



**EUPRAXIA PHARMACEUTICALS INC.
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION
AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

For the Three Months ended March 31, 2023

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This management's discussion and analysis ("MD&A") has been prepared as of May 10, 2023 and should be read in conjunction with the interim condensed consolidated financial statements of Eupraxia Pharmaceuticals Inc. ("Eupraxia" or the "Company") as at and for the three months ended March 31, 2023 and the related notes thereto and in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company and related notes thereto for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021 which are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"). All dollar amounts are expressed in Canadian dollars unless otherwise noted. In this MD&A, unless the context requires otherwise, references to "we" or "our" are references to Eupraxia. Additional information relating to the Company is available in our annual information form ("AIF"), filed on SEDAR on March 23, 2023.

All regulatory filings to-date and communication from the Company have been made referencing EP-104IAR. In the interest of greater clarity for investors, the Company will use EP-104IAR when referring to the product candidate that is intended for intra-articular ("IAR") injections for indications such as osteoarthritis ("OA"), EP-104GI when referring to the product candidate that is intended for submucosal injections in the GI tract for indications such as eosinophilic esophagitis ("EoE"), and simply refer to the product candidate as EP-104 in conjunction topics that are related to both EP-104IAR and EP-104GI.

Forward-Looking Statements

Certain statements and information in this MD&A contain forward-looking statements or forward-looking information under applicable Canadian securities legislation that may not be based on historical fact, including, without limitation, statements containing the words "may," "might," "will," "likely," "could," "would," "should," "expect," "intend," "plan," "objective," "goal," "outlook," "anticipate," "believe," "estimate," "predict," "project," "forecast," "estimate," "potential," "target," "seek," "contemplate," "continue," "design," and "ongoing," or the negative of these terms or other comparable terminology, although not all forward-looking statements contain these words and similar expressions. Forward-looking statements include estimates, plans, expectations, opinions, forecasts, projections, targets, guidance or other statements that are not statements of fact. Such forward-looking statements are made as of the date of this MD&A.

Forward-looking statements are necessarily based on estimates and assumptions made by us in light of our experience and perception of historical trends, current conditions and expected future developments, as well as factors that we believe are appropriate. Forward-looking statements in this MD&A include, but are not limited to, statements relating to:

- the Company's business strategies and objectives, including current and future plans, expectations and intentions;
- the Company's ability to obtain sufficient funding for our operations, including funding for research, development and commercial activities;
- the Company's projected operating expenses and capital expenditures;
- the Company's ability to achieve profitability;
- projected revenues, future trends, opportunities and growth in the Company's industry and the drug development markets;
- the Company's ability to maintain and enhance its competitive advantages and technological advantages;
- the entry into commercial partnerships and commercialization of our technology;
- the Company's ability to enter into definitive agreements with its contract research organizations ("CROs");
- the Company's ability to enter into co-development and/or collaborative partnerships;
- the Company's clinical development programs and activities and the estimated timing thereof;
- the timing, status and results of clinical trials, including with respect to patient recruitment and data readout;
- the success of regulatory submissions;
- the obtaining of potential regulatory approval;
- the hiring of additional research and development team members;
- the potential for the Company's technology to impact the drug delivery process;

- the development of additional intellectual property, ability to patent or otherwise protect such developed intellectual property and licenses with third parties for intellectual property;
- the ability of patents and notices of allowance to provide protection over intellectual property in applicable jurisdictions;
- the Company's ability to protect, expand upon and exploit its existing intellectual property;
- the entry into sponsored research agreements and the benefits therefrom;
- the competitive advantages of the Company and its technology;
- the Company's product candidates and results gathered from studies thereof;
- the development of products from the Company's competitors;
- the application of regulations and standards to the Company's future products and services or research and development activities;
- the Company's retention of funds or payment of dividends;
- the translation of the Company's technologies and expansion of its offerings into clinical applications;
- the benefits to patients from Eupraxia's platforms;
- the value of the strategic relationship to Eupraxia's clients and investors;
- the Company's engagement with legal and regulatory authorities in various jurisdictions;
- the demand and commercial viability of the Company's technology; and
- the demand and market acceptance for products developed by the Company.

Forward-looking statements and information involve significant risks, assumptions, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual future results or anticipated events to differ materially from those expressed or implied in any forward-looking statements or information and, accordingly, should not be read as guarantees of future performance or results. These risks and factors include, but are not limited to:

- we have a limited operating history;
- we have a novel technology with uncertain market acceptance;
- if we breach any of the agreements under which we license rights to our product candidates or technology from third parties, we could lose license rights that are important to our business. Our current license agreement may not provide an adequate remedy for its breach by the licensor;
- adverse developments affecting the financial services industry, such as actual events or concerns involving liquidity, defaults, or non-performance by financial institutions or transactional counterparties, could adversely affect the Company's current and projected business operations and its financial condition and results of operations;
- our technology may not be successful for its intended use;
- our future technology will require regulatory approval, which is costly, and we may not be able to obtain it and we may fail to obtain regulatory approvals or only obtain approvals for limited uses or indications;
- until contained, a global pandemic, including the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, could cause a slowdown in global economic growth, impact the Company's business, operations, financial condition and share price and cause delays or disruptions to the running of Eupraxia's clinical program(s);
- we completely rely on third parties to provide supplies and inputs required for our products and services;
- we rely on external CROs to provide clinical and non-clinical research services; if such CROs do not successfully carry out their contractual duties including to comply with applicable laws and regulations or meet expected deadlines, our business could be substantially harmed;
- clinical trials may fail to demonstrate adequately the safety and efficacy of our product candidates at any stage of clinical development. Terminating the development of any of our product candidates could materially harm our business and the market price of our common shares;
- we may be required to suspend or discontinue clinical trials due to side effects or other safety risks;
- if we are unable to establish sales and marketing capabilities or enter into agreements with third parties to market and sell our drug candidates, if approved, we may be unable to generate any product revenue;
- we rely on key personnel;
- we may not be able to successfully execute our business strategy;
- we will require additional financing. Macro market conditions could significantly affect the timing and certainty of the Company's financing;
- we are in a highly competitive industry which is continuously evolving with technological changes;
- our future success will depend on our ability to continually enhance and develop our products and services;
- if we are unable to differentiate EP-104 from existing therapies for treatment of OA, or if the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (the "FDA") or other applicable regulatory authorities approve new or generic products that compete with EP-104, our ability to successfully commercialize EP-104 would be adversely affected;

