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FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2020

OR

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission file number: 001-37372



Collegium Pharmaceutical, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Virginia

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

03-0416362

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

**100 Technology Center Drive
Stoughton, MA**

(Address of principal executive offices)

02072

(Zip Code)

(781) 713-3699

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)
Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	COLL	The NASDAQ Global Select Market

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

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

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

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer Smaller reporting company Emerging growth company
(Do not check if smaller reporting company)

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

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

As of October 31, 2020, there were 34,582,324 shares of Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share, outstanding.

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FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Statements made in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q that are not statements of historical or current facts, such as those under the heading “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations,” are “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements discuss our current expectations and projections relating to our financial condition, results of operations, plans, objectives, future performance and business. These statements may be preceded by, followed by or include the words “aim,” “anticipate,” “believe,” “estimate,” “expect,” “forecast,” “intend,” “outlook,” “plan,” “potential,” “project,” “projection,” “seek,” “may,” “could,” “would,” “should,” “can,” “can have,” “likely,” the negatives thereof and other words and terms of similar meaning.

Forward-looking statements are inherently subject to risks, uncertainties and assumptions; they are not guarantees of performance. You should not place undue reliance on these statements. We have based these forward-looking statements on our current expectations and projections about future events. Although we believe that our assumptions made in connection with the forward-looking statements are reasonable, we cannot assure you that the assumptions and expectations will prove to be correct.

You should understand that the following important factors could affect our future results and could cause those results or other outcomes to differ materially from those expressed or implied in our forward-looking statements:

- our ability to commercialize and grow sales of our products, particularly in light of current global challenges stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic;
- our ability to obtain and maintain regulatory approval of our products and any product candidates, and any related restrictions, limitations, and/or warnings in the label of an approved product;
- the size of the markets for our products and any product candidates, and our ability to service those markets;
- the success of competing products that are or become available;
- our ability to obtain and maintain reimbursement and third-party payor contracts with favorable terms for our products;
- the costs of commercialization activities, including marketing, sales and distribution;
- the rate and degree of market acceptance of our products;
- changing market conditions for our products;
- the outcome of any patent infringement, opioid-related or other litigation that may be brought by or against us, including litigation with Purdue Pharma, L.P.;
- the outcome of any governmental investigation related to the manufacture, marketing and sale of opioid medications;
- the performance of our third-party suppliers and manufacturers;
- our ability to secure adequate supplies of active pharmaceutical ingredient for each of our products and to manufacture adequate quantities of commercially salable inventory and to maintain our supply chain in the face of global challenges, such as the COVID-19 pandemic;
- our ability to effectively manage our relationships with licensors and to commercialize products that we may in-license from third parties;
- our ability to attract collaborators with development, regulatory and commercialization expertise;
- our ability to obtain funding for our operations and business development;
- our ability to comply with the terms of our outstanding indebtedness;
- regulatory developments in the United States;
- our ability to obtain and maintain sufficient intellectual property protection for our products and any product candidates;
- our ability to comply with stringent government regulations relating to the manufacturing and marketing of pharmaceutical products, including U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency (“DEA”) compliance;
- the loss of key commercial, scientific or management personnel;
- our customer concentration, which may adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations;
- the accuracy of our estimates regarding expenses, revenue, capital requirements and need for additional financing; and
- the other risks, uncertainties and factors discussed under the heading “Risk Factors” in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

In light of these risks and uncertainties, expected results or other anticipated events or circumstances discussed in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (including the exhibits hereto) might not occur. We undertake no obligation, and specifically decline any obligation, to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, even if experience or future developments make it clear that projected results expressed or implied in such statements will not be realized, except as may be required by law.

These and other risks are described under the heading “Risk Factors” in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. Those factors and the other risk factors described therein are not necessarily all of the important factors that could cause actual results or developments to differ materially from those expressed in any of our forward-looking statements. Other unknown or unpredictable factors also could harm our results. Consequently, there can be no assurance that actual results or developments anticipated by us will be realized or, even if substantially realized, that they will have the expected consequences to, or effects on, us. Given these uncertainties, prospective investors are cautioned not to place undue reliance on such forward-looking statements.

PART I—FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited).

Collegium Pharmaceutical, Inc.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(in thousands, except share and per share amounts)

	September 30, 2020	December 31, 2019
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 165,423	\$ 170,019
Accounts receivable	76,466	72,953
Inventory	17,146	9,643
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	3,097	3,105
Total current assets	262,132	255,720
Property and equipment, net	17,746	11,854
Operating lease assets	8,572	9,047
Intangible asset, net	352,699	29,503
Restricted cash	2,547	—
Other noncurrent assets	147	178
Total assets	\$ 643,843	\$ 306,302
Liabilities and shareholders' equity		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 6,491	\$ 6,247
Accrued expenses	17,710	33,480
Accrued rebates, returns and discounts	170,246	157,549
Current portion of term notes payable	47,281	3,833
Current portion of operating lease liabilities	709	656
Total current liabilities	242,437	201,765
Term notes payable, net of current portion	121,967	7,667
Convertible senior notes	97,795	—
Operating lease liabilities, net of current portion	8,958	9,438
Total liabilities	471,157	218,870
Commitments and contingencies (see Note 14)		
Shareholders' equity:		
Preferred stock, \$0.001 par value; authorized shares - 5,000,000 at September 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019; issued and outstanding shares - none at September 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019	—	—
Common stock, \$0.001 par value; authorized shares - 100,000,000 at September 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019; issued and outstanding shares - 34,577,129 at September 30, 2020 and 33,678,840 at December 31, 2019	35	34
Additional paid-in capital	512,756	447,297
Accumulated deficit	(340,105)	(359,899)
Total shareholders' equity	172,686	87,432
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 643,843	\$ 306,302

See accompanying notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Collegium Pharmaceutical, Inc.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(in thousands, except share and per share amounts)

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
Product revenues, net	\$ 79,176	\$ 72,942	\$ 233,745	\$ 222,498
Cost of product revenues				
Cost of product revenues (excluding intangible asset amortization)	14,188	43,066	54,316	133,508
Intangible asset amortization	16,795	3,688	43,885	11,064
Total cost of products revenues	30,983	46,754	98,201	144,572
Gross profit	48,193	26,188	135,544	77,926
Operating expenses				
Research and development	2,141	2,491	7,300	7,942
Selling, general and administrative	26,426	30,072	87,008	91,359
Total operating expenses	28,567	32,563	94,308	99,301
Income (loss) from operations	19,626	(6,375)	41,236	(21,375)
Interest expense	(8,063)	(228)	(21,145)	(698)
Interest income	3	494	229	1,552
Income (loss) before income taxes	11,566	(6,109)	20,320	(20,521)
Provision for income taxes	280	—	526	—
Net income (loss)	\$ 11,286	\$ (6,109)	\$ 19,794	\$ (20,521)
Earnings (loss) per share — basic	\$ 0.33	\$ (0.18)	\$ 0.58	\$ (0.62)
Weighted-average shares — basic	34,540,126	33,481,923	34,346,071	33,360,272
Earnings (loss) per share — diluted	\$ 0.32	\$ (0.18)	\$ 0.56	\$ (0.62)
Weighted-average shares — diluted	35,069,188	33,481,923	35,054,777	33,360,272

See accompanying notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Collegium Pharmaceutical, Inc.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(in thousands)

	Nine months ended September 30,	
	2020	2019
Operating activities		
Net income (loss)	\$ 19,794	\$ (20,521)
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash used in operating activities:		
Amortization expense	43,885	11,064
Depreciation expense	589	535
Stock-based compensation expense	15,700	12,562
Non-cash lease expense	49	409
Non-cash interest expense for amortization of debt discount and issuance costs	6,427	—
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	(3,513)	(6,434)
Inventory	(9,315)	(943)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	39	2,314
Accounts payable	244	(169)
Accrued expenses	(15,231)	(7,228)
Accrued rebates, returns and discounts	12,697	20,480
Operating lease assets and liabilities	—	734
Other long-term liabilities	—	(676)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>71,365</u>	<u>12,127</u>
Investing activities		
Purchase of intangible asset	(368,226)	—
Purchases of property and equipment	(4,065)	(5,549)
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(372,291)</u>	<u>(5,549)</u>
Financing activities		
Proceeds from issuances of common stock from employee stock purchase plans	758	817
Proceeds from the exercise of stock options	6,394	531
Payments made for employee restricted stock tax withholdings	(2,169)	(721)
Proceeds from issuance of term note, net of issuance costs of \$2,456	192,117	—
Proceeds from convertible senior notes, net of issuance costs of \$5,473	138,277	—
Repayment of term notes	(25,000)	—
Repayment of term loan	(11,500)	—
Net cash provided by financing activities	<u>298,877</u>	<u>627</u>
Net (decrease) increase in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	(2,049)	7,205
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at beginning of period	170,019	146,633
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at end of period	<u>\$ 167,970</u>	<u>\$ 153,838</u>
Reconciliation of cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash to the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 165,423	\$ 153,838
Restricted cash	2,547	—
Total cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	<u>\$ 167,970</u>	<u>\$ 153,838</u>
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information		
Cash paid for interest	<u>\$ 14,718</u>	<u>\$ 543</u>
Supplemental disclosure of non-cash activities		
Acquisition of property and equipment in accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 738	\$ 552
Accrued royalties discharged upon closing of asset acquisition	\$ 1,145	\$ —
Inventory used in the construction and installation of property and equipment	\$ 1,812	\$ —
Receivable from stock option exercises in other current assets	\$ —	\$ 5
Operating lease assets assumed	\$ —	\$ 9,957
Operating lease liabilities assumed	\$ —	\$ 10,691

See accompanying notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Collegium Pharmaceutical, Inc.

NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(unaudited, in thousands, except share and per share amounts)

1. Nature of Business

Collegium Pharmaceutical, Inc. (the “Company”) was incorporated in Delaware in April 2002 and then reincorporated in Virginia in July 2014. The Company has its principal operations in Stoughton, Massachusetts. The Company is a specialty pharmaceutical company committed to being the leader in responsible pain management. The Company’s first product, Xtampza ER, is an abuse-deterrent, extended-release, oral formulation of oxycodone. In April 2016, the United States Food and Drug Administration (the “FDA”) approved the Company’s new drug application (“NDA”) for Xtampza ER for the management of pain severe enough to require daily, around-the-clock, long-term opioid treatment and for which alternative treatment options are inadequate. In June 2016, the Company announced the commercial launch of Xtampza ER.

The Company’s product portfolio also includes Nucynta ER and Nucynta IR (the “Nucynta Products”). In December 2017, the Company entered into a Commercialization Agreement (the “Nucynta Commercialization Agreement”) with Assertio Therapeutics, Inc. (formerly known as Depomed) (“Assertio”), pursuant to which the Company acquired the right to commercialize the Nucynta Products in the United States. The Company began shipping and recognizing product sales on the Nucynta Products on January 9, 2018 and began marketing the Nucynta Products in February 2018. Nucynta ER is an extended-release formulation of tapentadol that is indicated for the management of pain severe enough to require daily, around-the-clock, long-term opioid treatment, including neuropathic pain associated with diabetic peripheral neuropathy in adults, and for which alternate treatment options are inadequate. Nucynta IR is an immediate-release formulation of tapentadol that is indicated for the management of acute pain severe enough to require an opioid analgesic and for which alternative treatments are inadequate in adults.

On February 6, 2020, the Company entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement with Assertio (the “Nucynta Purchase Agreement”), pursuant to which the Company agreed to acquire from Assertio certain assets related to the Nucynta Products (the “Nucynta Acquisition”), including the license from Grünenthal GmbH (“Grünenthal”), for an aggregate purchase price of \$375,000, subject to certain closing and post-closing adjustments as described in the Nucynta Purchase Agreement. On February 13, 2020, the Company closed the Nucynta Acquisition in accordance with the Nucynta Purchase Agreement. Upon closing, the Nucynta Commercialization Agreement was effectively terminated and the Company’s royalty payment obligations to Assertio thereunder ceased. Following the closing, the Company pays royalties directly to Grünenthal at a rate of 14% of net sales of the Nucynta Products and no longer pays royalties to Assertio.

In December 2019, a novel strain of coronavirus began infecting people in China; since then, the disease caused by virus, COVID-19, has sickened millions of people across the world and in March 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic. The pandemic has severely impacted global economic activity, and many countries and many states in the United States have reacted to the outbreak by instituting quarantines, mandating business and school closures and restricting travel. The travel restrictions and “social distancing” recommendations resulting from the spread of COVID-19 have impacted the Company’s sales professionals’ ability to travel to and meet with healthcare providers in person. The Company periodically reviews its accounting estimates in light of changes in circumstances, facts and experience. As of the date of the filing of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, the COVID-19 pandemic and actions taken to contain it have impacted revenue (due to fewer new patients beginning therapy with the Company’s products and adverse impact on the Company’s ability to promote products due to closure or limited operations of many physicians’ offices) and decreased certain operating expenses, including travel, marketing and expenses associated with participation in congresses that have been postponed. The Company believes that the disruptions caused by COVID-19 will continue and there remains substantial uncertainty as to when such disruptions will cease (or ease).

The Company’s operations are subject to certain risks and uncertainties. The principal risks include inability to successfully commercialize products, changing market conditions for products and development of competing products, changing regulatory environment and reimbursement landscape, litigation related to opioid marketing and distribution practices, manufacture of adequate commercial inventory, inability to secure adequate supplies of active pharmaceutical ingredients, key personnel retention, protection of intellectual property, and patent infringement litigation.

The Company believes that its cash and cash equivalents at September 30, 2020, together with expected cash inflows from the continued commercialization of its products, will enable the Company to fund its operating expenses, debt service and capital expenditure requirements under its current business plan for the foreseeable future.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements include the accounts of Collegium Pharmaceutical, Inc. (a Virginia corporation) as well as the accounts of Collegium Securities Corp. (a Massachusetts corporation), incorporated in December 2015, and Collegium NF, LLC (a Delaware limited liability company), organized in December 2017, both wholly owned subsidiaries requiring consolidation. The consolidated financial statements of the Company have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“GAAP”) for interim financial reporting and as required by Regulation S-X, Rule 10-01. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by GAAP for complete consolidated financial statements.

In the opinion of the Company’s management, the accompanying unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements contain all adjustments (consisting of items of a normal and recurring nature) necessary to fairly present the financial position of the Company as of September 30, 2020, the results of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019, and cash flows for the nine months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019. The results of operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2020 are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full year.

The preparation of the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements in accordance with GAAP requires the Company to make estimates and assumptions that impact the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues, costs and expenses and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities in the Company’s consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes. Estimates in the Company’s consolidated financial statements include revenue recognition, including the estimates of product returns, units prescribed, discounts and allowances related to commercial sales of products, estimates of useful lives with respect to intangible assets, accounting for stock based compensation, contingencies, impairment of intangible assets, and tax valuation reserves. The Company bases estimates and assumptions on historical experience when available and on various factors that it believes to be reasonable under the circumstances. The Company evaluates its estimates and assumptions on an ongoing basis. The Company’s actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions. The consolidated interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements and notes thereto included in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019 (the “Annual Report”).

Significant Accounting Policies

The Company's significant accounting policies are described in Note 2, "Summary of Significant Accounting Policies," in the Annual Report. During the interim period covered by this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, the Company assumed certain material assets and liabilities in connection with consummating the Nucynta Acquisition, in addition to the issuance of convertible notes and term notes that required a review for embedded derivatives. As a result, the Company adopted the following accounting policy:

Embedded Derivatives

The Company accounts for derivative financial instruments as either equity or liabilities in accordance with Accounting Standards Codification Topic 815, *Derivatives and Hedging*, based on the characteristics and provisions of each instrument. Embedded derivatives are required to be bifurcated from the host instruments and recorded at fair value if the derivatives are not clearly and closely related to the host instruments on the date of issuance. The Company's term notes (see Note 10) and convertible notes (see Note 11) contain certain features that, in accordance with ASC 815, are not clearly and closely related to the host instrument and represent derivatives that are required to be re-measured at fair value each reporting period. The Company determined that the estimated fair value of the derivatives at issuance and as of September 30, 2020 were not material based on a scenario-based cash flow model that uses unobservable inputs that reflect the Company's own assumptions. Should the Company's assessment of the probabilities around these scenarios change, including due to changes in market conditions, there could be a change to the fair value.

Other than the aforementioned changes, there have been no material changes in the Company's significant accounting policies, other than the adoption of accounting pronouncements below, as compared to the significant accounting policies described in the Annual Report.

Reclassifications

The Company has reclassified certain amounts in its Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2019 to conform to the 2020 presentation. Specifically, the Company disaggregated previously reported cost of product revenues of \$46,754 for the three months ended September 30, 2019 into the captions Cost of product revenues (excluding intangible asset amortization) of \$43,066 and Intangible asset amortization of \$3,688. In addition, the Company disaggregated previously reported cost of product revenues of \$144,572 for the nine months ended September 30, 2019 into the captions Cost of product revenues (excluding intangible asset amortization) of \$133,508 and Intangible asset amortization of \$11,064. The reclassifications relate to the presentation of the Company's gross profit and amortization expense and were made to provide the readers of the Company's consolidated financial statements with additional insight into how the Company and its management view and evaluate its performance and profitability. This reclassification within the consolidated statements of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2019 had no impact on previously reported total consolidated revenues or consolidated results of operations.

Recently Adopted Accounting Pronouncements

New accounting pronouncements are issued periodically by the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") and are adopted by the Company as of the specified effective dates.

The Company adopted Accounting Standard Updated ("ASU") 2016-13, *Financial Instruments – Credit Losses (ASC Topic 326): Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments*, which requires companies to measure credit losses utilizing a methodology that reflects expected credit losses and requires consideration of a broader range of reasonable and supportable information to inform credit loss estimates. Subsequent to issuance, the FASB issued ASUs 2019-04, 2019-05, 2019-10, 2019-11 and 2020-03 to provide additional guidance on the adoption of ASU 2016-13. The Company adopted ASU 2016-13 on January 1, 2020 and the adoption did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial position, results of operations, equity or cash flows.

In March 2020, the FASB issued ASU 2020-04, *Reference Rate Reform (Topic 848): Facilitation of the Effects of Reference Rate Reform on Financial Reporting*, to ease the potential burden in accounting for reference rate reform. The amendments in ASU 2020-04 are elective and apply to all entities that have contracts, hedging relationships, and other transactions that reference LIBOR or another reference rate expected to be discontinued due to reference rate reform.

The new standard became effective immediately and may be applied prospectively to contracts and transactions through December 31, 2022. Upon the transition of the Company's contracts and transactions to new reference rates in connection with reference rate reform, the Company will prospectively apply the amendments of ASU 2020-04 and disclose the effect on its consolidated financial statements.

Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements Not Yet Adopted

In December 2019, the FASB issued ASU 2019-12, *Income Taxes (Topic 740): Simplifying the Accounting for Income Taxes*. The amendments in ASU 2019-12 affect a wide variety of income tax accounting standards with the objective of reducing their complexity. The new standard is effective for annual and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2020, with early adoption permitted. The Company is currently evaluating the standard's effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In June 2020, the FASB issued ASU 2020-06, *Debt—Debt with Conversion and Other Options (Subtopic 470-20) and Derivatives and Hedging—Contracts in Entity's Own Equity (Subtopic 815-40): Accounting for Convertible Instruments and Contracts in an Entity's Own Equity*. The amendments in ASU 2020-06 aim to reduce the complexity associated with applying GAAP for certain financial instruments with characteristics of liabilities and equity. The new standard is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2021, including interim periods within those fiscal years. Early adoption is permitted, but no earlier than fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2020, including interim periods within those fiscal years. The Company is currently evaluating the standard's effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

3. Revenue from Contracts with Customers

The Company's revenue to date is from sales of the Company's products, which are primarily sold to distributors ("customers"), which in turn sell the product to pharmacies for the treatment of patients ("end users").

Revenue Recognition

In accordance with Accounting Standards Codification Topic 606, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers* ("ASC Topic 606"), the Company recognizes revenue when a customer obtains control of promised goods or services, in an amount that reflects the consideration which the entity expects to receive in exchange for those goods or services. To determine revenue recognition for arrangements that an entity determines are within the scope of ASC Topic 606, the Company performs the following five steps: (i) identify the contract(s) with a customer; (ii) identify the performance obligations in the contract; (iii) determine the transaction price; (iv) allocate the transaction price to the performance obligations in the contract; and (v) recognize revenue when (or as) the entity satisfies a performance obligation. The Company only applies the five-step model to contracts when it is probable that the entity will collect the consideration it is entitled to in exchange for the goods or services it transfers to the customer. At contract inception, once the contract is determined to be within the scope of ASC Topic 606, the Company assesses the goods or services promised within each contract and determines those that are performance obligations and assesses whether each promised good or service is distinct. The Company then recognizes as revenue the amount of the transaction price that is allocated to the respective performance obligation when (or as) the performance obligation is satisfied.

Performance Obligations

The Company determined that performance obligations are satisfied and revenue is recognized when a customer takes control of the Company's product, which occurs at a point in time. This generally occurs upon delivery of the products to customers, at which point the Company recognizes revenue and records accounts receivable, which represents the Company's only contract asset. Payment is typically received 30 to 90 days after satisfaction of the Company's performance obligations and generally does not have an effect on contract asset and contract liability balances. The Company expenses incremental costs of obtaining a contract as and when incurred if the expected amortization period of the assets is one year or less.

Transaction Price and Variable Consideration

Revenue is measured as the amount of consideration the Company expects to receive in exchange for transferring products or services to a customer (“transaction price”). The transaction price for product sales includes variable consideration related to sales deductions, including (1) rebates and incentives, including managed care rebates, government rebates, co-pay program incentives, and sales incentives and allowances; (2) product returns, including return estimates for both the Xtampza ER and the Nucynta Products; and, (3) trade allowances and chargebacks, including fees for distribution service fees, prompt pay discounts, and chargebacks. The Company will estimate the amount of variable consideration that should be included in the transaction price under the expected value method for all sales deductions other than trade allowances, which are estimated under the most likely amount method. These provisions reflect the expected amount of consideration to which the Company is entitled based on the terms of the contract. In addition, the Company made a policy election to exclude from the measurement of the transaction price all taxes that are assessed by a governmental authority that are imposed on revenue-producing transactions.

Provisions for rebates and incentives are based on the estimated amount of rebates and incentives to be claimed on the related sales from the period. As the Company’s rebates and incentives are based on products dispensed to patients, the Company is required to estimate the expected value of claims at the time of product delivery to distributors. Given that distributors sell the product to pharmacies, which in turn dispense the product to patients, claims can be submitted significantly after the related sales are recognized. The Company’s estimates of these claims are based on the historical experience of existing or similar programs, including current contractual and statutory requirements, specific known market events and trends, industry data, and estimated distribution channel inventory levels. Accruals and related reserves required for rebates and incentives are adjusted as new information becomes available, including actual claims. If actual results vary, the Company may need to adjust these estimates, which could have an effect on earnings in the period of the adjustment.

Provisions for product returns are based on product-level historical trends, as well as relevant market events and other factors. For Xtampza ER, since the product has only been commercially sold since June 2016, estimates of product returns are based on a combination of historical returns processed to date, taking into consideration the expiration date of the product upon delivery to customers, as well as forecasted customer buying patterns, shipment and prescription trends, channel inventory levels, and other specifically known market events and trends. For the Nucynta Products, estimates of product returns are primarily based on historical trends as the Nucynta Products have been commercially sold for a number of years.

Provisions for trade allowances and chargebacks are primarily based on customer-level contractual terms. Accruals and related reserves are adjusted as new information becomes available, which generally consists of actual trade allowances and chargebacks processed relating to sales recognized in the period.

The amount of variable consideration that is included in the transaction price may be constrained and is included in net sales only to the extent that it is probable that a significant reversal in the amount of the cumulative revenue recognized will not occur in a future period. In general, performance obligations do not include any estimated amounts of variable consideration that are constrained. Actual amounts of consideration ultimately received may differ from the Company’s estimates. If actual results in the future vary from the Company’s estimates, the Company will adjust these estimates, which would affect net product revenue and earnings in the period such variances become known.

The following tables summarize activity in each of the Company's product revenue provision and allowance categories for the nine months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019:

Nine months ended September 30, 2020	Rebates and Incentives (1)	Product Returns (2)	Trade Allowances and Chargebacks (3)
Balance at December 31, 2019	\$ 129,901	\$ 27,648	\$ 14,020
Provision related to current period sales	242,389	9,218	55,967
Changes in estimate related to prior period sales	(122)	—	(182)
Credits/payments made	(237,044)	(1,744)	(56,985)
Balance at September 30, 2020	<u>\$ 135,124</u>	<u>\$ 35,122</u>	<u>\$ 12,820</u>

Nine months ended September 30, 2019	Rebates and Incentives (1)	Product Returns (2)	Trade Allowances and Chargebacks (3)
Balance at December 31, 2018	\$ 129,318	\$ 15,465	\$ 14,841
Provision related to current period sales	192,794	13,313	48,242
Changes in estimate related to prior period sales	(2,865)	—	—
Credits/payments made	(180,738)	(2,024)	(49,462)
Balance at September 30, 2019	<u>\$ 138,509</u>	<u>\$ 26,754</u>	<u>\$ 13,621</u>

- (1) Provisions for rebates and incentives includes managed care rebates, government rebates and co-pay program incentives. Provisions for rebates and incentives are deducted from gross revenues at the time revenues are recognized and are included in accrued rebates, returns and discounts in the Company's Consolidated Condensed Balance Sheets.
- (2) Provisions for product returns are deducted from gross revenues at the time revenues are recognized and are included in accrued rebates, returns and discounts in the Company's Consolidated Condensed Balance Sheets.
- (3) Provisions for trade allowances and chargebacks include fees for distribution service fees, prompt pay discounts, and chargebacks. Trade allowances and chargebacks are deducted from gross revenue at the time revenues are recognized and are recorded as a reduction to accounts receivable in the Company's Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets.

As of September 30, 2020, the Company did not have any transaction price allocated to remaining performance obligations and any costs to obtain contracts with customers, including pre-contract costs and set up costs, were immaterial.

Disaggregation of Revenue

The Company disaggregates its product revenue, net from contracts with customers, into the categories included in the table below. These categories depict how the nature, timing and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows are affected by economic factors:

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
Xtampza ER	\$ 32,126	\$ 26,480	\$ 97,191	\$ 77,632
Nucynta Products ⁽¹⁾	47,050	46,462	136,554	144,866
Total product revenues, net	<u>\$ 79,176</u>	<u>\$ 72,942</u>	<u>\$ 233,745</u>	<u>\$ 222,498</u>

- (1) For the three months ended September 30, 2020, the Company recognized Nucynta IR and Nucynta ER product revenues, net of \$30,000 and \$17,050, respectively. For the three months ended September 30, 2019, the Company recognized Nucynta IR and Nucynta ER product revenues, net of \$28,162 and \$18,300, respectively. For the nine months ended September 30, 2020, the Company recognized Nucynta IR and Nucynta ER product revenues, net of \$87,044 and \$49,510, respectively. For the nine months ended September 30, 2019, the Company recognized Nucynta IR and Nucynta ER product revenues, net of \$87,484 and \$57,382, respectively.

4. License Agreements

The Company periodically enters into license agreements to develop and commercialize products. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019, the only products sold by the Company under a license agreement were the Nucynta Products. Prior to February 13, 2020, the Company sold the Nucynta Products pursuant to the rights licensed and acquired under the Nucynta Commercialization Agreement. Effective February 13, 2020, the Company sold the Nucynta Products pursuant to the rights licensed and acquired under the Nucynta Purchase Agreement, including certain intellectual property and manufacturing rights that it did not previously own under the Commercialization Agreement (see Note 8).

