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EAGLE PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.
50 TICE BOULEVARD, SUITE 315, WOODCLIFF LAKE, NJ 07677
NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS
To Be Held On August 2, 2016

Dear Stockholder:

You are cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of **EAGLE PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.**, a Delaware corporation (the "Company"). The meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 2, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. local time in the New York office of the Company's outside counsel, Cooley LLP, The Grace Building, 1114 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036-7798 for the following purposes:

1. To elect the two nominees for director named herein to hold office until the 2019 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.
2. To ratify the selection by the audit committee of the Board of Directors of BDO USA, LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm of the Company for its fiscal year ending December 31, 2016.
3. To hold an advisory vote on executive compensation.
4. To hold an advisory vote on the frequency of holding an advisory vote on executive compensation.
5. To conduct any other business properly brought before the meeting.

These items of business are more fully described in the Proxy Statement accompanying this Notice.

The record date for the Annual Meeting is June 9, 2016. Only stockholders of record at the close of business on that date may vote at the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Stockholders' Meeting To Be Held on August 2, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the New York office of the Company's outside counsel, Cooley LLP, The Grace Building, 1114 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036-7798.

In accordance with rules approved by the Securities and Exchange Commission, we are providing this notice to our stockholders to advise them of the availability on the Internet of our proxy materials related to the Annual Meeting. The rules allow companies to provide access to proxy materials in one of two ways. Because we have elected to utilize the "full set delivery" option, we are delivering our proxy materials to our stockholders under the "traditional" method, by providing paper copies, as well as providing access to our proxy materials on a publicly accessible website.

This proxy statement and the annual report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 are available at www.proxyvote.com.

You are cordially invited to attend the meeting in person. Whether or not you expect to attend the meeting, please complete, date, sign and return the enclosed proxy or vote over the telephone or the internet as instructed in these materials, as promptly as possible, in order to ensure your representation at the meeting. Even if you have voted by proxy, you may still vote in person if you attend the meeting. Please note, however, that if your shares are held of record by a broker, bank or other nominee and you wish to vote at the meeting, you must obtain a proxy issued in your name from that record holder.

By Order of the Board of Directors
/s/ Scott Tarriff

Scott Tarriff
President and Chief Executive Officer

Woodcliff Lake, NJ

July 12, 2016

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PROXY STATEMENT
FOR THE 2016 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS
To be held on August 2, 2016

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THESE PROXY MATERIALS AND VOTING

Why am I receiving these materials?

We have sent you these proxy materials because the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Eagle Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (sometimes referred to as the "Company" or "Eagle") is soliciting your proxy to vote at the 2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "Annual Meeting"), including at any adjournments or postponements of the meeting. You are invited to attend the Annual Meeting to vote on the proposals described in this proxy statement. However, you do not need to attend the meeting to vote your shares. Instead, you may simply complete, sign and return the enclosed proxy card, or follow the instructions below to submit your proxy over the telephone or through the internet.

We intend to commence the mailing of these proxy materials on or about July 12, 2016 to all stockholders of record entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting.

How do I attend the Annual Meeting?

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 2, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. local time in the New York office of the Company's outside counsel, Cooley LLP, The Grace Building, 1114 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036-7798. Directions to the Annual Meeting may be found at <http://investor.eagleus.com/events-calendar>. Information on how to vote in person at the Annual Meeting is discussed below.

Who can vote at the Annual Meeting?

Only stockholders of record at the close of business on June 9, 2016 will be entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. On this record date, there were 15,636,387 shares of common stock outstanding and entitled to vote.

Stockholder of Record: Shares Registered in Your Name

If on June 9, 2016 your shares were registered directly in your name with Eagle's transfer agent, American Stock Transfer & Trust Company LLC, then you are a stockholder of record. As a stockholder of record, you may vote in person at the meeting or vote by proxy. Whether or not you plan to attend the meeting, we urge you to fill out and return the enclosed proxy card or vote by proxy over the telephone or the internet as instructed below to ensure your vote is counted.

Beneficial Owner: Shares Registered in the Name of a Broker or Bank

If on June 9, 2016 your shares were held, not in your name, but rather in an account at a brokerage firm, bank, dealer or other similar organization, then you are the beneficial owner of shares held in "street name" and these proxy materials are being forwarded to you by that organization. The organization holding your account is considered to be the stockholder of record for purposes of voting at the Annual Meeting. As a beneficial owner, you have the right to direct your broker or other agent regarding how to vote the shares in your account. You are also invited to attend the Annual Meeting. However, since you are not the stockholder of record, you may not vote your shares in person at the meeting unless you request and obtain a valid proxy from your broker or other agent.

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What am I voting on?

There are four matters scheduled for a vote:

Election of two directors;

Ratification of selection by the audit committee of the Board of BDO USA, LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm of the Company for its fiscal year ending December 31, 2016;

Advisory vote on executive compensation; and

Advisory vote on the frequency of an advisory vote on executive compensation.

What if another matter is properly brought before the meeting?

The Board knows of no other matters that will be presented for consideration at the Annual Meeting. If any other matters are properly brought before the meeting, it is the intention of the persons named in the accompanying proxy to vote on those matters in accordance with their best judgment.

How do I vote?

You may either vote "For" all the nominees to the Board or you may "Withhold" your vote for any nominee you specify. For both the approval of the appointment of BDO USA, LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for our fiscal year ending December 31, 2016 and for the advisory vote on executive compensation, you may vote "For" or "Against" or "Abstain." For the advisory vote on the frequency of an advisory vote on executive compensation, you may vote for any one of the following: every "One Year," "Two Years," or "Three Years," or you may abstain from voting on that matter.

The procedures for voting are fairly simple:

Stockholder of Record: Shares Registered in Your Name

If you are a stockholder of record, you may vote in person at the Annual Meeting, vote by proxy using the enclosed proxy card, vote by proxy over the telephone, or vote by proxy through the internet. Whether or not you plan to attend the meeting, we urge you to vote by proxy to ensure your vote is counted. You may still attend the meeting and vote in person even if you have already voted by proxy.

To vote in person, come to the Annual Meeting and we will give you a ballot when you arrive.

To vote using the proxy card, simply complete, sign and date the enclosed proxy card and return it promptly in the envelope provided. If you return your signed proxy card to us before the Annual Meeting, we will vote your shares as you direct.

To vote over the telephone, dial toll-free 1-800-690-6903 using a touch-tone phone and follow the recorded instructions. You will be asked to provide the company number and control number from the enclosed proxy card. Your telephone vote must be received by 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time on August 1, 2016 to be counted.

To vote through the internet, go to www.proxyvote.com to complete an electronic proxy card. You will be asked to provide the company number and control number from the enclosed proxy card. Your internet vote must be received by 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time on August 1, 2016 to be counted.

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Beneficial Owner: Shares Registered in the Name of Broker or Bank

If you are a beneficial owner of shares registered in the name of your broker, bank, or other agent, you should have received a voting instruction form with these proxy materials from that organization rather than from Eagle. Simply complete and mail the voting instruction form to ensure that your vote is counted.

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Alternatively, you may vote by telephone or over the internet as instructed by your broker or bank. To vote in person at the Annual Meeting, you must obtain a valid proxy from your broker, bank or other agent. Follow the instructions from your broker or bank included with these proxy materials, or contact your broker or bank to request a proxy form.

Internet proxy voting is being provided to allow you to vote your shares online, with procedures designed to ensure the authenticity and correctness of your proxy vote instructions. However, please be aware that you must bear any costs associated with your internet access, such as usage charges from internet access providers and telephone companies.

How many votes do I have?

On each matter to be voted upon, you have one vote for each share of common stock you own as of June 9, 2016.

What happens if I do not vote?

Stockholder of Record: Shares Registered in Your Name

If you are a stockholder of record and do not vote by completing your proxy card, by telephone, through the internet or in person at the Annual Meeting, your shares will not be voted.

Beneficial Owner: Shares Registered in the Name of Broker or Bank

If you are a beneficial owner and do not instruct your broker, bank, or other agent how to vote your shares, the question of whether your broker or nominee will still be able to vote your shares depends on whether the particular proposal is considered to be a routine matter under applicable rules. Brokers and nominees can use their discretion to vote "uninstructed" shares with respect to matters that are considered to be "routine" under applicable rules but not with respect to "non-routine" matters. Under applicable rules and interpretations, "non-routine" matters are matters that may substantially affect the rights or privileges of stockholders, such as mergers, stockholder proposals, elections of directors (even if not contested), executive compensation (including any advisory stockholder votes on executive compensation and on the frequency of stockholder votes on executive compensation), and certain corporate governance proposals, even if management-supported. Accordingly, your broker or nominee may not vote your shares on the election of directors (Proposal 1), the advisory vote on executive compensation (Proposal 3) or the advisory vote on the frequency of an advisory vote on executive compensation (Proposal 4) without your instructions, but may vote your shares on the ratification of BDO USA, LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal year 2016 (Proposal 2) even in the absence of your instruction.

What if I return a proxy card or otherwise vote but do not make specific choices?

If you return a signed and dated proxy card or otherwise vote without marking voting selections, your shares will be voted, as applicable, "For" the election of the two nominees for director named in this proxy statement, "For" the approval of the appointment of BDO USA, LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for our fiscal year ending December 31, 2016, "For" the advisory vote on executive compensation and every "Three Years" for the advisory vote on the frequency of an advisory vote on executive compensation. If any other matter is properly presented at the meeting, your proxyholder (one of the individuals named on your proxy card) will vote your shares using his or her best judgment.

Who is paying for this proxy solicitation?

The Company will pay for the entire cost of soliciting proxies. In addition to these proxy materials, the Company's directors and employees may also solicit proxies in person, by telephone, or by other means of communication. Directors and employees will not be paid any additional compensation for soliciting

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proxies. The Company may also reimburse brokerage firms, banks and other agents for the cost of forwarding proxy materials to beneficial owners.

What does it mean if I receive more than one set of proxy materials?

If you receive more than one set of proxy materials, your shares may be registered in more than one name or in different accounts. Please follow the voting instructions on the proxy card in the proxy materials to ensure that all of your shares are voted.

Can I change my vote after submitting my proxy?

Stockholder of Record: Shares Registered in Your Name

Yes. You can revoke your proxy at any time before the final vote at the meeting. If you are the record holder of your shares, you may revoke your proxy in any one of the following ways:

1. You may submit another properly completed proxy card with a later date;
2. You may grant a subsequent proxy by telephone or through the internet;
3. You may send a timely written notice that you are revoking your proxy to Eagle's Secretary at 50 Tice Boulevard, Suite 315, Woodcliff Lake, NJ 07677; or
4. You may attend the Annual Meeting and vote in person. Simply attending the meeting will not, by itself, revoke your proxy.

Your most current proxy card or telephone or internet proxy is the one that is counted.

Beneficial Owner: Shares Registered in the Name of Broker or Bank

If your shares are held by your broker or bank as a nominee or agent, you should follow the instructions provided by your broker or bank.

When are stockholder proposals and director nominations due for next year's Annual Meeting?

To be considered for inclusion in next year's proxy materials, your proposal must be submitted in writing by March 14, 2017, to the attention of the Secretary of Eagle Pharmaceuticals, Inc. at 50 Tice Boulevard, Suite 315, Woodcliff Lake, NJ 07677; provided, however, that if our 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders is not held between July 3, 2017 and September 1, 2017, to be timely, then the deadline is a reasonable amount of time prior to the date we begin to print and mail our proxy statement for the 2017 annual meeting of stockholders. If you wish to submit a proposal (including a director nomination) at the meeting that is not to be included in next year's proxy materials, you must do so in accordance with the Company's amended and restated bylaws (the "Bylaws"), which contain additional requirements about advance notice of stockholder proposals and director nominations. In addition, you must comply with all applicable requirements of Rule 14a-8 promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

How are votes counted?

Votes will be counted by the inspector of election appointed for the meeting, who will separately count, for the proposal to elect directors, votes "For," "Withheld" and broker non-votes; with respect to the appointment of BDO USA, LLP and the advisory vote on executive compensation, votes "For," "Against," abstentions and broker non-votes; and with respect to the advisory vote on the frequency of the advisory vote on executive compensation, votes for frequencies of every "One Year," "Two Years," or "Three Years," abstentions and broker non-votes.

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What are "broker non-votes"?

As discussed above, when a beneficial owner of shares held in "street name" does not give instructions to the broker or nominee holding the shares as to how to vote on matters deemed by the Nasdaq Stock Market LLC ("Nasdaq") to be "non-routine," the broker or nominee cannot vote the shares. These unvoted shares are counted as "broker non-votes."

How many votes are needed to approve each proposal?

For Proposal No. 1, the election of directors, the two nominees receiving the most "For" votes from the holders of shares present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote on the election of directors will be elected. Only votes "For" or "Withheld" will affect the outcome.

To be approved, Proposal No. 2, the ratification of the selection of BDO USA, LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal year 2016, must receive "For" votes from the holders of a majority of shares present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote on the matter. If you mark your proxy to "Abstain," it will have the same effect as an "Against" vote.

Proposal No. 3, the advisory vote on executive compensation, will be considered to be approved if it receives "For" votes from the holders of a majority of shares present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote on the matter. If you mark your proxy to "Abstain," it will have the same effect as an "Against" vote. Broker non-votes will have no effect.

For Proposal No. 4, the advisory vote on the frequency of the advisory vote on executive compensation, the frequency receiving the highest number of votes from the holders of shares present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting will be considered the frequency preferred by the stockholders. Abstentions and broker non-votes will have no effect.

Because your votes on Proposals 3 and 4 are advisory, they will not be binding on the Board or the Company. However, the Board will review the voting results and take them into consideration when making future decisions regarding executive compensation and the frequency of the advisory vote on executive compensation.

What is the quorum requirement?

A quorum of stockholders is necessary to hold a valid meeting. A quorum will be present if stockholders holding at least a majority of the outstanding shares entitled to vote are present at the meeting in person or represented by proxy. On the record date, there were 15,636,387 shares outstanding and entitled to vote. Thus, the holders of 7,818,194 shares must be present in person or represented by proxy at the meeting to have a quorum.

Your shares will be counted towards the quorum only if you submit a valid proxy (or one is submitted on your behalf by your broker, bank or other nominee) or if you vote in person at the meeting. Abstentions and broker non-votes will be counted towards the quorum requirement. If there is no quorum, the chairman of the meeting or the holders of a majority of shares present at the meeting in person or represented by proxy may adjourn the meeting to another date.

How can I find out the results of the voting at the Annual Meeting?

Preliminary voting results will be announced at the Annual Meeting. In addition, final voting results will be published in a current report on Form 8-K that we expect to file within four business days after the Annual Meeting. If final voting results are not available to us in time to file a Form 8-K within four business days after the meeting, we intend to file a Form 8-K to publish preliminary results and, within four business days after the final results are known to us, file an additional Form 8-K to publish the final results.

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What proxy materials are available on the internet?

The proxy statement and the annual report to stockholders are available at www.proxyvote.com.

How does the Company's recent change in fiscal year end affect this proxy statement?

On January 20, 2015, the Company's Board approved a change in the Company's fiscal year end from September 30 to December 31, as disclosed in a Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC. Accordingly, this proxy statement covers the transition period from October 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014, as well as the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015.

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PROPOSAL 1

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

CLASSIFIED BOARD

Eagle's Board is divided into three classes. Each class consists, as nearly as possible, of one-third of the total number of directors, and each class has a three-year term. Any vacancy in the Board may be filled by the vote of a majority of the directors then in office or by the stockholders at the next annual meeting thereof or at a special meeting thereof. A director elected by the Board to fill a vacancy in a class, including vacancies created by an increase in the number of directors, shall serve for the remainder of the full term of that class and until the director's successor is duly elected and qualified.

The Board presently has seven members. There are two directors in the class whose term of office expires in 2016. Each of the two nominees named below is currently a director of the Company. If elected at the Annual Meeting, each of these nominees would serve until the 2019 annual meeting and until his or her successor has been duly elected and qualified, or, if sooner, until the director's death, resignation or removal. The Company encourages its directors and nominees for director to attend the Annual Meeting. All then-current members of the Board attended our annual meeting of stockholders in 2015.

Directors are elected by a plurality of the votes of the holders of shares present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote on the election of directors. Accordingly, the two nominees receiving the highest number of affirmative votes will be elected. Shares represented by executed proxies will be voted, if authority to do so is not withheld, for the election of the two nominees. If any nominee becomes unavailable for election as a result of an unexpected occurrence, shares that would have been voted for that nominee will instead be voted for the election of a substitute nominee proposed by Eagle. Each person nominated for election has agreed to serve if elected. The Company's management has no reason to believe that any nominee will be unable to serve.