- a variety of risks associated with potential international business relationships could materially adversely affect our business;
- collaboration arrangements we may enter into in the future may not be successful;
- we may acquire businesses or products, or form strategic alliances in the future, and we may not realize the benefits of such acquisitions or alliances;
- we do not have any long-term customer commitments;
- we have traditionally relied on key collaborations and grants;
- our business and operations would suffer in the event of computer system failures, cyberattacks, or a deficiency in our cyber security;
- we may fail to manage our growth successfully, which may adversely impact our operating results;
- any therapeutics we develop will be subject to extensive, lengthy and uncertain regulatory requirements, which could adversely affect our ability to obtain regulatory approval in a timely manner or at all;
- we may not be able to obtain marketing approval;
- we rely on the protection of our intellectual property rights;
- we may not be able to enforce our intellectual property rights throughout the world;
- guidelines and recommendations published by various organizations can reduce the use of products that we may commercialize;
- patent reform legislation in the United States could increase the uncertainties and costs surrounding the prosecution of our patent applications and the enforcement or defense of our issued patents;
- non-compliance with regulatory requirements may reduce or eliminate our patent protection;
- we may infringe the intellectual property rights of others;
- we may be subject to claims arising from consultants or contractors misappropriating intellectual property;
- we use hazardous chemicals and biological materials in our business. Any claims relating to improper handling, storage or disposal of these materials could be time consuming and costly;
- if product liability lawsuits are brought against us, then we may incur substantial liabilities and may be required to limit commercialization of EP-104, if approved, and any other future products;
- our employees, independent contractors, principal investigators, consultants, commercial partners and vendors may engage in misconduct or other improper activities, including non-compliance with regulatory standards and requirements and insider trading, which could significantly harm our business;
- we may be subject to securities litigation, which is expensive and could divert management attention;
- we may be unable to adequately prevent disclosure of trade secrets and other proprietary information;
- lawsuits relating to intellectual property infringement will be costly and time consuming;
- intellectual property disputes could distract our personnel from their normal responsibilities;
- our directors may serve as directors of other biotech companies and may have conflicts of interest;
- our business is affected by macroeconomic conditions;
- we may be responsible for corruption and anti-bribery law violations;
- we are subject to foreign exchange risks;
- we are subject to taxation risks and changing rules by different tax authorities;
- we have had negative operating cash flows since inception and expect to incur losses for the foreseeable future;
- we are subject to a number of risks and hazards, of which not all of them may be sufficiently insured for;
- we will devote significant resources to regulatory compliance as a public entity;
- coverage and reimbursement may be limited or unavailable in certain market segments for our product candidates, if approved, which could make it difficult for us to sell any product candidates or therapies profitably;
- our relationships with healthcare providers and physicians 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;
- ongoing healthcare legislative and regulatory reform measures may have a material adverse effect on our business and results of operations;
- an issuance of preferred shares could make it difficult for another company to acquire us or could otherwise adversely affect holders of the common shares in the capital of the Company (“**Common Shares**”), which could depress the price of our Common Shares;
- our constating documents permit us to issue an unlimited number of Common Shares without additional shareholder approval;
- issuances of securities of the Company could cause dilution;
- the exercise of stock options could cause dilution;
- our Common Shares may have limited liquidity;
- we have warrants, a convertible debt, and shares of a subsidiary exchangeable for Common Shares outstanding, which in each case, if exercised, converted or exchanged, respectively, could cause dilution to existing shareholders;
- there is no established market for certain securities;

- prevailing interest rates may affect the market price or value of any debt securities of the Company;
- fluctuations in foreign currency markets may affect the market price or value of any debt securities of the Company;
- our Common Shares could be subject to large price and volume volatility;
- we may experience fluctuations in our market value;
- we have no history of dividends;
- our existing executive officers and directors own a significant percentage of Common Shares and will be able to exert a significant control over matters submitted to the Company's shareholders for approval;
- future sales of Common Shares by our existing shareholders could cause the Company's share price to decline;
- investing in our Common Shares is speculative, and investors could lose their entire investment; and
- we will need to raise additional financing in the future which may dilute our share capital.

Such statements reflect our current views with respect to future events, are subject to risks and uncertainties and are necessarily based upon a number of estimates and assumptions that, while considered reasonable by Eupraxia as of the date of such statements, are inherently subject to significant medical, scientific, business, economic, competitive, political and social uncertainties and contingencies. Many factors could cause our actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance, or achievements that may be expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. In making the forward-looking statements included in this MD&A, the Company has made various material assumptions, including but not limited to (i) the Company's ability to attract and retain skilled staff; (ii) future research and development plans for the Company proceeding substantially as currently envisioned; (iii) industry growth trends, including with respect to projected and actual industry sales; (iv) the Company's ability to obtain positive results from the Company's research and development activities, including clinical trials; (v) sufficient working capital¹ and the Company's ability to control costs and raise additional financing going forward; (vi) obtaining regulatory approvals and the potential benefits of our products, if approved; (vii) general business and economic conditions; (viii) the Company's ability to achieve profitability; (ix) the Company's ability to successfully commercialize its current product candidates, enter into commercial partnerships and develop new products; (x) the availability of financing on reasonable terms; (xi) market competition; (xii) the products and technology offered by the Company's competitors; (xiii) the Company's ability to protect patents and proprietary rights; (xiv) the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on our business, our industry and the economy; and (xv) the availability and cost of personnel, materials and supplies.

In evaluating forward-looking statements, current and prospective shareholders should specifically consider various factors, including the risks outlined herein under the headings "*Credit risk*", "*Liquidity risk*", "*Market risk*", "*Other price risk*", "*Interest rate risk*" and "*Currency risk*" and under the heading "*Risk Factors*" in the Shelf Prospectus and the AIF. Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties, or a risk that is not currently known to us materialize, or should assumptions underlying those forward-looking statements prove incorrect, actual results may vary materially from those described herein. These forward-looking statements are made as of the date of this MD&A and we do not intend, and do not assume any obligation, to update these forward-looking statements, except as required by applicable securities laws. Investors are cautioned that forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and are inherently uncertain. Accordingly, investors are cautioned not to put undue reliance on forward-looking statements.

COVID-19

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic. In response to the pandemic, we have modified our business practices with a focus on the health and safety of our employees, partners, service providers, and communities. At the onset of the outbreak of COVID-19, the Company implemented appropriate measures to allow our offices to remain open and operational while allowing employees to work from home where possible. However, several of our partners were impacted by COVID-19 (including shutdown of some of their offices), which resulted in project delays. Even after the COVID-19 pandemic has subsided, its impact on other aspects of the results of operations and financial performance remains uncertain and may only be known in future periods.

¹ Working capital is a non-IFRS financial measure. Management believes working capital is a meaningful indicator of the operating liquidity available to the Company and is comprised of current assets less current liabilities.

Overview of the Company

Eupraxia is a clinical stage biotechnology company focused on the development of locally delivered, extended-release alternatives to existing pharmaceuticals. Leveraging our proprietary and innovative delivery technology, Eupraxia's goal is to provide the right dose of drug, in the right place, for the right amount of time in indications with a high unmet medical need. Each of Eupraxia's product candidates are designed to achieve improved patient benefit by providing more prolonged activity than currently available treatments, combined with an improved pharmacokinetics ("PK") and related safety profile and combined with precisely targeted local delivery. We believe a product with this profile could offer the dual potential of providing long-lasting treatment while minimizing tolerability complications in target and non-target tissues. The Company's strategy is to develop a portfolio of product candidates based on this delivery technology.

Eupraxia currently has two distinct clinical development programs, one targeting chronic OA pain in the knee and the second targeting EoE. Currently, both programs are broadly based upon the same drug candidate which is EP-104IAR. The injectable drug is dispensed together with a "vehicle" specifically designed for the target and co-administered with the active pharmaceutical ingredient ("API"). For our ongoing clinical studies we are using the same underlying API and extended-release formulation. In the future, therapeutic targets will be differentiated by dosing levels, vehicle and delivery methods (e.g. IAR) and will be distinct product candidates. The product candidate that is being developed specifically for IAR injections with an initial indication of knee OA will be referred to as EP-104IAR, whereas the product candidate that will be developed for submucosal injections in the GI tract with an initial indication of EoE will be referred to as EP-104GI.

EP-104 (Long-Acting Fluticasone Propionate Injectable Suspension)

The primary active ingredient of the EP-104 products consists of a solid core of fluticasone propionate ("FP") coated with an outer layer of polyvinyl alcohol ("PVA"). FP is a synthetic trifluorinated corticosteroid with potent anti-inflammatory activity and a well-established systemic safety record in the form of widely used inhaled, intranasal and topical agents. It has been shown to be locally active, and FP that is systemically absorbed is rapidly metabolized. Relative to other corticosteroids (including triamcinolone acetonide or "TCA"), FP has a high affinity for the glucocorticoid receptor, low solubility, a low rate of dissociation, and a comparatively long half-life. It is currently approved by the FDA, Health Canada, European Medicines Agency and many other regulatory agencies around the world. PVA is a biocompatible polymer with numerous biomedical applications and a 30-year safety record in various human tissues.² The Company believes these characteristics make the drug a good candidate for prolonged anti-inflammatory use.

EP-104 technology is designed to work through the diffusion of the drug particles through a microns-thin polymer membrane. When the particles are injected at the disease site, extracellular fluid diffuses across the polymer membrane and into the particle, dissolving some of the solid drug core and creating a saturated drug solution inside the microsphere with relatively low drug concentrations in the outside microenvironment. Steady-state diffusion of FP across the polymer membrane and into the extracellular space then delivers the drug candidate to the intended area at a prolonged and steady release rate. This rate can be controlled by changing the size of the drug core and the properties of the polymer membrane, creating a target drug release profile designed to maximize disease treatment and reduce systemic and local side effects often accompanying high systemic levels of a drug.