Nucynta Commercialization Agreement

On January 9, 2018 (the “Nucynta Commercialization Closing Date”), the Company consummated the transactions contemplated by the Nucynta Commercialization Agreement, pursuant to which Assertio agreed to grant a sublicense of certain of its intellectual property related to the Nucynta Products for commercialization in the United States. The Company began recording revenues from sales of the Nucynta Products on the Nucynta Commercialization Closing Date and began commercial promotion of the Nucynta Products in February 2018. Pursuant to the Nucynta Commercialization Agreement, the Company paid a one-time, non-refundable license fee of \$10,000 to Assertio on the Nucynta Commercialization Closing Date, \$6,223 for transferred inventory and \$1,987 as reimbursement for prepaid expenses. The Company also assumed the existing liabilities of the Nucynta Products, including \$22,660 related to sales of Nucynta Products that occurred prior to the Nucynta Commercialization Closing Date. The Nucynta Commercialization Agreement initially required the Company to pay a guaranteed minimum royalty of \$135,000 per year through December 2021, payable in quarterly payments of \$33,750, prorated in 2018 for the Nucynta Commercialization Closing Date, as well as a variable royalty based on annual net sales over \$233,000. Beginning January 2022 and for each year of the Nucynta Commercialization Agreement term thereafter, the Company was required to pay a variable royalty on annual net sales of the Nucynta Products, but without a guaranteed minimum.

Effective August 2018, the Company entered into a Second Amendment to the Nucynta Commercialization Agreement to clarify the mechanism for transferring title of products to be sold by the Company pursuant to the agreement and various related matters. The Second Amendment did not have an impact on the Company’s financial statements.

Effective November 2018, the Company entered into the Third Amendment to the Nucynta Commercialization Agreement to adjust the royalty structure and termination clauses. Pursuant to the amended Nucynta Commercialization Agreement, the \$135,000 guaranteed minimum annual royalties were eliminated, and the Company was no longer required to secure its royalty payment obligations with a standby letter of credit. Beginning on January 1, 2019 and thereafter, the Company was obligated to make royalty payments to Assertio conditional upon net sales and based on the following royalty structure for the period between January 1, 2019 and December 31, 2021:

- (i) 65% of annual net sales of the Nucynta Products up to \$180,000, plus
- (ii) 14% of annual net sales of the Nucynta Products between \$180,000 and \$210,000, plus
- (iii) 58% of annual net sales of the Nucynta Products between \$210,000 and \$233,000, plus
- (iv) 20% of annual net sales of the Nucynta Products between \$233,000 and \$258,000, plus
- (v) 15% of annual net sales of the Nucynta Products in excess of \$258,000.

The Amendment did not modify the royalties payable on sales of the Nucynta Products on and after January 1, 2022, which remained as contemplated by the Nucynta Commercialization Agreement as in effect on January 9, 2018. In addition, prior to January 1, 2022, the Company was obligated to make royalty payments to Assertio, for ultimate payment to Grünenthal, at a rate of 14% of net sales of the Nucynta Products, subject to a guaranteed royalty of \$34,000 when net sales were between \$180,000 and \$243,000. The Amendment further provided that if annual net sales of the Nucynta Products were less than \$180,000 in any 12-month period through January 1, 2022, or if they are less than \$170,000 in any 12-month period commencing on January 1, 2022, Assertio had the right to terminate the Nucynta Commercialization Agreement without penalty. The Amendment further provides that the Company did not have a right to terminate the Nucynta Commercialization Agreement prior to December 31, 2021.

In connection with execution of the Third Amendment to the Nucynta Commercialization Agreement, the Company issued a warrant to Assertio to purchase 1,041,667 shares of common stock of the Company (the “Warrant”) at an

exercise price of \$19.20 per share. The Warrant will expire in November 2022 and includes customary adjustments for changes in the Company's capitalization.

Nucynta Purchase Agreement

On February 6, 2020, the Company entered into the Nucynta Purchase Agreement with Assertio, pursuant to which the Company agreed to acquire from Assertio certain intellectual property and manufacturing rights related to the Nucynta Products for an aggregate purchase price of \$375,000, subject to certain closing and post-closing adjustments as described in the Nucynta Purchase Agreement. In connection with the Nucynta Purchase Agreement, the Company also agreed to assume certain regulatory and supply chain contracts and obligations related to Nucynta Products. The Nucynta Purchase Agreement contains customary representations, warranties and covenants, and indemnification provisions subject to specified limitations. After the closing of the Nucynta Purchase Agreement, for the years 2020 and 2021, the Company will pay conditional royalties directly to Grünenthal at a rate of 14% of net sales of the Nucynta Products. This royalty payment obligation will replace the Company's previous obligation to pay a royalty rate of 14% of net sales of the Nucynta Products to Grünenthal, subject to a guaranteed royalty of \$34,000 when net sales are between \$180,000 and \$243,000.

On February 13, 2020, the Company closed the Nucynta Acquisition in accordance with the Nucynta Purchase Agreement. Upon the closing, the Nucynta Commercialization Agreement was terminated, with the exception of certain provisions thereof which survived pursuant to the terms of the Nucynta Purchase Agreement, and the Company's royalty payment obligations to Assertio thereunder ceased.

The assets acquired, liabilities assumed, and equity interests issued by the Company in connection with the Nucynta Commercialization Agreement and Nucynta Purchase Agreement are further described in Note 8.

5. Earnings Per Share

Basic net earnings per share is calculated by dividing the net income (loss) by the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding during the period. Diluted earnings per share is computed by dividing the net income (loss) by the weighted average number of shares of common stock, plus potentially dilutive securities outstanding for the period, as determined in accordance with the treasury stock accounting method. Potentially dilutive securities outstanding include stock options, unvested restricted stock units, performance share units, warrants, and shares related to the convertible senior notes, but are only included to the extent that their addition is dilutive.

The following table presents the computations of basic and dilutive earnings (loss) per common share:

	<u>Three months ended September 30,</u>		<u>Nine months ended September 30,</u>	
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019 (1)</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019 (1)</u>
<i>Numerator:</i>				
Net income (loss)	\$ 11,286	\$ (6,109)	\$ 19,794	\$ (20,521)
<i>Denominator:</i>				
Weighted-average shares outstanding - basic	34,540,126	33,481,923	34,346,071	33,360,272
<i>Effect of dilutive securities:</i>				
Stock options	325,569	—	438,112	—
Restricted stock units	194,127	—	250,663	—
Performance share units	9,366	—	8,736	—
Employee stock purchase plan	—	—	—	—
Warrants	—	—	11,195	—
Weighted average shares outstanding - diluted	<u>35,069,188</u>	<u>33,481,923</u>	<u>35,054,777</u>	<u>33,360,272</u>
Earnings (loss) per share — basic	\$ 0.33	\$ (0.18)	\$ 0.58	\$ (0.62)
Earnings (loss) per share — diluted	\$ 0.32	\$ (0.18)	\$ 0.56	\$ (0.62)

- (1) The Company incurred a net loss for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2019, causing inclusion of any potentially dilutive securities to have an anti-dilutive effect, which resulted in basic loss per share and dilutive loss per share being equivalent.

The Company has the option to settle the conversion obligation for its convertible senior notes due in 2026 in cash, shares or a combination of the two. Since the Company intends to settle the principal amount of the convertible senior notes in cash, the Company used the treasury stock method for determining the potential dilution in the diluted earnings per share computation. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2020 the Company excluded 4,925,134 shares related to the convertible senior notes because their effect is anti-dilutive.

The following table presents dilutive securities excluded from the calculation of diluted earnings per share due to their anti-dilutive effect:

	<u>Three months ended September 30,</u>		<u>Nine months ended September 30,</u>	
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Stock options	2,418,599	4,140,629	2,305,756	4,140,629
Restricted stock units	601,679	868,075	601,679	868,075
Performance share units	267,498	99,400	267,498	99,400
Employee stock purchase plan	26,137	—	26,137	—
Warrants	1,041,667	1,041,667	—	1,041,667
Convertible senior notes	4,925,134	—	4,925,134	—

6. Fair Value of Financial Instruments

Disclosures of fair value information about financial instruments are required for financial instruments with respect to which it is practicable to estimate that value. Fair value measurements and disclosures describe the fair value hierarchy based on three levels of inputs, of which the first two are considered observable and the last unobservable, that may be used to measure fair value, as follows:

- Level 1 inputs:** Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities
Level 2 inputs: Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly
Level 3 inputs: Unobservable inputs that reflect the Company's own assumptions about the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability

Transfers are calculated on values as of the transfer date. There were no transfers between Levels 1, 2 and 3 during the nine months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019.

The following tables present the Company's financial instruments carried at fair value using the lowest level input applicable to each financial instrument at September 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019:

	Total	Quoted Prices in active markets (Level 1)	Significant other observable inputs (Level 2)	Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)
September 30, 2020				
Money market funds, included in cash equivalents	\$ 45,068	\$ 45,068	\$ —	\$ —
December 31, 2019				
Money market funds, included in cash equivalents	\$ 94,841	\$ 94,841	\$ —	\$ —

The Company's convertible senior notes fall into the Level 2 category within the fair value level hierarchy. The fair value was determined using broker quotes in a non-active market for valuation. As of September 30, 2020, the convertible senior notes had a fair value of approximately \$142,672 and a net carrying value of \$97,795.

The Company's term notes fall into the Level 2 category within the fair value level hierarchy and the fair value was determined using quoted prices for similar liabilities in active markets, as well as inputs that are observable for the liability (other than quoted prices), such as interest rates that are observable at commonly quoted intervals.

The carrying amounts of the Company's cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, prepaid expenses and other current assets, accounts payable, accrued expenses, accrued rebates, returns and discounts, operating lease liabilities, and term notes payable reasonably approximate their estimated fair values.

7. Inventory

Inventory as of September 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019 consisted of the following:

	<u>As of September 30,</u> <u>2020</u>	<u>As of December 31,</u> <u>2019</u>
Raw materials	\$ 3,784	\$ 795
Work in process	2,654	1,427
Finished goods	10,708	7,421
Total inventory	<u>\$ 17,146</u>	<u>\$ 9,643</u>

The aggregate charges related to excess inventory for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019 were immaterial. These expenses were recorded as a component of cost of product revenues. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2020, inventory used in the construction and installation of property and equipment was \$1,199 and \$1,812, respectively. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2019, inventory used in the construction and installation of property and equipment was immaterial.

8. Intangible Asset

As of September 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019, the Company's only intangible asset (the "Nucynta Intangible Asset") is related to the Nucynta Acquisition and Nucynta Commercialization Agreement. The gross carrying amount and accumulated amortization of the Nucynta Intangible Asset were as follows:

	<u>As of September 30,</u> <u>2020</u>	<u>As of December 31,</u> <u>2019</u>
Gross carrying amount	\$ 521,170	\$ 154,089
Accumulated amortization	(168,471)	(124,586)
Intangible asset, net	<u>\$ 352,699</u>	<u>\$ 29,503</u>

Nucynta Acquisition

In February 2020, the Company entered into the Nucynta Purchase Agreement with Asserzio, pursuant to which the Company acquired certain intellectual property and manufacturing rights related to the Nucynta Products, including U.S. commercialization rights, U.S. manufacturing rights, and inventory, for an aggregate purchase price of \$375,000, subject to certain closing and post-closing adjustments. The Company also agreed to assume certain regulatory and supply chain contracts, and obligations related to Nucynta Products (see Note 4). In February 2020, the Company entered into a loan agreement (see Note 10) and issued convertible senior notes (see Note 11) to finance a portion of the purchase price paid pursuant to the Nucynta Purchase Agreement.

The Company determined that the Nucynta Acquisition, closed in February 2020, should be accounted for as an asset acquisition in accordance with ASC Topic 805-50 because substantially all of the fair value of the gross assets acquired are concentrated in the right to commercialize the Nucynta Products in the United States. The Company concluded that the fair value estimates of the assets surrendered was more clearly evident than the fair value of the assets received, and therefore followed a cost accumulation model to determine the consideration transferred in the asset acquisition.

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The consideration transferred in the asset acquisition was measured at cost, including transaction costs, assets transferred by the Company, and royalty obligations discharged by the seller. The table below represents the costs accumulated to acquire the commercial rights for the Nucynta Products based on the terms of the Nucynta Purchase Agreement, as amended:

Acquisition consideration:

Base purchase price	\$	375,000
Cash paid for inventory		6,030
Transaction costs		6,297
Reduction for 2020 cash transferred to Assertio under the prior Nucynta Commercialization Agreement ⁽¹⁾		(13,071)
Reduction for accrued royalty obligation discharged upon closing ⁽¹⁾		(1,145)
Total acquisition consideration:	\$	<u>373,111</u>

(1) Represents \$14,216 total reduction to the base purchase price comprising of \$13,071 of cash payments transferred to Assertio under the prior Nucynta Commercialization Agreement as well as a reduction for discharged pre-acquisition accrued royalties based on sales from January 1, 2020 through closing.

The Company then allocated the consideration transferred to the individual assets acquired on a relative fair value basis as summarized in the table below:

Assets acquired:

Nucynta Intangible Asset	\$	367,081
Inventory		6,030
Total consideration allocated to assets acquired:	\$	<u>373,111</u>

The Company concluded that the consideration allocable to the Nucynta Intangible Asset for the additional intellectual property and manufacturing rights it acquired as part of the Nucynta Acquisition were incremental costs associated with the pre-existing intangible asset from the former Nucynta Commercialization Agreement, as such costs result in probable future economic benefits. Specifically, the additional intellectual property rights acquired in the Nucynta Acquisition enable the Company to eliminate royalty obligations otherwise payable to Assertio under the former Nucynta Commercialization Agreement.

Nucynta Commercialization Agreement

The Company determined that the Nucynta Commercialization Agreement, which closed in January 2018, should be accounted for as an asset acquisition in accordance with ASC Topic 805-50, as substantially all of the fair value of the gross assets acquired was concentrated in the sublicense of the Nucynta Products, which is a single identifiable asset. The Company concluded that the fair value estimates of the assets surrendered, liabilities incurred, and equity interests issued were more clearly evident than the fair value of the assets received, and therefore followed a cost accumulation model to determine the consideration transferred in the asset acquisition.

Under the original terms of the Nucynta Commercialization Agreement, the Company was obligated to make guaranteed annual minimum royalty payments of \$537,000 to Assertio, which consisted of scheduled payments of \$132,000 in 2018, \$135,000 in 2019, \$135,000 in 2020, and \$135,000 in 2021. Due to the nature of the guaranteed minimum royalty payment obligation and the fact that it was required to be settled in cash, the Company determined that the future minimum royalty payments represented a liability that should be recorded at its fair value as of the Nucynta Commercialization Closing Date. The Company calculated the fair value of the future minimum royalty payments to be \$482,300 using a discount rate of 5.7%. The discount rate was determined based on a review of observable market data relating to similar liabilities. The Company determined the \$54,700 discount should be recognized as interest expense in the Statement of Operations using the effective interest method and over the repayment period from January 9, 2018 through December 2021. Prior to the Third Amendment to the Nucynta Commercialization Agreement in November 2018, the Company recognized interest expense of \$19,281 relating to the minimum royalty payments and amortization expense of \$107,662 related to the intangible asset.

Effective November 8, 2018 (the "Third Amendment Date"), the Company entered into the Third Amendment to the Nucynta Commercialization Agreement, which eliminated the guaranteed minimum royalty payment obligations for

years 2019, 2020 and 2021. As a result, the Company remeasured the remaining contractual obligation as of the Third Amendment Date and recorded a reduction of the acquired intangible asset and obligation. As of December 31, 2018, the Company had paid all of the \$132,000 of minimum royalty payment obligation owed under the Nucynta Commercialization Agreement for 2018. In connection with the Third Amendment to the Nucynta Commercialization Agreement, the Company issued a warrant to Assertio to purchase 1,041,667 shares of common stock of the Company at an exercise price of \$19.20 per share. The Company estimated the fair value of the warrant on the date of issuance to be approximately \$8,043 using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. See Note 12 for further detail regarding the warrant issued to Assertio.

A summary of the gross carrying amount, accumulated amortization, and net book value of the Nucynta Intangible Asset from the execution of the Nucynta Commercialization Agreement through period end are as follows:

	Gross Carrying Value	Accumulated Amortization	Net Book Value
Intangible Asset, net			
Cost basis as of acquisition date	\$ 515,627	\$ —	\$ 515,627
Amortization expense from acquisition date through Third Amendment Date	—	(107,662)	(107,662)
Adjustment due to the remeasurement of liability as of Third Amendment Date	(369,581)	—	(369,581)
Additional costs incurred as of Third Amendment Date ⁽¹⁾	8,043	—	8,043
Amortization expense from Amendment Date through fiscal year end	—	(2,172)	(2,172)
Balance as of December 31, 2018	\$ 154,089	\$ (109,834)	\$ 44,255
Amortization expense	—	(14,752)	(14,752)
Balance as of December 31, 2019	\$ 154,089	\$ (124,586)	\$ 29,503
Amortization expense through Nucynta Acquisition	—	(1,754)	(1,754)
Additional cost incurred from Nucynta Acquisition	367,081	—	367,081
Amortization expense from Nucynta Acquisition through period end	—	(42,131)	(42,131)
Balance as of September 30, 2020	\$ 521,170	\$ (168,471)	\$ 352,699

(1) Represents fair value of warrant issued in connection with the Amendment to the Nucynta Commercialization Agreement.

Amortization

The Company has been amortizing the Nucynta Intangible Asset over its useful life, which is the period over which the asset is expected to contribute directly or indirectly to the future cash flows of the Company. The Company had initially determined that the useful life for the intangible asset was approximately 4.0 years from the closing date of the Nucynta Commercialization Agreement, January 9, 2018 on the basis of the majority of the cash flows expected to be realized for future product sales under the Nucynta Commercialization Agreement. The Nucynta Acquisition significantly impacted the timing and amount of future cash inflows from the sales of the Nucynta Products, and, therefore, the Company considered it to be a triggering event to remeasure the expected useful life of the Nucynta Intangible Asset. The Company determined that the useful life for the Nucynta Intangible Asset was approximately 5.9 years from the Closing Date of the Nucynta Acquisition and accordingly, the intangible asset will be amortized prospectively over its revised useful life. The Company will recognize amortization expense as a component of cost of product revenues in the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations on a straight-line basis over its useful life as it approximates the period of economic benefits expected to be realized from future cash inflows from sales of the Nucynta Products. Prior to the Nucynta Acquisition, the Company had recognized \$126,340 of amortization expense related to the Nucynta Intangible Asset. As the accumulated cost basis of the Nucynta Intangible Asset was increased with the Nucynta Acquisition, the Company will continue to prospectively amortize the resulting net intangible asset on a straight-line basis over the remaining useful life.

The following table presents amortization expense recognized for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019:

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
Nucynta amortization expense included in cost of product revenues	\$ 16,795	\$ 3,688	\$ 43,885	\$ 11,064

As of September 30, 2020, the remaining amortization period is approximately 5.3 years and is expected to be recognized in the following periods:

Years ended December 31,	Amortization Expense
2020	\$ 16,795
2021	67,181
2022	67,181
2023	67,181
2024	67,181
2025	67,180
Remaining amortization expense:	\$ 352,699

9. Accrued Expenses

Accrued expenses as of September 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019 consisted of the following:

	As of September 30,	As of December 31,
	2020	2019
Accrued royalties	\$ 6,587	\$ 21,893
Accrued bonuses	3,408	4,047
Accrued payroll and related benefits	1,883	1,154
Accrued other operating costs	1,580	3,180
Accrued incentive compensation	1,492	1,650
Accrued product taxes and fees	1,420	—
Accrued audit and legal	558	308
Accrued interest	472	473
Accrued sales and marketing	310	775
Total accrued expenses	\$ 17,710	\$ 33,480

10. Term Notes Payable

Pharmakon Term Notes

On February 6, 2020, in connection with the execution of the Nucynta Purchase Agreement, the Company, together with its subsidiary, Collegium Securities Corporation, entered into a Loan Agreement (the “Loan Agreement”) with BioPharma Credit PLC, as collateral agent and lender, and BioPharma Credit Investments V (Master) LP, as lender (collectively “Pharmakon”). The Loan Agreement provides for a \$200,000 secured term loan (the “term notes”), the proceeds of which were used to finance a portion of the purchase price paid pursuant to the Nucynta Purchase Agreement. On February 13, 2020 (the “Closing Date”), the Company received the net proceeds.

The term notes bear interest at a rate based upon the three-month LIBOR rate, subject to a LIBOR floor of 2.0%, plus a margin of 7.5% per annum, payable quarterly in arrears. The Company is required to repay the term notes by making equal quarterly payments of principal beginning in the first quarter immediately following the third month anniversary of the Closing Date. The term notes will mature on the calendar quarter end immediately following the 48-month anniversary of the Closing Date and is guaranteed by the Company’s material domestic subsidiaries and also secured by substantially all of the Company’s material assets. On the Closing Date, the Company paid to Pharmakon a facility fee

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equal to 2.50% of the aggregate principal amount of the term notes, or \$5,000, in addition to \$427 of other expenses incurred by Pharmakon and reimbursed by the Company (together, the “discount”). Net proceeds of \$194,573 were transferred to Asserzio by the Company as agent in partial satisfaction of the Nucynta Purchase Agreement. In addition, the Company capitalized \$2,456 of term notes issuance costs, related to legal and advisory fees.

Except with respect to certain prepayments made with the proceeds from new equity issuances as described below, the Loan Agreement permits voluntary prepayment at any time, subject to a prepayment premium. The prepayment premium is equal to 3.00% of the principal amount being prepaid prior to the second-year anniversary of the Closing Date, 2.00% of the principal amount being prepaid on or after the second-year anniversary, but on or prior to the third-year anniversary, of the Closing Date, and 1.00% of the principal amount being prepaid on or after the third-year anniversary of the Closing Date, but prior to the fourth-year anniversary of the Closing Date. The Loan Agreement also includes a make-whole premium if there is a voluntary prepayment, a prepayment due to a change in control or acceleration following an Event of Default on or prior to the second-year anniversary of the Closing Date in an amount equal to foregone interest from the date of prepayment through the second-year anniversary of the Closing Date. A change of control triggers a mandatory prepayment of the term notes.

The Loan Agreement also permits single voluntary prepayments of the Loan Agreement of less than or equal to \$50,000 made solely from the proceeds of an equity issuance by the Company. If equity prepayment occurs prior to the second-year anniversary of the Closing Date, a prepayment premium of 5.00% would apply, with no make-whole premium.

The Loan Agreement contains certain covenants and obligations of the parties, including, without limitation, covenants that require the Company to maintain \$200,000 in annual net sales and covenants that limit the Company’s ability to incur additional indebtedness or liens, make acquisitions or other investments or dispose of assets outside the ordinary course of business, restrictions which limit the Company’s ability pay dividends and restrictions of net assets of subsidiaries. The Loan Agreement also contains customary events of default, including payment defaults, breaches of covenants, change of control and a material adverse change default. Failure to comply with these covenants would constitute an event of default under the Loan Agreement, notwithstanding the Company’s ability to meet its debt service obligations. The Loan Agreement also includes various customary remedies for Pharmakon following an event of default, including the acceleration of repayment of outstanding amounts under the Loan Agreement and execution upon the collateral securing obligations under the Loan Agreement. Under certain circumstances, a default interest rate will apply on outstanding obligations during the occurrence and continuance of an event of default. As of September 30, 2020, the Company was in compliance with all of its covenants.

During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2020, the Company recognized interest expense of \$5,370 and \$14,020, respectively, related to the term notes.

As of September 30, 2020, principal repayments under the term notes are estimated to be paid as follows:

Years ended December 31,	Principal Payments	
2020	\$	12,500
2021		50,000
2022		50,000
2023		50,000
2024		12,500
Total before unamortized discount and issuance costs	\$	175,000
Less: unamortized discount and issuance costs		(5,752)
Total term notes	\$	<u>169,248</u>

Silicon Valley Bank Term Loan Facility

From August 2012 until January 2020, the Company maintained a term loan facility with Silicon Valley Bank (“SVB”), which was amended in connection with, and as a condition to, consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Nucynta Commercialization Agreement. Under the amended term loan (“Consent and Amendment”), the Company had a term loan facility in an amount of \$11,500, which replaced the Company’s previously existing term loan facility. The proceeds of the Consent and Amendment were used to finance certain payment obligations under the Nucynta Commercialization Agreement and to repay the balance of the previously existing term loan.

The Consent and Amendment bore interest at a rate per annum of 0.75% above the prime rate (as defined in the Consent and Amendment). The Company was eligible to repay the Consent and Amendment in equal consecutive monthly installments of principal plus monthly payments of accrued interest, commencing in January 2020.

In January 2020, the Company prepaid the outstanding principal and accrued interest on the Consent and Amendment along with the required prepayment fees. The loss on extinguishment of the term loan was immaterial and was recorded as a component of interest expense.

11. Convertible Senior Notes

On February 13, 2020, the Company issued 2.625% convertible senior notes due in 2026 (the “convertible notes”) in the aggregate principal amount of \$143,750, in a public offering registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. The convertible notes were issued in connection with funding the Nucynta Acquisition, and the proceeds of the convertible notes were used to finance a portion of the purchase price payable pursuant to the Nucynta Purchase Agreement. Some of the Company’s existing investors participated in the convertible notes offering.

The Company may, at its option, settle the convertible notes in cash, shares of the Company’s common stock or a combination of cash and shares of the Company’s common stock. Accordingly, the Company separately accounted for the liability component (the “Liability Component”) and the embedded derivative conversion option (the “Equity Component”) of the convertible notes by allocating the proceeds between the Liability Component and the Equity Component. In connection with the issuance of the convertible notes, the Company incurred approximately \$5,473 of debt issuance costs, which primarily consisted of underwriting, legal and other professional fees, and allocated these costs between the Liability Component and the Equity Component based on the allocation of the proceeds. Of the total debt issuance costs, \$1,773 was allocated to the Equity Component and recorded as a reduction to additional paid-in capital and \$3,700 was allocated to the Liability Component and recorded as a debt discount of the convertible notes. The portion allocated to the Liability Component is amortized to interest expense using the effective interest method over six years.

The convertible notes are the Company’s senior unsecured obligations and bear interest at a rate of 2.625% per year payable semi-annually in arrears on February 15 and August 15 of each year, beginning on August 15, 2020. Before August 15, 2025, noteholders will have the right to convert their notes only upon the occurrence of certain events. From and after August 15, 2025, noteholders may convert their notes at any time at their election until the close of business on the scheduled trading day immediately before the maturity date. The Company will settle conversions by paying or delivering, as applicable, cash, shares of the Company’s common stock or a combination of cash and shares of the Company’s common stock, at the Company’s election. The notes will mature on February 15, 2026, unless earlier repurchased, redeemed or converted. The initial conversion rate is 34.2618 shares of common stock per \$1 principal amount of notes, which represents an initial conversion price of approximately \$29.19 per share of common stock. The conversion rate and conversion price are subject to adjustment upon the occurrence of certain events.

Holder of the convertible notes may convert all or any portion of their convertible notes, in multiples of \$1 principal amount, at their option only under the following circumstances:

- (1) during any calendar quarter commencing after the calendar quarter ending on March 31, 2020, if the last reported sale price per share of the Company’s common stock exceeds 130% of the conversion price for at least 20 trading days during the 30 consecutive trading days ending on, and including, the last trading day of the immediately preceding calendar quarter;
- (2) during the five consecutive business days immediately after any 10 consecutive trading day period (such 10 consecutive trading day period, the “measurement period”) in which the “trading price” per \$1 principal amount of the Notes for each trading day of the measurement period was less than 98% of the product of the last reported sale price per share of the Company’s common stock on such trading day and the conversion rate on such trading day;
- (3) upon the occurrence of certain corporate events or distributions on the Company’s common stock;
- (4) if the Company calls the convertible notes for redemption; or
- (5) at any time from, and including, August 15, 2025 until the close of business on the scheduled trading day immediately before the maturity date.