The following is a brief biography of each nominee and each director whose term will continue after the Annual Meeting.

NOMINEES FOR ELECTION FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM EXPIRING AT THE 2019 ANNUAL MEETING

Our nominating and corporate governance committee seeks to assemble a board that, as a whole, possesses the appropriate balance of professional and industry knowledge, financial expertise and high-level management experience necessary to oversee and direct the Company's business. To that end, the nominating and corporate governance committee has identified and evaluated nominees in the broader context of the Board's overall composition, with the goal of recruiting members who complement and strengthen the skills of other members and who also exhibit integrity, collegiality, sound business judgment and other qualities that the nominating and corporate governance committee views as critical to effective functioning of the Board. The brief biographies below include information, as of the date of this proxy statement, regarding the specific and particular experience, qualifications, attributes or skills of each director or nominee that led the nominating and corporate governance committee to believe that these nominees should continue to serve on the Board. However, each of the members of the nominating and corporate governance committee may have a variety of reasons why he or she believes a particular person would be an appropriate nominee for the Board, and these views may differ from the views of other members.

Sander Flaum

Sander A. Flaum has served as a member of our board of directors since March 2007. Since January 2005, Mr. Flaum has served as a principal of Flaum Navigators, a healthcare consultancy firm that he founded. Mr. Flaum has also served as the chief executive officer of Flaum Partners, Inc., a healthcare consultancy firm he founded, since August 2004. From 1991 to 2002, Mr. Flaum served as chairman and chief executive

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officer of Robert A. Becker Euro RSCG Becker (now Havas Health). Prior to that, Mr. Flaum held various positions during an 18-year career at Lederle Laboratories, a private vaccine manufacturer that is now Wyeth Pharmaceuticals, including as marketing director of prescription products, vaccines and generics. Mr. Flaum is a member of the Euro RSCG Healthcare Global Network, and he has served as its co-chairman since 1998. Mr. Flaum also serves on the board of directors of The Fisher College of Business at The Ohio State University, The James Cancer Center at the OSU Medical Center and the Fordham Graduate School of Business. In addition, Mr. Flaum serves on the boards of Lime Connect and Marathon Pharmaceuticals. Mr. Flaum is an adjunct professor of leadership and executive-in-residence at the Fordham University Graduate School of Business, where he chairs the Fordham Leadership Forum. Mr. Flaum holds a B.A. from The Ohio State University and an M.B.A. from Fairleigh Dickinson University. Our board of directors believes that Mr. Flaum's extensive experience in the pharmaceutical and biotech industries qualifies him to serve on our board of directors.

Scott Tarriff

Scott Tarriff is our founder and has served as our President and Chief Executive Officer and as a member of our board of directors since our inception in January 2007. Prior to joining Eagle, Mr. Tarriff held various executive positions at Par Pharmaceutical Companies, Inc., a publicly-traded developer, manufacturer and marketer of specialty pharmaceuticals, including as president and chief executive officer from September 2003 to September 2006, after joining Par in 1998. Mr. Tarriff also served on Par's board of directors from 2002 to September 2006. Prior to that, Mr. Tarriff held various positions with Bristol-Meyers Squibb, a publicly-traded biopharmaceutical company, including senior director-marketing. Mr. Tarriff has served as a director of Synthetic Biologics, Inc., a publicly-traded biotechnology company, since February 2012 and as a director of Ziopharm Oncology, Inc., a publicly-traded biotechnology company, since September 2015 and previously served on the board of directors of Clinical Data, Inc., a publicly-traded pharmaceutical company, from September 2009 to April 2011 when Clinical Data was acquired by Forest Laboratories, Inc. Mr. Tarriff holds a B.S. in marketing from Pennsylvania State University and an M.B.A. from Rider College. Our board of directors believes that Mr. Tarriff's extensive knowledge of our business, his management experience in the pharmaceutical industry, as well as his operational expertise, qualifies him to serve on our board of directors and as our President and Chief Executive Officer.

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE "FOR"
EACH NOMINEE NAMED IN PROPOSAL 1.**

DIRECTORS CONTINUING IN OFFICE UNTIL THE 2017 ANNUAL MEETING

Steven Ratoff

Steven B. Ratoff is a private investor who has served as a member of our board of directors since March 2007. From January 2010 to February 2016, Mr. Ratoff served as chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Novadel Pharma, Inc. a specialty pharmaceutical company. Mr. Ratoff's prior experience includes serving as a venture partner for ProQuest Investments from December 2004 to December 2013 and as chief executive officer of CIMA Labs, Inc., a specialty pharmaceutical company acquired by Cephalon in 2004. In addition, Mr. Ratoff served as chief financial officer of the Brown-Forman Company from 1995 to 2001. Mr. Ratoff holds a B.S. in business administration from Boston University and an M.B.A. with distinction from the University of Michigan. Our board of directors believes that Mr. Ratoff's extensive executive experience and background in the global pharmaceutical and consumer products industries as well as his strong financial background qualifies him to serve on our board of directors.

Douglas L. Braunstein

Douglas L. Braunstein has served as a member of our board of directors since July 2016. Since 2015, Mr. Braunstein has served as a managing partner and co-founder of Hudson Executive Capital LP, an

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investment firm focused on value creation as a strategic shareholder. Previously, Mr. Braunstein served in various roles at JPMorgan Chase & Co., including as vice chairman from 2013 to 2014, chief financial officer from 2010 to 2012, and also serving as a member of the company's operating committee from 2010 to 2012, head of Americas investment banking and global M&A from 2008 to 2010, and global head of industry coverage from 2002 to 2007 and M&A from 1997 to 2007. Mr. Braunstein graduated from Harvard Law School with a J.D. and from Cornell University with a B.S. in industrial and labor relations. Our board of directors believes that Mr. Braunstein's extensive executive experience and background in investment strategy and banking as well as his strong financial background qualifies him to serve on our board of directors.

DIRECTORS CONTINUING IN OFFICE UNTIL THE 2018 ANNUAL MEETING

David M. Pernock

David Pernock has served as a member of our board of directors since April 2015. Mr. Pernock has served as chairman of the board of directors since September 2009 and as chief executive officer since February 2010 of Fibrocell Science, Inc., a publicly-traded autologous cell and gene therapy company. From December 1993 until November 2009, Mr. Pernock held various positions at GlaxoSmithKline, eventually serving as senior vice president of pharmaceuticals, vaccines (biologics), oncology, acute care, and HIV divisions. From May 2009 until February 2011, Mr. Pernock served as a director of Martek Biosciences Corporation. Mr. Pernock holds a B.S. in business administration from Arizona State University. Our board of directors believes that Mr. Pernock's extensive industry and management experience qualify him to serve on our board of directors.

Michael Graves

Michael Graves has served as a member of our board of directors since November 2013. In June 2016, our board of directors appointed Mr. Graves chairman of the board. In January 2012 Mr. Graves joined the board of directors of RiboCor, Inc. and in December 2011, Mr. Graves was appointed chairman of the board of directors of Nanocopoeia, Inc., both private pharmaceutical companies. From May 2007 to July 2011, Mr. Graves served as the chief executive officer and president of Paddock Laboratories, Inc., a pharmaceutical company engaged in the manufacture, distribution and marketing of bioequivalent generic pharmaceuticals. From September 2005 to November 2006, Mr. Graves served as president of the generic products division at Par Pharmaceutical Companies, Inc., a publicly-traded developer, manufacturer and marketer of specialty pharmaceuticals. While at Par, Mr. Graves oversaw the strategy development of Par's generic pharmaceutical business. Beginning in 1998, Mr. Graves served as director of marketing and sales operations of Par, and in 2004, Mr. Graves was promoted to senior vice president of corporate development and strategic planning. Mr. Graves served in this position until his promotion to president of the generic products division in September 2005. Mr. Graves holds a B.S. from State University College of New York at Buffalo. Our board of directors believes that Mr. Graves' extensive experience in marketing, sales, business development and operations qualifies him to serve on our board of directors.

Robert Glenning

Robert Glenning has served as a member of our board of directors since July 2016. Mr. Glenning has over 30 years of experience in the healthcare industry and since July 2016 has served as the president of the financial services division and chief financial officer at Hackensack Meridian Health, the most comprehensive health delivery network in the state of New Jersey with anticipated revenues of over \$4 billion annually. From 2007 to June 2016, he served as executive vice president and chief financial officer of Hackensack University Health Network. From 2002 - 2007, Robert served as an executive vice president and chief financial officer of Kaleida Health Inc., the largest healthcare system in western NY. Prior to Kaleida Health, he served as vice president and chief financial officer of acute care at Northeast Health and Albany Memorial Hospital. Robert began his career at PricewaterhouseCoopers. He earned

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his BBA from Siena College and his MBA from Clarkson University. He is a Certified Public Accountant (license currently inactive). Our board of directors believes that Mr. Glenning's extensive executive experience and background in the healthcare industry as well as his strong financial background qualifies him to serve on our board of directors.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

INDEPENDENCE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

As required under Nasdaq listing standards, a majority of the members of a listed company's board of directors must qualify as "independent," as affirmatively determined by the board of directors. The Board consults with the Company's counsel to ensure that the Board's determinations are consistent with relevant securities and other laws and regulations regarding the definition of "independent," including those set forth in pertinent listing standards of Nasdaq, as in effect from time to time.

Consistent with these considerations, after review of all relevant identified transactions or relationships between each director, or any of his or her family members, and the Company, its senior management and its independent auditors, the Board has affirmatively determined that with the exception of Scott Tarriff, all of our directors, including Sander Flaum, who is a director nominee, are independent directors within the meaning of the applicable Nasdaq listing standards. In making this determination, the Board found that none of these directors or nominees for director had a material or other disqualifying relationship with the Company.

BOARD LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE

POSITION OF BOARD CHAIR IS SEPARATE FROM THE POSITION OF CEO

Our Board is currently chaired by Michael Graves, who was appointed to replace Jay Moorin in this role upon Mr. Moorin's resignation from the Board in June 2016. As a general policy, our Board believes that separation of the positions of Chairman and Chief Executive Officer reinforces the independence of the Board from management, creates an environment that encourages objective oversight of management's performance and enhances the effectiveness of the Board as a whole. As such, Mr. Tarriff serves as our President and Chief Executive Officer while Michael Graves serves as our Chairman of the Board but is not an officer.

ROLE OF THE BOARD IN RISK OVERSIGHT

One of the key functions of our Board is informed oversight of our risk management process. The Board does not have a standing risk management committee, but rather administers this oversight function directly through the Board as a whole, as well as through various standing committees of our Board that address risks inherent in their respective areas of oversight. In particular, our Board is responsible for monitoring and assessing strategic risk exposure and our audit committee has the responsibility to consider and discuss our major financial risk exposures and the steps our management has taken to monitor and control these exposures, including guidelines and policies to govern the process by which risk assessment and management is undertaken. The audit committee also monitors compliance with legal and regulatory requirements. Our nominating and corporate governance committee monitors the effectiveness of our corporate governance practices, including whether they are successful in preventing illegal or improper liability-creating conduct. Our compensation committee assesses and monitors whether any of our compensation policies and programs has the potential to encourage excessive risk-taking.

MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Our Board met 12 times during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 and 2 times during the three-month transition period ended December 31, 2014. Each Board member attended at least 75% of the

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aggregate number of meetings of the Board and of the committees on which he served, held during the portion of the last fiscal year and transition period for which he was a director or committee member.

INFORMATION REGARDING COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Our Board has established an audit committee, a compensation committee, and a nominating and corporate governance committee, each of which has the composition and responsibilities described below. From time to time, the Board may establish other committees to facilitate the management of our business. The following table provides membership and meeting information for fiscal 2015 and for the three-month transition period ended December 31, 2014 for each of the Board committees:

Name	Age	Audit	Compensation	Nominating and Corporate Governance
Scott Tarriff	57			
Jay Moorin	64			
Steven Ratoff	73			
Sander Flaum	79			
Michael Graves	53			
Alain Schreiber, M.D.	60			
David Pernock ⁽¹⁾	61			
<i>Total meetings in fiscal 2015</i>		<i>4</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Total meetings in the three-month transition period ended December 31, 2014</i>		<i>2</i>		

= Member

= Chair

(1)

David M. Pernock joined the Board effective April 13, 2015 and was appointed to the compensation committee on April 21, 2015.

Prior to moving into the description and current composition of each committee of the Board, we note that as disclosed in the Company's July 5, 2016 Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC, on June 28, 2016, in connection with the appointment of Messrs. Braunstein and Glenning to the Board and the resignations of Jay Moorin and Alain Schreiber, the Board also determined to reconstitute the audit committee, compensation committee, and nominating and corporate governance committee of the Board, effective July 5, 2016. The membership of these committees is now as follows:

Audit Committee: Steven Ratoff (Chair), Michael Graves, Robert Glenning

Compensation Committee: Michael Graves (Chair), Sander Flaum, Douglas Braunstein

Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee: Sander Flaum (Chair), David Pernock, Robert Glenning

Each of the committees has authority to engage legal counsel or other experts or consultants, as it deems appropriate to carry out its responsibilities. The Board has determined that each member of each committee meets the applicable Nasdaq rules and regulations regarding "independence" and each member is free of any relationship that would impair his or her individual exercise of independent judgment with regard to the Company. Below is a description of each committee of the Board.

Audit Committee

Our audit committee currently consists of Steven Ratoff, Michael Graves and Robert Glenning, each of whom our Board has determined satisfies Nasdaq and SEC independence requirements. The chairperson

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of our audit committee is currently Mr. Ratoff. The functions of this committee include, among other things:

evaluating the performance, independence and qualifications of our independent auditors and determining whether to retain our existing independent auditors or engage new independent auditors;

reviewing and approving the engagement of our independent auditors to perform audit services and any permissible non-audit services;

monitoring the rotation of partners of our independent auditors on our engagement team as required by law;

prior to engagement of any independent auditor, and at least annually thereafter, reviewing relationships that may reasonably be thought to bear on their independence, and assessing and otherwise taking the appropriate action to oversee the independence of our independent auditor;

reviewing our annual and quarterly financial statements and reports, and discussing the statements and reports with our independent auditors and management;

reviewing with our independent auditors and management significant issues that arise regarding accounting principles and financial statement presentation and matters concerning the scope, adequacy and effectiveness of our financial controls;

reviewing with management and our auditors any earnings announcements and other public announcements regarding material developments;

establishing procedures for the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints received by us regarding financial controls, accounting or auditing matters and other matters;

preparing the report that the SEC requires in this proxy statement;

reviewing and providing oversight of any related-person transactions in accordance with our related person transaction policy and reviewing and monitoring compliance with legal and regulatory responsibilities, including our code of business conduct and ethics;

reviewing our major financial risk exposures, including the guidelines and policies to govern the process by which risk assessment and risk management is implemented;

reviewing on a periodic basis our investment policy; and

reviewing and evaluating on an annual basis the performance of the audit committee, including compliance of the audit committee with its charter.

Our Board has determined that Steven Ratoff qualifies as an audit committee financial expert within the meaning of SEC regulations and meets the financial sophistication requirements of Nasdaq listing rules. In making this determination, our Board has considered Mr. Ratoff's extensive financial experience and business background. Both our independent registered public accounting firm and management periodically meet privately with our audit committee.

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Our audit committee operates under a written charter that satisfies the applicable rules of the SEC and the listing standards of Nasdaq, and is available to stockholders on the Company's website at www.eagleus.com.

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Report of the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors

The material in this report is not "soliciting material," is not deemed "filed" with the Commission and is not to be incorporated by reference in any filing of the Company under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act") or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), whether made before or after the date hereof and irrespective of any general incorporation language in any such filing.