Eupraxia's EP-104 product candidate aims to achieve such an extended-release profile for FP. EP-104 is designed to prevent early peak concentrations associated with side effects and extend the duration of FP residence time in the intended area of administration to achieve prolonged activity. A key feature differentiating EP-104 from other extended-release IAR corticosteroid formulations is that more than 90% of EP-104 is the active investigational drug product, compared to less than 20% in other products. Notably, the biocompatible PVA polymer in EP-104 does not release acidic by-products.

FP is not currently approved for use in any formulation for the treatment of symptoms in either OA or EoE. To the Company's knowledge, EP-104IAR and EP-104GI are the only extended-release formulations of FP in development

² Baker M.; Walsh, S.P.; Schwartz, Z.; Boyan, B.D. A review of polyvinyl alcohol and its uses in cartilage and orthopedic application. *Journal of Biomedical Materials Research B: Applied Biomaterials*. 2012. 100b (5): 1451 - 1457.

for these conditions. Management believes that its drug delivery technology platform has the potential to be an effective treatment for OA based on the proven efficacy of other corticosteroids for this condition. The drug delivery technology platform also has the potential to have a beneficial application for EoE, given the already-established efficacy of oral immediate release of FP in this indication. The potential for successful treatment of OA and EoE with the Company's proprietary formulations of EP-104 is further supported by a long-standing and continually expanding library of data supporting the value of extended-release steroids.

EP-104IAR for Osteoarthritis

OA is a chronic progressive disease characterized by deterioration of joint cartilage and inflammation,³ which results in pain and stiffness, usually in the morning or after a period of inactivity; and loss of joint function which limits daily activities. In normal joints, cartilage acts as a cushion between bones and provides a smooth gliding surface for movement.⁴ In OA, the inflammatory processes integral to disease progression damages the cartilage, and over time cartilage wears away, causing bone to rub directly against bone resulting in joint damage, severe pain and disability.⁵

Globally, OA is the leading cause of disability in older adults.⁶ Estimates of prevalence and incidence vary according to the definition of OA used (i.e., radiographic (X-Ray) versus symptomatic) and the joints assessed. Approximately 10-15% of all adults over the age of 60 have some form of OA, with the knees being the most commonly affected joints. In addition, approximately 70% of OA patients have bi-lateral (both knees) disease. Knee OA is a leading cause of lower extremity disability in the developed world^{7,8} OA is estimated to affect more than 30 million patients in the United States alone,⁸ including an estimated 14 million people with symptomatic knee OA.⁹ It is also often associated with depression and loss of sleep which can greatly affect quality of life, causing further impact on the public health system.

Current evidence-based OA treatment guidelines aim to manage signs and symptoms, with the goal of slowing progression if possible. Recommended pharmacological interventions include topical and oral non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, and IAR corticosteroids. IAR corticosteroid injections have been used for decades to manage pain and stiffness associated with inflammation in knee OA and have been approved by regulatory authorities as safe and effective.¹⁰ However, IAR corticosteroid injections often result in suboptimal patient outcomes due to their short duration of activity and systemic side effects such as flushing, glucose alterations and cortisol suppression due to the high peak exposures required to maintain efficacious concentrations for prolonged durations. Evidence is also emerging regarding the risk of adverse joint findings and/or OA progression following frequent/repeated immediate release IAR corticosteroid injections.¹¹

Clinical Development of EP-104IAR

Manufacturing

EP-104 consists of a vial of EP-104 powder and a separate vial of liquid (referred to as the “**Vehicle**”). Just before injection, the Vehicle is mixed with the dry powder to suspend the EP-104 particles; this enables the EP-104 powder to be injected into the patient's knee. In an ongoing stability study, the powder has proven stable for 24 months when

³ Chow, Y.Y., Chin, K.Y. The Role of Inflammation in the Pathogenesis of Osteoarthritis. *Mediators of Inflammation*, 2020, DOI: 10.1155/2020/8293921.

⁴ Michael, J.W.P; Schluter-Brust, K.U.; Eysel, P. The Epidemiology, Etiology, Diagnosis, and Treatment of Osteoarthritis of the Knee. *Dtsch Arztebl Int.* 2010, 107(9): 152-62. DOI: 10.3238/arztebl.2010.0152.

⁵ Sinusas, K. Osteoarthritis: Diagnosis and Treatment. *Am Fam Physician.* 2012, 85(1): 49 – 56.

⁶ WHO Department of Chronic Diseases and Health Promotion. Available at: <http://www.who.int/chp/topics/rheumatic/en/>.

⁷ Cross, M., et al. The global burden of hip and knee osteoarthritis: estimates from the Global Burden of Disease 2010 study. *Ann Rheum Dis.* 2014, 73 :1323 – 1330. DOI: 10.1136/annrheumdis-2013-204763.

⁸ Osteoarthritis Fact Sheet. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Available at www.cdc.gov/arthritis/basics/osteoarthritis.htm. Accessed January 10, 2019.

⁹ Vina, E.R.; Kwok, C.K. Epidemiology of osteoarthritis: literature update. *Curr Opin Rheumatol.* 2018, 30(2):160 – 167. DOI:10.1097/BOR.0000000000000479.

¹⁰ Bellamy N. et al. Intraarticular corticosteroid for treatment of osteoarthritis of the knee (Review). Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews 2006, Issue 2. Art. No.: CD005328. DOI: 10.1002/14651858.CD005328.pub2.

¹¹ McAlindon T.E., et al. Effect of intra-articular triamcinolone vs saline on knee cartilage volume and pain in patients with knee osteoarthritis: a randomized clinical trial. *JAMA.* 2017. 317(19):1967 - 1975. DOI: 10.1001/jama.2017.5283.

stored at room temperature. Batches of EP-104 are currently manufactured at the projected initial batch scale required for launch, and the Company intends to further minimize the cost of goods before commercial use, if approved.

Non-clinical Studies

Eupraxia has completed 17 non-clinical investigations with EP-104IAR, including a large IND - enabling non-clinical study in dogs. Non-clinical data have indicated that after a single high-dose IAR injection of EP-104 to the knees of dogs, FP was released locally for greater than ten months with moderate exposure in the plasma. There was no evidence of cartilage damage in dogs over the ten-month follow-up period at any administered doses. In this study, a low dose of EP-104IAR released FP locally for longer than eight months with minimal systemic exposure. This dose was used to justify the dose selection in the ongoing Phase 2 clinical trial. Both U.S. and European competent authorities have reviewed the body of non-clinical safety data and deemed this information suitable to support clinical research studies.

Several non-clinical studies are underway to support the planned Phase 3 program. These activities include safety and biocompatibility evaluations of EP-104 excipients as well as non-clinical studies to provide information needed to support the potential EP-104 label (e.g., a multi-dose non-clinical study required to enable multi-dose clinical studies).

Clinical Studies

EP-104IAR has been used in two clinical studies in OA patients. Eupraxia completed a Phase 1, double-blind, placebo-controlled clinical study (protocol EP-104-101) to assess safety, PK and preliminary efficacy in 32 knee OA patients at three sites in Canada.¹² The single 15 mg dose was generally well tolerated and showed predictable PK. The study was not powered to detect efficacy; however, patient-reported outcome measures were collected and analyzed to evaluate pain and symptom relief. Despite the limitations of this study (small size, low dose, significant underdosing in nine subjects, and high placebo response), the Company believes it provides tolerability and PK data and preliminary clinical activity data that support future development of EP-104IAR. Results of the study have been published in *Osteoarthritis and Cartilage Open*.¹³

A Phase 2 clinical study for EP-104IAR is currently underway at sites in Denmark, Poland and Czech Republic.¹⁴ The study is designed to evaluate the efficacy, safety and PK of a single dose of 25 mg EP-104 over six months in patients with moderate knee OA as defined by Kellgren Lawrence Grading. The primary endpoint in the trial is the change from baseline Western Ontario and McMaster Universities Osteoarthritis Index (WOMAC) pain scores at 12 weeks as compared to that of placebo. Secondary endpoints include comparative measures of pain and function at 12 and 24 weeks. The trial is being run by Nordic BioScience Clinical Development, who have a proven track record in OA clinical trials. In December 2022, the trial completed enrollment with top-line data readout anticipated in Q2 2023.