As of September 30, 2020, none of the above circumstances had occurred and as such, the convertible notes could not have been converted.

The Company may not redeem the convertible notes prior to February 15, 2023. On or after February 15, 2023, the Company may redeem the convertible notes, in whole and not in part, at a cash redemption price equal to the principal amount of the Notes to be redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, only if the last reported sale price per share of the Company's common stock exceeds 130% of the conversion price on:

- (1) each of at least 20 trading days, whether or not consecutive, during the 30 consecutive trading days ending on, and including, the trading day immediately before the date the Company sends the related redemption notice; and
- (2) the trading day immediately before the date the Company sends such notice.

Calling any convertible note for redemption will constitute a make-whole fundamental change with respect to that convertible note, in which case the conversion rate applicable to the conversion of that convertible note, if it is converted in connection with the redemption, will be increased in certain circumstances for a specified period of time.

The convertible notes have customary default provisions, including (i) a default in the payment when due (whether at maturity, upon redemption or repurchase upon fundamental change or otherwise) of the principal of, or the redemption price or fundamental change repurchase price for, any note; (ii) a default for 30 days in the payment when due of interest on any note; (iii) a default in the Company's obligation to convert a note in accordance with the indenture; (iv) a default with respect to the Company's obligations under the indenture related to consolidations, mergers and asset sales; (v) certain payment or other defaults by the Company or certain subsidiaries with respect to mortgages, agreements or other instruments for indebtedness for money borrowed of at least \$20,000; and (vi) certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency and reorganization with respect to the Company or any of its significant subsidiaries.

The initial carrying amount of the Liability Component of \$97,200 was calculated by measuring the fair value of a similar liability that does not have an associated convertible feature. The allocation was performed in a manner that reflected the Company's non-convertible borrowing rate for similar debt. The Equity Component of the Notes of \$46,550 was recognized as a debt discount. The excess of the principal amount of the Liability Component over its carrying amount is amortized to interest expense using the effective interest method over six years. The Equity Component, which is included in the additional paid in capital portion of stockholders' equity on the Company's consolidated balance sheet, is not remeasured as long as it continues to meet the conditions for equity classification.

As of September 30, 2020, the convertible notes outstanding consisted of the following:

Liability component:	
Principal	\$ 143,750
Less: unamortized debt discount and issuance costs	(45,955)
Net carrying amount	\$ 97,795
Equity component, net of issuance costs of \$1,773	<u>\$ 44,777</u>

The Company determined the expected life of the convertible notes was equal to its six-year term. The effective interest rate on the Liability Component of the convertible notes was 10.27%. As of September 30, 2020, the "if-converted value" did not exceed the remaining principal amount of the convertible notes. The fair value of the convertible notes was determined based on data points other than quoted prices that are observable, either directly or indirectly, and has been classified as Level 2 within the fair value hierarchy. The fair value of the convertible notes, which differs from their carrying value, is influenced by market interest rates, the Company's stock price and stock price volatility.

The following table presents the total interest expense recognized related to the convertible notes during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2020:

	<u>Three months ended September 30,</u> <u>2020</u>	<u>Nine months ended September 30,</u> <u>2020</u>
Contractual interest expense	\$ 943	\$ 2,379
Amortization of debt discount	1,620	3,979
Amortization of debt issuance costs	129	316
Total interest expense	<u>\$ 2,692</u>	<u>\$ 6,674</u>

As of September 30, 2020, the future minimum payments on the convertible notes were as follows:

Years ended December 31,	<u>Future Minimum Payments</u>
2020	\$ —
2021	3,773
2022	3,773
2023	3,773
2024	3,773
Thereafter	149,412
Total minimum payments	<u>\$ 164,504</u>
Less: interest	(20,754)
Less: unamortized debt discount and issuance costs	(45,955)
Convertible senior notes	<u><u>\$ 97,795</u></u>

12. Equity

The changes in shareholders' equity for nine months ended September 30, 2020 were as follows:

	Common Stock		Additional Paid- In Capital	Accumulated Deficit	Total Shareholders' Equity (Deficit)
	Shares	Amount			
Balance, December 31, 2019	33,678,840	\$ 34	\$ 447,297	\$ (359,899)	\$ 87,432
Exercise of common stock options	455,573	—	4,454	—	4,454
Issuance for employee stock purchase plan	39,411	—	357	—	357
Vesting of restricted stock units ("RSUs")	195,280	—	—	—	—
Shares withheld for employee taxes upon vesting of RSUs	(63,064)	—	(1,358)	—	(1,358)
Stock-based compensation	—	—	4,951	—	4,951
Equity component of 2020 Convertible Notes, net of issuance costs of \$1,773	—	—	44,777	—	44,777
Net income	—	—	—	450	450
Balance, March 31, 2020	<u>34,306,040</u>	<u>\$ 34</u>	<u>\$ 500,478</u>	<u>\$ (359,449)</u>	<u>\$ 141,063</u>
Exercise of common stock options	131,562	—	1,626	—	1,626
Vesting of RSUs	83,461	—	—	—	—
Shares withheld for employee taxes upon vesting of RSUs	(26,761)	—	(564)	—	(564)
Stock-based compensation	—	—	5,584	—	5,584
Net income	—	—	—	8,058	8,058
Balance, June 30, 2020	<u>34,494,302</u>	<u>\$ 34</u>	<u>\$ 507,124</u>	<u>\$ (351,391)</u>	<u>\$ 155,767</u>
Exercise of common stock options	21,726	1	313	—	314
Issuance for employee stock purchase plan	28,101	—	401	—	401
Vesting of RSUs	46,249	—	—	—	—
Shares withheld for employee taxes upon vesting of RSUs	(13,249)	—	(247)	—	(247)
Stock-based compensation	—	—	5,165	—	5,165
Net income	—	—	—	11,286	11,286
Balance, September 30, 2020	<u>34,577,129</u>	<u>\$ 35</u>	<u>\$ 512,756</u>	<u>\$ (340,105)</u>	<u>\$ 172,686</u>

The changes in shareholders' equity for nine months ended September 30, 2019 were as follows:

	Common Stock		Additional Paid- In Capital	Accumulated Deficit	Total Shareholders' Equity (Deficit)
	Shares	Amount			
Balance, December 31, 2018	33,265,629	\$ 33	\$ 428,729	\$ (337,177)	\$ 91,585
Exercise of common stock options	18,693	—	246	—	246
Issuance for employee stock purchase plan	32,826	—	444	—	444
Vesting of RSUs	101,483	—	—	—	—
Shares withheld for employee taxes upon vesting of RSUs	(33,503)	—	(488)	—	(488)
Stock-based compensation	—	—	4,263	—	4,263
Net loss	—	—	—	(9,700)	(9,700)
Balance, March 31, 2019	33,385,128	\$ 33	\$ 433,194	\$ (346,877)	\$ 86,350
Exercise of common stock options	8,218	—	58	—	58
Vesting of RSUs	26,304	—	—	—	—
Shares withheld for employee taxes upon vesting of RSUs	(3,097)	—	(35)	—	(35)
Stock-based compensation	—	—	4,162	—	4,162
Net loss	—	—	—	(4,712)	(4,712)
Balance, June 30, 2019	33,416,553	\$ 33	\$ 437,379	\$ (351,589)	\$ 85,823
Exercise of common stock options	25,271	—	232	—	232
Issuance for employee stock purchase plan	41,316	1	372	—	373
Vesting of RSUs	57,818	—	—	—	—
Shares withheld for employee taxes upon vesting of RSUs	(17,100)	—	(198)	—	(198)
Stock-based compensation	—	—	4,137	—	4,137
Net loss	—	—	—	(6,109)	(6,109)
Balance, September 30, 2019	33,523,858	\$ 34	\$ 441,922	\$ (357,698)	\$ 84,258

Warrants

As of September 30, 2020, the warrant issued to Assertio in November 2018 was the Company's only outstanding warrant. In connection with the Third Amendment to the Nucynta Commercialization Agreement, the Company issued a warrant to Assertio to purchase 1,041,667 shares of common stock of the Company at an exercise price of \$19.20 per share. The terms of the warrant are fixed, with the exception of customary adjustments for changes in the Company's capitalization. The warrant may only be settled with the issuance of shares of common stock upon exercise and will expire in November 2022. The Company has recorded the relative fair value of the warrant as a component of equity interest issued by the Company as consideration transferred in the cost accumulation model for the asset acquisition. The Company estimated the fair value of the warrant on the date of issuance to be approximately \$8,043 using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. The Company concluded that the warrant met the definition of an equity instrument and was recorded as a component of additional paid-in capital in the Company's Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet as of the issuance date.

13. Stock-based Compensation

A summary of the Company's stock-based compensation expense included in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations are as follows:

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
Research and development expenses	\$ 1,019	\$ 525	\$ 2,773	\$ 1,606
Selling, general and administrative expenses	4,146	3,612	12,927	10,956
Total stock-based compensation expense	\$ 5,165	\$ 4,137	\$ 15,700	\$ 12,562

At September 30, 2020, there was approximately \$39,175 of unrecognized compensation expense related to unvested options, restricted stock units and performance stock units, which is expected to be recognized as expense over a weighted average period of approximately 2.6 years.

Performance Share Units, Restricted Stock Units and Stock Options

In May 2015, the Company adopted the Amended and Restated 2014 Stock Incentive Plan (the “Plan”), under which an aggregate of 2,700,000 shares of common stock were authorized for issuance to employees, officers, directors, consultants and advisors of the Company, plus an annual increase on the first day of each fiscal year until the expiration of the Plan equal to 4% of the total number of outstanding shares of common stock on December 31st of the immediately preceding calendar year (or a lower amount as otherwise determined by the Company’s board of directors (“Board of Directors”) prior to January 1st). As of September 30, 2020, there were 908,103 shares of common stock available for issuance pursuant to the Plan. The Plan provides for granting of both Internal Revenue Service qualified incentive stock options and non-qualified options, restricted stock awards, restricted stock units and performance stock units. The Company’s qualified incentive stock options, non-qualified options and restricted stock units generally vest ratably over a four-year period of service. The stock options generally have a ten-year contractual life and, upon termination, vested options are generally exercisable between one and three months following the termination date, while unvested options are forfeited immediately upon termination.

Performance Share Units

The Company periodically grants performance share units (“PSUs”) to certain members of the Company’s senior management team. PSUs vest subject to the satisfaction of annual and cumulative performance and/or market conditions established by the Compensation Committee.

In January 2019, the Company granted PSUs with performance conditions related to 2019, 2020, 2021 and three-year cumulative revenue goals for Xtampza ER. The PSUs will vest following a three-year performance period, subject to the satisfaction of the performance criteria and the executive’s continued employment through the performance period. PSUs may vest in a range between 0% and 200%, based on the satisfaction of performance criteria, and no shares will be issued if the minimum applicable performance metric is not achieved. The Company recognizes compensation expense ratably over the required service period based on its estimate of the number of shares that will vest based upon the probability of achieving the performance metrics. If there is a change in the estimate of the number of shares that are likely to vest, the Company will cumulatively adjust compensation expense in the period that the change in estimate is made.

In February 2020, the Company granted PSUs with performance criteria related to the relative ranking of the total stockholder return (“TSR”) of the Company’s common stock in 2020, 2021, 2022 and the cumulative three-year performance period return relative to the TSR of certain peer companies within the S&P Pharmaceutical Select Industry Index. TSR will be measured based on the 30-day average stock price on the first day of each period compared to the 30-day average stock price on the last day of each period. The 2020, 2021, and 2022 PSUs will vest annually, subject to the satisfaction of the performance criteria and the executive’s continued employment through the performance period. The cumulative PSUs will vest following the three-year performance period, subject to the satisfaction of the performance criteria and the executive’s continued employment through the performance period. PSUs may vest in a range between 0% and 200%, based on the satisfaction of performance, and no shares will be issued if the minimum applicable performance metric is not achieved. As these PSUs vest based on the achievement of market conditions, the grant date fair values were determined using a Monte-Carlo valuation model. The Monte-Carlo valuation model considered a variety of potential future share prices for the Company as well as its peer companies in the selected market index. The weighted-average grant date fair value of 2020 PSUs granted with market-based vesting conditions was \$28.81 based on the valuation model.

A summary of the Company's PSU activity for the nine months ended September 30, 2020 and related information is as follows:

	Shares	Weighted-Average Grant Date Fair Value
Outstanding at December 31, 2019	99,400	\$ 15.90
Granted	187,978	28.49
Vested	—	—
Forfeited	—	—
Performance adjustment	(4,155)	15.90
Outstanding at September 30, 2020	<u>283,223</u>	<u>\$ 24.26</u>

The number of PSUs awarded represents the target number of shares of common stock that may be earned; however, the actual number of shares earned may vary based on the satisfaction of performance criteria. The weighted-average grant date fair value of PSUs granted for the nine months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019 was \$28.49 and \$15.90, respectively.

For the three months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019, the stock-based compensation expense for PSUs was \$738 and \$21, respectively. For the nine months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019, the stock-based compensation expense for PSUs was \$1,864 and \$63, respectively.

As of September 30, 2020, the unrecognized compensation cost related to performance share units was \$3,606 and is expected to be recognized as expense over approximately 2.1 years.

Restricted Stock Units

A summary of the Company's RSU activity for the nine months ended September 30, 2020 and related information is as follows:

	Shares	Weighted-Average Grant Date Fair Value
Outstanding at December 31, 2019	849,679	\$ 17.10
Granted	767,634	21.35
Vested	(324,990)	18.16
Forfeited	(35,980)	20.18
Outstanding at September 30, 2020	<u>1,256,343</u>	<u>\$ 19.33</u>

The weighted-average grant date fair value per share of RSUs granted for the nine months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019 was \$21.35 and \$15.48, respectively. The total fair value of RSUs vested (measured on the date of vesting) for the nine months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019 was \$6,797 and \$2,454, respectively.

As of September 30, 2020, the unrecognized compensation cost related to RSUs was \$19,143 and is expected to be recognized as expense over approximately 2.7 years. The weighted-average grant date fair value of RSUs vested during the year ended September 30, 2020 was \$5,902.

Stock Options

A summary of the Company's stock option activity for the nine months ended September 30, 2020 and related information is as follows:

	Shares	Weighted-Average Exercise Price per Share	Weighted-Average Remaining Contractual Term (in years)	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
Outstanding at December 31, 2019	3,955,887	\$ 16.00	7.5	\$ 21,257
Granted	717,304	21.30		
Exercised	(608,861)	10.50		
Cancelled	(158,050)	19.05		
Outstanding at September 30, 2020	<u>3,906,280</u>	<u>\$ 17.71</u>	<u>7.4</u>	<u>\$ 15,291</u>
Exercisable at September 30, 2020	<u>2,255,091</u>	<u>\$ 16.90</u>	<u>6.6</u>	<u>\$ 10,784</u>

The weighted-average grant date fair value per share of stock options granted for the nine months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019 was \$12.78 and \$8.98, respectively. The total intrinsic value of stock options exercised for the nine months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019, was \$7,201 and \$183, respectively.

As of September 30, 2020, the unrecognized compensation cost related to outstanding options was \$16,426 and is expected to be recognized as expense over approximately 2.5 years.

The fair value of each stock option is estimated on the grant date using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model using the following assumptions:

	Nine months ended September 30,	
	2020	2019
Risk-free interest rate	1.3 %	2.4 %
Volatility	66.2 %	63.2 %
Expected term (years)	6.0	6.1
Expected dividend yield	— %	— %

Employee Stock Purchase Plan

The Company's 2015 Employee Stock Purchase Plan allows employees to purchase shares of the Company's common stock. The purchase price is equal to 85% of the lower of the closing price of the Company's common stock on (1) the first day of the purchase period or (2) the last day of the purchase period. During the nine months ended September 30, 2020, 67,512 shares of common stock were purchased for total proceeds of \$758. During the nine months ended September 30, 2019, 74,142 shares of common stock were purchased for total proceeds of \$817. The expense for the three months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019 was \$89 and \$120, respectively. The expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019 was \$260 and \$293, respectively.

14. Commitments and Contingencies

Legal Proceedings

From time to time, the Company may face legal claims or actions in the normal course of business. Except as disclosed below, the Company is not currently a party to any litigation and, accordingly, does not have any amounts recorded for any litigation related matters.

Xtampza ER Litigation

The Company filed the NDA for Xtampza ER as a 505(b)(2) application, which allows the Company to reference data from an approved drug listed in the FDA's Approved Drug Products with Therapeutic Equivalence Evaluations

(commonly known as the Orange Book), in this case Oxycontin. The 505(b)(2) process requires that the Company certify to the FDA and notify Purdue Pharma, L.P (“Purdue”), as the holder of the NDA and any other Orange Book-listed patent owners, that the Company does not infringe any of the patents listed for Oxycontin in the Orange Book, or that the patents are invalid. The Company made such certification and provided such notice on February 11, 2015 and such certification documented why Xtampza ER does not infringe any of the 11 Orange Book-listed patents for Oxycontin, five of which have been invalidated in court proceedings. Under the Hatch-Waxman Act of 1984, Purdue had the option to sue the Company for infringement and receive a stay of up to 30 months before the FDA could issue a final approval for Xtampza ER, unless the stay was earlier terminated.

Purdue exercised its option and elected to sue the Company for infringement in the District of Delaware on March 24, 2015 asserting infringement of three of Purdue’s Orange Book-listed patents (Patent Nos. 7,674,799, 7,674,800, and 7,683,072) and a non-Orange Book-listed patent (Patent No. 8,652,497), and accordingly, received a 30-month stay of FDA approval.

The Delaware court transferred the case to the District of Massachusetts. After the Company filed a partial motion for judgment on the pleadings relating to the Orange Book-listed patents, the District Court of Massachusetts ordered judgment in the Company’s favor on those three patents, and dismissed the claims asserting infringement of those patents with prejudice. Upon dismissal of those claims, the 30-month stay of FDA approval was lifted. As a result, the Company was able to obtain final approval for Xtampza ER and launch the product commercially.

In November 2015, Purdue filed a follow-on suit asserting infringement of another patent, Patent No. 9,073,933, which was late-listed in the Orange Book and therefore could not trigger any stay of FDA approval. In June 2016, Purdue filed another follow-on suit asserting infringement of another non-Orange Book listed patent, Patent No. 9,155,717. In April 2017, Purdue filed another follow-on suit asserting infringement of another patent, Patent No. 9,522,919, which was late-listed in the Orange Book and therefore could not trigger any stay of FDA approval. Then, in September 2017, Purdue filed another follow-on suit asserting infringement of another non-Orange Book listed patent, Patent No. 9,693,961.

On March 13, 2018, the Company filed a Petition for Post-Grant Review (“PGR”) of the ’961 patent with the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (“PTAB”). The PGR argues that the ’961 patent is invalid for lack of a written description, for lack of enablement, for indefiniteness, and as being anticipated by prior art. Purdue filed its Patent Owner Preliminary Response on July 10, 2018. The PTAB entered an order to institute post-grant review of all claims of the ’961 patent on October 4, 2018, upon a finding that it is more likely than not that the claims of the ’961 patent are unpatentable. Purdue filed its Patent Owner Response on January 30, 2019. The Company filed its reply on April 12, 2019, and Purdue filed a sur-reply on May 10, 2019. The PTAB held oral argument on the proceedings on July 10, 2019 and was scheduled to issue a decision on the patentability of the ’961 patent by no later than October 4, 2019. On September 15, 2019, Purdue commenced a voluntary case under Chapter 11 of Title 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York. On September 24, 2019, Purdue gave the PTAB notice of its bankruptcy filing and sought the imposition of an automatic stay of the PGR proceedings. On October 2, 2019, the PTAB extended the one-year period for issuing its decision by up to six months. On September 1, 2020, the Bankruptcy Court lifted the automatic stay on the ’961 PGR. Purdue filed a motion to terminate the PGR on September 22, 2020 based on the passage of time. The Company opposed the motion to terminate and requested that the PTAB issue a final written decision as soon as practicable as required by 28 USC Section 328(a). The motion to terminate and the PGR remain pending.

In October 2017, and in response to the filing of the Company’s Supplemental NDA (“sNDA”) seeking to update the drug abuse and dependence section of the Xtampza ER label, Purdue filed another suit asserting infringement of the ’933 and ’919 patents. The Company filed a motion to dismiss that action, and the Court granted its motion on January 16, 2018.

The current suits have been consolidated by the District of Massachusetts, where Purdue asserted infringement of five patents: the ’497 patent, the ’933 patent, the ’717 patent, the ’919 patent, and the ’961 patent. The Court issued an order on September 28, 2018 in which it granted in part a motion for summary judgment filed by the Company, and in which the Court ruled that the ’497 and ’717 patents are not infringed by the Company. As a result, only the ’933, the ’919, and the ’961 patents remain in dispute. On October 16, 2018, the Company filed a motion to stay proceedings in the district court on the ’961 patent pending the PGR. None of these suits are associated with any 30-month stay of FDA approval for Xtampza ER. Purdue has made a demand for monetary relief but has not quantified its alleged damages. Purdue has also requested a judgment of infringement, an adjustment of the effective date of FDA approval, and an injunction on the

sale of the Company's products accused of infringement. The Company has denied all claims and seeks a judgment that the patents are invalid and/or not infringed by the Company; the Company is also seeking a judgment that the case is exceptional, with an award to the Company of its attorneys' fees for defending the case.

A claim construction hearing was held on June 1, 2017. On November 21, 2017, the Court issued its claim construction ruling, construing certain claims of the '933, '497, and '717 patents. No trial date has been scheduled. On September 18, 2019, Purdue gave the Court notice of its bankruptcy filing and sought the imposition of an automatic stay of the proceedings. On September 20, 2019, the matter was stayed pending further order of the Court.

On July 2, 2020, the Company received notice of a motion by Purdue in the Bankruptcy Court for an order to lift the automatic stay on the proceedings in the District of Massachusetts to allow the proceedings to resume. On July 20, 2020, the Company filed a response and a motion in the Bankruptcy Court seeking an order from the Bankruptcy Court that if the automatic stay is lifted as to the Boston District Court proceedings, then the automatic stay should also be lifted as to the PGR on the '961 patent in the PTAB. The Bankruptcy Court lifted the automatic stay on September 1, 2020.

The District of Massachusetts proceedings remain stayed pending the outcome of the '961 PGR, with a status conference currently scheduled for November 23, 2020.

At this stage, the Company is unable to evaluate the likelihood of an unfavorable outcome or estimate the amount or range of potential loss, if any.

Nucynta Litigation

On February 7, 2018, Purdue filed a patent infringement suit against the Company in the District of Delaware. Specifically, Purdue argues that the Company's sale of immediate-release and extended-release Nucynta infringes U.S. Patent Nos. 9,861,583, 9,867,784, and 9,872,836. Purdue has made a demand for monetary relief in its complaint but has not quantified its alleged damages.

On December 6, 2018, the Company filed an Amended Answer asserting an affirmative defense for patent exhaustion. On December 10, 2018, the Court granted the parties' stipulation for resolution of the Company's affirmative defense of patent exhaustion and stayed the action, with the exception of briefing on and resolution of the Company's Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings related to patent exhaustion and any discovery related to that Motion. Also, on December 10, 2018, the Company filed a Rule 12(c) Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings, arguing that the Purdue's claims were barred by the doctrine of patent exhaustion. Purdue filed its response on January 11, 2019 and the Company filed a reply on January 25, 2019. On June 18, 2019, the court heard oral argument on the Company's Rule 12(c) Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings. On June 19, 2019, the court issued an order stating that "judgment in Collegium's favor is warranted under the doctrine of patent exhaustion to the extent Collegium's alleged infringing activities resulted from sales that fall within the scope of that covenant." The court explained, however, that based on the current record, it was not possible "to determine whether title of the Nucynta Products was transferred to Collegium" from sales authorized by Purdue's covenant not to sue. The court ordered discovery on this issue and the case remained "stayed with the exception of discovery and briefing on and resolution of the Company's anticipated motion for summary judgment based on patent exhaustion."

On September 19, 2019, Purdue gave the court notice of its bankruptcy filing and sought the imposition of an automatic stay of the proceedings. The Nucynta litigation is subject to the automatic bankruptcy stay.

Purdue has not sought to lift the automatic stay as to the Nucynta litigation.

Pending resolution of the bankruptcy action, the Company plans to defend this case vigorously. At this stage, the Company is unable to evaluate the likelihood of an unfavorable outcome or estimate the amount or range of potential loss, if any.

Opioid Litigation

On March 19, 2018, a lawsuit was filed by multiple local governments in the Circuit Court of Crittenden County, Arkansas, against the Company and other pharmaceutical manufacturers and distributors alleging a variety of claims

related to opioid marketing and distribution practices. On January 29, 2019, the Company was dismissed from this litigation without prejudice.

On March 21, 2018, the Company, along with other pharmaceutical manufacturers and distributors, was named in a class-action lawsuit filed in the Eastern District of Kentucky by a family practice clinic, on behalf of other similarly-situated healthcare providers. The action alleges violations of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (“RICO”) relating to opioid marketing and distribution practices. On April 14, 2018, the lawsuit was conditionally transferred by the Judicial Panel on Multi-District Litigation to the federal Prescription Opiate Multi District Litigation (the “MDL”) in the Southern District of Ohio. On April 10, 2018, the conditional transfer was finalized and the lawsuit was docketed in the MDL on April 11, 2018. On May 4, 2018, the Company, along with other pharmaceutical manufacturers and distributors, were named in two lawsuits filed in the MDL by the Fiscal Court of Bourbon County, Kentucky and the Fiscal Court of Owen County, Kentucky, relating to opioid marketing and distribution practices. On July 11 and 12, 2018, the Company was named in four lawsuits filed in the MDL by a health system and various member hospitals. On September 26, 2018, the Company was named in two lawsuits filed in the MDL by the Fiscal Court of Lee County, Kentucky and the Fiscal Court of Wolfe County, Kentucky. On March 15, 2019, the plaintiffs in these MDL cases filed amended complaints which no longer name the Company as a defendant, effectively terminating these lawsuits as to the Company.

On September 6, 2019, Triad Health Systems filed a class action lawsuit in the MDL on behalf of itself and similarly situated health care systems, generally alleging negligence, fraud, and violations of the RICO Act relating to opioid marketing and distribution practices, naming the Company and other pharmaceutical distributors and manufacturers. On October 18, 2019, three counties in Kentucky filed lawsuits in the MDL, naming the Company: the Fiscal Court of Casey County Kentucky; the Fiscal Court of Gallatin County Kentucky; and the Fiscal Court of Lewis County Kentucky. These three lawsuits generally allege negligence, fraud, and violations of the RICO Act relating to opioid marketing and distribution practices. The Company was dismissed from these four lawsuits on November 6, 2019.

On January 11, 2019, the City of Portsmouth filed a lawsuit in Virginia Circuit Court against the Company and other pharmaceutical manufacturers and distributors. The lawsuit alleges a variety of claims related to opioid marketing and distribution practices including public nuisance, common law fraud, negligent misrepresentation, negligence, and violations of state consumer protection laws. On October 3, 2019, the City of Portsmouth case was transferred to the MDL.

On March 15, 2019, the Company was named in a lawsuit in the MDL by the City of Paterson, New Jersey. The lawsuit alleges violations of fraud, public nuisance, negligent misrepresentation, and violations of state consumer protection laws, and seeks, generally, penalties and/or injunctive relief. In April 2019, the City of Norwich, Connecticut and the Town of Enfield, Connecticut filed lawsuits in Connecticut Superior Court. The lawsuits allege violations of fraud, public nuisance, negligent misrepresentation, and violations of state consumer protection laws. On June 28, 2019, both cases were transferred to the MDL. In October 2019, the Company was named in two additional Connecticut lawsuits: the City of Middletown and the Town of Wethersfield. These cases were both also transferred to the MDL in July 2019. On January 15, 2020, the Company was named in a new lawsuit in Connecticut Superior Court, filed by the Town of Windham. This case was removed and transferred to the MDL in March 2020.