The audit committee has reviewed and discussed the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 with management of the Company. The audit committee has discussed with the independent registered public accounting firm the matters required to be discussed by Auditing Standard No. 16, *Communications with Audit Committees*, as adopted by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board ("PCAOB"). The audit committee has also received the written disclosures and the letter from the independent registered public accounting firm required by applicable requirements of the PCAOB regarding the independent accountants' communications with the audit committee concerning independence, and has discussed with the independent registered public accounting firm the accounting firm's independence. Based on the foregoing, the audit committee recommended to the Board that the audited financial statements be included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Mr. Steven Ratoff

Mr. Sander Flaum (no longer serving on the audit committee as of July 2016)

Mr. Michael Graves

Compensation Committee

Our compensation committee currently consists of Michael Graves, Sander Flaum and Douglas Braunstein. The chairperson of our compensation committee is currently Michael Graves. Our Board has determined that each of the members of our compensation committee is a non-employee director, as defined in Rule 16b-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act, is an outside director, as defined pursuant to Section 162(m) of the Code and satisfies Nasdaq independence requirements. The functions of the compensation committee include, among other things:

reviewing, modifying and approving (or if it deems it appropriate, making recommendations to the full Board regarding) our overall compensation strategy and policies;

reviewing and approving the compensation and other terms of employment of our executive officers;

reviewing and approving performance goals and objectives relevant to the compensation of our executive officers and assessing their performance against these goals and objectives;

reviewing and approving (or if it deems it appropriate, making recommendations to the full Board regarding) the equity incentive plans, compensation plans and similar programs advisable for us, as well as modifying, amending or terminating existing plans and programs;

evaluating risks associated with our compensation policies and practices and assessing whether risks arising from our compensation policies and practices for our employees are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on us;

reviewing and approving (or if it deems it appropriate, making recommendations to the full Board regarding) the type and amount of compensation to be paid or awarded to our non-employee Board members;

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establishing policies with respect to votes by our stockholders to approve executive compensation as required by Section 14A of the Exchange Act and determining our recommendations regarding the frequency of advisory votes on executive compensation;

reviewing and assessing the independence of compensation consultants, legal counsel and other advisors as required by Section 10C of the Exchange Act;

administering our equity incentive plans;

establishing policies with respect to equity compensation arrangements;

reviewing the competitiveness of our executive compensation programs and evaluating the effectiveness of our compensation policy and strategy in achieving expected benefits to us;

reviewing and approving the terms of any employment agreements, severance arrangements, change in control protections and any other compensatory arrangements for our executive officers;

reviewing the adequacy of its charter on a periodic basis;

reviewing with management and approving our disclosures in our periodic reports or proxy statements to be filed with the SEC;

preparing the report that the SEC requires in this proxy statement; and

reviewing and assessing on an annual basis the performance of the compensation committee.

Our compensation committee operates under a written charter that satisfies the applicable rules of the SEC and the listing standards of Nasdaq, and is available to stockholders on the Company's website at www.eagleus.com.

None of the members of our compensation committee has ever been an executive officer or employee of ours. None of our executive officers currently serves, or has served during the last completed fiscal year, on the compensation committee or board of directors of any other entity that has one or more executive officers serving as a member of our Board or compensation committee.

Compensation Committee Processes and Procedures

Typically, the compensation committee meets quarterly and with greater frequency if necessary, and meets regularly in executive session. The charter of the compensation committee grants the compensation committee full access to all books, records, facilities and personnel of the Company, as well as authority to obtain, at the expense of the Company, advice and assistance from internal and external legal, accounting or other advisors and consultants and other external resources that the compensation committee considers necessary or appropriate in the performance of its duties.

Additional information regarding compensation committee processes and procedures is included below in the "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" section.

Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation

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None of the members of our compensation committee has ever been an executive officer or employee of ours. None of our executive officers currently serves, or has served during the last completed fiscal year, on the compensation committee or board of directors of any other entity that has one or more executive officers serving as a member of our board of directors or compensation committee.

Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee

Our nominating and corporate governance committee currently consists of Sander Flaum, David Pernock and Robert Glenning, each of whom our Board has determined satisfy Nasdaq independence

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requirements. The chairperson of our nominating and corporate governance committee is currently Mr. Flaum. The functions of our nominating and corporate governance committee include, among other things:

identifying, reviewing and evaluating candidates to serve on our Board consistent with criteria approved by our Board;

determining the minimum qualifications for service on our Board;

evaluating director performance on the Board and applicable committees of the Board and determining whether continued service on our Board is appropriate;

evaluating, nominating and recommending individuals for membership on our Board;

evaluating nominations by stockholders of candidates for election to our Board;

considering and assessing the independence of members of our Board;

developing a set of corporate governance policies and principles, including a code of business conduct and ethics, periodically reviewing and assessing these policies and principles and their application and recommending to our Board any changes to such policies and principles;

considering questions of possible conflicts of interest of directors as such questions arise;

reviewing the adequacy of its charter on an annual basis; and

annually evaluating the performance of the nominating and corporate governance committee.

The nominating and corporate governance committee identifies, reviews and evaluates director candidates and nominates qualified candidates to the full Board for consideration. There is no fixed process for identifying and evaluating potential candidates to be nominees for directors, and there is no fixed set of qualifications that must be satisfied before a candidate will be considered. Rather, the nominating and corporate governance committee has the flexibility to consider such factors as it deems appropriate. These factors may include education, general business and industry experience, ability to act on behalf of stockholders, potential concerns regarding independence or conflicts of interest and other factors relevant in evaluating board nominees. Although the nominating and corporate governance committee does not have a policy with regard to the consideration of diversity in identifying director candidates, overall board diversity of industry background and experience is generally among the factors considered. The nominating and corporate governance committee believes that a board comprised of directors with diverse skills and experiences relevant to our industry and operations will result in efficient and competent oversight of our various core competencies, which include pharmaceutical development, strategic partnering, commercialization activities, regulatory compliance, corporate finance and accounting. As such, the nominating and corporate governance committee gives consideration to the interplay of a director candidate's experience with that of other members of the Board and the evolving needs of our business.

Our nominating and corporate governance committee operates under a written charter that satisfies the applicable rules of the SEC and the listing standards of Nasdaq, and is available to stockholders on the Company's website at www.eagleus.com. Under this charter, the nominating and corporate governance committee has the power and authority to consider recommendations for nominees to our Board and proposals submitted by our stockholders and to establish any policies, requirements, criteria and procedures, including policies and procedures to facilitate stockholder communications with our Board, to recommend to our Board appropriate action on any such proposal or recommendation and to make any disclosures required by applicable law in the course of exercising its authority.

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Stockholder Recommendations of Director Candidates

The nominating and corporate governance committee will consider director candidates recommended by stockholders. The nominating and corporate governance committee does not intend to alter the manner in which it evaluates candidates, including the criteria set forth above, based on whether or not the candidate was recommended by a stockholder. If a stockholder wishes simply to recommend a candidate for consideration as a nominee by the nominating and corporate governance committee, it should submit the recommendation to the nominating and corporate governance committee in writing to the Secretary of the Company at Eagle Pharmaceuticals, Inc., 50 Tice Boulevard, Suite 315, Woodcliff Lake, NJ 07677. Assuming that appropriate information is provided for candidates recommended by stockholders, the nominating and corporate governance committee will evaluate those candidates by following substantially the same process, and applying substantially the same criteria, as for candidates submitted by members of the Board or other persons, as described above and as set forth in its written charter.

Stockholder Nominations for Directorships

If a stockholder wishes to actually submit a proposal for a director nomination, such proposal must be received by the Company in the manner and within the timeframe(s) set forth under the heading "*When are stockholder proposals and director nominations due for next year's annual meeting?*" above. Any such nominations must follow the procedures and include the information called for by our Bylaws.

STOCKHOLDER COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Company has adopted a formal process by which stockholders may communicate with the Board or any of its directors. Pursuant to this policy, stockholders wishing to communicate with the Board or an individual director may send a written communication to the Board or such director c/o Eagle Pharmaceuticals, Inc., 50 Tice Blvd., Suite 315, Woodcliff Lake, NJ 07677, Attn: Secretary. Each communication must set forth:

the name and address of the Eagle stockholder on whose behalf the communication is sent; and

the number of Eagle shares that are owned beneficially by such stockholder as of the date of the communication.

Each communication will be reviewed by Eagle's Secretary to determine whether it is appropriate for presentation to the Board or such director. Examples of inappropriate communications include advertisements, solicitations or hostile communications.

Communications determined by the Secretary to be appropriate for presentation to the Board or such director will be submitted to the Board or such director on a periodic basis.

CODE OF BUSINESS CONDUCT AND ETHICS

We have adopted a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, or the Code of Conduct, applicable to all of our employees, executive officers and directors. The Code of Conduct is available on our website at www.eagleus.com. The nominating and corporate governance committee of our Board is responsible for overseeing the Code of Conduct and must approve any waivers of the Code of Conduct for employees, executive officers and directors. We expect that any amendments to the Code of Conduct, or any waivers of its requirements, will be disclosed on our website.

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The audit committee of the Board has selected BDO USA, LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016 and has further directed that management submit the selection of its independent registered public accounting firm for ratification by the stockholders at the Annual Meeting. BDO USA, LLP has audited the Company's financial statements since 2007. Representatives of BDO USA, LLP are expected to be present at the Annual Meeting. They will have an opportunity to make a statement if they so desire and are expected to be available to respond to appropriate questions.

Neither the Company's Bylaws nor other governing documents or law require stockholder ratification of the selection of BDO USA, LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm. However, the audit committee of the Board is submitting the selection of BDO USA, LLP to the stockholders for ratification as a matter of good corporate practice. If the stockholders fail to ratify the selection, the audit committee of the Board will reconsider whether or not to retain that firm. Even if the selection is ratified, the audit committee of the Board in its discretion may direct the appointment of different independent auditors at any time during the year if they determine that such a change would be in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders.

The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the shares present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote on the matter at the annual meeting will be required to ratify the selection of BDO USA, LLP.

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES

The following table represents aggregate fees billed to the Company for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2015 and September 30, 2014 and for the three-month transition period ended December 31, 2014, by BDO USA, LLP, the Company's principal accountant.

	Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2015	Transition Period (October 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014) 2014(T)	Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2014
Audit Fees ⁽¹⁾	\$ 377,620	\$ 24,784	\$ 430,000
Audit Related Fees			
Tax Fees ⁽²⁾	21,000		17,500
All Other Fees			
Total Fees	\$ 398,620	\$ 24,784	\$ 447,500

(1) Audit fees consist of fees billed for professional services performed by BDO USA, LLP for the audit of our annual financial statements, the review of interim financial statements, and related services that are normally provided in connection with registration statements, including the registration statement for our initial public offering. Included in the fiscal year 2014 audit fees is \$271,500 of fees billed in connection with our initial public offering.

(2) Tax fees relate to professional services rendered in connection with tax audits, and tax return preparation services.

In connection with the audit of the 2015 financial statements, the Company entered into an engagement agreement with BDO USA, LLP that sets forth the terms by which BDO USA, LLP will perform audit services for the Company.

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During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 and the three-month transition period ended December 31, 2014, no time was expended on the Company's financial audit by BDO USA, LLP by persons other than BDO USA, LLP full-time permanent employees.

PRE-APPROVAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.

We maintain an auditor independence policy that prohibits our auditors from performing non-financial consulting services, such as information technology consulting and internal audit services. This policy mandates that the Audit Committee approve the audit and non-audit services and related budget in advance, and that the audit committee be provided with quarterly reporting on actual spending. This policy also mandates that we may not enter into auditor engagements for non-audit services without the express approval of the audit committee. In accordance with this policy, the audit committee pre-approved all services to be performed by our independent registered public accounting firm.

The audit committee has determined that the rendering of services other than audit services by BDO, USA LLP is compatible with maintaining the principal accountant's independence.

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE "FOR" THE PROPOSAL TO APPROVE
BDO USA, LLP AS OUR INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR 2016.**

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PROPOSAL 3

ADVISORY VOTE ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010, or the Dodd-Frank Act, enables our stockholders to vote to approve, on an advisory (nonbinding) basis, the compensation of our named executive officers as disclosed in this proxy statement in accordance with the SEC's rules.

We encourage stockholders to review the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, or "CD&A," included below. The CD&A provides additional details of our executive compensation program, including compensation philosophy and objectives, the individual elements of our executive compensation program, and how our executive compensation program is administered. In addition, we have included the amounts of compensation of our named executive officers for fiscal 2013, 2014 and 2015 as well as the three-month transition period ended December 31, 2014 in the below compensation tables, and in the related disclosures contained in this proxy statement.

The compensation committee continually reviews the compensation programs for our named executive officers to ensure they achieve the desired goals of attracting and retaining talented and experienced senior executives to lead the Company successfully in a competitive environment while aligning our executive compensation structure with our stockholders' interests.

We are asking our stockholders to indicate their support for our named executive officer compensation as described in this proxy statement. This proposal, commonly known as a "say-on-pay" proposal, gives our stockholders the opportunity to express their views on our named executive officers' compensation. This vote is not intended to address any specific item of compensation, but rather the overall compensation of our named executive officers and the philosophy, policies and practices described in this proxy statement. Accordingly, we will ask our stockholders to vote "FOR" the following resolution at the Annual Meeting:

"RESOLVED, that the Company's stockholders approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of the named executive officers, as disclosed in the Company's Proxy Statement for the 2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders pursuant to the compensation disclosure rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission."

The say-on-pay vote is advisory, and therefore not binding on the Company, the compensation committee or our Board. Our Board and our compensation committee value the opinions of our stockholders and to the extent there is any significant vote against the named executive officer compensation as disclosed in this proxy statement, we will consider our stockholders' concerns and the compensation committee will evaluate whether any actions are necessary to address those concerns.

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE "FOR" THE PROPOSAL
TO APPROVE THE COMPENSATION OF OUR NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS,
AS DESCRIBED IN THIS PROXY STATEMENT.**

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PROPOSAL 4

ADVISORY VOTE ON THE FREQUENCY OF AN ADVISORY VOTE ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

The Dodd-Frank Act also enables our stockholders to indicate how frequently we should seek an advisory vote on the compensation of our named executive officers, as disclosed pursuant to the SEC's compensation disclosure rules, such as Proposal 3. In particular, we are asking whether the advisory vote should occur every three years, every two years, or every one year.

After careful consideration, our Board believes that submitting the advisory vote to approve executive compensation every three years is appropriate for the Company and its stockholders at this time. The Board believes that an advisory vote at this frequency will provide stockholders with sufficient time to evaluate the effectiveness of our overall compensation philosophy, policies and practices in the context of our long-term business results for the corresponding period. An advisory vote that occurs every three years will also permit the Company's stockholders to observe and evaluate the impact of any changes to its executive compensation policies and practices that have occurred since the last advisory vote to approve executive compensation. The Board is therefore recommending that stockholders vote for holding the advisory vote to approve executive compensation every three years.

The Company recognizes that the stockholders may have different views as to the best approach for the Company, and therefore we look forward to hearing from our stockholders as to their preference on the frequency of advisory votes to approve executive compensation.

You may cast your vote on your preferred voting frequency by choosing the option of every "Three Years," "Two Years," "One Year" or abstain from voting when you vote on this Proposal.

The option of every three years, two years or one year that receives the highest number of votes cast by stockholders will be the frequency for the advisory vote on executive compensation that has been selected by stockholders. As with your vote on Proposal 3 above, your vote on this Proposal 4 is advisory, and therefore not binding on the Company, the compensation committee, or our Board, and the Board may decide that it is in the best interests of our stockholders and the Company to hold an advisory vote on executive compensation more or less frequently than the option approved by our stockholders. However, our Board and our compensation committee value the opinions of our stockholders and we will take our stockholders' preferences into account in making determinations regarding the frequency of the say-on-pay vote.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR A FREQUENCY OF ONCE EVERY "THREE YEARS" FOR FUTURE NON-BINDING, ADVISORY STOCKHOLDER VOTES ON COMPENSATION OF OUR NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS.

Table of Contents**EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

The following table sets forth certain information regarding our executive officers as of July 6, 2016:

Name	Age	Position(s)
<i>Executive Officers</i>		
Scott Tarriff	57	President and Chief Executive Officer, Director
David E. Riggs	64	Chief Financial Officer
Steven L. Krill, Ph.D.	56	Executive Vice President and Chief Scientific Officer
Adrian Hepner	55	Executive Vice President and Chief Medical Officer

The following is biographical information for our executive officers:

Scott Tarriff

Scott Tarriff is our founder and has served as our President and Chief Executive Officer and as a member of our board of directors since our inception in January 2007. Prior to joining Eagle, Mr. Tarriff held various executive positions at Par Pharmaceutical Companies, Inc., a publicly-traded developer, manufacturer and marketer of specialty pharmaceuticals, including as president and chief executive officer from September 2003 to September 2006, after joining Par in 1998. Mr. Tarriff also served on Par's board of directors from 2002 to September 2006. Prior to that, Mr. Tarriff held various positions with Bristol-Meyers Squibb, a publicly-traded biopharmaceutical company, including senior director-marketing. Mr. Tarriff has served as a director of Synthetic Biologics, Inc., a publicly-traded biotechnology company, since February 2012 and as a director of Ziopharm Oncology, Inc., a publicly-traded biotechnology company, since September 2015 and previously served on the board of directors of Clinical Data, Inc., a publicly-traded pharmaceutical company, from September 2009 to April 2011 when Clinical Data was acquired by Forest Laboratories, Inc. Mr. Tarriff holds a B.S. in marketing from Pennsylvania State University and an M.B.A. from Rider College. Our board of directors believes that Mr. Tarriff's extensive knowledge of our business, his management experience in the pharmaceutical industry, as well as his operational expertise, qualifies him to serve on our board of directors and as our President and Chief Executive Officer.