There have been two significant changes to the Phase 2 protocol since inception:

- Based on the generally favourable tolerability profile observed during the Data Safety Monitoring Board (“DSMB”) review, the Company is now including patients with a diabetes diagnosis in its Phase 2 trial. Diabetics represent a meaningful percentage of patients diagnosed with OA, and inclusion of this important subgroup will provide valuable additional data to guide further drug development.
- Magnetic Resonance Imaging (“MRI”) will be conducted in a small subset of the total study population to further characterize the safety profile of EP-104IAR and help assess EP-104IAR's differentiation as a treatment for OA. This elective imaging component is expected to help identify EP-104IAR-induced reductions in inflammation, assess ongoing cartilage health in patients and better inform the utility of imaging

¹² Details of the Phase 1 clinical study can be found on the US National Institutes of Health database Clinicaltrials.gov, reference number NCT02609126.

¹³ Amanda Malone, James Price, Nicola Price, Vik Peck, Alan Getgood, Robert Petrella, James Helliwell. Safety and pharmacokinetics of EP-104 (sustained-release fluticasone propionate) in knee osteoarthritis: A randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled Phase 1 trial, *Osteoarthritis and Cartilage Open*, Volume 3, Issue 4, 2021, 100213, ISSN 2665-9131, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ocarto.2021.100213>.

¹⁴ Details of the Phase 2 trial can be found on the US NIH database Clinicaltrials.gov; reference number NCT04120402.

in the planned Phase 3 program. Scans will follow patients at zero, three, six- and 12-months post treatment with either placebo or EP-104IAR.

To seek marketing approval for EP-104IAR, the Company will be required to carry out at least one Phase 3 study with at least several hundred patients. The target patient population will depend on our clinical advisors' advice, key opinion leaders, discussions with regulatory authorities, and the results from the Phase 2 study. In the Phase 3 program, Eupraxia anticipates patients will participate in the trial for 12 months. In addition to efficacy and safety assessments, Eupraxia plans to further evaluate the impact of EP-104IAR on cartilage health (e.g., via X-Ray and/or MRI).

To fulfil requirements under the 505(b)(2) pathway, Eupraxia may also be required to conduct a clinical trial to establish PK equivalence between EP-104 and Flovent® HFA. Additional clinical studies and/or analyses may be required for alternate regulatory jurisdictions.

Regulatory

Eupraxia participated in a pre-IND meeting with the FDA regarding the OA program before submission and subsequent clearance of an IND, allowing evaluation of the product candidate under the Phase 2 OA protocol. Eupraxia intends to engage in discussions with the relevant competent authorities following the completion of the Phase 2 study to confirm the design of the Phase 3 OA development program.

Eupraxia anticipates submitting a New Drug Application (“NDA”) under the *Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act*, Section 505(b)(2) with the FDA, for approval of EP-104 in OA, which is required before marketing a new drug in the United States. A 505(b)(2) NDA will rely in part on non-clinical studies and clinical trials conducted by Eupraxia, and in part on third-party findings of safety and efficacy for the active ingredient for which Eupraxia does not have a right of reference or which have been established in the scientific literature in the public domain. Eupraxia intends to support marketing approval and commercialization of EP-104 in the United States and globally.

Development Timelines for EP-104IAR

Eupraxia currently anticipates advancing the development of EP-104IAR through to completion of Phase 2 and initiation of Phase 3. The figure below summarizes our current estimates of development timelines for EP-104IAR.

Eupraxia’s Estimated Product Development Timelines to Initiation of Phase 3

EP-104 Development Milestones	2021				2022				2023			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Phase 2 Efficacy Study												
Manufacturing Optimization for Phase 3												
Non-clinical Studies to support Phase 3												
End of Phase 2 Meeting												
Phase 3 Program Startup												

EP-104GI for Eosinophilic Esophagitis (EoE)

EP-104 is also being developed for the treatment of EoE, a rare immune-mediated disease recognized by the U.S. National Organization for Rare Disorders; adaptations to the original formulation of EP-104 will result in the creation of EP-104GI for this specific indication.

EoE is characterized by inflammation and the accumulation of large numbers of eosinophils (a type of white blood cells) within the epithelial lining of the esophagus. In adults, EoE leads to dysphagia and food impaction. In children, it often presents with irritability, nausea and vomiting. Patients with EoE frequently develop esophageal strictures, a narrowing or tightening of the esophagus, accompanied by proliferations of fibrotic tissue.¹⁵

Clinical Development of EP-104GI for EoE

Manufacturing

The EoE formulation for EP-104 (EP-104GI) utilizes the same coated and cured FP particles as used in the OA program. However, Eupraxia anticipates refinements to both the dose and vehicle to optimize patient outcomes in EoE.

Clinical Studies

Eupraxia commenced patient recruitment in the first quarter of 2023 for an open label Phase 1b/2a clinical study using EP-104 in EoE. The study will be conducted in up to 15 adult patients with a confirmed diagnosis and active EoE symptoms. Primary outcomes for safety, PK and efficacy will be collected at various points over a 12-week total period, with a subsequent safety follow up at six (6) months. Efficacy data is anticipated to read out in the fourth quarter of 2023. The Company anticipates interim readouts in this program commencing in the third quarter of 2023. Competent authorities and ethics review boards have cleared the protocol for conduct in Canada, the Netherlands and Australia. Additional jurisdictions will be added as necessary to complete target recruitment. The trial will be conducted by Alimentiv Inc. – a niche gastrointestinal CRO with experience in managing EoE clinical trials.

Subsequent steps in the research program will be determined following analysis of results as well as interaction with key opinion leaders and regulatory authorities. To seek marketing approval for EP-104GI in EoE, the Company will be required to carry out at least one Phase 3 study assessing both efficacy (reduced eosinophils and improved symptoms) and safety of EP-104GI in this indication.

Eupraxia Business Strategy

Eupraxia's goal is to deliver long-acting medications based on proven treatments in areas of high unmet medical need.

Our focus over the 24 months following the date of this MD&A will be the execution of the EP-104 development programs, including:

- Completion of the Phase 2 OA clinical study to evaluate the safety and efficacy of EP-104IAR to support a new drug application;
- Completion of the Phase 1b/2a EoE clinical study to evaluate the safety and efficacy of EP-104GI;
- Manufacturing optimization to simplify the supply chain, and manufacture Phase 3 material;
- Complete non-clinical studies to support subsequent Phase 3 clinical studies that would enhance the EP-104IAR label for OA (e.g., a multi-dose study) and evaluate the safety and biocompatibility of all excipients;
- Conduct End of Phase 2 meeting(s) with relevant competent authorities and explore program options designed to facilitate and expedite drug development and market authorization (e.g., Fast Track, Breakthrough Therapy, Orphan Drug Designation);
- Initiate the Phase 3 clinical program of EP-104IAR to support a new drug application for OA;
- Progress the clinical EoE research program; and
- Continue to strengthen the IP portfolio around the EP-104 technology.

In parallel, the Company will seek out licencing, co-development or marketing partners for its technology, with the potential to expand and exploit its application fully. It is the Company's intention to put in place conditions and resources that support the success of the development program, marketing authorization(s) and commercialization across multiple jurisdictions, as well as exploitation of any opportunities for lifecycle and patent extension. Depending

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on market conditions, this may take the form of co-development or commercialization partnerships, transactional opportunities and/or public financing options.

Pipeline programs are another area of potential growth in the next 24 months. Eupraxia’s technology is potentially compatible with various drugs and therapeutic indications. The pipeline strategy focuses on modulating the release of existing drugs to achieve better clinical outcomes in areas of high medical need. The technology has the potential to be particularly suitable for diseases requiring precisely targeted and controlled localized therapy where broader tissue or systemic exposure should be avoided (e.g., tumour oncology). The Company has previously investigated indications involving post-surgical pain (EP-105) and post-surgical site infections (EP-201). While both programs demonstrated preclinical evidence supporting Eupraxia’s technology, they have been paused so the Company can remain focused on the other programs described previously in the MD&A.