On June 14, 2019, the City of Trenton filed a lawsuit in New Jersey Superior Court against the Company and other pharmaceutical manufacturers and distributors. The lawsuit alleges a variety of claims related to opioid marketing and distribution practices including public nuisance, common law fraud, negligent misrepresentation, negligence, and violations of state consumer protection laws and the New Jersey Drug Dealer Liability Act. On August 23, 2019, the case was removed to the District Court of New Jersey. The plaintiff filed an opposition to coordination and requested remand, but on December 18, 2019, the case was transferred to the MDL. Each of the lawsuits in the MDL naming the Company seeks, generally, penalties and injunctive relief. None of the lawsuits naming the Company are designated as representative cases in the MDL, and therefore, are effectively currently stayed.

On May 29, 2018, a lawsuit was filed by Bucks County, Pennsylvania against the Company and other pharmaceutical manufacturers and on June 12, 2018, a lawsuit was filed by Clinton County, Pennsylvania, against the Company and other pharmaceutical manufacturers and distributors. On June 6, 2018, a lawsuit was filed by Mercer County, Pennsylvania, against the Company and other pharmaceutical manufacturers and distributors. These lawsuits allege claims related to opioid marketing and distribution, including negligence, fraud, unjust enrichment, public nuisance, and violations of state consumer protections laws. These cases have been consolidated for discovery purposes in the

Delaware County Court of Common Pleas as part of a consolidated proceeding of similar lawsuits brought by numerous Pennsylvania counties against other pharmaceutical manufacturers and distributors. In March 2019, three additional cases were filed in Pennsylvania by two payor groups and Warminster Township. The Company has been dismissed from both of the payor group cases. In July 2019, the Company learned of additional lawsuits alleging similar claims which were filed by Warrington Township in the Bucks County Court of Common Pleas, and filed by the City of Lock Haven in the Clinton County Court of Common Pleas. The City of Lock Haven and the Warrington Township cases have been coordinated into the consolidated proceeding before the Delaware County Court of Common Pleas. None of these cases have been designated a Track One case in which discovery would commence, and therefore are effectively stayed at present.

On July 30, 2018, a lawsuit was filed by the City of Worcester, Massachusetts against the Company and other pharmaceutical manufacturers and distributors. The action alleges a variety of claims related to opioid marketing and distribution practices including public nuisance, common law fraud, negligent misrepresentation, negligence, violations of Mass Gen. Laws ch. 93A, Section 11, unjust enrichment and civil conspiracy. In February 2019, the City of Worcester case was transferred to the Business Litigation Session of the Superior Court. Additional lawsuits brought by the following cities and counties Massachusetts were filed between October 2018 and April 2019: City of Salem, City of Framingham, Town of Lynnfield, City of Springfield, City of Haverhill, City of Gloucester, Town of Canton, Town of Wakefield, City of Chicopee; Town of Natick; City of Cambridge, and Town of Randolph. Each of these additional lawsuits has been coordinated before the Business Litigation Session. The case brought by the City of Springfield was selected to advance for the purpose of motion practice, and defendants' motions to dismiss were denied on January 3, 2020. The Company has answered the City of Cambridge complaint. For cases relevant to the Company, the Court selected the City of Springfield to advance as a bellwether case, with discovery in the remaining coordinated cases stayed.

The Company disputes the allegations in these lawsuits and intends to vigorously defend these actions. At this stage, the Company is unable to evaluate the likelihood of an unfavorable outcome or estimate the amount or range of potential loss, if any.

Opioid-Related Request and Subpoenas

The Company, like a number of other pharmaceutical companies, has received subpoenas or civil investigative demands related to opioid sales and marketing. The Company has received such subpoenas or civil investigative demands from the Offices of the Attorney General of each of Washington, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Maryland. The Company is currently cooperating with each of the foregoing states in their respective investigations.

15. Income Taxes

The income tax provision for the interim periods covered by this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q reflects the Company's estimate of the effective tax rates expected to be applicable for the full fiscal years, adjusted for any discrete events which are recorded in the period in which they occur. The estimates are reevaluated each quarter based on the Company's estimated tax expense for the full fiscal year.

The following table presents information regarding Company's income tax expense recognized for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2020 and 2019:

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
Provision for income taxes	\$ 280	\$ —	\$ 526	\$ —
Effective tax rate	2.4%	0.0%	2.6%	0.0%

The Company is subject to U.S. federal and state income taxes. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2020, the Company recorded income tax expense of \$280 and \$526, respectively which reflects current state income taxes. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2020, no Federal current income tax expense was recorded as the Company has enough Federal net operating losses (or "NOLs") carryover to offset taxable income. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2019, the Company did not record income tax expense as it had enough Federal and state NOLs to offset taxable income. The Company has a full valuation allowance against its deferred tax assets as of September 30, 2020 and September 30, 2019 and no deferred tax expense was recorded in either period.

Deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities are recognized based on temporary differences between the financial reporting and tax bases of assets and liabilities using statutory rates. The Company has evaluated the positive and negative evidence bearing upon the realizability of its deferred tax assets, which are comprised principally of federal and state NOLs along with other tax credits. Under the applicable accounting standards, the Company considered its history of losses and concluded that it is more likely than not that the Company will not recognize the benefits of federal and state deferred tax assets. Accordingly, as of September 30, 2020, a full valuation allowance has been established against the Company's otherwise recognizable net deferred tax assets.

In March 2020, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act ("the CARES Act") was signed into law. The CARES Act includes provisions relating to several aspects of corporate income taxes. The Company does not currently expect the CARES Act to have a significant impact on its provision for income taxes; however, it will continue to monitor the provisions of the CARES Act in relation to its operations.

Item 2. Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

You should read the following discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations together with our consolidated financial statements and related notes appearing elsewhere in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. The following discussion contains forward-looking statements that involve risks uncertainties and assumptions. Our actual results and the timing of certain events could differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of many factors. We discuss factors that we believe could cause or contribute to these differences below and elsewhere in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, including those set forth under “Forward-looking Statements” and “Risk Factors”, as revised and supplemented by those risks described from time to time in other reports which we file with the SEC.

OVERVIEW

We are a specialty pharmaceutical company committed to being the leader in responsible pain management. Our first product, Xtampza ER, is an abuse-deterrent, extended-release, oral formulation of oxycodone. In April 2016, the FDA approved our NDA for Xtampza ER for the management of pain severe enough to require daily, around-the-clock, long-term opioid treatment and for which alternative treatment options are inadequate. In June 2016, we announced the commercial launch of Xtampza ER.

Our product portfolio also includes Nucynta IR and Nucynta ER (collectively, the “Nucynta Products”). In December 2017, we entered into a Commercialization Agreement (the “Nucynta Commercialization Agreement”) with Assertio Therapeutics, Inc. (“Assertio”), pursuant to which we licensed the right to commercialize the Nucynta Products in the United States. Nucynta ER is an extended-release formulation of tapentadol that is indicated for the management of pain severe enough to require daily, around-the-clock, long-term opioid treatment, including neuropathic pain associated with diabetic peripheral neuropathy in adults, and for which alternate treatment options are inadequate. Nucynta IR is an immediate-release formulation of tapentadol that is indicated for the management of acute adult pain severe enough to require an opioid analgesic and for which alternative treatments are inadequate.

We began shipping and recognizing product sales on the Nucynta Products on January 9, 2018 and began marketing the Nucynta Products in February 2018. On February 6, 2020, we entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement with Assertio (the “Nucynta Purchase Agreement”), pursuant to which we agreed to acquire from Assertio certain assets related to the Nucynta Products (the “Nucynta Acquisition”), including the license from Grünenthal GmbH (“Grünenthal”), for an aggregate purchase price of \$375.0 million. On February 13, 2020, we closed the Nucynta Acquisition in accordance with the Nucynta Purchase Agreement. Upon closing, the Nucynta Commercialization Agreement was effectively terminated and our royalty payment obligations to Assertio thereunder ceased. Following the closing, we pay royalties directly to Grünenthal at a rate of 14% of net sales of the Nucynta Products and no longer pay royalties to Assertio.

Outlook

We expect to continue to incur significant commercialization expenses related to marketing, manufacturing, distribution, selling and reimbursement activities. We are promoting Xtampza ER to approximately 11,000 health care professionals who write approximately 65% of the branded extended-release oral opioid prescriptions in the United States with a sales team of approximately 150 sales representatives and managers. We are promoting the Nucynta Products to the same health care professionals to whom we promote Xtampza ER, leveraging our existing sales organization.

Net income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2020 was \$11.3 million and \$19.8 million, respectively. In every annual reporting period since inception, we have incurred net losses. As of September 30, 2020, we had an accumulated deficit of \$340.1 million. Substantially all of our prior net losses resulted from costs incurred in connection with selling, general and administrative costs associated with our operations and research and development programs. We have historically paid royalties to Assertio on all revenues from the sale of Nucynta Products based on certain net sales thresholds, which ceased upon closing of the Nucynta Acquisition. Our net income (loss) may fluctuate significantly from quarter to quarter and year to year.

We believe that our cash and cash equivalents at September 30, 2020, together with expected cash inflows from the commercialization of our products, will enable us to fund our operating expenses, debt service and capital expenditure requirements under our current business plan for the foreseeable future.

In December 2019, a novel strain of coronavirus began infecting people in China; since then, the disease caused by that virus, COVID-19, has sickened millions of people across the world and in March 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic. The pandemic has severely impacted global economic activity, and many countries and many states in the United States have reacted to the outbreak by instituting quarantines, mandating business and school closures and restricting travel. As of the date of the filing of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, we expect the COVID-19 pandemic and actions taken to contain it to impact our revenue (due to fewer new patients beginning therapy with our products and adverse impact on our ability to promote our products due to closure or limited operations of many physicians' offices) and have decreased certain operating expenses, including travel, marketing and expenses associated with participation in congresses that have been postponed. We believe that the disruptions caused by COVID-19 will continue and there remains substantial uncertainty as to when such disruptions will cease (or ease).

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND SIGNIFICANT JUDGMENTS AND ESTIMATES

We believe that several accounting policies are important to understanding our historical and future performance. We refer to these policies as “critical” because these specific areas generally require us to make judgments and estimates about matters that are uncertain at the time we make the estimate, and different estimates—which also would have been reasonable—could have been used, which would have resulted in different financial results.

The critical accounting policies we identified in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019 (“Annual Report”), relate to revenue recognition and impairment of intangible assets. Estimates include revenue recognition, including the estimates of product returns, units prescribed, discounts and allowances related to commercial sales of our products, estimates utilized in the valuation of inventory, estimates of useful lives with respect to intangible assets, accounting for stock-based compensation, contingencies, intangible assets, and tax valuation reserves. We base our estimates and assumptions on historical experience when available and on various factors that we believe are reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying value of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. We evaluate our estimates and assumptions on an ongoing basis. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions. It is important that the discussion of our operating results that follows be read in conjunction with the critical accounting policies disclosed in our Annual Report.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

(in thousands)

	Three months ended		Nine months ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
	(in thousands)		(in thousands)	
Product revenues, net	\$ 79,176	\$ 72,942	\$ 233,745	\$ 222,498
Cost of product revenues				
Cost of product revenues (excluding intangible asset amortization)	14,188	43,066	54,316	133,508
Intangible asset amortization	16,795	3,688	43,885	11,064
Total cost of products revenues	30,983	46,754	98,201	144,572
Gross profit	48,193	26,188	135,544	77,926
Operating expenses				
Research and development	2,141	2,491	7,300	7,942
Selling, general and administrative	26,426	30,072	87,008	91,359
Total operating expenses	28,567	32,563	94,308	99,301
Income (loss) from operations	19,626	(6,375)	41,236	(21,375)
Interest expense	(8,063)	(228)	(21,145)	(698)
Interest income	3	494	229	1,552
Income (loss) before income taxes	11,566	(6,109)	20,320	(20,521)
Provision for income taxes	280	—	526	—
Net income (loss)	<u>\$ 11,286</u>	<u>\$ (6,109)</u>	<u>\$ 19,794</u>	<u>\$ (20,521)</u>

Comparison of the three months ended September 30, 2020 and September 30, 2019

Product revenues, net were \$79.2 million for the three months ended September 30, 2020 (the “2020 Quarter”), compared to \$72.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2019 (the “2019 Quarter”). The \$6.3 million increase was related to an increase in revenue for Xtampza ER of \$5.6 million combined with an increase in revenue for the Nucynta Products of \$588,000. For the 2020 Quarter, Xtampza ER product revenues, net were \$32.1 million, compared to \$26.5 million for the 2019 Quarter. The increase in revenue for Xtampza ER was primarily related to an increase in sales volume due to increased demand and an increase in price. For the 2020 Quarter, Nucynta IR and ER product revenues, net were \$30.0 million and \$17.1 million, respectively, compared to \$28.1 million and \$18.3 million, respectively, for the 2019 Quarter. The increase in revenue for the Nucynta Products was primarily related to an increase in price, partially offset by lower sales volume.

Cost of product revenues (excluding intangible asset amortization) was \$14.2 million for the 2020 Quarter, compared to \$43.1 million for the 2019 Quarter. The \$28.9 million decrease was primarily related to a decrease in royalty expense for the Nucynta Products. In the 2019 Quarter, we recognized \$30.2 million in sales-based royalty expense due to Assertio under the terms of the Nucynta Commercialization Agreement. Our sales-based royalty obligations to Assertio ceased upon closing of the Nucynta Acquisition on February 13, 2020.

Intangible asset amortization was \$16.8 million for the 2020 Quarter, compared to \$3.7 million for the 2019 Quarter. The \$13.1 million increase was primarily related to the Nucynta Acquisition, in which \$367.1 million of consideration was allocated to the existing intangible asset as incremental cost in 2020. The intangible asset is being amortized on a straight-line basis over its estimated useful life of approximately six years.

Research and development expenses were \$2.1 million for the 2020 Quarter, compared to \$2.5 million for the 2019 Quarter. The \$350,000 decrease was primarily related to a decrease in trial related costs.

Selling, general and administrative expenses were \$26.4 million for the 2020 Quarter, compared to \$30.1 million for the 2019 Quarter. The \$3.7 million decrease was primarily related to:

- a decrease in travel, trainings, conferences and meetings of \$1.7 million primarily due to the restrictions imposed in response to the COVID-19 outbreak;

- a decrease in sales, marketing, and consulting costs of \$1.5 million, primarily due to lower costs incurred in the 2020 Quarter to support the ongoing commercialization of our products; and
- a decrease in fees, permits and other regulatory costs, including post-marketing requirements, of \$457,000.

Interest expense was \$8.1 million for the 2020 Quarter, compared to \$228,000 in the 2019 Quarter. The \$7.9 million increase was primarily due to interest expense recognized in the 2020 Quarter associated with the term notes and convertible notes issued in connection with the Nucynta Acquisition.

Interest income was \$3,000 for the 2020 Quarter, compared to \$494,000 in the 2019 Quarter. The \$491,000 decrease was primarily due to lower interest rates in the 2020 Quarter.

Comparison of the nine months ended September 30, 2020 and September 30, 2019

Product revenues, net were \$233.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2020 (the “2020 Period”), compared to \$222.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2019 (the “2019 Period”). The \$11.2 million increase was related to an increase in revenue for Xtampza ER of \$19.6 million, offset by a decrease in revenue for the Nucynta Products of \$8.4 million. For the 2020 Period, Xtampza ER product revenues, net were \$97.2 million, compared to \$77.6 million for the 2019 Period. The increase in revenue for Xtampza ER was primarily related to an increase in sales volume due to increased demand and an increase in price. For the 2020 Period, Nucynta IR and ER product revenues, net were \$87.0 million and \$49.5 million, respectively, compared to \$87.5 million and \$57.4 million, respectively, for the 2019 Period. The decrease in revenue for the Nucynta Products was primarily related to lower sales volume, partially offset by an increase in price.

Cost of product revenues (excluding intangible asset amortization) was \$54.3 million for the 2020 Period, compared to \$133.5 million for the 2019 Period. The \$79.2 million decrease was primarily related to a decrease in royalty expense for the Nucynta Products. In the 2019 Period, we recognized \$94.2 million in sales-based royalty expense due to Assertio under the terms of the Nucynta Commercialization Agreement, compared to \$19.1 million in the 2020 Period. The \$19.1 million represented sales-based royalties due to Assertio prior to the closing of the Nucynta Acquisition on February 13, 2020. Our sales-based royalty obligations due to Assertio ceased upon closing the Nucynta Acquisition.

Intangible asset amortization was \$43.9 million for the 2020 Period, compared to \$11.1 million for the 2019 Period. The \$32.8 million increase was primarily related to the Nucynta Acquisition, in which \$367.1 million of consideration was allocated to the existing intangible asset as incremental cost. The intangible asset is being amortized on a straight-line basis over its estimated useful life of approximately six years.

Research and development expenses were \$7.3 million for the 2020 Period, compared to \$7.9 million for the 2019 Period. The \$642,000 decrease was primarily related to a decrease in trial related costs.

Selling, general and administrative expenses were \$87.0 million for the 2020 Period, compared to \$91.4 million for the 2019 Period. The \$4.4 million decrease was primarily related to:

- a decrease in audit, legal, and other professional fees of \$3.7 million, primarily due to lower litigation costs;
- a decrease in sales, marketing, and consulting costs of \$3.2 million, primarily due to lower costs incurred in the 2020 Period to support the ongoing commercialization of our products;
- a decrease in travel, trainings, conferences, and meetings of \$3.1 million, primarily due to the restrictions imposed in response to the COVID-19 outbreak; partially offset by
- an increase in product taxes and fees of \$2.2 million, primarily due to certain states recently enacting excise taxes on the sale of opioids;
- an increase in salaries, wages and benefits of \$1.3 million, primarily due to stock-based compensation expense, wage increases and incentive compensation expense;
- an increase in insurance of \$692,000, primarily due to higher premiums;
- an increase in fees, permits and other regulatory costs, including post-marketing requirements, of \$603,000; and
- an increase in systems, licenses and support of \$514,000.

Interest expense was \$21.1 million for the 2020 Period, compared to \$698,000 in the 2019 Period. The \$20.4 million increase was primarily due to interest expense recognized in the 2020 Period associated with the term notes and convertible notes issued in connection with the Nucynta Acquisition.

Interest income was \$229,000 for the 2020 Period, compared to \$1.6 million in the 2019 Period. The \$1.3 million decrease was primarily due to lower interest rates in the 2020 Period.

Provision for income taxes was \$526,000 for the 2020 Period, compared to none in the 2019 Period. The \$526,000 increase was primarily due state income tax expense as, in the 2020 Quarter, certain states enacted changes in tax laws that prevent us from using our state-level NOLs to offset taxable income. In addition, we continue to generate more taxable income from sales of our products in states in which we do not have sufficient state-level NOLs to fully offset state taxable income. We did not record income tax expense in the 2019 Period due to the utilization of federal and state NOLs carried forward to offset taxable income.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Sources of Liquidity

As of September 30, 2020, we had \$165.4 million in cash and cash equivalents. We intend to rely on our existing cash and cash equivalents together with cash flows from the commercialization of our products as our primary source of liquidity.

Although it is difficult to predict future liquidity requirements, we believe that our cash and cash equivalents at September 30, 2020, together with expected cash inflows from the commercialization of our products, will enable us to fund our operating expenses, debt service and capital expenditure requirements under our current business plan for the foreseeable future.

Borrowing Arrangements and Equity Offerings

The following transactions represent the material changes in borrowing arrangements and equity offerings that were previously disclosed in our most recent Annual Report.

Pharmakon Term Notes

On February 6, 2020, in connection with the execution of the Nucynta Purchase Agreement, we, together with our subsidiary, Collegium Securities Corporation, entered into the Loan Agreement with BioPharma Credit PLC, as collateral agent and lender; and BioPharma Credit Investments V (Master) LP, as lender. The Loan Agreement provides for a \$200.0 million secured term loan (the “term notes”), the proceeds of which were used to finance a portion of the purchase price paid pursuant to the Nucynta Purchase Agreement.

The term notes will mature on the calendar quarter end immediately following the 48-month anniversary of the closing of the Nucynta Acquisition, and is guaranteed by our material domestic subsidiaries and is also secured by substantially all of our material domestic assets. The term notes will bear interest at a rate based upon LIBOR (subject to a LIBOR floor of 2.0%), plus a margin of 7.5% per annum. We are required to repay the term notes by making equal quarterly payments.

The Loan Agreement contains certain covenants and obligations of the parties, including, without limitation, covenants that require us to maintain \$200.0 million in annual net sales and covenants that limit our ability to incur additional indebtedness or liens, make acquisitions or other investments or dispose of assets outside the ordinary course of business. Failure to comply with these covenants would constitute an event of default under the Loan Agreement, notwithstanding our ability to meet its debt service obligations. The Loan Agreement also includes various customary remedies for the lenders following an event of default, including the acceleration of repayment of outstanding amounts under the Loan Agreement and execution upon the collateral securing obligations under the Loan Agreement.

2026 Convertible Notes

On February 13, 2020, in connection with the execution of the Nucynta Purchase Agreement, we issued 2.625% convertible senior notes due 2026 (the “convertible notes”), in the aggregate principal amount of \$143.8 million, in a public offering registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. The proceeds were used to finance a portion of the purchase price paid pursuant to the Nucynta Purchase Agreement.

The convertible notes are senior, unsecured obligations and will accrue interest at a rate of 2.625% per annum, payable semi-annually in arrears on February 15 and August 15 of each year, beginning on August 15, 2020. The notes will mature on February 15, 2026, unless earlier repurchased, redeemed or converted. Before August 15, 2025, noteholders will have the right to convert their notes only upon the occurrence of certain events. From and after August 15, 2025, noteholders may convert their notes at any time at their election until the close of business on the scheduled trading day immediately before the maturity date. We will settle conversions by paying or delivering, as applicable, cash, shares of our common stock or a combination of cash and shares of our common stock, at our election. The initial conversion rate is 34.2618 shares of common stock per \$1,000 principal amount of notes, which represents an initial conversion price of approximately \$29.19 per share of common stock. The conversion rate and conversion price will be subject to adjustment upon the occurrence of certain events.

Silicon Valley Bank Term Loan Facility

From August 2012 until January 2020, we maintained a term loan facility with Silicon Valley Bank, which was amended in connection with, and as a condition to, consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Nucynta Commercialization Agreement. Under the amended term loan, we had a term loan facility in an amount of \$11.5 million, which replaced our previously existing term loan facility. The proceeds were used to finance certain payment obligations under the Nucynta Commercialization Agreement and to repay the balance of the previously existing term loan. In January 2020, in anticipation of consummation of the Nucynta Acquisition and related financing activities, we repaid all of our outstanding indebtedness under the amended term loan.

Cash Flows

	Nine months ended September 30,	
	2020	2019
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 71,365	\$ 12,127
Net cash used in investing activities	(372,291)	(5,549)
Net cash provided by financing activities	298,877	627
Net (decrease) increase in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	<u>\$ (2,049)</u>	<u>\$ 7,205</u>

Operating activities. Cash provided by operating activities was \$71.4 million in the 2020 Period, compared to cash provided by operating activities of \$12.1 million in 2019 Period. The \$59.3 million increase in cash provided by operating activities was primarily due to higher net income and non-cash adjustments related to the Nucynta Acquisition,

which resulted in higher intangible asset amortization and higher non-cash interest expense from the term notes and convertible notes. These increases were partially offset by decreases in working capital accounts.

Investing activities. Cash used in investing activities was \$372.3 million in the 2020 Period, compared to cash used in investing activities of \$5.5 million in the 2019 Period. The \$366.8 million increase in cash used in investing activities was primarily related to the Nucynta Acquisition. The remaining change is primarily related to the timing of purchases of property, plant, and equipment primarily for the dedicated production suite at our contract manufacturing organization.

Financing activities. Cash provided by financing activities was \$298.9 million for the 2020 Period, compared to cash provided by financing activities of \$627,000 in the 2019 Period. The \$298.3 million increase in cash provided by financing activities was primarily related to net proceeds from the term notes of \$192.1 million and issuance of the convertible notes of \$138.3 million, both of which were issued in the 2020 Period. This increase was partially offset by term note repayments of \$25.0 million and the SVB term loan repayment of \$11.5 million. The remaining change is primarily related to changes in proceeds from the issuance of shares under our employee stock purchase plan and proceeds from exercises of stock options, offset by payments made for employee restricted stock tax withholdings.

Funding Requirements

We believe that our cash and cash equivalents at September 30, 2020 together with expected cash inflows from the commercialization of our products, will enable us to fund our operating expenses, debt service and capital expenditure requirements under our current business plan for the foreseeable future. However, we are subject to all the risks common to the commercialization and development of new pharmaceutical products, and we may encounter unforeseen expenses, difficulties, complications, delays and other unknown factors that may adversely affect our business.

Certain economic or strategic considerations may cause us to seek additional cash through private or public debt or equity offerings. Such funds may not be available when needed, or, we may not be able to obtain funding on favorable terms, or at all. The continued spread of COVID-19 has led to severe disruption and volatility in the global capital markets, which could increase our cost of capital and adversely affect our ability to access the capital markets. If we are unable to raise additional capital in sufficient amounts or on terms acceptable to us, we may have to significantly delay, scale back or discontinue the development or commercialization of one or more of our products. If we raise additional funds through the issuance of additional debt or equity securities, it could result in dilution to our existing shareholders, increased fixed payment obligations and the existence of securities with rights that may be senior to those of our common stock. If we incur indebtedness, we could become subject to covenants that would restrict our operations and potentially impair our competitiveness, such as limitations on our ability to incur additional debt, limitations on our ability to acquire, sell or license intellectual property rights and other operating restrictions that could adversely impact our ability to conduct our business. Any of these events could significantly harm our business, financial condition and prospects.

Our forecast that our financial resources will be adequate to support our operations is a forward-looking statement and involves risks and uncertainties, and actual results could vary as a result of a number of factors. We have based this estimate on assumptions that may prove to be wrong, and we could utilize our available capital resources sooner than we currently expect. The amount and timing of future funding requirements, both near- and long-term, will depend on many factors, including:

- the generation of reasonable levels of revenue from products sales and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on our business and results of operations;
- the cost of growing and maintaining sales, marketing and distribution capabilities for our products;
- the cost of patent infringement litigation, including our litigation with Purdue, relating to Xtampza ER and the Nucynta Products, which may be expensive to defend;
- the cost of litigation related to opioid marketing and distribution practices;
- the timing and costs associated with manufacturing our products, for commercial sale and clinical trials; and
- the effect of competing technological and market developments

If we cannot capitalize on our business opportunities because we lack sufficient capital, our business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially adversely affected.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

To supplement our financial results presented on a GAAP basis, we have included information about non-GAAP adjusted income and adjusted EBITDA. We use these non-GAAP financial measures to understand, manage and evaluate the Company as we believe they represent the performance of our core business. Because these non-GAAP financial measures are important internal measures for the Company, we believe that the presentation of these non-GAAP financial measures provides analysts, investors, lenders and other third parties insight into management's view and assessment of the Company's ongoing operating performance. In addition, we believe that the presentation of these non-GAAP financial measures, when viewed with our results under GAAP and the accompanying reconciliation, provide supplementary information that may be useful to analysts, investors, lenders, and other third parties in assessing the Company's performance and results from period to period. We report these non-GAAP financial measures to portray the results of our major operations prior to considering certain income statement elements. These non-GAAP financial measures should be considered in addition to, and not as a substitute for, or superior to, net income or other financial measures calculated in accordance with GAAP.

Non-GAAP Adjusted Income

Non-GAAP adjusted income is not based on any standardized methodology prescribed by GAAP and represents GAAP net income (loss) adjusted to exclude stock-based compensation expense, amortization expense, non-cash interest expense, certain royalty costs recognized in connection with the Nucynta Commercialization Agreement and the provision for income taxes. Non-GAAP adjusted income as used by us may be calculated differently from, and therefore may not be comparable to, similarly titled measures used by other companies.