David E. Riggs

David E. Riggs has served as our Chief Financial Officer since November 2013. From May 2010 to October 2013, Mr. Riggs served as a healthcare consultant at various biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies. From March 2006 to May 2010, Mr. Riggs served as chief financial officer of Ferring Pharmaceuticals Inc., a private biopharmaceutical company devoted to isolating, developing and marketing innovative products in the fields of reproductive health, urology, gastroenterology, endocrinology and osteoarthritis. From January 2003 to September 2005, Mr. Riggs held various positions at eXegenics Inc., a publicly-traded pharmaceutical company that is now OPKO Health, Inc., including most recently as its chief executive officer. Mr. Riggs served as senior vice president and chief financial officer of Axys Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a publicly-traded pharmaceutical company, from March 2000 until it was acquired by Applera Corporation in November 2001. From February 1992 to February 2000, Mr. Riggs held various positions at Unimed Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a private company focused on developing and commercializing products in human immunodeficiency virus, oncology and urology specialty markets. Previously, Mr. Riggs held various positions at Fujisawa Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a private pharmaceutical company that was acquired by Astellas Pharma Inc., including treasurer and director of financial planning and analysis. Mr. Riggs holds a B.S. in accounting from the University of Illinois and an M.B.A. from DePaul University.

Steven L. Krill, Ph.D.

Steven L. Krill, Ph.D. has served as our Executive Vice President and Chief Scientific Officer since August 2015. He has held the position of Chief Scientific Officer since February 2013, and he previously held the

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position of Vice President of Pharmaceutical Development from October 2011 to February 2013. Dr. Krill served as the vice president of scientific affairs at Teva Parenteral Medicines from March 2009 to August 2011. Dr. Krill held the positions of vice president pharmaceutical research and development (December 2005 until March 2009) and director of pharmaceuticals and investigational supplies (from May 2002 to December 2005) at Boehringer Ingelheim. Prior to that, Dr. Krill held various management positions at Lipocine Inc., Novartis Pharmaceuticals and Abbott Laboratories. Dr. Krill is an author of over 30 publications and inventor of multiple patents in the area of drug delivery. Dr. Krill holds a B.S. in pharmacy and an M.S. in pharmaceutical sciences from the University of Cincinnati and a Ph.D. in Pharmaceutics from the University of Utah.

Adrian Hepner, M.D.

Adrian Hepner, M.D., has served as our Executive Vice President and Chief Medical Officer since January 2016, and previously served as our Executive Vice President, Clinical Research, Medical & Regulatory Affairs from January 2015 to January 2016. Dr. Hepner has over 25 years of experience in U.S. and international clinical research and drug development. Included in his experience is the development and implementation of the clinical and regulatory strategy for a number of products from early stage development through successful New Drug Application and European Union regulatory filings. After receiving his M.D. degree, Dr. Hepner completed visiting research physician experiences in the Department of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School, the Department of Neurology at the National Institute of Mental Health, and a post-doctoral fellowship in neuropharmacology at the University of Ottawa. Additionally, he spent 17 years in neuropsychiatry private practice and participated in multiple clinical research studies. Dr. Hepner's pharmaceutical industry experience includes 15 years of progressively increasing drug development responsibilities. He had a leading role in the regulatory and clinical activities for FDA approval of the first product for pseudobulbar affect, as well as the successful completion of placebo-controlled studies in other indications. Most recently, between July 2013 and December 2014, Dr. Hepner held the role of vice president of clinical research and medical affairs at BioDelivery Sciences International (BDSI), where he led the regulatory review process for the first buccal film approved for the maintenance treatment of opioid dependence and had a critical role in its commercial launch. Prior to BDSI, in 2012, Dr. Hepner was senior medical director at UCB BioSciences, Inc., where he was responsible for global development projects in the central nervous system therapeutic area. He was also vice president of clinical research at Avanir Pharmaceuticals, from 2006 to 2012, and led global clinical research projects in Latin America for Teva Pharmaceuticals from 2000 to 2006.

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The following table sets forth information with respect to the beneficial ownership of the Company's common stock as of July 6, 2016 for:

each director and nominee for director;

each beneficial owner of more than five percent of the outstanding common stock

each of the named executive officers; and

all of the directors and executive officers as a group.

Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with the rules of the SEC. These rules generally attribute beneficial ownership of securities to persons who possess sole or shared voting power or investment power with respect to those securities, or have the right to acquire such powers within 60 days. Common stock subject to options that are currently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days of July 6, 2016 are deemed to be outstanding and beneficially owned by the person holding the options. These shares, however, are not deemed outstanding for the purposes of computing the percentage ownership of any other person. Except as otherwise indicated, all persons listed below have sole voting and investment power with respect to the shares beneficially owned by them, subject to applicable community property laws. Percentage ownership calculations are based on 15,636,387 shares outstanding as of July 6, 2016. Addresses of individuals are c/o Eagle Pharmaceuticals, Inc., 50 Tice Boulevard, Suite 315, Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey 07677.

Name and Address of Beneficial Owner ⁽¹⁾	Beneficial Ownership	
	Number of Shares	Percentage of Total
More than 5% stockholders:		
ProQuest and its affiliates ⁽²⁾	4,839,606	31.0%
Consonance Capman GP LLC ⁽³⁾	1,406,137	9.0
Morgan Stanley ⁽⁴⁾	1,260,611	8.1
Janus Capital Management LLC ⁽⁵⁾	1,228,641	7.9
Hudson Executive Capital LP ⁽⁶⁾	950,600	6.1
JW Asset Management, LLC ⁽⁷⁾	857,679	5.5
Park West Asset Management LLC ⁽⁸⁾	791,041	5.1
Executive Officers and Directors:		
Scott Tarriff ⁽⁹⁾	1,720,825	10.8
David E. Riggs ⁽¹⁰⁾	67,373	*
Steven L. Krill, Ph.D. ⁽¹¹⁾	77,235	*
Adrian Hepner, M.D., Ph.D. ⁽¹²⁾	11,875	*
Paul Bruinenberg, M.D. ⁽¹³⁾		*
Douglas L. Braunstein ⁽¹⁴⁾	950,600	6.1
Steven Ratoff ⁽¹⁵⁾	56,459	*
Sander Flaum ⁽¹⁶⁾	49,509	*
Michael Graves ⁽¹⁷⁾	27,115	*
Robert Glenning		*
David Pernock ⁽¹⁸⁾	13,333	*
All directors and executive officers as a group (11 persons)	2,974,324	18.8

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Represents beneficial ownership of less than one percent.

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This table is based upon information supplied by officers, directors and stockholders known by us to be beneficial owners of more than five percent of our common stock as well as Schedules 13G or 13D

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filed with the SEC, which information may not be accurate as of July 6, 2016. Unless otherwise indicated in the footnotes to this table and subject to community property laws where applicable, we believe that each of the stockholders named in this table has sole voting and investment power with respect to the common stock indicated as beneficially owned. Applicable percentages are based on 15,636,387 shares outstanding on July 6, 2016, adjusted as required by rules promulgated by the SEC.

- (2) Includes (i) 4,770,828 shares of common stock held by ProQuest Investments IV, L.P. (which ProQuest Financial LLC manages pursuant to a management agreement that was assigned from ProQuest Management LLC to ProQuest Financial LLC in connection with an internal reorganization), (ii) 9,360 shares of common stock held by ProQuest Financial LLC (transferred from ProQuest Management LLC in connection with an internal reorganization), (iii) 17,980 shares of common stock held by ProQuest Management LLC DBPP FBO Jay Moorin, (iv) 5,582 shares of common stock held by ProQuest Management LLC Salary Savings Plan FBO Jay Moorin and for the benefit of certain other individuals and (v) 35,856 shares of common stock held in an IRA for the benefit of Jay Moorin. Jay Moorin and Alain Schreiber, M.D., two of our former directors who resigned in June 2016, are managing members of ProQuest Financial LLC and ProQuest Associates IV, LLC, the General Partner of ProQuest Investments IV, L.P. and may be deemed to have shared voting, investment and dispositive power with respect to these shares. Messrs. Moorin and Schreiber are also trustees of ProQuest Management LLC DBPP FBO Jay Moorin and the ProQuest Management LLC Salary Savings Plan FBO Jay Moorin and for the benefit of certain other individuals and, as such, may be deemed to share voting and investment power with respect to all shares held by such entities. The principal address of each of the ProQuest entities is 2340 Vanderbilt Beach Road #108-190, Naples, Florida 34109.
- (3) Includes 1,377,988 shares of common stock (the Master Account Shares) directly held by Consonance Capital Master Account LP (Consonance Master). Consonance Capital Management LP (the Adviser) is the investment adviser of Consonance Master, and pursuant to an investment advisory agreement (the Advisory Agreement), the Adviser exercises voting and investment power over the Master Account Shares held by Consonance Master. Consonance Capman GP LLC (Capman) is the general partner of the Adviser and Mitchell Blutt, as the Manager & Member of Capman and Chief Executive Officer of the Adviser, may be deemed to control Capman and the Adviser. Each of the Adviser, Capman and Mr. Blutt may be deemed to beneficially own the Master Account Shares. Also includes a managed account managed by Consonance Capital Opportunity Fund Management LP (Consonance Opportunity) that directly holds 28,149 shares of common stock (the Managed Account Shares). Capman is the general partner of Consonance Opportunity and Mitchell Blutt, as the Manager & Member of Capman, may be deemed to control Capman and Consonance Opportunity. Each of Consonance Opportunity, Capman and Mr. Blutt may be deemed to beneficially own the Managed Account Shares. The principal address of Consonance Capman GP LLC is 1370 Avenue of the Americas, Suite 3301, New York, NY 07677.
- (4) These shares reported on by Morgan Stanley as a parent holding company are owned, or may be deemed to be beneficially owned, by Morgan Stanley Capital Services LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Morgan Stanley.
- (5) Janus Capital Management LLC (Janus Capital) has a direct 96.81% ownership stake in INTECH Investment Management (INTECH) and a direct 100% ownership stake in Perkins Investment Management LLC (Perkins). Due to the above ownership structure, holdings for Janus Capital, Perkins and INTECH are aggregated for purposes of this filing. Janus Capital, Perkins and INTECH are registered investment advisers, each furnishing investment advice to various investment companies registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 and to individual and institutional clients (collectively referred to herein as "Managed Portfolios"). As a result of its role as investment adviser or sub-adviser to the Managed Portfolios, Janus Capital may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of 1,228,641 shares or 7.9% of the shares of common stock held by such Managed Portfolios.

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However, Janus Capital does not have the right to receive any dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of, the securities held in the Managed Portfolios and disclaims any ownership associated with such rights. The principal address of Janus Capital is 151 Detroit Street, Denver, CO 80206.

- (6) The principal business of Hudson Executive Capital LP, a Delaware limited partnership ("Hudson Executive"), is to serve as investment adviser to certain affiliated investment funds (the "HEC Funds"). Douglas L. Braunstein, one of our directors, is a managing partner of Hudson Executive and a managing member of Hudson Executive's general partner, HEC Management GP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and along with Hudson Executive (as the investment adviser to the HEC Funds), Mr. Braunstein may be deemed to share power to vote or direct the vote of (and share power to dispose or direct the disposition of) the shares of common stock held by Hudson Executive. The principal address of Hudson Executive is c/o Hudson Executive Capital LP, 1185 Avenue of the Americas, 32nd Floor, New York, NY 10036.
- (7) Includes 648,610 shares of common stock held by J.W. Partners, L.P. and 209,069 shares of common stock held by J.W. Opportunities Master Fund, Ltd. Jason G. Wild serves as: (i) the managing member of JW GP, LLC, which is the general partner of J.W. Partners, L.P. and may be deemed to have shared voting, investment and dispositive power with respect to 648,610 shares of common stock; (ii) the managing member of JW Asset Management, LLC, which is the investment advisor of J.W. Partners, L.P. and J.W. Opportunities Master Fund, Ltd.; and (iii) a director of J.W. Opportunities Master Fund, Ltd., and he, as well as J.W. Partners, L.P. and J.W. Opportunities Master Fund, Ltd., may be deemed to have shared voting, investment and dispositive power with respect to these shares. The principal address of J.W. Asset Management, LLC is 515 Madison Avenue, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10022.
- (8) Park West Asset Management LLC (PWAM) is the investment manager to Park West Investors Master Fund, Limited, a Cayman Islands exempted company (PWIMF), and Park West Partners International, Limited, a Cayman Islands exempted company (PWPI) and, together with PWIMF, the "PW Funds"). As of January 11, 2016, PWIMF held 695,041 shares of common stock and PWPI held 96,000 shares of common stock. PWAM, as the investment manager to the PW Funds, and Peter S. Park, as the sole member and manager of PWAM, may be deemed to beneficially own the 791,041 shares of common stock. The principal address of PWAM is 900 Larkspur Landing Circle, Suite 165, Larkspur, California 94939.
- (9) Includes (i) 176,361 shares of common stock held by Janney Montgomery Scott LLC CUST FBO Scott Tarriff IRA (the "Trust"), (ii) 650,000 shares of common stock which have been pledged as security and (iii) 350,879 shares of common stock underlying options that are exercisable within 60 days of July 6, 2016. Mr. Tarriff is a trustee of the Trust and, as such, may be deemed to share voting and dispositive power with respect to all shares held by the Trust.
- (10) Includes 67,373 shares of common stock underlying options that are exercisable within 60 days of July 6, 2016.
- (11) Includes 77,235 shares of common stock underlying options that are exercisable within 60 days of July 6, 2016.
- (12) Includes 11,875 shares of common stock underlying options that are exercisable within 60 days of July 6, 2016.
- (13) Dr. Bruinenberg was terminated without cause on March 9, 2015. The information reported for Dr. Bruinenberg is based on information available to us as of his departure date and may not reflect his current beneficial ownership.
- (14) Includes the shares of common stock held by Hudson Executive Capital LP, a Delaware limited partnership ("Hudson Executive"), referred to in footnote (6) above. Those shares are held for the

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account of certain private investment funds (the "HEC Funds") for which Hudson Executive acts as investment adviser. Mr. Braunstein controls the general partner of Hudson Executive and indirectly controls the general partner of the HEC Funds.

- (15) Includes 33,135 shares of common stock underlying options that are exercisable within 60 days of July 6, 2016.
- (16) Includes 33,135 shares of common stock underlying options that are exercisable within 60 days of July 6, 2016.
- (17) Includes 26,115 shares of common stock underlying options that are exercisable within 60 days of July 6, 2016.
- (18) Includes 13,333 shares of common stock underlying options that are exercisable within 60 days of July 6, 2016.

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SECTION 16(A) BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP REPORTING COMPLIANCE

Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act requires our executive officers, directors and persons who beneficially own more than 10% of a registered class of our securities to file reports of ownership and changes in ownership with the SEC. Based solely on a review of copies of such forms submitted to us, we believe that all persons subject to the requirements of Section 16(a) filed such reports on a timely basis in fiscal year 2015, with the exception of (i) one Form 4 reflecting a March 13, 2015 option grant to Jay Moorin; (ii) one Form 4 reflecting a March 13, 2015 option grant to Alain Schreiber; (iii) one Form 4 reflecting, in part, a sale of shares of our common stock by Scott Tarriff on March 20, 2015; (iv) one Form 4 reflecting, in part, a sale of shares of our common stock by Sander Flaum on March 20, 2015; and (v) one Form 4 reflecting the exercise of options and sale of shares of our common stock by Paul Bruinenberg on March 4, 2015 and March 5, 2015.

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EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

Compensation Discussion and Analysis

Overview

We became a public company in February 2014, and we filed our fiscal year 2014 Annual Report on Form 10-K/A in January 2015 to include executive compensation and other information under the scaled reporting rules applicable to emerging growth companies. Because we are no longer an emerging growth company, this year's Annual Report on Form 10-K/A included additional detail regarding executive compensation that was not included last year, including: this Compensation Discussion and Analysis; an additional year of reporting history in our Summary Compensation Table; and additional compensation tables for "Grants of Plan-Based Awards," "Option Exercises and Stock Vested," and "Potential Payments upon Termination or Change in Control."

On January 20, 2015, our board of directors approved a change in our fiscal year end from September 30 to December 31, as disclosed in a Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January 20, 2015. As a result, below we have included disclosures in certain tables, including our Summary Compensation Table, covering the three-month transition period of October 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 (in addition to the twelve-month period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015). Unless otherwise stated, all references to "fiscal year ending" or "year ended" pertain to the twelve-month period covering January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, and all references to the "transition period" pertain to the three-month period covering October 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014.