The Company currently has several pipeline candidates in development with a goal to add a pipeline product candidate over the next 24 months to allow for sustained corporate growth. Eupraxia expects this to involve a multidisciplinary review of candidate drugs, formulation development, *in vitro* screening to identify the most promising lead candidates and non-clinical proof-of-concept studies. Information generated from these inquiries will determine whether the Company should proceed with further development.

Significant Company Events

Eupraxia’s CEO, Dr. James Helliwell presented at the 2023 Bloom Burton & Co. Healthcare Investor Conference in Toronto, ON from April 25-26.

Selected Financial Information

The financial information reported here-in has been derived from the interim condensed consolidated financial statements for the period ended March 31, 2023 prepared in accordance with IFRS as issued by the IASB including IAS 34 “Interim Financial Reporting”. The Canadian dollar is the Company’s functional and presentation currency. From time to time, the Company may deal with manufacturers and consultants in other countries (primarily the United States). Our financial results may be subject to fluctuations between the Canadian dollar and other international currencies, primarily the U.S. dollar.

Selected Interim Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position Data

	March 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
	\$	\$
Cash and cash equivalents	18,848,361	24,735,934
Net working capital surplus	17,037,825	21,034,673
Total assets	19,877,124	25,875,801
Total non-current financial liabilities	10,639,413	10,369,946
Equity attributable to owners of the Company	8,632,848	12,855,253
Non-controlling interest	1,574,026	1,491,678
Total shareholders’ equity	7,058,822	11,363,575

Cash and cash equivalents decreased by \$5,887,573 to \$18,848,361 as at March 31, 2023. This decrease was attributable primarily to the net loss of \$5,042,226 (less stock-based compensation of \$429,023 and accrued interest on the convertible debt facility with Silicon Valley Bank (“SVB”) of \$316,642) and vendor payments of \$1,965,584 offset by gross proceeds of \$308,450 received from the exercise of warrants and options.

Working capital decreased by \$3,996,848 to a surplus of \$17,037,825 as at March 31, 2023. This decrease was attributable primarily to the decrease in cash and equivalents (as described above) offset by a decrease of accounts payable and accrued liabilities of \$1,965,584.

Total assets decreased by \$5,998,677 to \$19,877,124 as at March 31, 2023. This decrease was primarily due to the decrease in cash and cash equivalents referenced above.

Total non-current financial liabilities increased by \$269,467 to \$10,639,413 as at March 31, 2023. This increase was attributable to accrued interest on the convertible debt facility with SVB.

The Company did not pay any dividends or make any distributions to shareholders in any of the above periods.

Selected Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss Data

	3 months ended March 31, 2023	3 months ended March 31, 2022
	\$	\$
Revenue	-	-
Loss and comprehensive loss – Owners of the Company	(4,959,878)	(3,690,782)
Loss and comprehensive loss – Non-controlling interest	(82,348)	(68,764)
Net loss and comprehensive loss	(5,042,226)	(3,759,546)
Weighted average shares outstanding, basic and diluted	21,704,284	14,242,595
Loss per share, basic and diluted – Owners of the Company	(0.23)	(0.26)
Loss per share, basic and diluted – Non-controlling interest	(0.00)	(0.00)

The comprehensive loss for the three months ended March 31, 2023 increased by \$1,282,680 when compared to the three months ended March 31, 2022, primarily due to an increase in general and administration costs of \$520,526 and an increase in research and development expenses of \$962,570.

While a few of the Company’s vendors have inflationary clauses in their contracts, this is not the case with the Company’s biggest vendor. As such, the impact of inflation is immaterial.

Comparison of the Quarter Ended March 31, 2023 and 2022

Results of Operations

	3 months ended March 31, 2023	3 months ended March 31, 2022
	\$	\$
General and administrative expenses	1,400,568	880,042
Research and development expenses	2,908,336	1,945,766
Depreciation and amortization	48,617	39,365
Share-based payments	429,023	526,342
Other expenses	255,682	368,031
Net loss and comprehensive loss	5,042,226	3,759,546

General and Administrative

General and administrative expenses consist of office and administrative costs (including insurance and travel), professional fees, public company costs, salaries and benefits.

Comparing the three months ended March 31, 2023, to the same period in 2022, general and administrative activities increased by \$520,526. This increase is due primarily to the following items:

- An increase of \$130,779 related to salaries and benefits as a result of headcount and salary increases.
- An increase of \$95,922 related to increased travel associated with business development activities.
- An increase of \$296,774 related to professional fees, of which \$250,972 is related to increased business development activities.

Research and Development

Comparing the three months ended March 31, 2023, to the same period in 2022, research and development activities increased by \$962,570. This increase is due primarily to the following items:

- An increase of \$605,086 related to costs associated with direct research programs.
- An increase of \$178,583 related to pipeline development and other research and development costs.
- An increase of \$87,624 related to salaries and benefits as a result of headcount and salary increases.
- A decrease of \$91,277 related to government grants and tax incentives.

Other Expenses

Comparing the three months ended March 31, 2023, to the same period in 2022, other income and expense decreased by \$112,350. This decrease is due primarily to the following items:

- An increase of \$184,808 to interest income as a result of an increase in the Canadian prime rate for the purposes of interest on cash and cash equivalents.
- An increase of \$171,773 to interest expense as a result of an increase in the Canadian prime rate for the purposes of interest on the convertible debt facility.
- An increase of \$99,499 related to foreign exchange gain. The increase in foreign exchange gain is a result of fluctuations in the U.S. and Australian exchange rate versus the Canadian dollar on our U.S. and Australian denominated assets and liabilities during the current period.

Summary of Quarterly Results

The information in the tables below has been derived from the Company's unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements. The Company's quarterly operating results have varied substantially in the past and may vary substantially in the future. Accordingly, the information below is not necessarily indicative of results for any future quarter.

	Mar 31, 2023	Dec 31, 2022	Sep 30, 2022	Jun 30, 2022	Mar 31, 2022	Dec 31, 2021	Sep 30, 2021	Jun 30, 2021
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income (loss)	(5,042,226)	(9,083,187)	(4,794,758)	(6,279,724)	(3,759,546)	(3,777,460)	(5,135,184)	(5,595,065)

Loss per share, basic and diluted	(0.23)	(0.41)	(0.22)	(0.32)	(0.26)	(0.27)	(0.36)	(0.42)
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The net loss of the Company has increased since the completion of its Initial Public Offering ("IPO") in the first quarter of 2021. This is a result of the commencement of activities associated with the Phase 2 clinical trial for EP-104IAR, Phase 1b/2a clinical trial of EP-104GI, and general and administration expenses and other expenses that were associated with the IPO. This trend is expected to continue into the future. Research and development expenses are expected to remain high as we undertake clinical trials and incur significant costs for CROs and consultants, and further investment in additional drug candidates in support of broader pipeline development. General and administrative expenses are likely to remain high in the future as a result of increased costs associated with public company compliance.

Use of Proceeds

The following tables show the estimated use of net proceeds for each financing, compared with the actual use of net proceeds:

March 2021 Financing

	Estimated Amount to be Expended \$	Actual Amount Expended \$
Research and Development	26,078,000	26,078,000
General and administrative expenses	11,742,000	11,742,000
Total	37,820,000	37,820,000

April 2022 Financing

	Estimated Amount to be Expended \$	Actual Amount Expended \$
Research and Development	8,500,000	5,098
General and administrative expenses	5,100,000	20
Total	13,600,000	5,118

There have been no material variances to the way the Company intended to use proceeds from the financings.

Liquidity, Capital Resources and Outlook, Management of Cash Resources

As at March 31, 2023, the Company had cash and cash equivalents of \$18,848,361 (December 31, 2022 - \$24,735,934) and a working capital balance of \$17,037,825 (December 31, 2022 – working capital balance of \$21,034,673).

The Company's business currently does not generate revenue or positive cash flows from operations and is reliant on equity and debt financing to provide the necessary cash to continue its research and development activities and ongoing operations. There can be no assurance that equity financings will be available in the future with terms that are satisfactory to the Company.