	Three months ended		Nine months ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
GAAP net income (loss)	\$ 11,286	\$ (6,109)	\$ 19,794	\$ (20,521)
Non-GAAP adjustments:				
Stock-based compensation expense ⁽¹⁾	5,165	4,137	15,700	12,562
Intangible asset amortization ⁽²⁾	16,795	3,688	43,885	11,064
Non-cash interest expense ⁽³⁾	2,567	—	6,427	—
Nucynta royalty adjustment ⁽⁴⁾	—	—	14,216	—
Provision for income taxes ⁽⁵⁾	280	—	526	—
Total non-GAAP adjustments	\$ 24,807	\$ 7,825	\$ 80,754	\$ 23,626
Non-GAAP adjusted income	\$ 36,093	\$ 1,716	\$ 100,548	\$ 3,105

- (1) Represents stock-based compensation expense associated with our stock option, restricted stock unit and performance stock unit grants and our employee share purchase plan.
- (2) Represents amortization expense from the Nucynta Intangible Asset.
- (3) Represents non-cash interest expense recognized related to the accretion of debt discount and amortization of debt issuance costs.
- (4) Represents non-recurring adjustment for royalty expense recognized in 2020 prior to the closing of the Nucynta Asset Purchase Agreement in February 2020. The royalty expense was included as a reduction to the base purchase price for the Nucynta Asset Purchase Agreement and, upon closing, the Company was discharged of any unpaid royalties due to Assertio.
- (5) Represents current provision for estimated income taxes.

Adjusted EBITDA

Adjusted EBITDA represents GAAP net income (loss) adjusted to exclude interest expense, interest income, income tax expense, depreciation, amortization, and stock-based compensation. Adjusted EBITDA as used by us may be calculated differently from, and therefore may not be comparable to, similarly titled measures used by other companies.

There are several limitations related to the use of adjusted EBITDA rather than net income (loss), which is the nearest GAAP equivalent, such as:

- adjusted EBITDA excludes depreciation and amortization, and, although these are non-cash expenses, the assets being depreciated or amortized may have to be replaced in the future, the cash requirements for which are not reflected in adjusted EBITDA;

- we exclude stock-based compensation expense from adjusted EBITDA although (a) it has been, and will continue to be for the foreseeable future, a significant recurring expense for our business and an important part of our compensation strategy and (b) if we did not pay out a portion of our compensation in the form of stock-based compensation, the cash salary expense included in operating expenses would be higher, which would affect our cash position;
- adjusted EBITDA does not reflect changes in, or cash requirements for, working capital needs;
- adjusted EBITDA does not reflect provision for income taxes or the cash requirements to pay taxes; and
- adjusted EBITDA does not reflect historical cash expenditures or future requirements for capital expenditures or contractual commitments.

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
GAAP net income (loss)	\$ 11,286	\$ (6,109)	\$ 19,794	\$ (20,521)
Adjustments:				
Interest expense	8,063	228	21,145	698
Interest income	(3)	(494)	(229)	(1,552)
Provision for income taxes	280	-	526	-
Depreciation	195	180	589	535
Amortization	16,795	3,688	43,885	11,064
Stock-based compensation expense	5,165	4,137	15,700	12,562
Total adjustments	\$ 30,495	\$ 7,739	\$ 81,616	\$ 23,307
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 41,781	\$ 1,630	\$ 101,410	\$ 2,786

	First Quarter 2020	Second Quarter 2020	Third Quarter 2020
GAAP net income	\$ 450	\$ 8,058	\$ 11,286
Adjustments:			
Interest expense	4,823	8,259	8,063
Interest income	(212)	(14)	(3)
Provision for income taxes	-	246	280
Depreciation	198	196	195
Amortization	10,295	16,795	16,795
Stock-based compensation expense	4,951	5,584	5,165
Total adjustments	\$ 20,055	\$ 31,066	\$ 30,495
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 20,505	\$ 39,124	\$ 41,781

	First Quarter 2019	Second Quarter 2019	Third Quarter 2019	Fourth Quarter 2019
GAAP net loss	\$ (9,700)	\$ (4,712)	\$ (6,109)	\$ (2,201)
Adjustments:				
Interest expense	234	236	228	211
Interest income	(526)	(532)	(494)	(383)
Provision for income taxes	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	184	171	180	196
Amortization	3,688	3,688	3,688	3,688
Stock-based compensation expense	4,263	4,162	4,137	3,966
Total adjustments	\$ 7,843	\$ 7,725	\$ 7,739	\$ 7,678
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ (1,857)	\$ 3,013	\$ 1,630	\$ 5,477

CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS

With the exception of the Loan Agreement with Pharmakon and issuance of convertible notes previously discussed, there have been no material changes to the contractual obligations and commitments described under Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations in our most recent Annual Report.

OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS

We did not have during the periods presented any off-balance sheet arrangements, as defined under SEC rules.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk.

For information regarding our exposure to certain market risks, see Item 7A, Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk, in our Annual Report. There have been no significant changes in our financial instrument portfolio or market risk exposures since our fiscal year ended December 31, 2019.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures.

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Our management, with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as of September 30, 2020. The term “disclosure controls and procedures,” as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended or the Exchange Act, means controls and other procedures of a company that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by a company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported, within the time periods specified in the SEC’s rules and forms. Management recognizes that any controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable assurance of achieving their objectives and management necessarily applies its judgment in evaluating the cost-benefit relationship of possible controls and procedures. Based on the evaluation of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures as of September 30, 2020, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that, as of such date, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective at the reasonable assurance level.

Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

There has been no change in our internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act) during the fiscal quarter covered by this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, certain employees of the Company have been working remotely since March. The Company has not identified any material changes in the Company’s internal control over financial reporting as a result of these changes to the working environment. The Company is continually monitoring and assessing the COVID-19 situation to determine any potential impacts on the design and operating effectiveness of our internal controls over financial reporting.

PART II—OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings.

On September 29, 2020, we entered into a settlement agreement with Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc. (“Teva”) resolving the patent litigation in the U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware. We brought this litigation in response to Teva’s filing of an Abbreviated New Drug Application, which sought approval to market a generic version of Xtampza ER prior to the expiration of our applicable patents. Pursuant to the terms of the settlement, which is subject to review by the U.S. Federal Trade Commission and the U.S. Department of Justice, we will grant Teva a license to market its generic version of Xtampza ER in the United States beginning on or after September 2, 2033 (subject to U.S. Food and Drug Administration approval, and acceleration under certain circumstances). As a result of the settlement, Teva has agreed to a consent judgment confirming that its proposed generic products infringe upon our asserted patents and that those patents are valid and enforceable with respect to Teva’s proposed generic products. Additional details regarding the settlement are confidential.

Except as set forth in Note 14 to our financial statements, which is incorporated herein by reference to the extent applicable, there are no other material changes from the legal proceedings previously disclosed in our Annual Report.

Item 1A. Risk Factors.

Investing in our common stock involves a high degree of risk. Investors should carefully consider the risks described below, as well as all other information included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, including our financial statements, the notes thereto and the section entitled “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.” If any of the following risks actually occurs, our business, financial condition, operating results, prospects and ability to accomplish our strategic objectives could be materially harmed. As a result, the trading price of our common stock could decline and investors could lose all or part of their investment. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us or that we currently deem immaterial may also impair our business operations and the market price of our common stock.

Risks Related to Our Financial Position and Capital Needs

Our ability to generate sufficient revenue to become profitable is dependent upon our ability to successfully commercialize our products and any products and product candidates that we may develop or acquire in the future on a timely basis, and to address all regulatory requirements applicable to the development and commercialization of our products and any product candidates. Our failure to do so successfully could impair our growth strategy and plans and could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial position, and operating results.

We began the commercial sale of our first product, Xtampza ER, in June 2016 and assumed responsibility for the sales and marketing of the Nucynta Products in January 2018. Our ability to generate sufficient revenue to become profitable depends upon our ability to successfully commercialize our products and any other products and product candidates that we may develop, in-license or acquire in the future. Our ability to generate revenue from our current or future products depends on a number of factors, including our ability to:

- successfully commercialize our products;
- successfully satisfy FDA post-marketing requirements for our products, including studies and clinical trials that have been required for other extended-release/long acting opioid analgesics and individual studies and clinical trials of our products;
- set a commercially viable price for our products;
- manufacture commercial quantities of our products at acceptable cost levels;
- grow and sustain a commercial organization capable of sales, marketing and distribution for the products we sell;
- obtain coverage and adequate reimbursement from third parties, including government payors;

- complete and submit regulatory submissions to the FDA; and
- comply with existing and changing laws and regulations that apply to the pharmaceutical industry, including opioid manufacturers.

In addition, because of the numerous risks and uncertainties associated with product development and commercialization, we are unable to predict the timing or amount of increased expenses, or when or if we will be able to achieve or maintain profitability.

If we fail to become profitable or are unable to sustain profitability on a continuing basis, then we may be unable to continue our operations at planned levels and be forced to reduce our operations.

Our ability to use our net operating loss carryforwards and certain other tax attributes may be limited.

As of December 31, 2019, we had a federal net operating loss (“NOL”), carryforward of approximately \$292.3 million and state NOL carryovers of approximately \$222.6 million, which are available to offset future taxable income. The U.S. federal NOL carryforwards begin to expire in 2022, and the state NOL carryforwards begin to expire in 2030. We also had U.S. federal tax credits of approximately \$4.0 million, and state tax credits of approximately \$1.1 million. These tax attributes are generally subject to a limited carryover/carryback period and are also subject to the annual limitations that may be imposed under Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (“IRC 382”).

The federal R&D credit generally has a twenty-year carryover term, and our state R&D credit is generally available for a fifteen-year carryover.

Under IRC 382, if a corporation undergoes an “ownership change,” generally defined as a greater than 50% change (by value) in its equity ownership over a three-year period, the corporation’s ability to use its pre-ownership change NOLs and other pre-ownership change tax attributes (such as research and development tax credits) to offset its post-change income may be limited. We may experience ownership changes in the future as a result of shifts in our stock ownership some of which are outside our control.

During 2019, we completed a study to assess the impact of ownership changes, if any, on our ability to use our NOL and tax credit carryovers. As a result of the study, we concluded that there were ownership changes that occurred in the years 2006, 2012 and 2015 that could be subject to IRC 382 limitations. Of our total federal NOL carryovers of \$292.3 million at December 31, 2019, approximately \$29.0 million are estimated to expire unbenefited due to IRC 382 annual limitations, and approximately \$0.1 million of state NOL carryovers are estimated to expire unbenefited due to IRC 382 limitations. In addition, of our federal R&D credit carryovers of \$4.0 million at December 31, 2019, approximately \$1.2 million are estimated to expire unbenefited due to IRC 382 limitations. These IRC 382 annual limitations may limit our ability to use these pre-ownership change federal and state NOL carryovers and pre-ownership change federal tax credit carryovers, which may potentially increase our future federal and state income tax liability.

As of December 31, 2019, and December 31, 2018, we have provided a full valuation allowance for deferred tax assets including NOL and tax credit carryovers.

Our indebtedness and liabilities could limit the cash flow available for our operations, expose us to risks that could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations and impair our ability to satisfy our obligations to our debtholders.

In February 2020, in connection with the Nucynta Acquisition, we incurred (i) \$143.8 million in principal amount of indebtedness in the form of convertible notes; and (ii) \$200.0 million in secured indebtedness pursuant to our Loan Agreement with BioPharma Credit PLC, as collateral agent and lender, and BioPharma Credit Investments V (Master) LP, as lender (as amended from time to time, the “Loan Agreement”). In January 2020, we paid off the outstanding principal and accrued interest under our term loan facility with Silicon Valley Bank with cash on hand. We may also incur additional indebtedness to meet future financing needs. Our indebtedness could have significant negative

consequences for our security holders and our business, results of operations and financial condition by, among other things:

- increasing our vulnerability to adverse economic and industry conditions;
- limiting our ability to obtain additional financing;
- requiring the dedication of a substantial portion of our cash flow from operations to service our indebtedness, which will reduce the amount of cash available for other purposes;
- limiting our flexibility to plan for, or react to, changes in our business;
- diluting the interests of our existing shareholders as a result of issuing shares of our common stock upon conversion of the convertible notes; and
- placing us at a possible competitive disadvantage with competitors that are less leveraged than us or have better access to capital.

Our business may not generate sufficient funds, and we may otherwise be unable to maintain sufficient cash reserves, to pay amounts due under our indebtedness, including the convertible notes, and our cash needs may increase in the future. In addition, our Loan Agreement contains, and any future indebtedness that we may incur may contain, financial and other restrictive covenants that limit our ability to operate our business, raise capital or make payments under our other indebtedness. If we fail to comply with these covenants or to make payments under our indebtedness when due, then we would be in default under that indebtedness, which could, in turn, result in that and our other indebtedness becoming immediately payable in full.

We may be unable to raise the funds necessary to repurchase our convertible notes for cash following a fundamental change, or to pay any cash amounts due upon conversion, and our other indebtedness limits our ability to repurchase the notes or pay cash upon their conversion. Noteholders, subject to a limited exception described in the notes, may require us to repurchase their notes following a fundamental change at a cash repurchase price generally equal to the principal amount of the notes to be repurchased, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any. In addition, upon conversion, we will satisfy part or all of our conversion obligation in cash unless we elect to settle conversions solely in shares of our common stock. We may not have enough available cash or be able to obtain financing at the time we are required to repurchase the notes or pay the cash amounts due upon conversion. In addition, applicable law, regulatory authorities and the agreements governing our other indebtedness may restrict our ability to repurchase the notes or pay the cash amounts due upon conversion. Our failure to repurchase notes or to pay the cash amounts due upon conversion when required will constitute a default under the indenture. A default under the indenture or the fundamental change itself could also lead to a default under agreements governing our other indebtedness, which may result in that other indebtedness becoming immediately payable in full. Concurrently with the closing of the Nucynta Acquisition, we incurred approximately \$200.0 million of term notes under our Loan Agreement. Such indebtedness will amortize on a quarterly basis, and is due to fully mature in 2024. We may not have sufficient funds to satisfy all amounts due under our other indebtedness (including the Loan Agreement) and the notes.

If we require additional capital to fund our operations and we fail to obtain necessary financing, we may be unable to complete the commercialization of our products or the development and commercialization of our future product candidates.

Our operations have consumed substantial amounts of cash. We believe that our cash and cash equivalents at September 30, 2020, together with expected cash inflows from the commercialization of our products, will enable us to fund our operating expenses, debt service and capital expenditure requirements under our current business plan for the foreseeable future. However, certain economic or strategic factors may require us to seek additional cash through private or public debt or equity offerings.

We cannot be certain that additional funding will be available on acceptable terms, or at all. The continued spread of a novel coronavirus and the disease it causes (“COVID-19”) has led to severe disruption and volatility in the global capital markets, which could increase our cost of capital and adversely affect our ability to access the capital markets. The spread of COVID-19 has caused and/or exacerbated an economic slowdown or recession and may cause other unpredictable events, each of which could adversely affect our ability to raise additional capital to fund our operations.

If we are unable to raise additional capital in sufficient amounts, when required or on acceptable terms, we also could be required to:

- significantly delay, scale back or discontinue the development and/or the commercialization of our products or our other research and development initiatives;
- seek collaborators for our products and/or one or more of our future product candidates at an earlier stage than otherwise would be desirable or on terms that are less favorable than might otherwise be available;
- relinquish or license on unfavorable terms our rights to technologies, products or future product candidates that we otherwise would seek to develop or commercialize ourselves; or
- significantly curtail operations.

Our forecast of the period of time through which our financial resources will be adequate to support our operations is a forward-looking statement and involves risks and uncertainties, and actual results could vary as a result of a number of factors, including the factors discussed elsewhere in this “Risk Factors” section. We have based this estimate on assumptions that may prove to be wrong, and we could utilize our available capital resources sooner than we currently expect. Our future funding requirements, both near and long-term, will depend on many factors, including, but not limited to:

- the generation of sufficient levels of revenue from the sale of our products;
- the cost of growing and maintaining sales, marketing and distribution capabilities for our products and any other products we may acquire or develop;
- the outcome, timing and cost of regulatory approvals by the FDA, including the potential for the FDA to require that we perform more studies than, or evaluate clinical endpoints other than those that we currently expect;
- the timing and costs associated with manufacturing (1) our products, for commercial sale and clinical trials, and (2) our future product candidates for preclinical studies, clinical trials and, if approved, for commercial sale;
- the cost of litigation relating to our products or future product candidates, including our patent infringement litigation with Purdue, and ongoing litigation related to opioid marketing and distribution practices, which may be expensive to defend;
- the cost of implementing additional infrastructure and internal systems and hiring additional employees as our organization grows;
- our need to expand our regulatory and compliance functions; and
- the effect of competing technological and market developments.

Raising additional capital may cause dilution to our existing shareholders, restrict our operations or require us to relinquish rights to our products or technologies.

We may seek additional capital through a combination of private and public equity offerings, debt financings, receivables or royalty financings, strategic collaborations and alliances and licensing arrangements. To the extent that we

raise additional capital through the sale of equity or convertible debt securities, existing shareholders' ownership interest will be diluted, and the terms may include liquidation or other preferences that adversely affect the rights of existing shareholders. Debt, receivables and royalty financings may be coupled with an equity component, such as warrants to purchase stock, which could also result in dilution of our existing shareholders' ownership. The incurrence of additional indebtedness could result in increased fixed payment obligations and could also result in certain restrictive covenants, such as limitations on our ability to incur further debt, limitations on our ability to acquire or license intellectual property rights and other operating restrictions that could have a material adverse effect on our ability to conduct our business and may result in additional liens being placed on our assets and intellectual property. If we were to default on any of our indebtedness, we could lose such assets and intellectual property. If we raise additional funds through strategic collaborations and alliances and licensing arrangements with third parties, we may have to relinquish valuable rights to our products, technologies or revenue streams or grant licenses on terms that are not favorable to us. If we are unable to raise additional funds through equity or debt financings when needed, we may be required to delay, limit, reduce or terminate our commercialization or product development efforts or grant rights to develop and market our technologies that we would otherwise prefer to develop and market ourselves.

We have a limited operating history, which may make it difficult for you to evaluate the success of our business to date and to assess our future viability.

Our predecessor was originally incorporated in Delaware in April 2002 under the name Collegium Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and in October 2003, our predecessor changed its name to Collegium Pharmaceutical, Inc. In July 2014, we reincorporated in the Commonwealth of Virginia pursuant to a merger whereby Collegium Pharmaceutical, Inc., a Delaware corporation, merged with and into Collegium Pharmaceutical, Inc., a Virginia corporation, with the Virginia corporation surviving the merger. From 2002 until 2010, our operations focused primarily on marketing proprietary therapies to the wound care and dermatology industry through our former subsidiary, Onset Therapeutics, LLC, which was spun off and became a part of PreCision Dermatology, Inc. in 2010. Since 2010, our operations have focused primarily on developing the DETERx technology platform and identifying and developing product candidates that utilize the DETERx technology, including our first product, Xtampza ER. Although we began the commercial sale of Xtampza ER in June 2016 and acquired the right to commercialize the Nucynta Products in the United States in January 2018, we have a limited track record of successful commercialization of these products. Consequently, any predictions about our future success, performance or viability may not be as accurate as they could be if we had a longer operating history.

Risks Related to our Products

If we are unable to successfully commercialize Xtampza ER or the Nucynta Products, our business, financial condition and results of operations may be materially adversely affected and the price of our common stock may decline.

To date, we have invested substantial resources in the development of Xtampza ER, which has been approved by the FDA. In February 2018, we began marketing the Nucynta Products. Our business and future success are substantially dependent on our ability to successfully and timely commercialize these products. We may never be able to successfully commercialize our products.

Our ability to successfully commercialize Xtampza ER will depend on many factors, including but not limited to:

- our ability to successfully satisfy FDA post-marketing requirements, including studies and clinical trials that have been required for other extended-release/long acting opioid analgesics and individual studies of Xtampza ER and its components;
- our ability to manufacture commercial quantities of Xtampza ER at reasonable cost and with sufficient speed to meet commercial demand;
- our ability to continue to retain a skilled and compliant sales and marketing organization to market Xtampza ER;

- our success in educating physicians, patients and caregivers about the benefits, administration, use and coverage of Xtampza ER;
- the perceived availability and advantages, relative cost, relative safety and relative efficacy of other abuse-deterrent products and treatments with similar indications;
- our ability to successfully defend any challenges to our intellectual property or suits asserting patent infringement relating to Xtampza ER;
- the availability and quality of coverage and adequate reimbursement for Xtampza ER;
- a continued acceptable safety profile of Xtampza ER; and
- our ability to comply with applicable legal and regulatory requirements, including any additional manufacturing or packaging requirements that may become applicable to certain opioid products.

Our ability to successfully commercialize the Nucynta Products will depend on many factors including, but not limited to, our ability to:

- develop and execute our sales and marketing strategies for the Nucynta Products;
- obtain and maintain adequate coverage, reimbursement and pricing from managed care, government and other third-party payers;
- maintain and manage the necessary sales, marketing, supply chain, managed markets and other capabilities and infrastructure that are required to successfully commercialize the Nucynta Products;
- successfully defend any challenges to intellectual property or suits asserting patent infringement relating to the Nucynta Products;
- our ability to manufacture commercial quantities of Nucynta ER and Nucynta IR at reasonable cost and with sufficient speed to meet commercial demand; and
- comply with applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

Many of these matters are beyond our control and are subject to other risks described elsewhere in this “Risk Factors” section. Accordingly, we cannot assure you that we will be able to successfully commercialize or generate sufficient revenue from our products. If we cannot do so, or are significantly delayed in doing so, our business will be materially harmed.

Despite receiving approval by the FDA, additional data may emerge that could change the FDA’s position on the product labeling of Xtampza ER and our ability to successfully market Xtampza ER may be adversely affected.

Xtampza ER was approved with label language describing abuse-deterrent properties of the formulation with respect to the nasal and IV routes of abuse, consistent with Guidance for Industry, “Abuse-Deterrent Opioids- Evaluation and Labeling.” In November 2017, the FDA approved an sNDA for Xtampza ER to include comparative oral pharmacokinetic data from a clinical study evaluating the effect of physical manipulation by crushing Xtampza ER compared with OxyContin and a control (oxycodone hydrochloride immediate-release), results from an oral human abuse potential study and the addition of an oral abuse deterrent claim.

The FDA can change the product labeling for Xtampza ER at any time. Per FDA guidance, data that emerges from post-marketing studies or other sources could prompt the FDA to withdraw or amend its approval of the product labeling

describing the abuse deterrent properties of the formulation. Such withdrawal or amendment could adversely impact our ability to successfully commercialize Xtampza ER.

Xtampza ER and the Nucynta Products are subject to mandatory REMS programs, which could increase the cost, burden and liability associated with the commercialization of these products.

The FDA has approved REMS for extended-release and long acting (“LA”), opioid drugs formulated with the active pharmaceutical ingredients fentanyl, hydromorphone, methadone, morphine, oxycodone, oxymorphone, and others as part of a federal initiative to address prescription drug abuse and misuse, or the ER/LA opioid REMS. In September 2018, the FDA announced that immediate-release opioid drugs will be subject to the same REMS as ER/LA opioids (now called the Opioid Analgesic REMS). One of the primary goals of the REMS is to ensure that the benefits of these drugs continue to outweigh the risks.

The REMS introduces new safety measures designed to reduce risks and improve the safe use of opioids, while continuing to provide access to these medications for patients in pain. Under the REMS, subject companies are required to make education programs available to prescribers based on the FDA’s Opioid Analgesic REMS Education Blueprint for Health Care Providers Involved in the Treatment and Monitoring of Patients with Pain. It is expected that companies will meet this obligation by providing educational grants to continuing education providers, who will develop and deliver the training. The REMS also requires companies to distribute FDA-approved educational materials to prescribers and patients on the safe use of these drugs. The companies must perform periodic assessments of the implementation of the REMS and the success of the program in meeting its goals. The FDA will review these assessments and may require additional elements to achieve the goals of the program. At present, a physician does not have to complete the training offered under REMS as a prerequisite for ability to prescribe opioids; however, the FDA is considering circumstances where it would require some type of mandatory training as a precondition. Congress has also considered legislation that would require prescribers to have continuing medical education on best practices in prescribing opioids. These requirements, if enacted, could impact the number of prescriptions written by physicians for our products.

Additionally, drug products that fall under the Opioid Analgesic REMS may be subject to class-wide safety labelling changes when FDA determines such changes are warranted. Such labeling has the potential to adversely impact prescribing or market acceptance of these products.

If the FDA determines that a REMS is necessary during review of an application, the drug sponsor must agree to the REMS plan at the time of approval. Xtampza ER and the Nucynta Products have been subject to the REMS requirement since their approval. REMS includes a Medication Guide that is dispensed with each prescription, physician training based on FDA-identified learning objectives, audits to ensure that the FDA’s learning objectives are addressed in the physician trainings, letters to prescribing physicians, professional organizations and state licensing entities alerting each to the REMS, and the establishment of a call center to provide more information about the REMS. We anticipate that our future product candidates will also be subject to these REMS requirements. There may be increased cost, administrative burden and potential liability associated with the marketing and sale of these types of product candidates subject to the REMS requirements, which could reduce the commercial benefits to us from the sale of these product candidates.

Although Xtampza ER has been approved with abuse deterrent labeling, the FDA could require changes to such labeling or we could fail to promote such abuse deterrent labeling in compliance with FDA regulations.

Xtampza ER was developed in compliance with the FDA’s April 2015 guidance regarding opioid abuse deterrence and has received FDA-approved product labeling that describes its abuse deterrent features, which allows us to promote those features and differentiate Xtampza ER from other opioid products containing the same active pharmaceutical ingredients. Because the FDA closely regulates promotional materials and other promotional activities, even though the FDA approved product labeling that includes a description of the abuse deterrent characteristics of Xtampza ER, the FDA may object to our marketing claims and product advertising campaigns. This could lead to the issuance of warning letters or untitled letters, suspension or withdrawal of our products from the market, recalls, fines, disgorgement of money, operating restrictions, injunctions, and civil or criminal prosecution. Any of these consequences would harm the commercial success of Xtampza ER. In addition, the April 2015 final FDA guidance on abuse-deterrent opioids is not binding law and may be superseded or modified at any time. Also, if the FDA determines that our post-marketing data do not demonstrate that the abuse-deterrent properties result in reduction of abuse, or demonstrate a shift to routes of abuse

that present a greater risk, the FDA may find that product labeling revisions are needed, and potentially require the removal of our abuse-deterrence claims, which would have a material adverse effect on our ability to successfully commercialize Xtampza ER.

Failure to comply with ongoing governmental regulations for marketing any product, including Xtampza ER and the Nucynta Products, could delay or inhibit our ability to generate revenues from their sale and could also expose us to claims or other sanctions.

Advertising and promotion of any product that has obtained approval in the United States, including Xtampza ER and the Nucynta Products, is heavily scrutinized by, among others, the FDA, the Department of Justice, the Office of Inspector General for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (“HHS”), state attorneys general, members of Congress and the public. Violations, including promotion of our products for unapproved or off-label uses, are subject to enforcement letters, inquiries and investigations, and civil and criminal sanctions by the FDA or other government agencies.

In the United States, engaging in off-label promotion of our products, can also subject us to false claims litigation under federal and state statutes, and other litigation and/or investigation, which can lead to civil and criminal penalties and fines and agreements that materially restrict the manner in which we promote or distribute our drug products. These false claims statutes include the federal False Claims Act, which allows any individual to bring a lawsuit against a pharmaceutical company on behalf of the federal government alleging submission of false or fraudulent claims, or causing to present such false or fraudulent claims, for payment by a federal program such as Medicare or Medicaid. If the government prevails in the lawsuit, the individual will share in any fines or settlement funds. False Claims Act lawsuits against pharmaceutical companies have increased significantly in volume and breadth in recent years, leading to several substantial civil and criminal settlements based on certain sales practices promoting off-label drug uses. This increased focus and scrutiny has increased the risk that a pharmaceutical company will have to defend a false claim action, pay settlement fines or restitution, agree to comply with burdensome reporting and compliance obligations, and be excluded from the Medicare, Medicaid and other federal and state healthcare programs.