This Compensation Discussion and Analysis provides an overview of the material components of our executive compensation program for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015, for our "named executive officers" listed below. This discussion and analysis is intended to assist our stockholders with understanding the information provided in the compensation tables included herein and to provide additional context regarding our overall compensation program. In addition, we explain how and why our board of directors and compensation committee determined our compensation policies and specific compensation decisions for our named executive officers during and for fiscal year 2015.

Our named executive officers for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015, which consist of our principal executive officer, principal financial officer, and our three most highly compensated executive officers in 2015 (other than our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, and including an executive officer who is no longer employed by us) are as follows:

Scott Tarriff, our President and Chief Executive Officer;

Steven L. Krill, Ph.D., our Executive Vice President and Chief Scientific Officer;

David E. Riggs, our Chief Financial Officer;

Adrian Hepner, M.D., Ph.D., our Executive Vice President and Chief Medical Officer; and

Paul Bruinenberg, M.D., our former Chief Medical Officer.

Executive Summary

2015 was an extraordinary year for our company. Highlights of our performance in 2015 include:

As of December 31, 2015, our stock price on a year-over-year basis had increased meaningfully, from \$15.50 per share on December 31, 2014 to \$88.67 per share on December 31, 2015, a 572% increase.

2015 was our first full year of profitability.

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In February 2015, we entered into an Exclusive License Agreement with Cephalon, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., for U.S. and Canadian rights to EP-3102 Bendeka for treatment of patients with chronic lymphocytic leukemia and patients with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

In November 2015, we entered into a Co-Promotion Agreement with Spectrum Pharmaceuticals, Inc., under which the Spectrum 32-person Corporate Accounts Sales Team will dedicate 80% of its time to selling and marketing up to six of our products over a period of at least 18 months.

In December 2015, we received FDA approval of a new non-alcohol formulation of the anti-cancer drug, docetaxel.

In December 2015, we completed and reported the successful outcome of the safety and efficacy study treating exertional heat stroke patients with Ryanodex.

Our compensation committee has closely reviewed these significant corporate achievements in determining their compensation decisions and rewarding our named executive officers with compensation that reflects the performance of our business and our stock, in line with our compensation philosophy.

The important features of our executive compensation program include the following:

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We tie pay to performance. We structure a significant portion of our named executive officers' target total direct compensation opportunity to be variable, at risk and tied directly to our measurable performance. For 2015, 79% of our Chief Executive Officer's total reported compensation and an average of 76% of our other named executive officers' total reported compensation (excluding Dr. Bruinenberg's and Dr. Hepner's compensation, neither of whom were named executive officers for the full year in 2015) was linked to performance, consisting of annual performance bonus earned and equity incentives awarded, as reported in the "Summary Compensation Table."

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Our executive bonuses are tied to meeting corporate objectives. Our annual performance-based bonus opportunities for our named executive officers are tied to our achievement of annual corporate objectives established each year. In 2015, each of our named executive officers (other than Dr. Bruinenberg) received annual bonuses of 150% of their target bonus opportunities because we exceeded our specified corporate objectives for 2015, as described in further detail below.

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We emphasize long-term incentive compensation in the form of stock options. Stock options are an integral part of our executive compensation program, and comprise the primary "at risk" portion of our named executive officer compensation package. We consider stock options performance-based because they provide value only if the market price of our common stock increases, and if the executive officer continues in our employment over the vesting period. These awards strongly align our executive officers' interests with those of our stockholders by providing a continuing financial incentive to maximize long-term value for our stockholders and by encouraging our executive officers to remain in our long-term employ. Stock options are also the predominant vehicle among biopharmaceutical companies of our stage of development, and 93% of the peers we used for our 2015 compensation decisions delivered named executive officer annual equity awards via options, with 73% of peers granting annual equity awards to named executive officers solely in the form of stock options.

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We do not provide our executive officers with any excise tax or other tax gross-ups.

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We generally do not provide any executive fringe benefits or perquisites to our executive officers, such as car allowances, personal security, or financial planning advice.

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Our compensation committee has retained an independent compensation consultant to provide assistance in the discharge of its responsibilities. Our compensation committee has engaged Compensia, who advises the compensation committee on market practices so that our compensation committee can regularly assess our executive compensation program against our peer companies, the general marketplace and other industry data points.

Objectives, Philosophy and Elements of Compensation

The overall objectives of our executive compensation program and policies are to:

attract, retain and motivate superior executive talent;

provide incentives that reward the achievement of performance goals that directly correlate to the enhancement of stockholder value, as well as to facilitate executive retention; and

align our executives' interests with those of our stockholders through long-term incentives.

Our executive compensation program generally consists of, and is intended to strike a balance among, the following three principal components: base salary, annual performance-based bonuses and long-term incentive compensation. We also provide our executive officers with severance and change-in-control payments and benefits, as well as other benefits generally available to all our employees, including retirement benefits under the company's 401(k) plan and participation in employee benefit plans. The following table summarizes the three principal components of compensation, their objectives and key features.

Element of Compensation	Objectives	Key Features
Base Salary (fixed cash)	Provides financial stability and security through a fixed amount of cash for performing job responsibilities.	Generally reviewed annually at the beginning of the year and determined based on a number of factors (including individual performance, internal equity, retention, expected cost of living increases and the overall performance of our company) and by reference to market data provided by our independent compensation consultant.
Performance Bonus (at-risk cash)	Motivates and rewards for attaining rigorous annual corporate performance goals that relate to our key business objectives.	Target bonus amounts, calculated as a percentage of base salary, are generally reviewed annually at the beginning of the year and determined based upon positions that have similar impact on the organization and competitive bonus opportunities in our market. Bonus opportunities are dependent upon achievement of specific corporate performance objectives, generally determined by the compensation committee and board of directors and communicated at the beginning of the year. Actual bonus amounts earned are determined after the end of the year, based on achievement of the designated corporate performance objectives.

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Element of Compensation	Objectives	Key Features
Long-Term Incentive (at-risk equity)	<p>Motivates and rewards for long-term company performance; aligns executives' interests with stockholder interests and changes in stockholder value.</p> <p>Attracts highly qualified executives and encourages their continued employment over the long-term.</p>	<p>Annual equity opportunities are generally reviewed and determined annually at the beginning of the year or as appropriate during the year for new hires, promotions, or reward for significant achievement.</p> <p>Individual awards are determined based on a number of factors, including current corporate and individual performance, outstanding equity holdings and their retention value and total ownership, historical value of our stock, internal equity among executives and market data provided by our independent compensation consultant.</p> <p>Equity awards are provided in the form of stock options that typically vest over a four-year period.</p>

In evaluating our executive compensation programs and policies, as well as the short-term and long-term value of our executive compensation plans and arrangements, we consider both the performance and skills of each of our executive officers, as well as the compensation paid to executives in similar companies with similar responsibilities. We focus on providing a competitive compensation package that provides significant short-term and long-term incentives for the achievement of measurable corporate objectives. We believe that this approach provides an appropriate blend of short-term and long-term incentives to maximize stockholder value.

We do not currently have any formal policies for allocating compensation among base salary, performance-based bonus awards and equity awards, short-term and long-term compensation or among cash and non-cash compensation. Instead, our compensation committee uses its judgment to establish a target total direct compensation opportunity for each named executive officer that is a mix of current, short-term and long-term incentive compensation, and cash and non-cash compensation, that it believes appropriate to achieve the goals of our executive compensation program and our corporate objectives. However, a significant portion of our named executive officers' target total direct compensation opportunity is comprised of performance-based bonus opportunities and long-term equity awards, in order to align the executive officers' incentives with the interests of our stockholders and our corporate goals.

Role of the Compensation Committee and Executive Officers in Setting Executive Compensation

As further described above, our compensation committee, comprised entirely of independent directors, is responsible for administering our executive compensation program and operates under a written charter. Among other things, the role of the compensation committee is to oversee our executive compensation programs, policies and plans, and to review and determine, as appropriate, the compensation to be paid to our executive officers and directors. As necessary, and if deemed appropriate by our compensation committee, the compensation committee may also make recommendations to the full board of directors for approval of certain compensation decisions relating to our named executive officers.

In making its executive compensation determinations, our compensation committee and, if applicable, the full board of directors, considers recommendations from our Chief Executive Officer for executive officers other than himself. In making his recommendations, our Chief Executive Officer has access to various third party compensation surveys and compensation data provided by the independent compensation consultant to the compensation committee, as described below. While our Chief Executive Officer discusses his recommendations for the other executive officers with the compensation committee, he does

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not participate in the deliberations concerning, or the determination of, his own compensation. In addition to our Chief Executive Officer, our Chief Financial Officer, as well as members of our management and our legal department also attend compensation committee meetings from time to time and may take part in discussions of executive compensation. From time to time, various other members of management and other employees as well as outside advisors or consultants may be invited by the compensation committee to make presentations, provide financial or other background information or advice or otherwise participate in compensation committee meetings. No executive officer is present during voting or deliberations on his or her own compensation.

Role of our Compensation Consultant

Our compensation committee has the sole authority to retain compensation consultants to assist in its evaluation of executive compensation, including the authority to approve the consultant's reasonable fees and other retention terms. As in 2014, for purposes of evaluating 2015 compensation for each of our executive officers and making 2015 compensation decisions, our compensation committee retained Compensia, a national compensation consultant, to assist it in reviewing our executive compensation program and to ensure that our compensation program remains competitive in attracting and retaining talented executives.

During 2015, Compensia assisted the compensation committee in selecting a group of peer companies to use as a reference in understanding the competitive market, evaluating current pay practices and philosophies and considering compensation and corporate governance best practices. As described further below, Compensia also prepared an analysis of our compensation practices with respect to base salaries, annual bonuses and long-term incentive compensation compared to competitive market practices. Compensia reports directly to the compensation committee, which maintains the authority to direct their work and engagement, and advises the compensation committee from time to time. Compensia interacts with management to gain access to company information that is required to perform its services and to understand the culture and policies of our organization.

The compensation committee has considered whether the work of Compensia has raised any conflict of interest, taking into account the following factors: (i) the amount of fees paid to Compensia, as a percentage of the firm's total revenue; (ii) the provision of other services to us by Compensia; (iii) Compensia's policies and procedures that are designed to prevent conflicts of interest; (iv) any business or personal relationship of the individual compensation advisors with any member of the compensation committee; (v) any business or personal relationship of Compensia or the individual compensation advisors employed by the firm with any of our executive officers and (vi) any shares of our common stock owned by the individual compensation advisors employed by Compensia. Based on the above factors, the compensation committee has concluded that the work of Compensia and the individual compensation advisors employed by Compensia has not created any conflict of interest.

Use of Competitive Market Data

We strive to attract and retain the most highly qualified executive officers in an extremely competitive market. Accordingly, our compensation committee believes that it is important when making its compensation decisions to be informed as to the competitive market for executive talent, including the current practices of comparable public companies with which we compete for such talent. Consequently, our compensation committee reviews market data for each executive officer's position, compiled by Compensia as described below.

In 2014, with the assistance of Compensia, the compensation committee approved a peer group of companies for use as a reference when determining the 2015 compensation of our executive officers. This peer group was selected from among publicly-traded pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies based in the U.S., based on the comparability of revenue, market capitalization, and headcount. Our compensation committee believes that the companies selected for this peer group were broadly

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comparable to us, and represented our labor market for talent for key leadership positions at the time the compensation decisions for 2015 were made. This peer group consisted of the following companies:

<i>AcelRx Pharmaceuticals</i>	<i>DURECT</i>	<i>Sorrento Therapeutics</i>
<i>Alexza Pharmaceuticals</i>	<i>Galena Biopharma</i>	<i>Sunesis Pharmaceuticals</i>
<i>Ampio Pharmaceuticals</i>	<i>Omeros</i>	<i>Threshold Pharmaceuticals</i>
<i>Aradigm</i>	<i>Pain Therapeutics</i>	<i>XenoPort</i>
<i>BioDelivery Sciences</i>	<i>Repros Therapeutics</i>	<i>Zogenix</i>

The compensation committee used the peer group to determine the various compensation levels and programs of similar companies that are competing for talent in the pharmaceutical business. In addition, the peer group provided a framework from which the compensation committee could determine a compensation program that would effectively attract, retain, and incentivize management.

The compensation committee regularly reviews our peer group to determine if adjustments are necessary to ensure that the data derived from the group continues to represent current market practices. From time to time, our compensation committee will revise the peer group when it determines that additional or different peer companies or groups are necessary to provide appropriate information on market practices and compensation levels. Due to the pending approval of EP-3102 Bendeka (which was ultimately approved in December 2015) as well as our other pipeline products, and the increase in our market capitalization and revenue, the compensation committee determined that a new peer group consisting of companies in the commercial stage of development was warranted for determining the levels of 2015 performance bonuses and 2016 base salaries and equity awards. As such, in October 2015 the compensation committee revised our peer group, resulting in the selection of an entirely new set of peer companies for our 2015-2016 peer group. As a result of this revision, beginning in October 2015, the peer group consisted of the following companies:

<i>Acorda Therapeutics</i>	<i>Impax Laboratories</i>	<i>Pacira Pharmaceuticals</i>
<i>Akorn</i>	<i>Insys Therapeutics</i>	<i>PDL BioPharma</i>
<i>AMAG Pharmaceuticals</i>	<i>Lannett Co</i>	<i>Sagent Pharmaceuticals</i>
<i>Depomed</i>	<i>Medivation</i>	<i>Sucampo Pharmaceuticals</i>
<i>Emergent BioSolutions</i>	<i>Nektar Therapeutics</i>	<i>Supernus Pharmaceuticals</i>
<i>Enanta Pharmaceuticals</i>	<i>The Medicines Co.</i>	

The revised peer group was comprised of 17 publicly-traded companies and retained none of the companies included in our 2014-2015 peer group. The compensation committee believes that the resulting peer group companies are broadly comparable to us, and represent our labor market for talent for key leadership positions.

Our compensation committee does not "benchmark" the compensation of any of our named executive officers to a specific percentile of the compensation data derived from our peer groups. Rather, the compensation committee reviews the peer group data reference points and structures each element of compensation, and the target total direct compensation opportunities, for our executive officers to be competitive with the market. Competitive market positioning is only one of several factors that our compensation committee considers in making compensation decisions, however, and therefore individual named executive officer compensation may fall above or below these general guidelines. The compensation committee also considers factors such as corporate and individual performance, change in position or responsibilities, leadership, internal pay equity, experience, expected future contributions, retention concerns, and our overall performance and business needs when making compensation decisions for our executive officers.

Table of Contents*2015 Executive Compensation Program****Annual Base Salary***

In reviewing and adjusting base salaries for 2015, the compensation committee reviewed our peer group analysis and analyzed each executive officer's individual contribution to the achievement of our corporate goals. In early 2015, the compensation committee determined that an increase of 5% was appropriate for Mr. Tarriff, and increases of 3% were appropriate for each of Dr. Krill and Mr. Riggs. Dr. Hepner's base salary for 2015 was negotiated at the time of his hire, after taking into consideration the base salaries of executives with similar roles and responsibilities in the pharmaceutical industry.

The named executive officers' 2015 base salaries and increases from each of their base salaries in effect as of the end of 2014, were as follows:

Named Executive Officer	2015 Base Salary	Increase from 2014 Base Salary
Scott Tarriff ⁽¹⁾	\$ 500,000	5%
Steven L. Krill, Ph.D. ⁽²⁾	\$ 325,000	3%
David E. Riggs ⁽³⁾	\$ 310,000	3%
Adrian Hepner, M.D., Ph.D. ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 335,000	N/A
Paul Bruinenberg, M.D. ⁽⁵⁾	\$ 330,428	N/A

- (1) Mr. Tarriff's 2015 base salary was effective as of April 2, 2015.
- (2) Dr. Krill's 2015 base salary was initially increased to \$315,352 effective as of March 19, 2015. In connection with his promotion to Executive Vice President and Chief Scientific Officer, Dr. Krill's base salary was increased to \$325,000, effective as of August 20, 2015.
- (3) Mr. Riggs' 2015 base salary was effective as of April 2, 2015.
- (4) Dr. Hepner joined us in January 2015 and his base salary was effective as of January 5, 2015.
- (5) Dr. Bruinenberg was terminated without cause in March 2015 and his base salary was not increased in 2015.

Annual Performance-Based Bonuses

In February 2015, our compensation committee developed our performance-based annual bonus program for 2015, which was recommended to the full board of directors and approved by the independent directors in April 2015. At that time, each named executive officer was approved for a target annual performance-based bonus opportunity expressed as a percentage of his base salary, or target bonus percentage. In addition, the independent members of our board of directors set the amounts payable based on the various achievement levels for the corporate objectives established by our board of directors for the year. There was no specified minimum or maximum bonus percentage or payment amount established for the named executive officers.