The Company's cash flow forecasts are continually updated to reflect actual cash inflows and outflows so to monitor the requirements and timing for additional financial resources. Given the volatility of the Canadian, U.S. dollar ("USD"), and Australian dollar ("AUD") exchange rate, the Company estimates its USD and AUD expenses for the

year and sets aside appropriate levels of USD and AUD cash. By holding USD and AUD, the Company remains subject to currency fluctuations which effect its loss during any given year.

Further, we continue to monitor additional opportunities to raise equity capital and/or secure additional funding through non-dilutive sources such as government grants and additional license agreements. However, it is possible that our cash and working capital position may not be enough to meet our business objectives in the event of unforeseen circumstances or a change in our strategic direction.

The Company completed an Offering for gross proceeds of \$41,000,000 and entered into the Debt Agreement with SVB for an additional \$10,000,000 during the course of 2021. In addition, the Company completed an Offering of approximately \$14,700,000 on April 20, 2022. These funds are being used to fund our clinical trials in EP-104IAR and EP-104GI and advance other drugs in the Company’s pipeline. The remainder of the net proceeds will be used for working capital and general corporate purposes and based on current forecasts, will be sufficient to fund the Company through to the fourth quarter of 2023.

Comparison of Cash Flow for the three months ended March 31, 2023 and 2022.

	Three Months ended March 31, 2023 \$	Three Months ended March 31, 2022 \$
Net cash provided by (used in):		
Operating activities	(6,164,269)	(3,884,415)
Investing activities	(10,892)	(6,777)
Financing activities	260,228	(45,153)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(5,914,933)	(3,936,345)
Foreign Exchange effect on cash	27,360	(74,928)

Cash used in operating activities for the three months ended March 31, 2023 increased by \$2,279,854 compared to the same period in the prior year. The primary driver was the increase in expenditure on the EP-104IAR program as we undertake our Phase 2 clinical trial, increased business development initiatives, payment of accounts payable and accrued liabilities, and increased salary costs.

Cash used by investing activities for the three months ended March 31, 2023 increased by \$4,115 compared to the same period in the prior year. The primary driver of the increase was the purchase of fixed assets.

Cash provided by financing activities for the three months ended March 31, 2023 increased by \$305,381 compared to the same period in the prior year. The primary driver of the increase was the redemption of warrants and options.

Going Concern

The interim condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis with the assumption that the Company will be able to realize its assets and discharge its liabilities and commitments in the normal course of business. At March 31, 2023, the Company had cash and cash equivalents of \$18,848,361, and working capital of \$17,037,825 and the Company has not yet generated revenue from operations. The Company incurred a net loss of \$5,042,226 during the three months ended March 31, 2023 and, as of that date, the Company’s accumulated deficit was \$102,406,014. As the Company is in the research and development stage, the recoverability of the costs incurred to date is dependent upon the ability of the Company to obtain the necessary funding to complete the research and development of its projects and upon future commercialization or proceeds from the monetization of research activities to date. The Company will periodically have to raise funds to continue operations and, although it has been successful in doing so in the past, there is no assurance it will be able to do so in the future, especially with the ongoing developments between Russia and Ukraine affecting the global capital markets in addition to the ongoing impact of COVID-19. Recent developments with Silicon Valley Bank (“SVB”) have not impacted the Company’s outlook for cash runway. The Company holds no amounts on deposit with SVB and the convertible debt facility which matures in June 2024 remains in good standing, is fully drawn and is not callable by SVB. The Company is

active in its pursuit of additional funding through potential partnering and other strategic activities as well as grants to fund future research and development activities, and additional equity financing.

The continued operations of the Company are dependent on its ability to generate future cash flows or obtain additional funding. There is a risk that in the future, additional financing will not be available on a timely basis or on terms acceptable to the Company. These events and conditions indicate a material uncertainty which may cast significant doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. The interim condensed consolidated financial statements do not include any adjustments to the amounts and classification of assets and liabilities that might be necessary should the Company be unable to continue in business.

Long-Term Obligations and Other Contractual Commitments

The Company may be required to make milestone, royalty, and other research and development funding payments under research and development collaboration and other agreements with third parties. These payments are contingent upon the achievement of specific development, regulatory and/or commercial milestones. The Company has not accrued for these payments as at March 31, 2023 due to the uncertainty over whether these milestones will be achieved. The Company's significant contingent milestone, royalty and other research and development commitments are as follows:

Auritec License Agreement

Auritec is a privately held clinical-stage drug delivery company that holds patents in the field of extended-release delivery of drug products utilizing its proprietary drug delivery platform, the "Plexis Platform". Eupraxia, through its subsidiary, Eupraxia USA, is a party to an amended and restated license agreement dated effective October 9, 2018 (as further amended, the "**Amended and Restated License Agreement**") with Auritec.

Under the terms of the Amended and Restated License Agreement, Auritec has granted Eupraxia USA an exclusive license (including the right to sublicense to its affiliates and third parties) under the licensed patents held by Auritec and for all the technical information and know-how relating to the technology claimed in the licensed patents held by Auritec with respect to the use of the Plexis Platform for the delivery of fluticasone in all medical fields (except for the Excluded Fields (as defined in the Amended and Restated License Agreement)), to develop, make, have made, manufacture, use, commercialize, sell, sub-license, offer for sale, import, and have imported the Licensed Products (as defined in the Amended and Restated License Agreement).

Pursuant to the terms of the Amended and Restated License Agreement, in consideration for the rights and exclusive license granted to Eupraxia USA, Eupraxia USA paid the Upfront Fee (as defined in the Amended and Restated License Agreement) of USD5,000,000 by the end of December 31, 2021 with the agreement currently in good standing.

In addition to the Upfront Fee, pursuant to the Amended and Restated License Agreement, Eupraxia USA has agreed to pay Auritec up to USD30 million upon achievement of certain regulatory and commercial milestones related to Licensed Products under the Amended and Restated License Agreement as well as a royalty of 4% of net sales of Licensed Products by Eupraxia USA or its affiliates, subject to certain reductions.

The following table summarizes the milestone payment schedule. As of March 31, 2023, none of these milestones have been achieved and no further payments have been made to Auritec:

Milestone Event	Milestone Payment (USD)
Successful Completion of a Phase 2b Study	5,000,000
First OA Regulatory Approval	5,000,000
Second OA Regulatory Approval	5,000,000
Non-OA Indication Regulatory Approval	10,000,000
First calendar year in which aggregate Net Sales by Eupraxia USA, its affiliates and sublicenses exceed USD500,000,000	5,000,000
Maximum amount payable	30,000,000

Eupraxia USA has also agreed to pay to Auritec 20% of sublicensing royalties or other consideration based on net sales of Licensed Products. Eupraxia USA has further agreed to pay Auritec a percentage of Non-Royalty Monetization Revenue (as defined in the Amended and Restated License Agreement), which includes payments received for a sale of Eupraxia USA or its assets or sale or sublicense of a Licensed Product, which percentage ranges from 10% to 30% depending on the development stage of the most-advanced Licensed Product, up to a maximum of USD100 million. The following table summarizes the Non-Royalty Monetization Revenue percentage schedule:

Date of Execution	Percentage of Non-Royalty Monetization Revenue
Prior to Successful Completion of a Phase 2b Study	30%
After Successful Completion of a Phase 2b Study but prior to Successful Completion of a Phase 3 Study	20%
After Successful Completion of a Phase 3 Study but prior to Regulatory Approval of a Product in the Eupraxia Field from FDA in the United States	15%
After Regulatory Approval of a Product in the Eupraxia Field from FDA in the United States	10%

Lease Agreement

On October 21, 2019, the Company entered into a lease agreement for its head office located at Suite 201 – 2067 Cadboro Bay Road, Victoria BC. The lease is for a period of 5 years, expiring November 30, 2024. The annual base rent for the lease is \$87,696 with anticipated additional annual rent of \$92,568 to cover the Company's share of property taxes and operating costs. Additional rent is subject to adjustment at the end of each lease year based on actual costs incurred.

Convertible Debt Facility

On June 21, 2021, the Company entered into the Debt Agreement with SVB and concurrently drew down, in full, the \$10 million principal amount under the Debt Agreement.