If we are found to have promoted such off-label uses, we may become subject to significant liability. The federal government has levied large civil and criminal fines against companies for alleged off-label use and has enjoined several companies from engaging in off-label promotion. The FDA has also requested that companies enter into consent decrees or permanent injunctions under which specified promotional conduct is changed or curtailed. If we cannot successfully manage the promotion of our products, we could become subject to significant liability, which could materially adversely affect our business and financial condition.

In addition, later discovery of previously unknown problems with a product, manufacturer or facility, or our failure to update regulatory files, may result in restrictions, including withdrawal of the product from the market. The failure to obtain or maintain requisite governmental approvals or FDA required product withdrawals or warnings arising from identification of serious and unanticipated adverse side effects, could delay or preclude us from further developing, marketing or realizing the full commercial potential of our products.

Risks Related to Intellectual Property

Unfavorable outcomes in intellectual property litigation could result in costly litigation and potentially limit our ability to commercialize our products.

Our commercial success depends upon our ability to commercialize products without infringing the intellectual property rights of others. Our current or future products, or any uses of them, may now or in the future infringe third-party patents or other intellectual property rights. This is due in part to the considerable uncertainty within the pharmaceutical industry about the validity, scope and enforceability of many issued patents in the United States and, to date, there is no consistency regarding the breadth of claims allowed in pharmaceutical patents. We cannot currently determine the ultimate scope and validity of patents which may be granted to third parties in the future or which patents might be asserted to be infringed by the manufacture, use and sale of our products. In part as a result of this uncertainty, there has been, and we expect that there will continue to be, significant litigation in the pharmaceutical industry regarding patents and other intellectual property rights.

Third parties may assert infringement claims against us, or other parties we have agreed to indemnify, based on existing patents or patents that may be granted in the future. We are aware of third-party patents and patent applications related to oxycodone formulations, including those listed in the FDA's Orange Book for oxycodone products. Because of the delay between filing and publication of patent applications, and because applications can take several years to issue, there may be currently pending third-party patent applications that are unknown to us, which may later result in issued patents. Because of the uncertainty inherent in intellectual property litigation, we could lose, even if the case against us was weak or flawed.

If we are found to infringe a third party's intellectual property rights, we could be required to obtain a license from such third party to continue developing or commercializing our products and technology. However, we may not be able to obtain any required license on commercially reasonable terms or at all. Even if we are able to obtain a license, it may be non-exclusive, thereby giving our competitors access to the same technologies licensed to us. We could be forced, including by court order, to cease commercializing the infringing technology or product. In addition, in any such proceeding or litigation, we could be found liable for monetary damages, including treble damages and attorneys' fees, if we are found to have willfully infringed a patent. A finding of infringement could prevent us from commercializing our products or force us to cease some of our business operations.

Competitors may sue us as a way of delaying the introduction of our products. Any litigation, including any interference or derivation proceedings to determine priority of inventions, oppositions or other post-grant review proceedings to patents in the United States, or litigation against our collaborators may be costly and time consuming and could have a material adverse effect on our operating results, our ability to raise capital needed to commercialize products and our overall financial condition. We expect that litigation may be necessary in some instances to determine the validity and scope of our proprietary rights. Litigation may be necessary in other instances to determine the validity, scope or non-infringement of certain patent rights claimed by third parties to be pertinent to the manufacture, use or sale of our products. Ultimately, the outcome of such litigation, including our pending litigation with Purdue, could compromise the validity and scope of our patents or other proprietary rights or hinder our ability to manufacture and market our products.

If we are unable to obtain or maintain intellectual property rights for our technologies, products or any future product candidates which we may develop, we may lose valuable assets or be unable to compete effectively in our market.

We depend on our ability to protect our proprietary technology. We rely on patent and trademark laws, unpatented trade secrets and know-how, and confidentiality, licensing and other agreements with employees and third parties, all of which offer only limited protection. Our success depends in large part on our ability to obtain and maintain patent protection in the United States with respect to our proprietary technology and products.

The steps we have taken to protect our proprietary rights may not be adequate to preclude misappropriation of our proprietary information or infringement of our intellectual property rights in the United States. The rights already granted under any of our currently issued patents and those that may be granted under future issued patents may not provide us with the proprietary protection or competitive advantages we are seeking.

The patent prosecution process is expensive and time consuming, and we may not be able to file and prosecute all necessary or desirable patent applications at a reasonable cost or in a timely manner. It is also possible that we will fail to identify patentable aspects of inventions made in the course of our development and commercialization activities before it is too late to obtain patent protection on them.

Given the amount of time required for the development, testing and regulatory review of product candidates, patents protecting such product candidates might expire before or shortly after such product candidates are commercialized. If we are unable to obtain and maintain patent protection for our technology and products, or if the scope of the patent protection obtained is not sufficient, our competitors could develop and commercialize technology and products identical, similar or superior to ours, and our ability to successfully commercialize our technology and products may be adversely affected.

With respect to patent rights, our patent applications may not issue into patents, and any issued patents may not provide protection against competitive technologies, may be held invalid or unenforceable if challenged or may be interpreted in

a manner that does not adequately protect our technology or future product candidates. Even if our patent applications issue into patents, they may not issue in a form that will provide us with any meaningful protection, prevent competitors from competing with us, or otherwise provide us with any competitive advantage. The examination process may require us to narrow the claims in our patents, which may limit the scope of patent protection that may be obtained. Our competitors may design around or otherwise circumvent patents issued to us or licensed by us.

The scope of patent protection in the United States is highly uncertain, and changes in U.S. patent law have increased that uncertainty and could diminish the value of patents in general, thereby impairing our ability to protect our products or future product candidates.

The patent position of pharmaceutical companies generally is highly uncertain, involves complex legal and factual questions and has in recent years been the subject of much litigation. Changes in either the patent laws or interpretation of the patent laws in the United States may diminish the value of our patents or narrow the scope of our patent protection.

Publications of discoveries in the scientific literature often lag behind the actual discoveries, and patent applications in the United States typically are not published until 18 months after filing or, in some cases, not at all. Therefore, we cannot be certain that we were the first to make the inventions claimed in our owned or licensed patents or pending patent applications, or that we were the first to file for patent protection of such inventions. As a result, the issuance, scope, validity, enforceability and commercial value of our patent rights, in the United States, are highly uncertain.

Patent reform legislation could increase the uncertainties and costs associated with the prosecution of our patent applications and the enforcement or defense of our issued patents. The Leahy-Smith America Invents Act (the “Leahy-Smith Act”), which was signed into law on September 16, 2011, made significant changes to U.S. patent law, including provisions that affect the way patent applications are prosecuted and litigated. Many of the substantive changes to patent law associated with the Leahy-Smith Act and, in particular, the “first to file” provisions described below, became effective in 2013. The Leahy-Smith Act and its implementation could increase the uncertainties and costs surrounding the prosecution of our patent applications and the enforcement or defense of our issued patents.

Pursuant to the Leahy-Smith Act, the United States transitioned to a “first to file” system in which the first inventor to file a patent application will be entitled to the patent. In addition, third parties are allowed to submit prior art before the issuance of a patent by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (the “USPTO”) and may become involved in opposition, derivation, reexamination, or inter partes review challenging our patent rights or the patent rights of others. Grounds for a validity challenge could be an alleged failure to meet any of several statutory requirements, including novelty, non-obviousness and enablement. It is possible that prior art of which both we and the patent examiner were unaware during prosecution exists, which could render our patents invalid. Moreover, there may exist prior art of which we were or are aware, and which we did not or do not consider relevant to our patents, but which could nevertheless be determined to render our patents invalid. An adverse determination in any such submission, proceeding or litigation could reduce the scope of, or invalidate, our patent rights, which could have a material adverse effect on our competitive position with respect to third parties.

Because the issuance of a patent is not conclusive as to its inventorship, scope, validity or enforceability, issued patents that we own or license from third parties may be challenged in the courts or patent offices in the United States. Such challenges may result in the loss of patent protection, the narrowing of claims in such patents, or the invalidity or unenforceability of such patents, which could limit our ability to stop others from using or commercializing similar or identical technology and products, or limit the duration of the patent protection for our technology and products. Protecting against the unauthorized use of our patented technology, trademarks and other intellectual property rights is expensive, difficult and, may in some cases not be possible. In some cases, it may be difficult or impossible to detect third party infringement or misappropriation of our intellectual property rights, even in relation to issued patent claims, and proving any such infringement may be even more difficult.

We may be forced to litigate to enforce or defend our intellectual property, which could be expensive, time consuming and unsuccessful, and result in the loss of valuable assets.

We may be forced to litigate to enforce or defend our intellectual property rights against infringement and unauthorized use by competitors, and to protect our trade secrets. To counter infringement or unauthorized use, litigation may be necessary in the future to enforce or defend our intellectual property rights, to protect our trade secrets or to determine the validity and scope of our own intellectual property rights. In so doing, we may place our intellectual property at risk of being invalidated, rendered unenforceable or limited or narrowed in scope.

Further, this can be expensive and time consuming. Many of our current and potential competitors have the ability to dedicate substantially greater resources to defend their intellectual property rights than we can.

Accordingly, despite our efforts, we may not be able to prevent third parties from infringing upon or misappropriating our intellectual property. Litigation could result in substantial costs and diversion of management resources, which could have a material adverse effect on our operating results, our ability to raise capital needed to commercialize products and our overall financial condition. In addition, an adverse result in any litigation proceeding could put one or more of our patents at risk of being invalidated, held unenforceable or interpreted narrowly. Furthermore, because of the substantial amount of discovery required in connection with intellectual property litigation, there is a risk that some of our confidential information could be compromised by disclosure during litigation. There could also be public announcements of the results of hearings, motions or other interim proceedings or developments. If securities analysts or investors perceive these results to be negative, it could have a material adverse effect on the price of shares of our common stock.

We may not be responsible for or have control over the prosecution or enforceability of our licensed technology and have to rely on the licensor to enforce or defend our intellectual property.

Patent prosecution of in-licensed products or product candidates may be controlled solely by the licensor. If our licensors fail to obtain and maintain patent or other protection for the proprietary intellectual property we license from them, we could lose our rights to the intellectual property or our exclusivity with respect to those rights, and our competitors could market competing products using the intellectual property. Licensing of intellectual property is of critical importance to our business and involves complex legal, business and scientific issues and is complicated by the rapid pace of scientific discovery in our industry. Disputes may arise regarding intellectual property subject to a licensing agreement, including:

- the scope of rights granted under the license agreement and other interpretation-related issues;
- the extent to which our technology and processes infringe on intellectual property of the licensor that is not subject to the licensing agreement;
- the sublicensing of patent and other rights under our collaborative development relationships;
- our diligence obligations under the license agreement and what activities satisfy those diligence obligations;
- the ownership of inventions and know-how resulting from the joint creation or use of intellectual property by our licensors and us and our partners; and
- the priority of invention of patented technology.

If disputes over intellectual property that we license prevent or impair our ability to maintain such licensing arrangements on acceptable terms, we may be unable to successfully develop and commercialize the affected products.

We may be subject to claims by third parties of ownership of what we regard as our own intellectual property or obligations to make compensatory payments to employees or others.

While it is our policy to require our employees and contractors who may be involved in the development of intellectual property to execute agreements assigning such intellectual property to us, we may be unsuccessful in executing or obtaining such an agreement with each party who, in fact, develops intellectual property that we regard as our own. In addition, they may breach the assignment agreements or such agreements may not be self-executing, and we may be forced to bring claims against third parties, or defend claims they may bring against us, to determine the ownership of what we regard as our intellectual property. If we fail in prosecuting or defending any such claims, in addition to paying monetary damages, we may lose valuable intellectual property rights or personnel. Such intellectual property rights could be awarded to a third party, and we could be required to obtain a license from such third party to commercialize our technology or products. Such a license may not be available on commercially reasonable terms or at all. Even if we are successful in defending against such claims, litigation could result in substantial costs and be a distraction to management.

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

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

We may be subject to claims that our employees have wrongfully used or disclosed alleged trade secrets of their former employers.

Many of our employees, including our senior management, were previously employed at other biotechnology or pharmaceutical companies, including potential competitors. These employees typically executed proprietary rights, non-disclosure and non-competition agreements in connection with their previous employment. Although we try to ensure that our employees do not use the proprietary information or know-how of others in their work for us, we may be subject to claims that we or these employees have used or disclosed intellectual property, including trade secrets or other proprietary information, of any such employee's former employer. We are not aware of any threatened or pending claims related to these matters, but in the future litigation may be necessary to defend against such claims. If we fail in defending any such claims, in addition to paying monetary damages, we may lose valuable intellectual property rights or personnel. Even if we are successful in defending against such claims, litigation could result in substantial costs, damage our reputation and be a distraction to management.

Obtaining and maintaining our patent protection depends on compliance with various procedural, document submissions, fee payment and other requirements imposed by governmental patent agencies, and our patent protection could be reduced or eliminated for non-compliance with these requirements.

The USPTO requires compliance with a number of procedural, documentary, fee payment and other similar provisions during the patent application process. In addition, periodic maintenance fees on issued patents are required to be paid to the USPTO in several stages over the lifetime of the patents. While an inadvertent lapse can in many cases be cured by payment of a late fee or by other means in accordance with the applicable rules, there are situations in which non-compliance can result in abandonment or lapse of the patent or patent application, resulting in partial or complete loss of patent rights in the relevant jurisdiction. Non-compliance events that could result in abandonment or lapse of a

patent or patent application include, but are not limited to, failure to respond to official actions within prescribed time limits, non-payment of fees and failure to properly legalize and submit formal documents. If we fail to maintain the patents and patent applications covering our products, our competitive position would be adversely affected.

Risks Related to the Commercialization of Our Products

If we are unable to successfully utilize our own sales and marketing capabilities or enter into strategic alliances with marketing collaborators, we may not be successful in commercializing our products and may be unable to generate sufficient product revenue.

Our commercial organization continues to evolve, and in light of its short history and limited track record, we cannot guarantee that we will be successful in marketing our products that may be approved for marketing. In addition, we compete with other pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies with extensive and well-funded sales and marketing operations to recruit, hire, train and retain sales and marketing personnel. If we are unable to continue to grow and maintain adequate sales, marketing and distribution capabilities, whether independently or with third parties, we may not be able to generate sufficient product revenue and may not become profitable. Factors that may inhibit our efforts to commercialize our products in the United States include:

- our inability to recruit and retain adequate numbers of effective sales and marketing personnel;
- the inability of sales personnel to reach adequate numbers of physicians who may prescribe our products; and
- unforeseen costs and expenses associated with creating and maintaining an independent sales and marketing organization.

If we are not successful in retaining sales and marketing personnel or in maintaining our sales and marketing infrastructure or if we do not preserve strategic alliances with marketing collaborators, agreements with contract sales organizations or collaboration arrangements, we will have difficulty commercializing our products.

Additionally, our sales, marketing and distribution capabilities may be hindered as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak. In response to the outbreak and the resulting mandatory closure of non-essential businesses and “social distancing” measures recommended by U.S. public health officials, our sales personnel have transitioned to remote work. The safety and well-being of our employees is our highest priority and we expect to maintain such mitigating measures until such time as mandated closures are lifted and public health officials change their recommendations, and we have, and will continue to, equip our personnel with the tools and resources needed to effectively continue their sales and marketing efforts in a manner that complies with all relevant regulations, whether in person or from a remote setting. We face the risk, however, that limitations on activities within the healthcare sector and on economic activity generally will impede our ability to successfully commercialize our products. The travel restrictions and “social distancing” recommendations resulting from the spread of COVID-19 have impacted our sales professionals’ ability to travel to and meet with customers in person. The outbreak has also prompted healthcare providers to limit our and our wholesalers’ and distributors’ access to physicians and other key healthcare personnel, which may inhibit our and our customers’ ability to meet existing, or generate new, demand for our products. Moreover, we face the risk that, despite social distancing and other mitigating measures, we could face a loss of productivity due to a number of our sales and marketing personnel becoming infected with the virus. If we are unable to effectively commercialize our products during the COVID-19 outbreak, our ability to generate sufficient product revenue may be adversely affected.

If physicians, patients, healthcare payors and the medical community do not accept and use our products, we will not achieve sufficient product revenues and our business will suffer.

Physicians, patients, healthcare payors and the medical community may not accept and use our products. Acceptance and use of our products will depend on a number of factors including:

- the timing of market introduction of our products as well as the availability of competitive products;

- approved indications, warnings and precautions language that may be less desirable than anticipated;
- perceptions by members of the healthcare community, including physicians, about the safety and efficacy of our products;
- perceptions by members of the healthcare community, including physicians, about the relevance and efficacy of our abuse deterrent technology;
- the pricing and cost-effectiveness of our products relative to competing products;
- the potential and perceived advantages of our products over alternative treatments;
- the convenience and ease of administration to patients of our products;
- actual and perceived availability and quality of coverage and reimbursement for our products from government or other third-party payors;
- any negative publicity related to our or our competitors' products;
- the prevalence and severity of adverse side effects, including limitations or warnings contained in a product's FDA approved product labeling;
- FDA's and HHS's policy initiatives regarding opioids;
- our ability to implement a REMS; and
- effectiveness of marketing and distribution efforts by us and any licensees and distributors.

If our products fail to have an adequate level of acceptance by physicians, healthcare payors, patients or the medical community, we will not be able to generate sufficient revenue to become or remain profitable. Since we expect to rely on sales generated by Xtampza ER and the Nucynta Products for substantially all of our revenues for the foreseeable future, the failure of Xtampza ER or the Nucynta Products to maintain market acceptance would harm our business prospects.

Our products contain and our future product candidates may contain controlled substances, the manufacture, use, sale, importation, exportation and distribution of which are subject to regulation by state and federal law enforcement and other regulatory agencies.

Our products contain and our future product candidates may contain, controlled substances that are subject to state and federal laws and regulations regarding their manufacture, use, sale, importation, exportation and distribution. Xtampza ER's active ingredient, oxycodone, and the Nucynta Products' active ingredient, tapentadol, are both classified as Schedule II controlled substances under the CSA and regulations of the DEA. A number of states also independently regulate these drugs, including oxycodone and tapentadol, as controlled substances.

We and our suppliers, manufacturers, contractors, customers and distributors are required to obtain and maintain applicable registrations from state and federal law enforcement and regulatory agencies and comply with state and federal laws and regulations regarding the manufacture, use, sale, importation, exportation and distribution of controlled substances. For example, all Schedule II drug prescriptions must be signed by a physician, physically presented to a pharmacist and may not be refilled without a new prescription. In light of the COVID-19 public health emergency, the DEA now allows the issuance of a prescription for a controlled substance after examination of a patient through telemedicine technology as an in-person examination may not be possible

Furthermore, the amount of Schedule II substances that can be obtained for clinical trials and commercial distribution is limited by the CSA and DEA regulations. In July 2018, the DEA published final guidelines strengthening the process for setting controls over diversion of controlled substances and making other improvements in the quota management regulatory system. For 2019, the DEA has proposed decreased manufacturing quotas for the six most frequently misused opioids, including oxycodone, by an average of 10% as compared to the 2018 quotas. The DEA further decreased manufacturing quotas in 2020 for five of the six opioids (fentanyl, hydrocodone, hydromorphone, oxycodone, oxymorphone), by an average of 28%. Together with reductions in morphine, this is a 53% decrease since 2016. In October 2019, the DEA proposed additional regulations to amend the manner in which the agency grants quotas to manufacturers. The proposed regulations will establish use-specific quotas, including commercial sales, product development, transfer, replacement, and packaging. To decrease the risk of diversion and increase accountability, inventory allowances will be reduced, and procurement quota certifications will be required. We may not be able to obtain sufficient quantities of these controlled substances in order to complete our clinical trials or meet commercial demand. If commercial demand for Xtampza ER, or any of our other approved products, increases and we cannot meet such demand in a timely fashion because of our limited supply of its active pharmaceutical ingredient (in the case of Xtampza ER, oxycodone) then physicians may perceive such product as unavailable and may be less likely to prescribe it in the future.

In addition, controlled substances are also subject to regulations governing manufacturing, labeling, packaging, testing, dispensing, production and procurement quotas, recordkeeping, reporting, handling, shipment and disposal. These regulations increase the personnel needs and the expense associated with development and commercialization of our products that include controlled substances. The DEA and some states conduct periodic inspections of registered establishments that handle controlled substances.

Failure to obtain and maintain required registrations or to comply with any applicable regulations could delay or preclude us from developing and commercializing our products that contain controlled substances and subject us to enforcement action. The DEA may seek civil penalties, refuse to renew necessary registrations or initiate proceedings to revoke those registrations. In some circumstances, violations could lead to criminal proceedings. Because of their restrictive nature, these regulations could limit commercialization of our products containing controlled substances.

Recently enacted and future legislation may increase the difficulty and cost for us to commercialize our products and may reduce the prices we are able to obtain for our products.

In the United States, there have been a number of legislative and regulatory changes and proposed changes regarding the healthcare system generally, and the manufacturing, distribution, and marketing of opioids in particular, that could prevent or delay marketing approval of future product candidates, restrict or regulate post-approval activities or affect our ability to profitably sell our products for which we obtain marketing approval.

Effective July 2019, New York imposed an excise tax on the first sale of an opioid unit by a registrant in New York based on morphine milligram equivalents. In addition, in 2019 several other states, including Delaware, Minnesota, and Rhode Island, enacted laws that imposed similar taxes or fees on the sale of opioids. Other states could impose similar taxes or fees, and such laws and proposals can vary in the tax and fee amounts imposed and the means of calculation. Liabilities for taxes or assessments under any such laws could have an adverse impact on our results of operations.

California and several other states have enacted legislation related to prescription drug pricing transparency and it is unclear the effect this legislation will have on our business. Laws intended to broaden access to health insurance, reduce or constrain the growth of healthcare spending, enhance remedies against fraud and abuse, add new transparency requirements for health care and health insurance industries, impose new taxes and fees on the health industry and impose additional health policy reforms may continue the downward pressure on pharmaceutical pricing, especially under the Medicare program, and may also increase our regulatory burdens and operating costs.

Legislative and regulatory proposals have been made to expand post-approval requirements and restrict sales and promotional activities for pharmaceutical products. We cannot be sure whether additional legislative changes will be enacted, or whether the FDA regulations, guidance or interpretations will be changed, or what the impact of such changes on the marketing of our products may be. In addition, increased scrutiny by the U.S. Congress of the FDA's

approval process may significantly delay or prevent marketing approval, as well as subject us to more stringent product labeling and post-marketing testing and other requirements.

In October 2018, President Trump signed the Substance Use Disorder Prevention That Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Patients and Communities (SUPPORT) Act. Among other things, this legislation provides funding for research and development of non-addictive painkillers that could potentially compete with our products. It also clarifies FDA's authority to require that certain opioids be dispensed in packaging that limits their abuse potential, makes changes to Medicare and Medicaid in an effort to limit over-prescription of opioid painkillers, and increases penalties against manufacturers and distributors related to the over-prescription of opioids, including the failure to report suspicious orders and keep accurate records. The ultimate effect of this legislation is currently not known, but could potentially have a material adverse effect on our business.

In addition, state pharmacy laws may permit pharmacists to substitute generic products for branded products if the products are therapeutic equivalents, or may permit pharmacists and pharmacy benefit managers to seek prescriber authorization to substitute generics in place of our products, which could significantly diminish demand for them and significantly impact our ability to successfully commercialize our products and generate revenues.

Our products may become subject to unfavorable pricing regulations or third-party coverage and reimbursement policies, which could have a material adverse effect on our business. Such pricing regulations may address the rebates that manufacturers offer to pharmaceutical benefit managers, or the discounts that manufacturers provide others within the pharmaceutical distribution chain.

The regulations that govern marketing approvals, pricing and reimbursement for new drug products can vary widely. Current and future legislation may significantly change the approval requirements in ways that could involve additional costs and cause delays in obtaining approvals. Pricing limitations may hinder our ability to recoup our investment in our products.

Our ability to commercialize any product successfully will also depend in part on the extent to which coverage and adequate reimbursement for these products and related treatments will be available from government health administration authorities, private health insurers and other organizations. Government authorities and third-party payors, such as private health insurers and health maintenance organizations, determine which medications they will cover and establish reimbursement levels and tiers of preference based on the perceived value and innovation of a given product. A primary trend in the U.S. healthcare industry and elsewhere is cost containment. Government authorities and other third-party payors have attempted to control costs by limiting coverage and the amount of reimbursement for particular medications and establishing administrative hurdles that incentivize use of generic and/or lower cost products first. Increasingly, third-party payors are requiring that drug companies provide them with discounts and rebates from list prices and are challenging the prices charged for medical products. We have agreed to provide such discounts and rebates to certain third-party payors. We expect increasing pressure to offer larger discounts and rebates. Additionally, a greater number of third-party payors may seek discounts and rebates in order to offer or maintain access for our products. We cannot be sure that high-quality coverage and reimbursement will be available for any product that we commercialize and, if reimbursement is available, what the level of reimbursement will be and whether it will be satisfactory.

There may be significant delays in obtaining coverage and reimbursement for newly approved drugs, and coverage may be more limited than the purposes for which the drug is approved by the FDA. Moreover, eligibility for coverage and reimbursement does not imply that any drug will be paid for in all cases or at a rate that covers our costs, including research, development, manufacture, sale and distribution. Interim reimbursement levels for new drugs, if applicable, may also not be sufficient to cover our costs and may only be temporary. Reimbursement rates may vary according to the use of the drug and the clinical setting in which it is used, may be based on reimbursement levels already set for lower cost drugs and may be incorporated into existing payments for other services. Net prices for drugs may be reduced by mandatory discounts or rebates required by government healthcare programs or private payors and by any future relaxation of laws that presently restrict imports of drugs from policy and payment limitations in setting their own reimbursement policies. Our inability to promptly obtain coverage and profitable reimbursement rates from both government-funded and private payors for our products could have a material adverse effect on our operating results, our ability to raise capital needed to commercialize products and our overall financial condition.

Social issues around the abuse of opioids, including law enforcement concerns over diversion of opioids and regulatory efforts to combat abuse, could decrease the potential market for our products and may adversely impact external investor perceptions of our business.

Media stories regarding prescription drug abuse and the diversion of opioids and other controlled substances are commonplace. Law enforcement and regulatory agencies may apply policies and guidelines that seek to limit the availability or use of opioids. Such efforts may inhibit our ability to commercialize our products.

Aggressive enforcement and unfavorable publicity regarding, for example, the use or misuse of oxycodone or other opioid drugs; the limitations of abuse-resistant formulations; the ability of drug abusers to discover previously unknown ways to abuse opioid drugs, including Xtampza ER and the Nucynta Products; public inquiries and investigations into prescription drug abuse; litigation; or regulatory activity regarding sales, marketing, distribution or storage of opioid drugs could have a material adverse effect on our reputation. Such negative publicity could reduce the potential size of the market for our products, decrease the revenues we are able to generate from their sale and adversely impact external investor perceptions of our business. Similarly, to the extent opioid abuse becomes less prevalent or less urgent of a public health issue, regulators and third party payers may not be willing to pay a premium for abuse-deterrent formulations of opioid.