For 2015, the target bonus percentage was 50% of annual base salary for our Chief Executive Officer, and 30% of annual base salary for each other named executive officer. In determining the targets, the compensation committee considered market data provided by Compensia for the 2014-2015 peer group at 25th percentile levels. The corporate objectives and relative overall weighting towards corporate objective achievement for 2015 were established by our board of directors, upon recommendation by our compensation committee, in April 2015. Our board of directors assigned a weighting to each of our corporate objectives on which the performance-based bonus for each executive officer would be generally based. No specific individual goals were established for any of our named executive officers for 2015, and accordingly each of our named executive officers' bonuses was intended to be tied to our corporate objective weighting and achievement. In January 2016, our compensation committee reviewed our

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performance against the pre-established performance levels for each corporate objective and approved the extent to which we achieved each of our corporate objectives.

Each of the corporate objectives, their relative weight, and our percentage achievement towards the total bonus, in each case as determined by our compensation committee and our board of directors, is set forth in the table below.

2015 Corporate Objectives	Weighting	2015 Company Performance	Percentage Achievement Determined by our Compensation Committee
Teva Licensing Agreement (EP-3102 Bendeka)	15%	We successfully negotiated competitive licensing terms for EP-3102 Bendeka.	100%
EP-3102 Bendeka Filing	5%	We filed EP-3102 Bendeka with the FDA on February 13, 2015.	100%
EP-3102 Bendeka FDA Approval	15%	We received FDA approval for EP-3102 Bendeka on December 7, 2015.	100%
EP-3102 Bendeka Orphan Drug Exclusivity	5%	We continued managing the orphan drug exclusivity process with the FDA in 2015.	100%
EP-3102 Bendeka Patents	5%	We filed several patents and several patents were issued for EP-3102 Bendeka in 2015.	100%
RTU (bivalirudin) Filing and Acceptance	10%	We filed an NDA for RTU bivalirudin on May 19, 2015, and the FDA accepted the NDA for filing on July 22, 2015.	100%
Ryanodex (dantrolene sodium) Sales	10%	We achieved 65% of budgeted sales for Ryanodex (dantrolene sodium).	65%
Expense Budget	5%	We maintained expenses controls within budget for SG&A and R&D.	100%
Exertional Heat Stroke Study	5%	We successfully completed in September 2015 a clinical study on exertional heat stroke at the Hajj pilgrimage in Saudi Arabia.	100%
EP-3102 Bendeka Supply Chain	5%	We successfully planned for the EP-3102 Bendeka approval and were positioned to supply sufficient inventory for commercial launch.	100%
Ryanodex (dantrolene sodium) Orphan Drug Exclusivity	10%	We received orphan drug exclusivity for Ryanodex (dantrolene sodium) on February 18, 2015.	100%
EP-5101 pemetrexed Registration Batches	5%	We successfully manufactured registration batches for our pemetrexed formulation.	100%
Compliance Program	5%	We maintained healthcare and commercial compliance without inquiry from any governing organization.	100%
Total	100%		96.5%

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Our compensation committee determined to pay the 2015 performance-based bonuses in cash, in keeping with prior practice and the fact that our named executive officers receive a substantial portion of their target annual compensation in the form of equity awards. In recognition of the achievement of substantially all of our corporate objectives at 100% of target and our exceptional stock performance in 2015, the compensation committee approved and recommended to the full board of directors, and the independent members of the full board of directors approved, that each of our named executive officers (other than Dr. Bruinenberg, who was no longer with the Company) be awarded 150% of their target bonuses for 2015, as shown in the table below:

Named Executive Officer	2015 Target Bonus	2015 Actual Bonus	Actual Bonus as a % of Target
Scott Tarriff	\$ 250,000	\$ 375,000	150%
Steven L. Krill, Ph.D.	\$ 98,000	\$ 146,000	150%
David E. Riggs	\$ 93,000	\$ 140,000	150%
Adrian Hepner, M.D., Ph.D.	\$ 101,000	\$ 151,000	150%
Paul Bruinenberg, M.D.	\$ 99,000		

In addition to the performance-based bonus described above, on August 4, 2015, the compensation committee approved a one-time cash bonus to Dr. Hepner in the amount of \$25,000, payment of which was contingent upon initiation of a clinical study for exertional heat stroke.

Equity-Based Incentive Awards

We have historically granted equity compensation to our executive officers primarily in the form of stock options, and the compensation committee determined that our 2015 long-term incentive compensation program for the named executive officers would continue to consist of stock options that vest over a four-year period, subject to the executive's continued service. The compensation committee believes that stock options are inherently performance-based, and automatically link executive pay to stockholder return, as the value realized, if any, by the executive from an award of stock options, is dependent upon, and directly proportionate to, appreciation in stock price. Regardless of reported value in the Summary Compensation Table, our named executive officers will only receive value from their stock option awards if the price of our common stock increases above the price at time of grant, and remains above such price as the stock options continue to vest. Stock options also do not have downside protection, and the awards will not provide value to the holder when the stock price is below the exercise price.

Prior to our 2014 initial public offering, we granted all equity awards pursuant to the 2007 Incentive Compensation Plan, or the 2007 Plan. Following the initial public offering, we have provided equity compensation generally in the form of stock option grants under our 2014 Equity Incentive Plan, or the 2014 Plan. All options are granted with a per share exercise price equal to no less than the fair market value of a share of our common stock on the date of grant of each award. Generally our stock option awards vest over a four-year period. Options granted under our 2007 Plan contain an early exercise feature allowing the holder to exercise and receive unvested shares of our stock which are subject to our right to repurchase in accordance with the vesting schedule. Stock options and shares acquired by early exercising stock options that are subject to our repurchase right accelerate vesting upon the occurrence of change in control transactions under certain circumstances.

In March 2015, our compensation committee reviewed and recommended to our full board of directors awards of stock options to each of our named executive officers (other than Drs. Bruinenberg and Hepner) and the independent directors approved the awards as presented by the compensation committee. In determining the appropriate amount of each award, the compensation committee considered market data provided by Compensia for the 2014-2015 peer group at both the 25th percentile and 50th percentile levels, reflecting the equity value, based on approximated grant date fair value. The compensation committee also considered each named executive officer's current equity holdings, the extent to which such

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holdings were "in-the-money," the extent to which such holdings remained unvested and therefore continued to serve as a retention tool, as well as the potential dilution of our share reserves.

Based on such review, the compensation committee approved and recommend to the full board of directors, and the independent members of the board approved, the following equity grants for our named executive officers in March 2015, each of which vests monthly over a four-year period:

Named Executive Officer	Stock Option Grant (# shares)
Scott Tarriff	125,000
Steven L. Krill, Ph.D.	71,286
David E. Riggs	56,286
Adrian Hepner, M.D., Ph.D. ⁽¹⁾	
Paul Bruinenberg, M.D. ⁽²⁾	

(1) Dr. Hepner joined us in January 2015 and received an equity award upon his commencement of employment, as described below.

(2) Dr. Bruinenberg was terminated without cause in March 2015 and did not receive any equity awards in 2015.

Mr. Tarriff's equity grant was positioned at approximately the 50th percentile of the market data provided by Compensia for equity value. The compensation committee determined that, due to his extensive professional experience in the pharmaceutical business and his specialized knowledge of our business, this positioning was warranted to retain and incentivize Mr. Tarriff. Likewise, the compensation committee determined the size of the annual award for each of our other executive officers, to position the size of such awards within the range (above for some, and below for others) of the 50th percentile of the market data provided by Compensia for each such executive officer. Additionally, in determining and analyzing the value of these option awards, the compensation committee was cognizant of our strong stock price performance through such date.

In January 2015, in connection with his appointment as our Executive Vice President, Clinical Research, Regulatory and Medical Affairs, the board of directors granted Dr. Hepner an option to purchase 30,000 shares. In determining the size of Dr. Hepner's equity grant, the board of directors considered our historical practice with respect to initial equity grants to executives with similar roles and responsibilities.

Other Features of our Executive Compensation Program

Agreements with our Named Executive Officers

We have entered into offer letter agreements (or in the case of Mr. Tarriff, an employment agreement) with each of our named executive officers upon their initial commencement of employment with us. Each of our named executive officers is employed at will and may be terminated at any time for any reason.

Mr. Tarriff. We entered into an employment agreement with Mr. Tarriff in March 2007, which renews annually, setting forth the terms of his employment. The agreement established Mr. Tarriff's initial base salary, which is reviewed annually and subject to increase by our board of directors, and provides that Mr. Tarriff is eligible to receive an annual bonus if determined by our board of directors. Mr. Tarriff is additionally entitled to certain severance and change in control payments and benefits pursuant to his agreement, the terms of which are described below under "Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control." During Mr. Tarriff's employment and for one year thereafter, Mr. Tarriff may not solicit our employees or full-time consultants and he cannot be employed by or start a business that is in competition with us.

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Dr. Krill. We entered into an offer letter agreement with Dr. Krill in September 2011 setting forth the terms of his employment. The agreement established Dr. Krill's initial base salary and provided for an initial option award to purchase 7,800 shares of our common stock, which was granted to Dr. Krill in September 2011. As a condition to his employment, Dr. Krill was required to sign a standard Trade Secret, Non-Disclosure and Restrictive Covenant Agreement.

Mr. Riggs. We entered into an offer letter agreement with Mr. Riggs in November 2013 setting forth the terms of his employment. The agreement established Mr. Riggs' initial base salary and provided for an initial option award to purchase up to 35,881 shares of our common stock, which was granted to Mr. Riggs in November 2013. Such option vests over a four year period, with 25% of the shares vesting on November 21, 2014 and the remainder vesting in equal monthly installments over a period of three years. As a condition to his employment, Mr. Riggs was required to sign a standard Trade Secret, Non-Disclosure and Restrictive Covenant Agreement.

Dr. Hepner. We entered into an offer letter agreement with Dr. Hepner in December 2014 setting forth the terms of his employment. The agreement established Dr. Hepner's initial base salary, provided relocation expenses in the amount of \$25,000, and provided for an initial option award to purchase 30,000 shares of our common stock, which was granted to Dr. Hepner in January 2015. Such option vests over a four year period, with 25% of the shares vesting on January 5, 2016 and the remainder vesting in equal monthly installments over a period of three years. As a condition to his employment, Dr. Hepner was required to sign a standard Trade Secret, Non-Disclosure and Restrictive Covenant Agreement.

Dr. Bruinenberg. We entered into an offer letter agreement with Dr. Bruinenberg in September 2011 setting forth the terms of his employment. The agreement established Dr. Bruinenberg's initial base salary and provided for an initial option award to purchase up to 35,881 shares of our common stock, which was granted to Dr. Bruinenberg in October 2011. Dr. Bruinenberg was terminated without cause in March 2015 and his offer letter agreement is no longer in effect. In connection with his termination, we entered into a separation agreement with Dr. Bruinenberg pursuant to which Dr. Bruinenberg received severance payments in the amount of four months of his then-effective base salary. In addition, we accelerated the vesting of 5,318 shares subject to outstanding options under our 2007 Plan and 2014 Plan.

Severance and Change in Control Benefits

Regardless of the manner in which a named executive officer's service terminates, the named executive officer is entitled to receive amounts earned during his or her term of service, including salary and unused vacation pay.

In December 2015, the compensation committee approved a Letter Agreement Regarding Equity Awards, or the Letter Agreement, setting forth the eligibility for equity award vesting acceleration. The Letter Agreement was subsequently entered into with each of our named executive officers, and provides that, if in connection with a "Change in Control" (as defined in the applicable equity plan), an equity award is substituted for a similar award of the successor or acquiror entity and the award holder experiences a "Qualifying Termination" (as defined in the Letter Agreement) within ninety days prior to or twelve months following such change in control, any unvested portion of any applicable equity award will become fully vested; and, if in connection with a change in control an equity award will terminate and not be assumed or continued by, or substituted for a similar award of, the successor or acquiror entity, then, any unvested portion of any applicable equity award will become fully vested, subject to the consummation of such change in control. The Letter Agreement amended the terms of all previously granted and outstanding equity awards under our 2007 Plan and 2014 Plan, and unless otherwise provided by us at the time of grant, will apply to all future equity awards.

We maintain an Officer Severance Benefit Plan, or the Severance Plan, under which three of our named executive officers, Drs. Krill and Hepner and Mr. Riggs, are eligible to receive severance payments and

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benefits upon a termination without Cause (as defined in the Severance Plan). Such payments and benefits include (i) base salary continuation and payments for continuation of coverage under COBRA for six months, (ii) a pro-rata portion of his annual bonus for the performance period in which the termination occurs and (iii) certain outplacement benefits.

We do not provide any tax gross-ups in connection with severance or change in control transactions. Our compensation committee periodically reviews the severance and change in control payments and benefits that we provide, including by reference to market data, to ensure they remain appropriately structured and at reasonable levels. The compensation committee believes that that severance protection payments and benefits are necessary to provide stability among our executive officers, serve to focus our executive officers on our business operations, and avoid distractions in connection with a potential change in control transaction or period of uncertainty.

A more detailed description of the Severance Plan and each of our named executive officer payment and benefit levels thereunder is provided below under "Potential Payments upon Termination or Change in Control."

Perquisites and Other Benefits

Our named executive officers are eligible to participate in all of our benefit plans, such as the 401(k) plan (see the section below titled "401(k) Plan"), medical, dental, vision, short-term disability, long-term disability, group life insurance and our 2014 Employee Stock Purchase Plan, in each case generally on the same basis as other employees. We do not currently have qualified or nonqualified defined benefit plans or deferred compensation plans, nor do we offer pension or other retirement benefits other than our 401(k) plan. We generally do not offer perquisites or personal benefits to our named executive officers; we do from time to time provide reasonable relocation or signing bonuses to our named executive officers as our compensation committee determines appropriate to induce such individuals to commence employment with us.

Accounting and Tax Considerations

Under Financial Accounting Standard Board ASC Topic 718, or ASC 718, we are required to estimate and record an expense for each award of equity compensation over the vesting period of the award. We record share-based compensation expense on an ongoing basis according to ASC 718. The compensation committee has considered, and may in the future consider, the grant of performance-based or other types of stock awards to our executive officers in lieu of or in addition to stock option grants in light of the accounting impact of ASC 718 and other considerations.

Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the Code, limits companies (including our company) to a deduction for federal income tax purposes of not more than \$1 million of compensation paid to certain executive officers in a calendar year. Compensation above \$1 million may be deducted if it is "performance-based compensation," as defined in the Code and accompanying regulations. Our 2014 Plan is structured to permit the grant of stock options and other equity awards that are "performance-based compensation" under section 162(m). To maintain flexibility in compensating our executive officers in a manner designed to promote our goals, the compensation committee does not have a formal policy at this time for determining which forms of incentive compensation awarded to our executive officers will be designed to qualify as "performance-based compensation" for purposes of section 162(m) or requiring all compensation to be deductible. The compensation committee intends to continue to evaluate the effects of the compensation limits of section 162(m) on any compensation it proposes to grant, and further intends to continue to provide future compensation in a manner consistent with the best interests of the company and our stockholders.

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Compensation Recovery ("Clawback") Policy

As a public company, if we are required to restate our financial results due to our material noncompliance with any financial reporting requirements under the federal securities laws as a result of misconduct, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer may be legally required to reimburse us for any bonus or other incentive-based or equity-based compensation they receive in accordance with the provisions of section 304 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. Additionally, we intend to implement a Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act-compliant compensation recovery "clawback" policy as soon as, and to the extent that, the requirements of such clawbacks are finalized by the SEC.

Risk Assessment Concerning Compensation Practices and Policies

Our compensation committee has reviewed our compensation policies and practices to assess whether they encourage our employees to take inappropriate risks. After reviewing and assessing our compensation philosophy, policies and practices, including the mix of fixed and variable, short-term and long-term incentives and overall pay, incentive plan structures, and the checks and balances built into, and oversight of, each plan and practice, the compensation committee has determined that any risks arising from our compensation policies and practices for our employees are not reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on our company as a whole.

Further, the compensation committee believes that the mix and design of the elements of executive compensation do not encourage management to assume excessive risks; the mix of short-term compensation (in the form of base salary and an annual bonus, if any, which is based on a variety of performance factors), and long-term compensation (in the form of stock options) prevents undue focus on short-term results and helps align the interests of our executive officers with the interests of our stockholders.