The Debt Agreement has a term of 36 months or 48 months at SVB's election. The Debt Agreement accrues interest at the greater of 2.45% and the Canadian prime rate, requiring monthly interest payments. An additional payment in kind will accrue at a rate of 7% per annum, which will be settled at maturity or on conversion.

Subject to the terms and conditions of the Debt Agreement, SVB may elect to convert the principal amount of the convertible debt and the accrued and unpaid interest thereon into Common Shares at a conversion price equal to \$5.68 per Common Share. The conversion price of the accrued and unpaid interest will be subject to the minimum pricing requirements of the TSX, to the extent applicable, at the time of conversion.

The Company will have the right (the "**Call Right**") to call the convertible debt by paying to SVB an amount equal to:

- i. 125% of the principal amount of the convertible debt (less principal amounts previously repaid), if the Call Right is exercised on or before the 18 month anniversary of the date of the Debt Agreement; and
- ii. 150% of the principal amount of the convertible debt (less principal amounts previously repaid), if the Call Right is exercised after the 18 month anniversary of the date of the Debt Agreement,

in either case together with all accrued and unpaid interest on the principal balance of the convertible debt. If the Call Right is exercised by the Company, SVB will retain certain lookback rights in the event the Company subsequently announces its topline data from its Phase 2 clinical study or the Company enters into an agreement to be acquired in the 12 months following the exercise of the Call Right. The Company has agreed to grant SVB a security interest in all of its assets, excluding its patents and other intellectual property, and the testing and product equipment by way of the loan agreement it entered into on September 10, 2021 as security for its obligations under the Debt Agreement.

The Company was required, on or prior to June 30, 2022, to raise additional net new capital, as defined in the Debt Agreement, in the aggregate amount of \$10 million. This net new capital could originate from, but was not restricted to, a variety of sources as outlined in the Debt Agreement and could include up to \$5 million in reduced project expenses. On April 20, 2022, the Company closed an Offering for gross proceeds of \$14.7 million that satisfied this requirement.

On March 10, 2023, SVB failed and its holdings were transferred on March 13 2023 to Silicon Valley Bridge Bank, N.A (“**Bridge Bank**”) being operated by the US Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (“**FDIC**”). On March 15, 2023, the Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions (“**OSFI**”) announced that it had seized permanent control of SVB’s Canadian business (which includes the Company’s current Debt Agreement) which it had previously seized temporarily on March 12, 2023. The Ontario Superior Court of Justice granted a winding up order and have appointed a third party to begin an orderly, court-supervised process to restructure the branch to ensure an orderly transition of SVB’s Canadian branch to Bridge Bank. On March 27, 2023, First Citizens Bank & Trust Company entered into an agreement with FDIC to purchase substantially all loans and certain other assets and assume all customer deposits and certain other liabilities of Bridge Bank. The Company’s Debt Agreement with SVB remains in good standing as at the date of approval of these consolidated financial statements and is fully drawn.

Summary of Contractual Obligations

As of March 31, 2023, and in the normal course of business, the Company has the following obligations to make future payments, representing contracts and other commitments that are known and committed.

Contractual Obligations	Total	Less than 1 year	1 - 3 years
Convertible Debt	\$ 10,532,171	\$ -	\$ 10,532,171
Loans Payable	166,029	109,040	56,989
Lease Liability	146,160	87,696	58,464
Total Contractual Obligations	\$ 10,844,360	\$ 196,736	\$ 10,647,624

Transactions with Related Parties

There were no ongoing contractual commitments and transactions with related parties during the three months ended March 31, 2023 and 2022, other than those compensation-based payments disclosed in Note 17 - Related Parties of the interim condensed consolidated financial statements.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

The Company has no material undisclosed off-balance sheet arrangements that have or are reasonably likely to have, a current or future effect on our results of operations or financial condition.

Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements requires management to make certain estimates, judgments and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and reported amounts of expenses during the reporting year, which, by their nature, are uncertain. Actual outcomes could differ from these estimates. The impacts of such estimates are pervasive throughout the consolidated financial statements, and may require accounting adjustments based on future events. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the year in which the estimate is revised and future periods if the revision affects both current and future years. These estimates are based on historical experience, current and future economic conditions and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Critical accounting estimates

Significant assumptions about the future and other sources of estimation uncertainty that management has made at the end of the reporting period, that could result in a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the event that actual results differ from assumptions made, relate to, but are not limited to, the following:

- i) Share-based payments are measured at fair value, using the Black-Scholes option pricing model, at the grant date and expensed over the vesting period. In determining the fair value, the Company makes estimates of the expected volatility of the shares, the expected life of the share-based instrument, and an estimated risk-free interest rate; and
- ii) The determination of the amount allocated to the liability and equity components (for those financial instruments that are comprised of both). This requires management to estimate various components and characteristics of present value calculations used in determining the fair value of the instrument, including the market interest rates of non-convertible debentures.

Critical accounting judgments

Critical accounting judgments are accounting policies that have been identified as being complex or involving subjective judgments or assessments. The Company's management made the following critical accounting judgments:

- i) The determination of whether the Company is in the "research" or "development" stage of operations. During the research stage of operations, all expenditures associated with the advancement of the technology are expensed in the period they are incurred;
- ii) The determination of the functional currency of the Company and its subsidiaries; and
- iii) Assessment of the appropriateness of the going concern assertion and events and conditions that indicate a material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt thereon.

Accounting Standards Issued and Adopted

No new standards, amendments to standards, or interpretations to existing standards were adopted during the three months ended March 31, 2023 which have had a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

Accounting Standards and Amendments Issued but Not Yet Adopted

There are new accounting standards, amendments to accounting standards and interpretations that are effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2024 that have not been applied in preparing the interim condensed consolidated financial statements. These standards and interpretations are not expected to have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

Financial Instruments

The Company's financial instruments consist of cash and cash equivalents, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, loans payable and convertible debt.

There were no changes to the Company's risk exposures or management of risks during the three months ended March 31, 2023. The Company's risk exposures and the impact on the Company's financial instruments are summarized below:

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation. The Company believes it has no significant credit risk, as its cash and cash equivalents being its primary exposure to credit risk, is with a large Canadian bank. The Company's maximum exposure to credit risk is the carrying value of these financial assets.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that an entity will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities that are settled by delivering cash or another financial asset. The Company's approach to managing liquidity risk is to ensure that it will have sufficient liquidity to meet liabilities when due. As at March 31, 2023, the Company had cash and cash equivalents of \$18,848,361 (2022 - \$24,735,934) in addition to current liabilities of \$2,178,889 (2022 - \$4,142,280). Management is currently working on certain strategic alternatives including, but not limited to, financing arrangements. There is no assurance, however, that any or all of these alternatives will materialize or that additional funding will be available, if and when needed.

Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. Market risk comprises three types of risk: currency risk, interest rate risk and other price risk.

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The Company is exposed to interest rate cash flow risk; and to the extent that the prevailing market interest rates differ from the interest rate on the Company's monetary assets and liabilities, the Company is exposed to interest rate price risk. At March 31, 2023, the Company maintains a convertible debt facility totaling \$10,000,000 as well as having a loan of USD235,000 of which a principal balance of \$166,029 (USD122,685) remains as at March 31, 2023.

The convertible debt accrues interest at the greater of 2.45% and the Canadian prime rate, requiring monthly interest payments. An additional payment in kind accrues at a rate of 7% per annum, which will be settled at maturity or on conversion. The loan used to purchase equipment during the year ended December 31, 2021 accrues interest at a fixed rate of 5.84%.

As at March 31, 2023, management has determined the effect on the future results of operations due to a change in the current Canadian prime rate. An impact of a 1% change in the Canadian prime rate would impact the amount of interest to be paid over the remaining term of the convertible debt facility by approximately \$136,000.