Many state legislatures have enacted legislation intended to reduce opioid abuse, for example by establishing prescription drug monitoring programs and mandating prescriber education. The SUPPORT Act allows for sharing of this type of data across state lines. Efforts by the FDA and other regulatory and legislative bodies to combat abuse of opioids may negatively impact the market for our products. In February 2016, the FDA released an action plan to address the opioid abuse epidemic and reassess the FDA's approach to opioid medications. The plan identifies the FDA's focus on implementing policies to reverse the opioid abuse epidemic, while maintaining access to effective treatments. The actions set forth in the FDA's plan include strengthening post marketing study requirements to evaluate the benefit of long-term opioid use, changing the REMS requirements to provide additional funding for physician education courses, releasing a draft guidance setting forth approval standards for generic-abuse deterrent opioid formulations, and seeking input from the FDA's Science Board to broaden the understanding of the public risks of opioid abuse. The FDA's Science Board met to address these issues on March 1, 2016. In November 2017, FDA issued a final guidance addressing approval standards for generic abuse-deterrent opioid formulations, which included recommendations about the types of studies that companies should conduct to demonstrate that the generic drug is no less abuse-deterrent than its brand-name counterpart. In September 2018, the FDA announced that IR opioid drugs will be subject to the same REMS as ER/LA opioids (now called the Opioid Analgesic REMS). One of the primary goals of the REMS is to ensure that the benefits of these drugs continue to outweigh the risks. The FDA's plan is part of a broader initiative led by the HHS to address opioid-related overdose, death and dependence. The HHS initiative's focus is on improving physician's use of opioids through education and resources to address opioid over-prescribing, increasing use and development of improved delivery systems for naloxone, which can reverse overdose from both prescription opioids and heroin, to reduce overdose-related deaths, and expanding the use of Medication-Assisted Treatment, which couples counseling and behavioral therapies with medication to address substance abuse. As part of this initiative, the CDC has launched a state grant program to offer state health departments resources to assist with abuse prevention efforts, including efforts to track opioid prescribing through state-run electronic databases. In March 2016, as part of the HHS initiative, the CDC released a Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain. The guideline is intended to assist primary care providers treating adults for chronic pain in outpatient settings. The guideline provides recommendations to improve communications between doctors and patients about the risks and benefits of opioid therapy for chronic pain, improve the safety and effectiveness of pain treatment, and reduce the risks associated with long-term opioid therapy. The guideline states that no treatment recommendations about the use of abuse-deterrent opioids can be made at this time. The SUPPORT Act, described above, also addresses opioid-related abuse by, among other things, seeking to increase access to and reimbursement for addiction treatment, advancing new initiatives to promote education and awareness of appropriate pain treatment among health care providers and improving coordination among federal agencies in relation to border checks. In addition, on July 23, 2020, the FDA issued a Drug Safety Communication announcing that the FDA will require all manufacturers of opioid pain relievers and medicines to treat opioid use disorder to add new recommendations about naloxone, an emergency treatment for opioid overdoses, to the prescribing information. The medication guides for these products will also have to be updated to include information regarding naloxone. The required labeling changes are part of a broader effort to encourage healthcare practitioners to discuss and considering prescribing naloxone to patients receiving a prescription for an opioid or an opioid use disorder or those otherwise at risk for an opioid overdose.

The FDA continues to evaluate extended-release and abuse-deterrent opioids in the post-market setting. In March 2017, the FDA's Advisory Committee met to discuss OPANA ER (oxymorphone hydrochloride) extended-release tablets. A majority of the Advisory Committee voted that the benefits do not outweigh the risks of OPANA ER. Upon the FDA's subsequent request in June 2017, OPANA ER was removed from the market. Also, in July 2017, the FDA held a public workshop to discuss available data and methods to assess the impact of opioid formulations with abuse-deterrent properties on misuse, abuse, addiction, overdose, and death in the post-market context. In January 2020, Nektar Therapeutics withdrew its NDA and abandoned the development program for its abuse deterrent opioid formulation candidate after an FDA Advisory Committee voted unanimously against its approval. In September 2020, FDA held an Advisory Committee meeting to consider real-world evidence concerning the impact of the reformulated OxyContin on abuse, misuse and diversion of that drug in the United States. The Committee's deliberations resulted in mixed support for that product's abuse deterrence claims. The FDA will continue to scrutinize the impact of abuse-deterrent opioids and in the future could impose further restrictions to products currently on the market, which may include changing labeling, imposing additional prescribing restrictions, or seeking a product's removal from the market.

In 2019, CVS Pharmacy announced it would only fill first-time opioid prescriptions for acute pain for a seven day supply. In July 2017, the Pharmaceutical Care Management Association, a trade association representing pharmacy benefit managers, wrote a letter to the commissioner of the FDA in which it expressed support for, among other things, the CDC guidelines and a seven-day limit on the supply of opioids for acute pain. In addition, states, including the Commonwealths of Massachusetts and Virginia and the States of New York, Ohio, Arizona, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, Colorado, Wisconsin, Alabama, South Carolina, Washington and New Jersey, have either recently enacted, intend to enact, or have pending legislation or regulations designed to, among other things, limit the duration and quantity of initial prescriptions of immediate-release forms of opiates and mandate the use by prescribers of prescription drug databases and mandate prescriber education. FDA has announced that it will advance policies to require that immediate-release formulations of opioids be made available in fixed-quantity packaging- such as blister packs- to further encourage the writing of prescriptions for short durations for common acute pain conditions and procedures. Also, at the state and local level, a number of states and cities have brought separate lawsuits against various pharmaceutical companies marketing and selling opioid pain medications, alleging misleading or otherwise improper promotion of opioid drugs to physicians and consumers. In addition, the attorneys general from several states have announced the launch of a joint investigation into the marketing and sales practices of drug companies that market opioid pain medications. We are currently subject to such lawsuits and investigations, as discussed under the heading "Legal Proceedings" in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. Many of these changes and others could cause us to expend additional resources in developing and commercializing our products to meet additional requirements. Advancements in development and approval of generic abuse-deterrent opioids could also compete with and potentially impact physician use of our products and cause our products to be less commercially successful.

If the FDA or other applicable regulatory authorities approve generic products with abuse deterrent claims that compete with our products, our sales could decline.

Once an NDA, including a Section 505(b)(2) application, is approved, the product covered thereby becomes a "listed drug" which can, in turn, be cited by potential competitors in support of approval of an ANDA. The Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, FDA regulations and other applicable regulations and policies provide incentives to manufacturers to create modified, non-infringing versions of a drug to facilitate the approval of an ANDA or other application for generic substitutes. These manufacturers might only be required to conduct a relatively inexpensive study to show that their product has the same active pharmaceutical ingredients, dosage form, strength, route of administration, and conditions of use, or product labeling, as our product and that the generic product is absorbed in the body at the same rate and to the same extent as, or is bioequivalent to, our product. These generic equivalents would be significantly less costly than ours to bring to market and companies that produce generic equivalents are generally able to offer their products at lower prices. Thus, after the introduction of a generic competitor, a significant percentage of the sales of any branded product are typically lost to the generic product. Accordingly, competition from generic equivalents to our products would substantially limit our ability to generate revenues and therefore to obtain a return on the investments we have made in our products. In November 2017, FDA issued a final guidance to assist industry in the development of generic versions of approved opioids with abuse-deterrent formulations, including recommendations about the types of studies that companies should conduct to demonstrate that the generic drug is no less abuse-deterrent than its brand-name counterpart. In the second half of 2018, the FDA posted three revised product-specific guidances related to generic abuse-deterrent opioid formulations, including one guidance specifically relating to Xtampza ER, which recommend specific in vivo studies and in vitro study considerations for abuse deterrence evaluations. These guidances are part of

FDA's wider focus on assisting developers of generic abuse-deterrent formulations navigate the regulatory path to market more quickly. Earlier market entry of generic abuse-deterrent formulations could have a material adverse effect on our business.

Guidelines and recommendations published by various organizations can reduce the use of our products.

Government agencies promulgate regulations and guidelines directly applicable to us and to our products. In addition, professional societies, practice management groups, private health and science foundations and organizations involved in various diseases from time to time may also publish guidelines or recommendations to the healthcare and patient communities. Recommendations of government agencies or these other groups or organizations may relate to such matters as usage, dosage, route of administration and use of concomitant therapies. Recommendations or guidelines suggesting the reduced use of our products or the use of competitive or alternative products as the standard of care to be followed by patients and healthcare providers could result in decreased use of our products.

Risks Related to Our Dependence on Third Parties

If the third-party manufacturers of Xtampza ER or the Nucynta Products fail to devote sufficient time and resources to these products, or their performance is substandard, and/or we encounter challenges in completing our dedicated facility at our third-party manufacturer's site for the manufacturing of Xtampza ER, our costs may be higher than expected and could have a material adverse effect on our business.

We do not own any manufacturing facilities and have limited experience in drug development and commercial manufacturing. We currently have no plans to build our own clinical or commercial scale manufacturing facility. We lack the resources and expertise to manufacture and test, on a commercial scale, the technical performance of our products. We currently rely, and expect to continue to rely, on a limited number of experienced personnel and contract manufacturers for our products, as well as other vendors to formulate, test, supply, store and distribute our products and we control only certain aspects of their activities. In 2016, we began to construct a dedicated facility for a portion of the Xtampza ER manufacturing process, at a site operated by our contract manufacturing organization, Patheon, part of Thermo Fisher Scientific. This dedicated facility has required significant capital expenditures and, when operational, is likely to result in significantly increased fixed costs. This dedicated facility requires the maintenance of additional regulatory approvals and entails other costs, all of which we will need to absorb. We cannot guarantee that we will be able to successfully leverage the dedicated facility in a timely or profitable manner, or within the budget that we currently project. If the demand for Xtampza ER and any future related products never meets our expectations and forecasts, or if we do not produce the output we plan, we may not be able to realize the return on investment we anticipated, which would have a negative impact on our financial condition and results of operations.

Although we have identified alternate sources for these services, it would be time-consuming, and require us to incur additional cost, to qualify these sources.

Our reliance on a limited number of vendors and, in particular, Patheon as our single manufacturer for Xtampza ER and the future manufacturer of Nucynta ER, exposes us to the following risks, any of which could delay commercialization of our products, result in higher costs, or deprive us of potential product revenues:

- Our contract manufacturer, or other third parties we rely on, may encounter difficulties in achieving the volume of production needed to satisfy commercial demand (even after accounting for the increased capacity to be provided by the dedicated facility), may experience technical issues that impact quality or compliance with applicable and strictly enforced regulations governing the manufacture of pharmaceutical products, may be affected by natural disasters that interrupt or prevent manufacturing of our products (including pandemics such as the COVID-19 outbreak whose impact on supply chains is discussed in more detail in the risk factors below), may experience shortages of qualified personnel to adequately staff production operations, may experience shortages of raw materials and may have difficulties finding replacement parts or equipment.
- Our contract manufacturer could default on their agreement with us to meet our requirements for commercial supplies of our products and/or deliver the dedicated facility according to the currently agreed timeline.

- The use of alternate manufacturers may be difficult because the number of potential manufacturers that have the necessary governmental licenses to produce narcotic products is limited. Additionally, the FDA and the DEA must approve any alternative manufacturer of our products, before we may use the alternative manufacturer to produce commercial supplies.
- It may be difficult or impossible for us to find a replacement manufacturer on acceptable terms quickly, or at all. Our contract manufacturer and vendors may not perform as agreed or may not remain in the contract manufacturing business for the time required to successfully produce, store and distribute our products.
- If our contract manufacturer were to terminate our arrangement or fail to meet our commercial manufacturing demands, we may be forced to delay our development and commercial programs.

Failure to obtain the necessary active pharmaceutical ingredients, excipients or components necessary to manufacture our products could adversely affect our ability to commercialize the product, which could in turn adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition. Certain components of Xtampza ER are naturally derived products, for which we rely on sole suppliers. The inability of any of our raw material suppliers to provide components that meet our specifications and requirements could adversely impact our ability to manufacture our product. Furthermore, the quota procurement process limits the amount of DEA-controlled active pharmaceutical ingredient we have available for manufacture. Consequently, we are limited in our ability to execute a business strategy that builds appreciable safety stock of finished drug product.

Our reliance on third parties reduces our control over our development and commercialization activities but does not relieve us of our responsibility to ensure compliance with all required legal, regulatory and scientific standards. The FDA and other regulatory authorities require that our products to be manufactured according to cGMP. Any failure by our third-party manufacturer to comply with cGMP or failure to scale up manufacturing processes, including any failure to deliver sufficient quantities of products in a timely manner, could lead to a shortage of commercial product. In addition, such failure could be the basis for the FDA to issue a warning or untitled letter, withdraw approvals for products previously granted to us, or take other regulatory or legal action, including recall or seizure, total or partial suspension of production, suspension of ongoing clinical trials, refusal to approve pending applications or supplemental applications, detention or product, refusal to permit the import or export of products, injunction, imposing civil penalties or pursuing criminal prosecution.

Any stock out, or failure to obtain sufficient supplies of any of our products, or the necessary active pharmaceutical ingredients, excipients or components necessary to manufacture each of our products, could adversely affect our ability to commercialize such products, which could in turn adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition. Assertio, our previous commercialization partner with respect to the Nucynta Products, experienced delays in the manufacture, packaging and delivery of certain dosage strengths of Nucynta ER in the third and fourth quarters of 2017 and the first quarter of 2018 following Hurricanes Irma and Maria in Puerto Rico. We may experience further outages in the future.

Because we currently rely on a sole supplier to manufacture the active pharmaceutical ingredient of our products, any production problems with our supplier could have a material adverse effect on us.

We presently depend upon a single supplier for the active pharmaceutical ingredient for Xtampza ER (oxycodone base) and the Nucynta Products (tapentadol) and we contract with this supplier for commercial supply of our products. Although we have identified an alternate source for oxycodone base for Xtampza ER, it would be time-consuming and costly to qualify this source. Any changes executed by our supplier to the respective drug substance raw materials, intermediates, or manufacturing processes would introduce technical and regulatory risks to our downstream drug product supply. If our supplier were to terminate an arrangement for an active pharmaceutical ingredient, or fail to meet our supply needs (including as a result of disruptions in personnel or the global supply chain resulting from the COVID-19 outbreak), we might incur substantial costs and be forced to delay our development or commercialization programs. Any such delay could have a material adverse effect on our business.

Manufacturing issues may arise that could increase product and regulatory approval costs, delay commercialization or limit commercial supply.

In our current commercial manufacturing operations, and as we scale up manufacturing of our products and conduct required stability testing, we may encounter product, packaging, equipment and process-related issues that may require refinement or resolution in order to proceed with our planned clinical trials, obtain regulatory approval for commercial marketing and build commercial supplies. In the future, we may identify impurities, which could result in increased scrutiny by regulatory authorities, delays in our clinical programs and regulatory approval, increases in our operating expenses, failure to obtain or maintain approval or limitations in our commercial supply.

We depend on wholesale pharmaceutical distributors for retail distribution of our products; if we lose any of our significant wholesale pharmaceutical distributors, that loss may materially adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.

A significant percentage of our product shipments are to a limited number of independent wholesale pharmaceutical distributors. Three of our wholesale pharmaceutical distributors represented 34%, 31% and 30% of our product shipments for the nine months ended September 30, 2020. The loss by us of any of these wholesale pharmaceutical distributors' accounts, or a material reduction in their purchases, or a significant disruption to transportation infrastructure or other means of distribution of our products, including as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak, could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, financial condition and prospects. The significance of each wholesale pharmaceutical distributor account to our business adversely impacts our ability to negotiate favorable commercial terms with each such distributor, and as a result, we may be forced to accept terms that adversely impact our results of operations.

In addition, these wholesale customers comprise a significant part of the distribution network for pharmaceutical products in the United States. This distribution network has undergone, and may continue to undergo, significant consolidation marked by mergers and acquisitions. As a result, a small number of large wholesale distributors control a significant share of the market. Consolidation of drug wholesalers has increased, and may continue to increase, competitive and pricing pressures on pharmaceutical products. We cannot guarantee that we can manage these pricing pressures or that wholesaler purchases will not fluctuate unexpectedly from period to period.

Our products could be subject to post-marketing requirements, which requirements may, in some cases, not be capable of timely or satisfactory completion without participation in consortia over which we have limited control.

Our products are subject to a comprehensive regulatory scheme, including post-marketing requirements ("PMRs") to conduct epidemiological studies and clinical trials. We intend to fulfill our PMRs by virtue of our participation in the Opioid PMR Consortium ("OPC"). Although we retain discretion in how to discharge such PMRs, the scale and scope of the studies required by the FDA make it cost prohibitive to discharge these requirements other than by joining the OPC that was formed to conduct them. We are a member of OPC and engage in decision-making as a member of that organization, but do not have a majority. If the OPC fails to conduct sufficiently rigorous studies or is unable to achieve the patient enrollment or other requirements established by the FDA, we may be unable to satisfy our PMRs and the FDA may choose to withdraw or otherwise restrict its approval of our products. Such withdrawal or restriction would have an adverse impact on our business and financial condition.

In the future, we may depend on collaborations with third parties for the development and commercialization of our products. If those collaborations are not successful, we may not be able to capitalize on the market potential of these products.

We may not be successful in establishing development and commercialization collaborations, which could adversely affect, and potentially prohibit, our ability to develop or commercialize our products. These collaborations pose the following risks to us:

- Collaborators may have significant discretion in determining the efforts and resources that they will apply to these collaborations.

- Collaborators may not pursue development and commercialization of our product or may elect not to continue or renew development or commercialization programs based on clinical trial results, changes in the collaborator's strategic focus or available funding or external factors such as an acquisition that diverts resources or creates competing priorities.
- Collaborators may delay clinical trials, provide insufficient funding for a clinical trial program, stop a clinical trial or abandon our product, repeat or conduct new clinical trials or require a new formulation of our product for clinical testing.
- Collaborators may fail to obtain necessary regulatory approval, conduct clinical trials inappropriately, or may obtain unfavorable results in their clinical trials, which may have an adverse effect on the development or commercialization of our product.
- Collaborators could independently develop, or develop with third parties, products that compete directly or indirectly with our product if the collaborators believe that competitive products are more likely to be successfully developed or can be commercialized under terms that are more economically attractive than ours.
- A collaborator with marketing and distribution rights to our products may not commit sufficient resources to the marketing and distribution of such products.
- Collaborators may not properly maintain or defend our intellectual property rights or may use our proprietary information in such a way as to invite litigation that could jeopardize or invalidate our proprietary information or expose us to potential litigation.
- Disputes may arise between the collaborators and us that result in the delay or termination of the research, development or commercialization of our products or that result in costly litigation or arbitration that diverts management attention and resources.
- We may lose certain valuable rights under circumstances specified in our collaborations.
- Collaborations may be terminated and, if terminated, may result in a need for additional capital to pursue further development or commercialization of the applicable products.
- Collaboration agreements may not lead to development or commercialization of products in the most efficient manner or at all. If a future collaborator of ours were to be involved in a business combination, the continued pursuit and emphasis on our product development or commercialization program under such collaboration could be delayed, diminished or terminated.
- Our ability to successfully commercialize products pursuant to collaboration agreements may be adversely affected by disputes or delays arising from supply and/or manufacturing agreements between such collaborators and third parties—agreements to which we may not be a party.

We rely on third parties to conduct our non-clinical and clinical trials. If these third parties do not successfully carry out their contractual duties or meet expected deadlines, or if they terminate their agreement with us, we may not be able to maintain regulatory approval for our products and our business could suffer a material adverse effect.

We have relied upon and plan to continue to rely upon contract research organizations (“CROs”) to monitor and manage data for our ongoing non-clinical and clinical programs. We rely on these parties for execution of our non-clinical and clinical trials, and control only certain aspects of their activities. Nevertheless, we are responsible for ensuring that each of our studies and clinical trials are conducted in accordance with the applicable protocol, legal, regulatory and scientific standards, and our reliance on the CROs does not relieve us of our regulatory responsibilities. We and our CROs are required to comply with federal regulations and current good clinical practices (“GCP”), which are international standards meant to protect the rights and health of patients and to define the roles of clinical trial sponsors, advisors and

monitors, enforced by the FDA, the Competent Authorities of the Member States of the European Economic Area and foreign regulatory authorities in the form of International Conference on Harmonization guidelines for all of our products. We are also subject to GLP requirements for our non-clinical study programs. Regulatory authorities enforce GCP and GLP through periodic inspections of trial sponsors, principal investigators, trial sites and animal study sites. In addition, we and our CROs are required to comply with special regulations regarding the enrollment of recreational drug abusers in clinical trials. If we or any of our CROs fail to comply with applicable GCP and other regulations, including as a result of any recent changes in such regulations, the clinical data generated in our clinical trials may be deemed unreliable and the FDA or foreign regulatory authorities may require us to perform additional clinical trials before approving our marketing applications. We cannot assure you that upon inspection by a given regulatory authority, such regulatory authority will determine that any of our clinical trials comply with GCP requirements. In addition, our clinical trials must be conducted with product produced under cGMP requirements. While we have agreements governing activities of our CROs, we have limited influence over their actual performance. Failure to comply with applicable regulations in the conduct of the clinical trials for our products may require us to repeat preclinical studies and clinical trials, which would have an adverse impact on our commercial efforts.

Our CROs are not our employees, and except for remedies available to us under our agreements with such CROs, we cannot control whether or not they devote sufficient time and resources to our ongoing clinical and preclinical programs. If CROs do not successfully carry out their contractual duties or obligations or meet expected deadlines, if they need to be replaced or if the quality or accuracy of the clinical data they obtain is compromised due to the failure to adhere to our clinical protocols, regulatory requirements or for other reasons, our clinical trials may be extended, delayed or terminated and we may not be able to obtain regulatory approval for our products. As a result, the commercial prospects for our products would be harmed, our costs could increase substantially and our ability to generate revenue could be delayed.

Switching or adding additional CROs involves additional cost and requires management time and focus, and there is a limited number of CROs that are equipped and willing to manage clinical trials that involve recreational drug abusers. Our CROs have the right to terminate their agreements with us in the event of an uncured material breach. In addition, some of our CROs have an ability to terminate their respective agreements with us if it can be reasonably demonstrated that the safety of the patients participating in our clinical trials warrants such termination, if we make a general assignment for the benefit of our creditors or if we are liquidated. Identifying, qualifying and managing performance of third-party service providers can be difficult, time-consuming and cause delays in our development programs. In addition, there is a natural transition period when a new CRO commences work and the new CRO may not provide the same type or level of services as the original provider. Though we carefully manage our relationships with our CROs, there can be no assurance that we will not encounter challenges or delays in the future or that these delays or challenges will not have a material adverse impact on our business, financial condition and prospects. If any of our relationships with our CROs terminate, we may not be able to enter into arrangements with alternative CROs or to do so on commercially reasonable terms. As a result, delays may occur, which can materially impact our ability to meet our desired clinical development timelines.

Our internal capacity to perform these functions is limited. Outsourcing these functions involves risks that third parties may not perform to our standards, may not produce results in a timely manner or may fail to perform at all. In addition, the use of third-party service providers requires us to disclose our proprietary information to these parties, which could increase the risk that this information will be misappropriated. We currently have a small number of employees, which limits the internal resources we have available to identify and monitor our third-party providers. To the extent we are unable to identify and successfully manage the performance of third-party service providers in the future, our ability to advance our products through clinical trials will be compromised. There can be no assurance that we will not encounter similar challenges or delays in the future or that these delays or challenges will not have a material adverse impact on our business, financial condition and prospects.

Risks Related to Our Business and Strategy

Our business may be adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

In December 2019, a novel strain of coronavirus began infecting people in China; since then, the disease caused by that virus, COVID-19, has sickened millions of people across the world and in March 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic. The United States has declared a national emergency and efforts to contain the spread

of COVID-19 have intensified, including “shelter in place” or similar orders by state governments, the closing of non-essential businesses and severe travel restrictions imposed by the U.S. government related to China and Europe and by foreign governments related to travel from the United States. The outbreak and any preventative or protective actions that we, our manufacturers, suppliers, licensors and other collaborators or governmental authorities may take with respect to the COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted and may continue to disrupt our business and the U.S. and global economies as a whole. We are diligently working to limit the disruption to our operations, and to mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on our employees’ health and safety. However, the COVID-19 pandemic poses the risk that we or our employees, contractors, suppliers, and other partners may be prevented from conducting business activities for an indefinite period of time, including due to a substantial percentage of personnel contracting the virus or due to shutdowns that have been or may be requested or mandated by governmental authorities. Given the interconnectivity of the global economy and the possible rate of future global transmission, the full extent to which the COVID-19 pandemic could affect the U.S. and global economies is unknown and its impact may extend beyond the areas which are currently known to be impacted.

The COVID-19 pandemic has and will likely continue to have a substantial impact on the delivery of healthcare services in the United States. Healthcare providers reduced staffing and limited access for non-patients, including our sales professionals. In addition, as discussed above, travel restrictions due to COVID-19 have impacted our sales professionals’ ability to travel to customers, which will have a negative impact on our sales and the market penetration of our products. Moreover, the spread of COVID-19 has had, and may continue to have, an impact on the number of patients seeking and receiving treatment for conditions that might otherwise result in the prescription of our products, as patients increasingly make efforts to avoid or postpone seeking non-essential medical care and hospitals cancel elective surgeries due to the COVID-19 pandemic. These circumstances may result in reduced demand for our products and negatively impact our sales and results of operations.

The extent to which the COVID-19 pandemic impacts our results of operation will depend on future developments, which are highly uncertain and cannot be predicted, including new information which may emerge concerning the severity of COVID-19, the rate and manner in which it spreads, the duration of the pandemic, travel restrictions imposed by the United States and other countries, business closures or business disruption in the United States and other countries, a reduction in time spent out of home and the actions taken throughout the world, including in our markets, to contain COVID-19 or treat its impact. We do not yet know the full extent of potential delays or impacts on our business, our commercialization efforts, healthcare systems or the global economy as a whole. However, these effects could have a material adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations, and we will continue to monitor the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic closely.

Litigation or regulatory action regarding opioid medications could negatively affect our business.

Beginning in 2018, lawsuits alleging damages related to opioids have been filed naming us as a defendant along with other manufacturers of prescription opioid medications. These lawsuits, filed in multiple jurisdictions, are brought by various local governments as well as private claimants, against various manufacturers, distributors and retail pharmacies throughout the United States. These lawsuits generally contend that we have engaged in improper marketing practices related to Xtampza ER and the Nucynta Products. Plaintiffs seek a variety of remedies, including abatement, restitution, civil penalties, disgorgement of profits, treble damages, attorneys' fees and injunctive relief. In some of the lawsuits, the plaintiffs are seeking joint and several liability among the defendants. None of the complaints specify the exact amount of damages at issue. These cases are generally in early stages of litigation.

In addition, certain governmental and regulatory agencies are focused on the abuse of opioid medications, a concern we share, and we have received Civil Investigation Demands or subpoenas from four state attorneys general, investigating our sales and marketing of opioids and seeking documents relating to the manufacture, marketing and sale of opioid medications. We are cooperating fully in these investigations. Managing litigation and responding to governmental investigations is costly and may involve a significant diversion of management attention. Such proceedings are unpredictable and may develop over lengthy periods of time. An adverse resolution of any of these lawsuits or investigations may involve injunctive relief or substantial monetary penalties, either or both of which could have a material adverse effect on our reputation, business, results of operations and cash flows.

We face substantial competition from other biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies, which may result in others discovering, developing or commercializing products more successfully than we do.

The competition in the pain and opioid market is intense. We have competitors both in the United States and internationally, including major multinational pharmaceutical companies, biotechnology companies and universities and other research institutions.

Our products compete with oral opioids, transdermal opioids, local anesthetic patches, stimulants and implantable and external infusion pumps that can be used for infusion of opioids and local anesthetics. Products of these types are marketed by Actavis, BioDelivery Sciences, Endo, Mallinckrodt, Purdue, Teva, and others. Some of these current and potential future competitors may be addressing the same therapeutic areas or indications as we are. Many of our current and potential future competitors have significantly greater research and development capabilities than we do, have substantially more marketing, manufacturing, financial, technical, human and managerial resources than we do, and have more institutional experience than we do. Mergers and acquisitions in the biotechnology and pharmaceutical industries may result in even more resources being concentrated in our competitors.