Compensation Committee Report

Our compensation committee has reviewed and discussed with management the foregoing Compensation Discussion and Analysis required by Item 402(b) of Regulation S-K. Based on this review and discussion, our compensation committee has recommended to our board of directors that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in this proxy statement and incorporated into the amendment to our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015.

By the compensation committee of the board of directors of Eagle Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Mr. Michael Graves, Chairman (appointed chairman of the compensation committee in June 2016)

Mr. David Pernock (no longer serving on the compensation committee as of July 2016)

This report shall not constitute "soliciting material," shall not be deemed "filed" with the SEC and is not to be incorporated by reference into any of our other filings under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act, or the Exchange Act, except to the extent that we specifically incorporate this report by reference therein.

Executive Compensation Tables

Our named executive officers for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015, which consist of our principal executive officer, principal financial officer and the next three most highly compensated executive officers who were serving as executive officers during fiscal year 2015, are:

Scott Tarriff, our President and Chief Executive Officer;

Steven L. Krill, Ph.D., our Executive Vice President and Chief Scientific Officer;

David E. Riggs, our Chief Financial Officer;

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Adrian Hepner, M.D., Ph.D, our Executive Vice President and Chief Medical Officer; and

Paul Bruinenberg, M.D., our former Chief Medical Officer.

Summary Compensation Table

The following table provides information regarding the compensation provided to, or earned by, our named executive officers during the fiscal years ended December 31, 2015, September 30, 2014 and September 30, 2013, as well as the three-month transition period ended December 31, 2014:

Name and Principal Position	Year⁽¹⁾	Salary (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Option Awards (\$)⁽²⁾	All Other Compensation (\$)	Total (\$)
Scott Tarriff <i>President and Chief Executive Officer, Director</i>	2015	499,230	375,000	1,906,250	45,659 ⁽³⁾	2,826,139
	2014(T)	146,360			11,779 ⁽³⁾	158,139
	2014	449,633	200,000	493,639	38,738 ⁽³⁾	1,182,010
	2013	408,038			35,709 ⁽³⁾	443,747
Steven L. Krill, Ph.D. <i>Executive Vice President and Chief Scientific Officer</i>	2015	318,781	146,000	1,087,112	15,889 ⁽³⁾	1,567,782
	2014(T)	82,430			4,600 ⁽³⁾	87,030
	2014	302,405	42,357	392,228	12,259 ⁽³⁾	749,249
	2013	272,592	25,000	116,547	11,282 ⁽³⁾	425,421
David E. Riggs ⁽⁴⁾ <i>Chief Financial Officer</i>	2015	309,849	140,000	858,362	16,570 ⁽³⁾	1,324,781
	2014(T)	81,064			4,586 ⁽³⁾	85,650
	2014	265,929	64,253	396,357	19,620 ⁽⁵⁾	746,159
Adrian Hepner ⁽⁶⁾ , M.D., Ph.D. <i>Executive Vice President and Chief Medical Officer</i>	2015	311,766	151,000	170,100	56,858 ⁽⁷⁾	689,724
Paul Bruinenberg ⁽⁸⁾ , M.D. <i>Former Chief Medical Officer</i>	2015	71,170		137,000 ⁽⁹⁾	136,492 ⁽¹⁰⁾	344,662
	2014(T)	88,961			6,277 ⁽³⁾	95,238
	2014	326,058	33,803	204,985	17,699 ⁽³⁾	582,545
	2013	303,786	20,000	124,585	2,225 ⁽³⁾	450,596

(1) 2014(T) refers to the three-month transition period ended December 31, 2014.

(2) In accordance with SEC rules, this column reflects the aggregate grant date fair value of the option awards granted, computed in accordance with ASC 718. Assumptions used in the calculation of these amounts are described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K in Note 3 to our financial statements, filed with the SEC on February 29, 2016. These amounts do not reflect the actual economic value that will be realized by the named executive officer upon the vesting of the stock options, the exercise of the stock options, or the sale of the common stock underlying such stock options.

(3) Amount consists of premiums paid by us for group life, long term disability, and health insurance.

(4) Mr. Riggs joined us in November 2013 as our Chief Financial Officer.

(5) Amount consists of premiums paid by us for group life, long term disability and health insurance, as well as relocation and temporary living expenses.

(6)

Dr. Hepner joined us in January 2015 as Executive Vice President, Clinical Research, Regulatory and Medical Affairs, and is now our Executive Vice President and Chief Medical Officer.

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- (7) Amount consists of premiums paid by us for group life, long term disability, and health insurance, as well as \$25,000 in relocation expenses.
- (8) Dr. Bruinenberg was terminated without cause on March 9, 2015.
- (9) Amount reflects the incremental fair value of certain stock option awards, which were accelerated in connection with Dr. Bruinenberg's termination in March 2015.
- (10) Amount consists of \$110,142 of cash severance payments we paid Dr. Bruinenberg in 2015.

Grants of Plan-Based Awards for Fiscal 2015

The following table sets forth information regarding grants of compensation in the form of plan-based awards made during 2015 to our named executive officers. We did not grant any plan-based awards during the three-month transition period ended December 31, 2014.

Name	Grant Date	Estimated Future Payouts Under Non-Equity Incentive Plan Award(s) ⁽¹⁾			All Other Stock Awards: Number of Shares of Stock or Units (#)	All Other Awards: Number of Securities Underlying Options (#) ⁽²⁾	Exercise or Base Price of Option Awards (\$/Sh)	Grant Date Fair Value of Stock and Option Awards (\$) ⁽³⁾
		Threshold (\$)	Target (\$)	Maximum (\$)				
Scott Tarriff	N/A		\$ 250,000			\$	\$	
David Riggs	3/13/15		93,000		125,000	46.09	1,906,250	
Steven L. Krill, Ph.D.	3/13/15		98,000		56,286	46.09	858,362	
Adrian Hepner, M.D., Ph.D.	3/13/15		101,000		71,286	46.09	1,087,112	
Paul Bruinenberg, M.D.	N/A 1/5/15		99,000		30,000	17.15	170,100	
							137,000 ⁽⁴⁾	

- (1) Reflects performance-based cash bonuses that our named executive officers were eligible to earn in 2015 if certain performance metrics were achieved whether pursuant to an employment agreement with us or otherwise. For amounts actually earned and paid for 2015 performance, see "Summary Compensation Table" above.
- (2) Each stock option was granted with an exercise price equal to the fair market value of our common stock on the grant date. The options have a term of four years and vest with respect to 25% of the shares one year following the date of grant and with respect to 1/36th of the remaining shares on each monthly anniversary thereafter over the following three years.
- (3) The amounts shown represent compensation expense recognized for financial statement purposes under ASC 718. Pursuant to SEC rules, the amounts shown exclude the impact of estimated forfeitures related to service-based vesting conditions. Assumptions used in the calculation of these amounts are described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K in Note 3 to our financial statements, filed with the SEC on February 29, 2016. These amounts may not correspond to the actual value that may be recognized by our named executive

officers.

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- (4) Reflects the incremental fair value of certain stock option awards, which were accelerated in connection with Dr. Bruinenberg's termination in March 2015.

Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End

The following table sets forth certain information regarding equity awards held as of December 31, 2015 by our named executive officers.

	Grant Date	Option Awards			
		Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Exercisable ⁽¹⁾	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Unexercisable	Option Exercise Price Per Share (\$) ⁽²⁾	Option Expiration Date
Scott Tarriff	10/02/2008	113,104		4.04	10/01/2018
	04/02/2009	124,804		4.04	04/01/2019
	05/03/2011	31,201		8.78	05/02/2021
	08/26/2014	25,000	50,000	12.63	08/25/2024
	03/13/2015		125,000	46.09	03/12/2025
David E. Riggs	11/21/2013	18,688	17,193	4.94	11/20/2023
	04/08/2014	7,336	10,272	12.67	04/07/2024
	08/26/2014	8,333	16,667	12.63	08/25/2024
	03/13/2015		56,286	46.09	03/12/2025
Steven L. Krill, Ph.D.	09/26/2011	1,950		8.78	09/25/2021
	07/12/2012	1,933	797	8.78	07/11/2022
	04/19/2013	13,211	7,306	4.42	04/18/2023
	04/08/2014	7,460	10,445	12.67	04/07/2024
	08/26/2014	13,333	26,667	12.63	08/25/2024
	03/13/2015		71,286	46.09	03/12/2025
Adrian Hepner, M.D., Ph.D.	01/05/2015		30,000	17.15	01/04/2025
Paul Bruinenberg, M.D. ⁽³⁾					

- (1) The option awards listed in the table above vest with respect to 25% of the shares one year following the date of grant and with respect to 1/36th of the remaining shares on each monthly anniversary thereafter over the following three years, subject to the executive officer's continuous service with us through the vesting date. All option awards granted under our 2007 Plan (which excludes the awards granted on or after April 8, 2014 in the table above) allow the holder to exercise and receive unvested shares of our stock which are subject to our right to repurchase in accordance with the vesting schedule.
- (2) All of the option awards listed in the table above were granted with a per share exercise price equal to the fair market value of one share of our common stock on the date of grant.
- (3) Dr. Bruinenberg was terminated without cause on March 9, 2015. Dr. Bruinenberg was entitled to exercise the then-vested portion of any option awards held by him within three months following his departure.

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The following table provides certain information regarding option exercises during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 with respect to our named executive officers. We have not granted restricted stock awards to any of our named executive officers.

Option Exercises in Fiscal Year 2015

Name	Option Awards	
	Number of Shares Acquired on Exercise	Value Realized on Exercise ⁽¹⁾
Scott Tarriff		\$
David E. Riggs		
Steven L. Krill, Ph.D.	9,980	732,848
Adrian Hepner, M.D., Ph.D.		
Paul Bruinenberg, M.D.	56,030	1,840,694

- (1) Amounts shown do not reflect amounts actually received by the named individual. The amounts reflect the product of (i) the difference between the market closing price on the date of exercise less the exercise price of the applicable option multiplied by (ii) the number of shares exercised under the applicable option.

Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control

Pursuant to Mr. Tarriff's employment agreement, if he is terminated without cause (and other than as a result of his death or disability) or if he resigns for good reason, he is entitled to receive continued payments of his base salary for 12 months following the date of his termination, provided that he continues to comply with certain restrictive covenants set forth in his employment agreement.

For purposes of Mr. Tarriff's employment agreement, "cause" generally means (1) his neglect or failure to perform his substantial duties or obligations, including his material breach of his employment agreement, after receiving prior written notice and an opportunity to cure, if applicable; (2) his willful misconduct that materially injures our reputation, business or business relationships; (3) his conviction of or plea of guilty or *nolo contendere* to any crime or offense involving our money or other property; (4) his conviction of or plea of guilty or *nolo contendere* to or acceptance of deferred adjudication or judgment to any crime constituting a felony; (5) his breach of any fiduciary duty prohibiting his self-dealing to improperly secure any personal profit or gain in connection with our business; or (6) entry of an order of a court or securities regulatory or self-regulatory body which enjoins or otherwise sanctions, limits or restricts his performance under his employment agreement, due to his misconduct.

For purposes of Mr. Tarriff's employment agreement, "good reason" generally means his termination of employment with us for any of the following reasons unless cured within a specified period of notice by Mr. Tarriff: (1) our failure to promptly pay him any undisputed compensation owed under his employment agreement; (2) any reduction in his employee benefits or bonus opportunity, other than one made generally for all senior executives or as a result of our impaired finances; (3) a material diminution in his duties, title, authority or responsibilities; (4) our assignment to him of duties that are inconsistent with the duties stated in his employment agreement; (5) our material breach of any provision of his employment agreement; (6) a requirement that he relocate as a result of moving his offices outside the greater New York City metropolitan area; or (7) our delivery of a written notice electing not to extend the term of his employment under his employment agreement.

In addition, each of our named executive officers (other than Drs. Bruinenberg and Hepner) holds stock options under the 2007 Plan that provide for acceleration of vesting and lapse of our repurchase right with

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respect to shares acquired by early exercising such options upon certain change in control transactions or such named executive officer's subsequent termination.

Furthermore, on August 4, 2015, our board of directors and compensation committee approved and adopted the Eagle Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Officer Severance Benefit Plan, which we refer to as the Severance Plan. Pursuant to the terms of the Severance Plan, certain Eligible Officers (as defined in the Severance Plan) that are subject to a termination without Cause (as defined in the Severance Plan) will be entitled to an amount equal to such officer's then-current monthly Base Salary (as defined in the Severance Plan) payable for a period of six or three months, which such period shall be determined on a case-by-case basis. In addition, (i) all Eligible Officers will be entitled to a pro-rata portion of such officer's annual bonus for the performance period in which the termination occurs, payable in equal installments in accordance with our regular payroll procedures, (ii) certain Eligible Officers will be entitled to outplacement counseling and training services in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 and (iii) certain Eligible Officers will be entitled to payment of the employer portion of medical and dental insurance coverage for a period of six months. Drs. Krill and Hepner and Mr. Riggs are participants in the Severance Plan and are each entitled to severance payments for a period of six months, a pro-rata portion of their annual bonus for the performance period in which the termination occurs, as well as the outplacement services and insurance payments described above. Dr. Hepner's and Mr. Riggs' participation in the Severance Plan is in lieu of any severance payments and benefits previously provided pursuant to the terms of their respective offer letter agreements. In connection with participation in the Severance Plan, each Eligible Officer will sign a non-competition agreement and a waiver and release of claims in favor of us.

The following table sets forth estimated compensation that would have been payable to each of our named executive officers as severance or upon a change in control of the Company under three alternative

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scenarios, assuming the termination triggering severance payments or a change in control took place on December 31, 2015.

Name	Cash Payment (\$) ⁽¹⁾	Accelerated Vesting of Stock Options (\$) ⁽²⁾	Health and Other Benefits (\$) ⁽³⁾	Total (\$)
Scott Tarriff Termination without cause or resignation for good reason other than in the context of a change in control	500,000			500,000
Change in control only		9,124,500		9,124,500
Change in control with termination without cause or resignation for good reason Steven L. Krill, Ph.D. Termination without cause or resignation for good reason other than in the context of a change in control	500,000	9,124,500		9,624,500
Change in control only	308,500		21,419	329,919
Change in control only		6,536,139		6,536,139
Change in control with termination without cause or resignation for good reason David E. Riggs Termination without cause or resignation for good reason other than in the context of a change in control	308,500	6,536,139	21,419	6,866,058
Change in control only	155,000			155,000
Change in control only		5,884,258		5,884,258
Change in control with termination without cause or resignation for good reason Adrian Hepner, M.D., Ph.D. Termination without cause or resignation for good reason other than in the context of a change in control	155,000	5,884,258		6,039,258
Change in control only	167,500			167,500
Change in control only		2,145,600		2,145,600
Change in control with termination without cause or resignation for good reason	167,500	2,145,600		2,313,100

(1) Amounts shown reflect cash payments based on salary only, except in the case of Dr. Krill, who was a participant in our Severance Plan as of December 31, 2015 and was entitled to cash payments based on salary and bonus. As of April 29, 2016, Mr. Riggs and Dr. Hepner are participants in our Severance Plan and are also entitled to salary and bonus payments, as described in the section titled "Severance and Change in Control Benefits."

(2) Amounts shown represent the value of unvested stock options upon the applicable triggering event described in the first column. The value of stock options is based on the difference between the exercise price of the options and \$88.67, which was the closing price of our common stock on December 31, 2015.

(3) Amounts shown represent the estimated cost of providing health care continuation coverage as well as \$15,000 in transition assistance. As of April 29, 2016 Mr. Riggs and Dr. Hepner are participants in our Severance Plan, and are also entitled to health care continuation coverage and \$15,000 in transition assistance, as described in the section titled "Severance and Change in Control Benefits."

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Option Repricings

Other than accelerating the vesting of 5,315 shares subject to outstanding options in connection with Dr. Bruinenberg's termination, we did not engage in any repricings or other modifications or cancellations with respect to the outstanding equity awards held by or granted to our named executive officers during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015.

Perquisites, Health, Welfare and Retirement Benefits

Our named executive officers are eligible to participate in our employee benefit plans, including our medical, dental, group life, disability and accidental death and dismemberment insurance plans, in each case on the same basis as all of our other employees. We provide the opportunity to participate in a 401(k) plan to our employees, including our named executive officers, as discussed in the section below titled "401(k) Plan."

We generally do not provide perquisites or personal benefits to our named executive officers, except in certain limited circumstances such as providing relocation benefits in connection with hiring a new executive. We do, however, pay the premiums for group term life insurance, long-term disability, dental and health insurance for all of our employees, including our named executive officers. None of our named executive officers participate in non-qualified deferred compensation plans or qualified defined benefit pension plans sponsored by us. Our board of directors may elect to adopt such plans in the future if it determines that doing so is in our best interests.