Currency risk

Currency risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates. The Company is exposed to currency risk due to its frequency of transactions in US dollars. The Company does not use derivatives to hedge against this risk however, it has purchased US dollars to cover the majority of anticipated costs of the Company's Phase 2 clinical trial. At March 31, 2023, the Company held cash of USD2,290,415 (December 31, 2022 – USD1,159,926) had accounts payable of USD567,873 (December 31, 2022 – USD1,814,067) and a loan payable of USD122,685 (December 31, 2022 – USD142,127) which were translated to Canadian dollars at an exchange rate of 1.3533 (December 31, 2022 – 1.3544). The impact of a 10% change in the exchange rates would have an impact of approximately \$217,000 (December 31, 2022 – \$108,000) on profit or loss. The Company also has cash in Australian dollars and accounts payable in Australian

dollars and Euros. The impact of a 10% change in the exchanges of these currencies would have an immaterial effect on future cash flows.

Other price risk

Other price risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk and foreign currency risk), whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual financial instrument or its issuer or by factors affecting all similar financial instruments traded in the market. The Company is not exposed to significant price risk with respect to commodity or equity prices.

Fair Value Measurement

The Company categorizes its financial instruments measured at fair value into one of three different levels depending on the observation of inputs used in the measurement.

Level 1: Fair value is based on unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets

Level 2: Fair value is based on inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly

Level 3: Fair value is based on valuation techniques that require one or more significant unobservable inputs

The Company's financial instruments consist of cash and cash equivalents, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, loans payable and convertible debt. With the exception of convertible debt, the carrying value of the Company's financial instruments approximate their fair values due to their short-term maturities. The fair value of convertible debt approximates its carrying value due to minimal changes in interest rates and the Company's credit risk since issuance of the instruments.

Risks and Uncertainties

The primary risk factors affecting the Company are set forth under the heading "*Risk Factors*" in the Shelf Prospectus and the AIF.

Outstanding Share Capital

As of the date of this MD&A, the Company had 21,769,745 Common Shares issued and outstanding. The maximum number of additional Common Shares issuable, should all convertible rights be exercised are as follows:

Common Shares Issuable:	As of the date of MD&A
Options ⁽¹⁾	3,300,050
2013 Warrants ⁽²⁾	380,921
Founders Warrants ⁽³⁾	315,500
Underlying Founders Warrants ⁽⁴⁾	315,500
2021 30% Warrants ⁽⁵⁾	270,957
2021 10% Warrants ⁽⁶⁾	39,846
Class B Shares ⁽⁷⁾	562,500
Warrants – Listed EPRX.WT ⁽⁸⁾	2,826,274
Warrants – Listed EPRX.WT.A ⁽⁹⁾	7,331,550
Compensation Warrants ⁽¹⁰⁾	125,538
Nordic Warrants ⁽¹¹⁾	39,228
SVB Debt Facility ⁽¹²⁾	1,992,861
Total Common Shares Issuable	17,500,725

Notes:

- (1) Represents options outstanding under the Company's stock option plan, each having an exercise price between \$1.90 and \$8.00 and expiry dates ranging from March 31, 2025 to March 31, 2032.
- (2) Represents Warrants to acquire up to 380,921 Common Shares at an exercise price of \$0.7572 per share, with each such Warrant expiring 120 days after the Warrant holder or the holder's spouse ceases to be a director, officer or consultant of the Company.
- (3) Represents Warrants to acquire 315,500 Units, with each Unit consisting of one Common Share and one underlying Warrant (an "**Underlying Founder Warrant**") at an exercise price of \$0.4984 per Unit, expiring 120 days after the Warrant holder ceases to be a director, officer or consultant of the Company.
- (4) Represents Underlying Founder Warrants to acquire up to 315,500 Common Shares, at an exercise price of \$0.75 per share, expiring two years from the date of issuance of the Underlying Founder Warrant.
- (5) Represents Warrants to acquire up to 270,957 Common Shares at an exercise price of \$5.5993 per share, being a 30% discount to the per share price of the Common Shares issued and sold in the Offering, with expiry dates ranging from January 4, 2024 to January 8, 2024.
- (6) Represents Warrants to acquire up to 39,846 Common Shares at an exercise price of \$7.1991, being a 10% discount to the per share price of the Common Shares issued and sold in the Offering, with an expiry date of January 4, 2024.
- (7) Represents 562,500 Common Shares that are issuable upon conversion of the 225 Class B Shares of Eupraxia Pharma held by Amanda Malone, the Chief Scientific Officer of the Company. Each Class B Share is exchangeable into Common Shares based on an exchange rate of 2,500 Common Shares for each Class B Share, subject to adjustments upon the occurrence of certain events, for a total of 562,500 Common Shares. The Class B Shares are exchangeable by Ms. Malone at her election, provided that the Company may force the exchange of the Class B Shares into Common Shares at any time on or after January 31, 2031, or on or after January 31, 2026 if the Company is listed on a stock exchange and is a reporting issuer in Canada at such time. The Company may also force the exchange of the Class B Shares into Common Shares if there is a change of control transaction involving the Company, a change in law which makes the exchange necessary or desirable or if there are a de minimis number of Class B Shares outstanding. If the Company is listed on a stock exchange at the time of the applicable exchange, the Company may elect to pay Ms. Malone cash in lieu of issuing Common Shares, with such cash amount to be determined based on the then current market price of the Common Shares.
- (8) Each Warrant is exercisable into one Common Share (each, a "**Warrant Share**") at an exercise price of \$11.20 per Warrant Share at any time prior to 5:00 p.m. (Eastern time) on the date that is five years following the closing of the Offering, subject to adjustment in certain events. The Warrants include an acceleration provision, exercisable at the Company's option, if the Company's daily volume weighted average share price is greater than \$22.40 for five consecutive trading days.
- (9) Each Warrant entitles the holder thereof to acquire one Common Share at an exercise price of \$3.00 per Common Share for a period of 48 months following the closing date of the Offering, being April 20, 2022.
- (10) 500, 538 Warrants were issued to the agents of the Offering and represents 7% of the Units issued in the Offering including the over-allotment option (the "**Compensation Warrants**"). Each Compensation Warrant shall entitle the agents to acquire a Common Share at the Offering Price

of \$2.05 for a period of 48 months following completion of the Offering, being April 20, 2022. During 2022, 200,000 Warrants were exercised with another 150,000 Warrants exercised during early 2023.

- (11) Each Nordic Warrant is exercisable into one Common Share at an exercise price of \$11.20 per share at any time prior to 5:00 p.m. (Eastern time) on April 29, 2026, subject to adjustment in certain events. The Nordic Warrants include an acceleration provision, exercisable at the Company's option, if the Company's daily volume weighted average share price is greater than \$22.40 for five consecutive trading days.
- (12) SVB may elect to convert the principal amount of the convertible debt into Common Shares at a conversion price equal to \$5.68 per Common Share. SVB may also elect to convert accrued and unpaid interest, the conversion price of the accrued and unpaid interest will be subject to the minimum pricing requirements of the TSX, to the extent applicable at the time of conversion.

Disclosure Controls and Procedures and Internal Controls Over Financial Reporting

The Chief Executive Officer (“CEO”) and Chief Financial Officer (“CFO”) have designed or caused to be designed under their supervision, disclosure controls and procedures which provide reasonable assurance that material information regarding the Company is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management, including its CEO and CFO, in a timely manner.

In addition, the CEO and CFO have designed or caused to be designed under their supervision internal controls over financial reporting (“ICFR”) to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements. The control framework used to design the Company's ICFR uses the framework and criteria established in the *Internal Control-Integrated Framework* (2013), issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO).

A control system, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that its objectives are met. Due to inherent limitations in all such systems, no evaluations of controls can provide absolute assurance that all control issues, if any, within a company have been detected. Accordingly, our disclosure controls and procedures and our ICFR are effective in providing reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of our control systems have been met.

The CEO and the CFO have evaluated, or caused to be evaluated under their supervision, whether or not there were changes to its ICFR during the three months ended March 31, 2023 that have materially affected or are reasonably likely to materially affect the Company's ICFR. No such changes were identified through their evaluation and concluded that as at March 31, 2023, the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective to provide reasonable assurance that material information regarding required disclosures was made known to them on a timely basis. The Company's CEO and CFO will certify Eupraxia's annual filings with the Canadian securities regulatory authorities.

Additional Information

Additional information about the Company is available on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.