the SMA Foundation. In addition, for each of our product candidates, and in particular for product candidates that have high anticipated development costs, address markets requiring a large sales and marketing organization to serve effectively or are directed at indications for which a potential collaborator has a particular expertise, we plan to evaluate the merits of entering into collaboration arrangements with leading pharmaceutical or biotechnology companies.

**Our product development programs**

The following table summarizes key information about our most advanced product development programs. All of the compounds in these programs are new chemical entities that we identified using our proprietary technologies.

<b>Program</b>	<b>Development status</b>	<b>Development and commercial rights</b>
Ataluren for nmDMD	Phase 2b clinical trial completed	PTC
	Confirmatory Phase 3 ACT DMD clinical trial ongoing	
Ataluren for nmCF	Phase 3 clinical trial completed	PTC
	Confirmatory Phase 3 clinical trial patient dosing planned for first half of 2014	
Spinal muscular atrophy	Development candidate selected	Roche
	Phase 1 program initiated	
Oncology BMI1	Preclinical	PTC
	Lead development compound selected	
	IND-enabling studies ongoing	

Antibacterial

PTC

Preclinical

Optimization of development compounds ongoing

We have obtained orphan drug designations from the EMA and from the FDA for ataluren for the treatment of nmDMD and nmCF. We have an effective investigational new drug application, or IND, with the FDA for ataluren for each of nmCF and nmDMD. We plan to submit to the FDA an IND for each of our other product candidates prior to initiating clinical trials for any such product candidate in the United States.

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**Background on genetic disorders and nonsense mutations**

A significant number of rare genetic disorders are monogenic disorders that occur as a consequence of the absence of a single protein. The restoration of the production of that single protein has the potential to treat the genetic disorder. We estimate that, on average, 11% of patients with any monogenic disorder have a nonsense mutation as the cause of the disease.

Through the post-transcriptional process of translation, a specialized cellular apparatus, called the ribosome, manufactures functional proteins by translating the genetic code contained in the mRNA. This decoding process reads the building blocks of the mRNA, known as nucleotides, in groups of three. Each group of three nucleotides is called a codon. Three of the 64 possible codons contained in mRNA serve as normal stop signals and indicate the end of the protein-coding region of the mRNA. When functioning properly, the stop codons cause the ribosome to halt translation of the mRNA once the mRNA's genetic code has been completely translated into a full-length, functional protein.

There are four basic types of mutations in DNA that can cause a genetic disorder. These are known as insertion, deletion, missense and nonsense mutations. A nonsense mutation is a single nucleotide alteration in the DNA that, when copied to mRNA, is interpreted by the ribosome as a premature stop signal and terminates translation within the protein-coding region of the mRNA. When a ribosome encounters a premature stop codon, the translation process is terminated before a full-length, functional protein is formed. The resulting truncated protein is usually unstable and unable to serve its necessary function. The absence of a full-length, functional protein may cause disease.

Cells have a mechanism that discriminates a normal stop codon from a premature stop codon, although both types of stop codon result in termination of the translation of the genetic code. A group of proteins, known as the termination surveillance complex, can discriminate the proteins downstream of a normal stop codon to regulate normal translational termination. Because these proteins do not appear to be downstream of a premature stop codon, a normal stop codon can be distinguished from a premature stop codon.

**Ataluren**

*Overview*

Ataluren is a novel, orally administered small-molecule compound that targets nonsense mutations. We are developing ataluren for the treatment of genetic disorders in which a nonsense mutation is the cause of the disease. We believe that a drug with a mechanism of action that allows the ribosome to read through premature stop codons without affecting the normal termination of protein synthesis may be able to overcome the effects of nonsense mutations.

Ataluren allows the cellular machinery to read through premature stop codons in mRNA and enable the translation process to produce full-length, functional proteins. As described above, certain factors that are located downstream of a normal stop codon are not present at a premature stop codon. We believe that these factors allow ataluren to be active only at premature stop codons without allowing ataluren to read through normal stop codons. Ataluren is from a distinct structural class that does not have antibiotic properties and we believe acts at a different location on the ribosome than gentamicin. Ataluren has been generally well tolerated in all of our clinical trials to date, which involved approximately 600 individuals dosed with ataluren.

The EMA has designated ataluren as an orphan medicinal product for the treatment of nmDMD and nmCF. The FDA has granted orphan drug designation to ataluren for the treatment of nmDMD and nmCF and fast

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track designation to ataluren for the treatment of nmDMD. There are currently no marketed therapies approved to treat the underlying cause of nmDMD or nmCF.

The following table sets forth information regarding our completed, ongoing and planned Phase 2 and Phase 3 clinical trials of ataluren for the treatment of nmDMD and nmCF.

**Phase 2 and Phase 3 clinical trials of ataluren for nmDMD and nmCF**

<b>Study</b>	<b>Phase, study design, location</b>	<b>Total patients enrolled</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Dates</b>
<b><u>nmDMD</u></b>				
nmDMD-004	Phase 2a, open label, United States	38	Completed	December 2005 to May 2007
nmDMD-004e	Phase 2a extension, open label, United States	36 (patients previously in nmDMD-004)	Ended	August 2008 to May 2010
nmDMD-008	Phase 2a, open label, United States	6	Ended	January 2010 to March 2010
nmDMD-007	Phase 2b, double-blind, placebo controlled, Australia, Canada, European Union, Israel, United States	174	Completed	February 2008 to December 2009
nmDMD-007e	Phase 2b extension, open label, Australia, Canada, European Union, Israel, United States	173 (patients previously in nmDMD-007)	Ended	January 2009 to May 2010
nmDMD-016	Phase 3 continuation, open label, United States	Up to 122 (patients previously in nmDMD-004, nmDMD-007 or nmDMD-008)	Ongoing	Initiated in November 2010
nmDMD-019	Phase 3 continuation, open label, Australia, Canada, European Union, Israel	Up to 96 (patients previously in nmDMD-004, nmDMD-007, or nmDMD-008)	Ongoing	Initiated in May 2012
nmDMD-020 (ACT DMD)	Confirmatory Phase 3, double-blind, placebo controlled, planned as Australia, Canada, European Union, Israel, South America, South Korea, Switzerland, Turkey, United States	Approximately 220	Ongoing	Initiated in April 2013
nmDMD-020e	Phase 3 extension, open label, planned as Australia, Canada, European Union, Israel, South America, South Korea, Switzerland, Turkey, United States	Approximately 220 (patients previously in nmDMD-020)	Planned	Plan to begin dosing in the first half of 2014

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<b>Study</b>	<b>Phase, study design, location</b>	<b>Total patients enrolled</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Dates</b>
<b>nmCF</b>				
nmCF-003	Phase 2, open label, United States	24	Completed	November 2005 to December 2006
nmCF-005	Phase 2, open label, Israel	23	Completed	