401(k) Plan

We maintain a 401(k) profit sharing plan, or 401(k) plan, for our employees. Our named executive officers are eligible to participate in the 401(k) plan on the same basis as our other employees. The 401(k) plan is intended to qualify as a tax-qualified plan under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code. The 401(k) plan provides that each participant may contribute up to the lesser of 75% of his or her compensation or the statutory limit, which was \$17,500 for each of calendar years 2013 and 2014, and \$18,000 for calendar year 2015. Participants who are 50 years old or older can also make "catch-up" contributions, which in each of calendar years 2013 and 2014 was up to an additional \$5,500, and in calendar year 2015 was up to an additional \$6,000, above the statutory limit. We did not make matching contributions or profit sharing contributions into the 401(k) plan on behalf of participants in fiscal year 2015. In January 2016, the compensation committee approved an amendment to the 401(k) plan to provide for a match of 100% of an employee's contribution up to 3% of such employee's base salary and an additional match of 50% of such employee's contribution for the next 2% of such employee's base salary. Participant contributions are held and invested, pursuant to the participant's instructions, by the plan's trustee.

Limitations on Liability and Indemnification Agreements

As permitted by Delaware law, provisions in our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws limit or eliminate the personal liability of directors for a breach of their fiduciary duty of care as a director. The duty of care generally requires that, when acting on behalf of the corporation, a director exercise an informed business judgment based on all material information reasonably available to him or her. Consequently, a director will not be personally liable to us or our stockholders for monetary damages or breach of fiduciary duty as a director, except for liability for:

any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to us or our stockholders;

any act or omission not in good faith or that involves intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law;

any act related to unlawful stock repurchases, redemptions or other distributions or payments of dividends; or

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any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit.

These limitations of liability do not limit or eliminate our rights or any stockholder's rights to seek nonmonetary relief, such as injunctive relief or rescission. These provisions will not alter a director's liability under other laws, such as the federal securities laws or other state or federal laws. Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation also authorizes us to indemnify our officers, directors and other agents to the fullest extent permitted under Delaware law.

As permitted by Delaware law, our amended and restated bylaws provide that:

we will indemnify our directors, officers, employees and other agents to the fullest extent permitted by law;

we must advance expenses to our directors and officers, and may advance expenses to our employees and other agents, in connection with a legal proceeding to the fullest extent permitted by law; and

the rights provided in our amended and restated bylaws are not exclusive.

If Delaware law is amended to authorize corporate action further eliminating or limiting the personal liability of a director or officer, then the liability of our directors or officers will be so eliminated or limited to the fullest extent permitted by Delaware law, as so amended. Our bylaws also permit us to secure insurance on behalf of any officer, director, employee or other agent for any liability arising out of his or her actions in connection with their services to us, regardless of whether our bylaws permit such indemnification. We have obtained such insurance.

In addition to the indemnification that is provided for in our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws, we have entered into separate indemnification agreements with each of our directors and executive officers, which may be broader than the specific indemnification provisions contained in the Delaware General Corporation Law. These indemnification agreements may require us, among other things, to indemnify our directors and executive officers for some expenses, including attorneys' fees, expenses, judgments, fines and settlement amounts incurred by a director or executive officer in any action or proceeding arising out of his or her service as one of our directors or executive officers or any other company or enterprise to which the person provides services at our request. We believe that these provisions and agreements are necessary to attract and retain qualified individuals to serve as directors and executive officers.

This description of the indemnification provisions of our amended and restated certificate of incorporation, our amended and restated bylaws and our indemnification agreements is qualified in its entirety by reference to these documents.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act, may be permitted to our directors, officers and controlling persons pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, we have been advised that, in the opinion of the SEC, such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act, and is, therefore, unenforceable. At present, there is no pending litigation or proceeding involving any of our directors, officers or employees for which indemnification is sought and we are not aware of any threatened litigation that may result in claims for indemnification.

Director Compensation

Historically, we have not paid cash or equity compensation to directors who are also our employees for service on our board of directors. Prior to our 2014 initial public offering, we provided equity compensation generally in the form of stock option grants under the 2007 Plan to our non-employee members of our board of directors. Following our initial public offering, we have provided equity compensation in the form of stock option grants under our 2014 Plan. We have reimbursed and will continue to reimburse all of our non-employee directors for their travel, lodging and other reasonable

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expenses incurred in attending meetings of our board of directors and committees of our board of directors. We do not maintain any agreements with our directors governing their services or compensation for their services on our board of directors.

On March 13, 2015, we granted an option to purchase 5,000 shares of our common stock to each of Messrs. Flaum, Moorin, Graves, Ratoff and Dr. Schreiber, each of which has an exercise price per share of \$46.09 and vests with respect to 100% of the underlying shares on March 13, 2016, subject to the director's continued service with us through such date.

On April 8, 2015, in connection with his appointment to the board of directors, we granted an option to purchase 10,000 shares of our common stock to Mr. Pernock, which has an exercise price per share of \$46.81 and vests monthly over three years, subject to Mr. Pernock's continued service with us through such date.

On April 21, 2015, we granted an option to purchase 10,000 shares to each of Messrs. Flaum, Moorin, Graves, Ratoff, Pernock and Dr. Schreiber, each of which has an exercise price per share of \$59.31 and vests with respect to 100% of the underlying shares on April 21, 2016, subject to the director's continued service with us through such date.

The aggregate size of the 2015 annual equity incentive grants represented an increase from our historical practice, which the board of directors deemed appropriate in recognition of our strong stock price performance, as well as each director's increased involvement in the development of our corporate strategies and objectives.

The following table sets forth in summary form information concerning the compensation that we paid or awarded during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015, and during the three-month transition period ended December 31, 2014, to each of our non-employee directors:

Name ⁽¹⁾	Year ⁽²⁾	Fees Earned or		Total
		Paid in Cash (\$)	Option Awards (\$) ⁽³⁾	
Sander Flaum	2015	51,250	250,719	301,969
	2014(T)	10,000		10,000
Jay Moorin ⁽⁴⁾	2015	67,500	250,719	318,219
	2014(T)	13,750		13,750
Michael Graves	2015	51,500	250,719	302,219
	2014(T)	9,125		9,125
Steven Ratoff	2015	55,000	250,719	305,719
	2014(T)	11,250		11,250
Alain Schreiber, M.D. ⁽⁵⁾	2015	38,750	250,719	289,469
	2014(T)	8,125		8,125
David Pernock	2015	24,375	325,171	349,546
	2014(T)			

(1) Mr. Tarriff was an employee director during 2015, and his compensation is fully reflected in the "Summary Compensation Table" above. Mr. Tarriff did not receive any compensation in 2015 for services provided as a member of our board of directors.

(2) 2014(T) refers to the three-month transition period ended December 31, 2014.

(3) Amounts listed in this column represent the aggregate grant date fair value of option awards granted during 2015, computed in accordance with ASC 718. Assumptions used in the calculation of these amounts are included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K in Note 3 to our financial statements, filed with the SEC on February 29, 2016. These amounts do not reflect the actual economic value that will

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be realized by our non-employee directors upon the vesting of the stock options, the exercise of the stock options or the sale of the common stock underlying such stock options. David Pernock, who joined our board of directors in April 2015, received an option to purchase 10,000 shares on April 8, 2015 with a grant date fair value of \$15.02 per share, and another option to purchase 10,000 shares on April 21, 2015 with a grant date fair value of \$17.50 per share, in each case computed in accordance with relevant accounting guidance. Each of the other non-employee directors received an option to purchase 5,000 shares on March 13, 2015 with a grant date fair value of \$15.25 per share, and another option to purchase 10,000 shares on April 21, 2015 with a grant date fair value of \$17.50 per share, in each case computed in accordance with relevant accounting guidance.

- (4) Mr. Moorin resigned from the Board, effective as of June 29, 2016. In connection with such resignation, the vesting of all of Mr. Moorin's outstanding options was accelerated in full, and Mr. Moorin was given one year from his June 29, 2016 resignation date to exercise any of his outstanding options.
- (5) Dr. Schreiber resigned from the Board, effective as of June 29, 2016. In connection with such resignation, the vesting of all of Dr. Schreiber's outstanding options was accelerated in full, and Dr. Schreiber was given one year from his June 29, 2016 resignation date to exercise any of his outstanding options.

The aggregate number of shares subject to outstanding stock option awards held by each non-employee director as of December 31, 2015 was as follows: Mr. Flaum, 33,720 shares; Mr. Moorin, 33,720 shares; Mr. Graves, 29,040 shares; Mr. Ratoff, 33,720 shares; Dr. Schreiber, 20,460 shares; and Mr. Pernock, 20,000 shares.

Our non-employee director compensation policy provides that each such non-employee director will receive the following compensation for service on our board of directors:

an annual cash retainer of \$25,000, paid quarterly for service (other than as chairman) on the board of directors;

an additional annual cash retainer of \$40,000, paid quarterly, for service as chairman of the board of directors;

an additional annual cash retainer of \$20,000, paid quarterly, for service as chairman of the audit committee;

an additional annual cash retainer of \$7,500, paid quarterly, for service as chairman of the compensation committee;

an additional annual cash retainer of \$12,500, paid quarterly, for service (other than as chairman) on the audit committee;

an additional annual cash retainer of \$7,500, paid quarterly, for service on the executive committee;

an additional annual cash retainer of \$4,000, paid quarterly, for service (other than as chairman) on the compensation committee or the nominating and corporate governance committee;

an annual option grant to purchase 4,680 shares of our common stock vesting monthly over one year following the grant date; and

upon first joining our board of directors, an automatic initial grant of an option to purchase 9,360 shares of our common stock vesting monthly over three years following the grant date.

From time to time, our board of directors, in its subjective determination, has approved initial option grants to new directors that vary somewhat from the terms of the above policy, including an initial grant to Mr. Pernock upon his appointment to our board of directors in April 2015 as well

as initial grants to Mr. Braunstein and Mr. Glenning in connection with their acceptances of appointments to our board of

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directors in July 2016. In each of those instances, the initial grant was for an option to purchase 10,000 shares of our common stock and was in lieu of the automatic initial grant of an option to purchase 9,360 shares of our common stock.

Equity Compensation Plan Information

The following table provides certain information with respect to all of our equity compensation plans in effect as of December 31, 2015.

Plan Category	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options (a)	Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options (b)	Number of securities remaining available for issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a)) (c)
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders			
2007 Incentive Compensation Plan	1,665,742	\$ 21.20	(1)
2014 Equity Incentive Plan	179,100	\$ 62.13	2,876,702 ⁽²⁾
2014 Employee Stock Purchase Plan			476,946 ⁽³⁾
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders			
Total	1,844,842	\$ 25.16	3,353,648

(1) No further grants were made under the 2007 Incentive Compensation Plan after the completion of our initial public offering on February 12, 2014.

(2) The number of shares of common stock reserved for issuance under the 2014 Equity Incentive Plan will automatically increase on January 1 of each year, commencing on January 1, 2016 and ending on (and including) January 1, 2024, by 6% of the total number of shares of our capital stock outstanding on December 31st of the preceding fiscal year, or a lesser number of shares determined by our Board. Pursuant to the terms of the 2014 Equity Incentive Plan, an additional 938,183 shares were added to the number of available shares effective January 1, 2016.

(3) The number of shares of common stock reserved for issuance under the 2014 Employee Stock Purchase Plan will automatically increase on October 1st of each year, commencing on October 1, 2014 and ending on (and including) October 1, 2024, by the lesser of (i) 1% of the total number of shares of our capital stock outstanding on September 30th of the preceding fiscal year, (ii) 180,726 shares of our common stock or (iii) a lesser number of shares determined by our Board. Pursuant to the terms of the 2014 Employee Stock Purchase Plan, an additional 155,898 shares were added to the number of available shares effective October 1, 2015.

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RELATED-PERSON TRANSACTIONS POLICY AND PROCEDURES

We have adopted a related person transaction policy that sets forth our procedures for the identification, review, consideration and approval or ratification of related person transactions. For purposes of our policy only, a "related-person transaction" is defined as a transaction, arrangement or relationship (or any series of similar transactions, arrangements or relationships) in which we and any "related person" are participants involving an amount that exceeds \$120,000.

Transactions involving compensation for services provided to us as an employee, consultant or director are not considered related-person transactions under this policy. A related person is defined as any executive officer, director or a holder of more than 5% of our common stock, including any of their immediate family members and any entity owned or controlled by such persons.

Under the policy, where a transaction has been identified as a related-person transaction, management must present information regarding the proposed related-person transaction to our audit committee (or, where review by our audit committee would be inappropriate, to another independent body of our Board) for review. The presentation must include a description of, among other things, the material facts, the direct and indirect interests of the related persons, the benefits of the transaction to us and whether any alternative transactions are available. To identify related-person transactions in advance, we rely on information supplied by our executive officers, directors and certain significant stockholders. In considering related-person transactions, our audit committee or other independent body of our Board takes into account the relevant available facts and circumstances including, but not limited to:

the risks, costs and benefits to us;

the impact on a director's independence in the event the related person is a director, immediate family member of a director or an entity with which a director is affiliated;

the terms of the transaction;

the availability of other sources for comparable services or products; and

the terms available to or from, as the case may be, unrelated third parties or to or from our employees generally.

The policy requires that, in determining whether to approve, ratify or reject a related-person transaction, our audit committee, or other independent body of our Board, must consider, in light of known circumstances, whether the transaction is in, or is not inconsistent with, our best interests and those of our stockholders, as our audit committee, or other independent body of our Board, determines in the good faith exercise of its discretion. In the event a director has an interest in the proposed transaction, the director must recuse himself or herself from the deliberations and approval.

CERTAIN RELATED-PERSON TRANSACTIONS

The following includes a summary of transactions since the beginning of our last fiscal year to which we have been a party, in which the amount involved in the transaction exceeded \$120,000, and in which any of our directors, executive officers or, to our knowledge, beneficial owners of more than 5% of our capital stock or any member of the immediate family of any of the foregoing persons had or will have a direct or indirect material interest, other than equity and other compensation, termination, change in control and other arrangements.

Employment Arrangements

We have entered into employment arrangements with our named executive officers as more fully described above in "Agreements with our Named Executive Officers."

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Stock Options Granted to Executive Officers and Directors

We have granted stock options to our executive officers and directors, as more fully described in the "Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End" and "Director Compensation" sections above.

Indemnification Agreements

As more fully described above in "Limitations on Liability and Indemnification Agreements," we have entered into, and intend to continue to enter into, indemnification agreements with each of our directors and executive officers, in addition to the indemnification provided for in our amended and restated bylaws and our amended and restated certificate of incorporation. We believe that these agreements are necessary to attract and retain qualified persons as our officers and directors. We also maintain directors' and officers' liability insurance.

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HOUSEHOLDING OF PROXY MATERIALS

The SEC has adopted rules that permit companies and intermediaries (e.g., brokers) to satisfy the delivery requirements for Annual Meeting materials with respect to two or more stockholders sharing the same address by delivering a single set of Annual Meeting materials addressed to those stockholders. This process, which is commonly referred to as "householding," potentially means extra convenience for stockholders and cost savings for companies.

This year, a number of brokers with account holders who are Eagle stockholders will be "householding" the Company's proxy materials. A single set of Annual Meeting materials will be delivered to multiple stockholders sharing an address unless contrary instructions have been received from the affected stockholders. Once you have received notice from your broker that they will be "householding" communications to your address, "householding" will continue until you are notified otherwise or until you revoke your consent. If, at any time, you no longer wish to participate in "householding" and would prefer to receive a separate set of Annual Meeting materials, please notify your broker or Eagle. Direct your written request to John W. LaRocca, Esq., Executive Vice President and General Counsel, Eagle Pharmaceuticals, Inc., 50 Tice Blvd., Suite 315, Woodcliff Lake, NJ 07677 or contact the Company by telephone at (201) 326-5300. Stockholders who currently receive multiple copies of the Annual Meeting materials at their addresses and would like to request "householding" of their communications should contact their brokers.

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OTHER MATTERS

The Board knows of no other matters that will be presented for consideration at the Annual Meeting. If any other matters are properly brought before the meeting, it is the intention of the persons named in the accompanying proxy to vote on such matters in accordance with their best judgment.

By Order of the Board of Directors
/s/ Scott Tarriff

Scott Tarriff
President and Chief Executive Officer

July 12, 2016

A copy of the Company's Annual Report to the Securities and Exchange Commission on Form 10-K, as amended, for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 is available without charge upon written request to: Corporate Secretary, Eagle Pharmaceuticals, Inc., 50 Tice Boulevard, Suite 315, Woodcliff Lake, NJ 07677.