Our competitors may obtain regulatory approval of their products more rapidly than we are able to or may obtain patent protection or other intellectual property rights that allow them to develop and commercialize their products before us and limit our ability to develop or commercialize our products. Our competitors may also develop drugs that are safer, more effective, more widely used and less costly than ours, and they may also be more successful than us in manufacturing and marketing their products.

Our competitors have developed or are in the process of developing technologies that are, or in the future may be, the basis for competitive products. Some of these products may have an entirely different approach or means of accomplishing similar therapeutic effects than our products. Our competitors may develop products that are safer, more effective or less costly than our products and, therefore, present a serious competitive threat to our product offerings.

The widespread acceptance of currently available therapies with which our products compete may limit market acceptance of our products. Oral medications, transdermal drug delivery systems, such as drug patches, injectable products and implantable drug delivery devices are currently available treatments for chronic pain, are widely accepted in the medical community and have a long history of use. These treatments will compete with our products and the established use of these competitive products may limit the potential for our products to receive widespread acceptance.

Our future success depends on our ability to retain our key personnel.

We are highly dependent upon the services of our key personnel, including our President and Chief Executive Officer, Joseph Ciaffoni, our Chief Technical Officer, Alison Fleming, PhD, our Chief Financial Officer, Paul Brannelly, our Chief Commercial Officer, Scott Dreyer, our General Counsel, Shirley Kuhlmann, and our Chief Medical Officer, Richard Malamut, M.D. Each employee is employed by us at will and is permitted to terminate his or her employment with us at any time pursuant to the terms of his or her employment agreement. We do not maintain “key person” insurance for any of our executives or other employees. The loss of the services of Mr. Ciaffoni, Dr. Fleming, Mr. Brannelly, Mr. Dreyer, Ms. Kuhlmann or Dr. Malamut could impede the achievement of our development and commercialization objectives.

If we are unable to attract and retain highly qualified employees, we may not be able to achieve future success.

Our future growth and success depend on our ability to recruit, retain, manage and motivate our scientific, clinical, manufacturing and commercial employees. The loss of any member of our senior management team or the inability to hire or retain experienced management personnel could compromise our ability to execute our business plan and harm our operating results. Because of the specialized nature of our business, we rely heavily on our ability to attract and retain qualified personnel. The competition for qualified personnel in the pharmaceutical field is intense, and as a result, we may be unable to continue to attract and retain qualified personnel necessary to execute business or to recruit suitable replacement personnel.

We may acquire other assets or businesses, or form collaborations or make investments in other companies or technologies, which could have a material adverse effect on our operating results, dilute our shareholders’ ownership, increase our debt or cause us to incur significant expense.

As part of our business strategy, we may pursue acquisitions of assets, including preclinical, clinical or commercial stage products or businesses, in-licensing or out-licensing of products or technologies, or other strategic alliances and collaborations, to expand our existing technologies and operations. We may not identify or complete these transactions in a timely manner, on a cost-effective basis, or at all, and we may not realize the anticipated benefits of any such transaction, any of which could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows. We have limited experience with acquiring other companies, products or product candidates, and limited experience with licensing and forming strategic alliances and collaborations. We may not find suitable acquisition candidates, and if we make an acquisition, we may not integrate the acquisition successfully into our existing business and we may incur additional debt or assume unknown or contingent liabilities in connection therewith. Integration of an acquired company or assets may also disrupt ongoing operations, require the hiring of additional personnel and the implementation of additional internal systems and infrastructure, especially the acquisition of commercial assets, and require management resources that would otherwise focus on developing our existing business. We may not be able to find suitable strategic alliances or collaborators or identify other investment opportunities, and we may experience losses related to any such investments.

To finance any acquisitions, licenses or collaborations, we may incur significant transaction expenses and we may choose to issue debt or shares of our common or preferred stock as consideration. Any such issuance of shares would dilute the ownership of our shareholders. If the price of our common stock is low or volatile, we may not be able to acquire, license, or otherwise obtain rights to other assets or companies or fund a transaction using our stock as consideration. Alternatively, it may be necessary for us to raise additional funds for acquisitions through public or private financings. Additional funds may not be available on terms that are favorable to us, or at all.

Commercial sales of our products and clinical trials of our products and any future product candidates may expose us to expensive product liability claims, and we may not be able to maintain product liability insurance on reasonable terms or at all.

We currently carry product liability insurance. Product liability claims may be brought against us by patients, healthcare providers, others using, administering or selling our products or patients enrolled in our clinical trials. If we cannot successfully defend ourselves against claims that our products caused injuries, we could incur substantial liabilities. We

may not be able to maintain insurance coverage at a reasonable cost or in an amount adequate to satisfy any liability that may arise. Regardless of merit or eventual outcome, liability claims may result in:

- decreased demand for any products;
- injury to our reputation and significant negative media attention;
- significant costs to defend the related litigation;
- substantial monetary awards to patients;
- loss of revenue;
- diversion of management and scientific resources from our business operations;
- termination of clinical trial sites or entire trial programs;
- withdrawal of clinical trial participants;
- regulatory or legislative actions that significantly impact the opioid market;
- the inability to commercialize our products; and
- an increase in product liability insurance premiums or an inability to maintain product liability insurance coverage.

Our inability to maintain sufficient product liability insurance at an acceptable cost to protect against potential product liability claims could prevent or inhibit the commercialization of our products. Any agreements we may enter into in the future with collaborators in connection with the development or commercialization of our products may entitle us to indemnification against product liability losses, but such indemnification may not be available or adequate should any claim arise. In addition, many of our agreements require us to indemnify third parties and these indemnification obligations may exceed the coverage under our product liability insurance policy.

Our products may be associated with undesirable adverse reactions or have other properties that could result in significant negative consequences.

Undesirable adverse reactions associated with our products could cause us, institutional review boards, clinical trial sites or regulatory authorities to interrupt, delay or halt clinical trials and could result in a restrictive product label or the delay, denial or withdrawal of regulatory approval by the FDA. For example, even though Xtampza ER was generally well tolerated by patients in our clinical trials, in some cases there were adverse reactions, one of which was a serious adverse event, moderate in severity, of gastroesophageal reflux.

If we or others identify undesirable adverse events associated with our products, a number of potentially significant negative consequences could result, including:

- we may be forced to suspend marketing of the product;
- regulatory authorities may withdraw their approvals of the product or impose restrictions on its distribution;
- regulatory authorities may require additional warnings or contradictions in the product label that could diminish the usage or otherwise limit the commercial success of the product;

- we may be required to conduct additional post-marketing studies;
- we could be sued and held liable for harm caused to patients; and
- our reputation may suffer.

Any of these events could prevent us from achieving or maintaining market acceptance of our products.

Our employees, independent contractors, principal investigators, CROs, CMOs, wholesalers, distributors, consultants and vendors may engage in misconduct or other improper activities, including noncompliance with regulatory standards and requirements, which could cause significant liability for us and harm our reputation.

We are exposed to the risk that our employees, independent contractors, principal investigators, CROs, CMOs, wholesalers, distributors, consultants and vendors may engage in fraudulent conduct or other illegal activity. Misconduct by these parties could include intentional, reckless and/or negligent conduct or disclosure of unauthorized activities to us that violates:

- FDA, DEA or similar regulations of foreign regulatory authorities, including those laws requiring the reporting of true, complete and accurate information to such authorities;
- manufacturing standards;
- federal and state healthcare fraud and abuse laws and regulations and similar laws and regulations established and enforced by foreign regulatory authorities; or
- laws that require the reporting of financial information or data accurately.

In particular, sales, marketing and business arrangements in the healthcare industry are subject to extensive laws and regulations intended to prevent fraud, kickbacks, self-dealing and other abusive practices. These laws and regulations may restrict or prohibit a wide range of pricing, discounting, marketing and promotion, sales commission, customer incentive programs and other business arrangements. Activities subject to these laws also involve the improper use of information obtained in the course of clinical trials, which could result in regulatory sanctions and serious harm to our reputation. We have adopted a Code of Ethics, but it is not always possible to identify and deter misconduct by employees and other third parties, and the precautions we take to detect and prevent this activity may not be effective in controlling unknown or unmanaged risks or losses or in protecting us from governmental investigations or other actions or lawsuits stemming from a failure to comply with such laws or regulations. If any such actions are instituted against us, and we are not successful in defending ourselves or asserting our rights, those actions could have a material adverse effect on our business and results of operations, including the imposition of civil, criminal and administrative penalties, damages, monetary fines, possible exclusion from participation in Medicare, Medicaid and other federal healthcare programs, contractual damages, reputational harm, diminished profits and future earnings, and curtailment of our operations, any of which could have a material adverse effect on our ability to operate our business and our results of operations.

Our relationships with customers and payors are subject to applicable anti-kickback, fraud and abuse, transparency, and other healthcare laws and regulations, which could expose us to criminal sanctions, civil penalties, exclusion from government healthcare programs, contractual damages, reputational harm, administrative burdens, and diminished profits and future earnings.

Healthcare providers, physicians and payors play a primary role in the recommendation and prescription of our products. Our arrangements with payors and customers may expose us to broadly applicable fraud and abuse and other healthcare laws and regulations that may constrain the business or financial arrangements and relationships through which we market, sell and distribute our products and any product candidates for which we may obtain marketing approval. Even though we do not and will not control referrals of healthcare services or bill directly to Medicare, Medicaid or other

third-party payors, federal and state healthcare laws and regulations pertaining to fraud and abuse and patients' rights are and will be applicable to our business. Restrictions under applicable federal and state healthcare laws and regulations may affect our ability to operate and expose us to areas of risk, including:

- the federal Anti-Kickback Statute, which prohibits, among other things, knowingly and willfully soliciting, offering, receiving or providing remuneration, directly or indirectly, in cash or in kind, to induce or reward either the referral of an individual for, or the purchase, order or recommendation of, any good or service, for which payment may be made under federal and state healthcare programs such as Medicare and Medicaid. A person or entity does not need to have actual knowledge of the statute or specific intent to violate it in order to have committed a violation;
- the federal False Claims Act, which imposes criminal and civil penalties, including through civil whistleblower or qui tam actions, against individuals or entities for knowingly presenting, or causing to be presented, to the federal government, claims for payment that are false or fraudulent or making a false statement to avoid, decrease or conceal an obligation to pay money to the federal government. In addition, the government may assert that a claim including items and services resulting from a violation of the federal Anti-Kickback Statute constitutes a false or fraudulent claim for purposes of the False Claims Act;
- the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA"), which imposes criminal and civil liability for executing a scheme to defraud any healthcare benefit program or making false statements relating to healthcare matters. Similar to the federal Anti-Kickback Statute, a person or entity does not need to have actual knowledge of the statute to defraud any healthcare benefit program or specific intent to violate it in order to have committed a violation;
- HIPAA, as amended by the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act of 2009 and its implementing regulations, which also imposes obligations on certain covered entity healthcare providers, health plans, and healthcare clearinghouses as well as their business associates that perform certain services involving the use or disclosure of individually identifiable health information, including mandatory contractual terms, with respect to safeguarding the privacy, security and transmission of individually identifiable health information;
- federal laws requiring drug manufacturers to report annually information related to certain payments and other transfers of value made to physicians (defined to include doctors, dentists, optometrists, podiatrists and chiropractors) and teaching hospitals, as well as ownership or investment interests held by physicians and their immediate family members, including under the federal Open Payments program, commonly known as the Sunshine Act, as well as other state laws regulating marketing activities and requiring manufacturers to report marketing expenditures, payments and other transfers of value to physicians and other healthcare providers;
- federal government price reporting laws, which require us to calculate and report complex pricing metrics to government programs, where such reported prices may be used in the calculation of reimbursement and/or discounts on our marketed drugs. Participation in these programs and compliance with the applicable requirements may subject us to potentially significant discounts on our products, increased infrastructure costs, potential liability for the failure to report such prices in an accurate and timely manner, and potentially limit our ability to offer certain marketplace discounts; and
- state equivalents of each of the above laws, including state anti-kickback and false claims laws, which may apply to sales or marketing arrangements and claims involving healthcare items or services reimbursed by non-governmental payors, including private insurers; state laws which require pharmaceutical companies to comply with the pharmaceutical industry's voluntary compliance guidelines and the relevant compliance guidance promulgated by the federal government or otherwise restricting payments that may be made to healthcare providers; and state laws governing the privacy and security of health information in certain circumstances, many of which differ from each other in significant ways and often are not preempted by HIPAA, thus complicating compliance efforts.

While we do not submit claims and our customers will make the ultimate decision on how to submit claims, we may provide reimbursement guidance and support regarding our products to our customers and patients. If a government authority were to conclude that we provided improper advice to our customers and/or encouraged the submission of false claims for reimbursement, we could face action by government authorities. Efforts to ensure that our business arrangements with third parties will comply with applicable healthcare laws and regulations will involve substantial costs. Nonetheless, it is possible that governmental authorities will conclude that our business practices may not comply with current or future statutes, regulations or case law involving applicable fraud and abuse or other healthcare laws and regulations. If our operations are found to be in violation of any of these laws or any other governmental regulations that may apply to us, we may be subject to significant civil, criminal and administrative penalties, damages, fines, imprisonment, exclusion from participation in government funded healthcare programs, such as Medicare and Medicaid, and the curtailment or restructuring of our operations.

If we fail to comply with environmental, health and safety laws and regulations, we could become subject to fines or penalties or incur significant costs.

In connection with our research and development activities and our manufacture of materials and products, we are subject to federal, state and local laws, rules, regulations and policies governing the use, generation, manufacture, storage, air emission, effluent discharge, handling and disposal of certain materials, biological specimens and wastes. Although we believe that we have complied with the applicable laws, regulations and policies in all material respects and have not been required to correct any material noncompliance, we may be required to incur significant costs to comply with environmental and health and safety regulations in the future. Current or future laws and regulations may impair our research, development or production efforts. Failure to comply with these laws and regulations also may result in substantial fines, penalties or other sanctions.

Our research and development involves the use, generation and disposal of hazardous materials, including chemicals, solvents, agents and biohazardous materials. Although we believe that our safety procedures for storing, handling and disposing of such materials comply with the standards prescribed by state and federal regulations, we cannot completely eliminate the risk of accidental contamination or injury from these materials. We currently contract with third parties to dispose of these substances that we generate, and we rely on these third parties to properly dispose of these substances in compliance with applicable laws and regulations. We cannot eliminate the risk of contamination or injury from these materials. If these third parties do not properly dispose of these substances in compliance with applicable laws and regulations, we may be subject to legal action by governmental agencies or private parties for improper disposal of these substances. The costs of defending such actions and the potential liability resulting from such actions are often very large. In the event we are subject to such legal action or we otherwise fail to comply with applicable laws and regulations governing the use, generation and disposal of hazardous materials and chemicals, we could be held liable for any damages that result, and any such liability could exceed our resources.

Although we maintain workers' compensation insurance to cover us for costs and expenses we may incur due to injuries to our employees, this insurance may not provide adequate coverage against potential liabilities. We maintain insurance for environmental liability or toxic tort claims, but we may not continue to maintain such insurance in the future, and such insurance, to the extent maintained, may not be adequate to cover liabilities that may be asserted against us in connection with our storage or disposal of biological, hazardous or radioactive materials.

Our business and operations would suffer in the event of computer system failures, accidents or security breaches.

Despite the implementation of security measures, our internal computer systems, and those of our CROs, contract manufacturing organization and other third parties on which we rely, are vulnerable to damage from computer viruses, unauthorized access, cyber-attacks and other malfeasance, natural disasters, terrorism, war and telecommunication and electrical failures. System failures, accidents or security breaches could cause interruptions in our operations, and could result in a material disruption of our commercial and clinical activities and business operations, in addition to possibly requiring substantial expenditures of resources to remedy. If such an event were to occur and cause interruptions in our operations, it could result in a material disruption of our commercialization and drug development programs. To the extent that any disruption or security breach was to result in a loss of or damage to our data or applications, or inappropriate disclosure of confidential or proprietary information, we could incur liability and the further commercialization of our products could be delayed.

Changes in data privacy and protection laws and regulations, or any failure to comply with such laws and regulations, could adversely affect our business and financial results.

Legislators and regulators in the United States are proposing new and more robust cybersecurity rules in light of the recent broad-based cyberattacks at a number of companies. These initiatives could increase the cost of developing, implementing or securing our servers and require us to allocate more resources to improved technologies, adding to our information technology and compliance costs. In addition, enforcement actions and investigations by regulatory authorities related to data security incidents and privacy violations continue to increase. The enactment of more restrictive laws, rules, regulations, or future enforcement actions or investigations could impact us through increased costs or restrictions on our business, and noncompliance could result in regulatory penalties and significant legal liability.

We or the third parties upon whom we depend may be adversely affected by natural disasters and/or health epidemics, and our business continuity and disaster recovery plans may not adequately protect us from a serious disaster.

Natural disasters could severely disrupt our operations, and have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, financial condition and prospects. If a natural disaster, power outage, health epidemic (such as the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic) or other event occurred that prevented us from using all or a significant portion of our facilities, that damaged critical infrastructure, such as the manufacturing facilities of our third-party contract manufacturers, or that otherwise disrupted operations, it may be difficult or, in certain cases, impossible for us to continue our business for a substantial period of time.

The disaster recovery and business continuity plans we have in place, and the technology that we may rely upon to implement such plans, may prove inadequate in the event of a serious disaster or similar event. We may incur substantial expenses as a result of the limited nature of our disaster recovery and business continuity plans, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operation.

Risks Related to Our Common Stock

The price of our common stock may be volatile and you may lose all or part of your investment.

The market price of our common stock is highly volatile and may be subject to wide fluctuations in response to numerous factors, some of which are beyond our control. In addition to the factors discussed in these Risk Factors, these factors include:

- the success of competitive products or technologies;
- regulatory actions with respect to our products or our competitors' products;
- actual or anticipated changes in our growth rate;
- the outcome of any patent infringement or other litigation that may be brought by or against us, including the ongoing Purdue litigation matter;
- announcements by us or our competitors of significant acquisitions, strategic collaborations, joint ventures, collaborations or capital commitments;
- results of clinical trials of our products or those of our competitors;
- regulatory or legal developments in the United States;

- developments or disputes concerning patent applications, issued patents or other proprietary rights;
- the recruitment or departure of key personnel;
- the level of expenses related to our products or clinical development programs;
- actual or anticipated variations in our quarterly operating results;
- the number and characteristics of our efforts to in-license or acquire additional products;
- introduction of new products or services by us or our competitors;
- failure to meet the estimates and projections of the investment community or that we may otherwise provide to the public;
- actual or anticipated changes in estimates as to financial results, development timelines or recommendations by securities analysts;
- variations in our financial results or those of companies that are perceived to be similar to us;
- fluctuations in the valuation of companies perceived by investors to be comparable to us;
- share price and volume fluctuations attributable to inconsistent trading volume levels of our shares;
- announcement or expectation of additional financing efforts;
- sales of our common stock by us, our insiders or our other shareholders;
- changes in accounting practices;
- significant lawsuits, including patent or shareholder litigation;
- changes in the structure of healthcare payment systems;
- market conditions in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology sectors;
- general economic, industry and market conditions;
- publication of research reports about us, our competitors or our industry, or positive or negative recommendations or withdrawal of research coverage by securities or industry analysts; and
- other events or factors, many of which are beyond our control.

In addition, the stock market in general, and pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies in particular, have experienced extreme price and volume fluctuations that have often been unrelated or disproportionate to the operating performance of these companies, including very recently in connection with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, which has resulted in decreased stock prices for many companies notwithstanding the lack of a fundamental change in their underlying business models or prospects. Broad market and industry factors may negatively affect the market price of our common stock, regardless of our actual operating performance. The realization of any of the above risks or any of a broad range of other risks stated above could have a material adverse effect on the market price of our common stock.

As we operate in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industry, we are especially vulnerable to these factors to the extent that they affect our industry or our products. In the past, securities class action litigation has often been initiated against companies following periods of volatility in their stock price. This type of litigation could result in substantial costs and divert our management's attention and resources, and could also require us to make substantial payments to satisfy judgments or to settle litigation.

Actual or potential sales of our common stock by our directors or employees, including our executive officers, pursuant to pre-arranged stock trading plans or otherwise could cause our stock price to fall or prevent it from increasing for numerous reasons, and actual or potential sales by such persons could be viewed negatively by investors.

In accordance with the guidelines specified under Rule 10b5-1 of the Exchange Act and our policies regarding stock transactions, our directors and employees, including our executive officers, could adopt stock trading plans pursuant to which they may sell shares of our common stock from time to time in the future. Generally, sales under such plans by our executive officers and directors require public filings. Actual or potential sales of our common stock by such persons could cause our common stock to fall or prevent it from increasing for numerous reasons. For example, a substantial number of shares of our common stock becoming available (or being perceived to become available) for sale in the public market could cause the market price of our common stock to fall or prevent it from increasing. Also, actual or potential sales by such persons could be viewed negatively by investors.

Future issuances of our common stock or rights to purchase common stock, including pursuant to our equity incentive plans, could result in additional dilution of the percentage ownership of our shareholders and could cause our stock price to fall.

Significant additional capital may be needed in the future to continue our planned operations. To raise capital, we may sell substantial amounts of common stock or securities convertible into or exchangeable for common stock. These future issuances of common stock or common stock-related securities, together with the exercise of outstanding options and any additional shares issued in connection with acquisitions, if any, may result in material dilution to our investors. Such sales may also result in material dilution to our existing shareholders, and new investors could gain rights, preferences and privileges senior to those of holders of our common stock.

We are subject to anti-takeover provisions in our second amended and restated articles of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws and under Virginia law that could delay or prevent an acquisition of our company, even if the acquisition would be beneficial to our shareholders.

Certain provisions of Virginia law, the state in which we are incorporated, and our second amended and restated articles of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws could hamper a third party's acquisition of us, or discourage a third party from attempting to acquire control of us. These provisions include:

- a provision allowing our Board of Directors to set the terms of and issue preferred stock with rights senior to those of the common stock without any vote or action by the holders of our common stock. The issuance of preferred stock could adversely affect the rights and powers, including voting rights, of the holders of common stock;
- advance written notice procedures and notice requirements with respect to shareholder proposals and shareholder nomination of candidates for election as directors;
- a provision that only the Board of Directors, the chairman of the Board of Directors or the president may call a special meeting of the shareholders;
- the application of Virginia law prohibiting us from entering into certain transactions with the beneficial owner of more than 10% of our outstanding voting stock for a period of three years after such person first reached that level of stock ownership, unless certain conditions are met;

- a provision dividing our Board of Directors into three classes, each serving three-year terms; which provision will cease to apply as of our 2023 annual meeting of shareholders;
- the requirement that the authorized number of our directors be changed only by resolution of our Board of Directors;
- a provision that our Board of Directors shall fill any vacancies on our Board of Directors, including vacancies resulting from a Board of Directors' resolution to increase the number of directors;
- limitations on the manner in which shareholders can remove directors from the Board of Directors;
- the lack of cumulative voting in the election of directors; and
- the prohibition on shareholders acting by less-than-unanimous written consent.

These provisions also could limit the price that certain investors might be willing to pay in the future for shares of our common stock. In addition, these provisions make it more difficult for our shareholders to remove our Board of Directors or management or elect new directors to our Board of Directors.

We may fail to qualify for continued listing on The NASDAQ Global Select Market which could make it more difficult for investors to sell their shares.

Our common stock is listed on The NASDAQ Global Select Market ("NASDAQ"). As a NASDAQ listed company, we are required to satisfy the continued listing requirements of NASDAQ for inclusion in the Global Select Market to maintain such listing, including, among other things, the maintenance of a minimum closing bid price of \$1.00 per share and shareholders' equity of at least \$10.0 million. There can be no assurance that we will be able to maintain compliance with the continued listing requirements or that our common stock will not be delisted from NASDAQ in the future. If our common stock is delisted by NASDAQ, we could face significant material adverse consequences, including:

- a limited availability of market quotations for our securities;
- reduced liquidity with respect to our securities;
- a determination that our shares are a "penny stock," which will require brokers trading in our shares to adhere to more stringent rules, possibly resulting in a reduced level of trading activity in the secondary trading market for our shares;
- a limited amount of news and analyst coverage for our company; and
- a decreased ability to issue additional securities or obtain additional financing in the future.

If securities or industry analysts do not publish research or publish inaccurate or unfavorable research about our business, our stock price and trading volume could decline.

The trading market for our common stock depends in part on the research and reports that securities or industry analysts publish about us or our business. If one or more of the analysts who cover us downgrade our stock or publish inaccurate or unfavorable research about our business, our stock price would likely decline. If one or more of these analysts cease coverage of our company or fail to publish reports on us regularly, demand for our stock could decrease, which might cause our stock price and trading volume to decline.

If we fail to maintain an effective system of internal control over financial reporting, we may not be able to accurately report our financial condition, results of operations or cash flows, which may adversely affect investor confidence in us and, as a result, the value of our common stock.

The Sarbanes-Oxley Act requires, among other things, that we maintain effective internal control over financial reporting. We are required, under Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, to furnish a report by management on, among other things, the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting. This assessment must include disclosure of any material weaknesses identified by our management in our internal control over financial reporting. A material weakness is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, in internal control over financial reporting that results in more than a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of annual or interim financial statements will not be prevented or detected on a timely basis. Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act also generally requires an attestation from our independent registered public accounting firm on the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting.

During the evaluation and testing process, if we identify one or more material weaknesses in our internal control over financial reporting, we will be unable to assert that our internal control over financial reporting is effective. We cannot assure you that there will not be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in our internal control over financial reporting in the future. Any failure to maintain internal control over financial reporting could severely inhibit our ability to accurately report our financial condition, results of operations or cash flows. If we are unable to conclude that our internal control over financial reporting is effective, or if our independent registered public accounting firm determines we have a material weakness or significant deficiency in our internal control over financial reporting once that firm begins its reviews, we could lose investor confidence in the accuracy and completeness of our financial reports, the market price of our common stock could decline, and we could be subject to sanctions or investigations by NASDAQ, the SEC or other regulatory authorities. Failure to remedy any material weakness in our internal control over financial reporting, or to implement or maintain other effective control systems required of public companies, could also restrict our future access to the capital markets.

Our disclosure controls and procedures may not prevent or detect all errors or acts of fraud.

We are subject to the periodic reporting requirements of the Exchange Act. Our disclosure controls and procedures are designed to reasonably assure that information required to be disclosed by us in reports we file or submit under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to management, recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the rules and forms of the SEC. We believe that any disclosure controls and procedures, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system are met.

These inherent limitations reflect the reality that judgments can be faulty, and that breakdowns can occur because of simple error or mistake. Additionally, controls can be circumvented by the individual acts of some persons, by collusion of two or more people or by an unauthorized override of the controls. Accordingly, because of the inherent limitations in our control system, misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected.

The exercise of options and warrants and other issuances of shares of common stock or securities convertible into or exercisable for shares of common stock will dilute your ownership interests and may adversely affect the future market price of our common stock.

Sales of our common stock in the public market, either by us or by our current shareholders, or the perception that these sales could occur, could cause a decline in the market price of our securities. All of the shares of our common stock held by those of our current shareholders may be immediately eligible for resale in the open market either in compliance with an exemption under Rule 144 promulgated under the Securities Act, or pursuant to an effective resale registration statement that we have previously filed with the SEC. Such sales, along with any other market transactions, could adversely affect the market price of our common stock.

As of September 30, 2020, there were outstanding options to purchase an aggregate of 3,906,280 shares of our common stock at a weighted average exercise price of \$17.71 per share, of which options to purchase 2,255,091 shares of our common stock were then exercisable. In addition, as of September 30, 2020, we had an outstanding warrant with Assertio to purchase 1,041,667 shares of our common stock at an exercise price of \$19.20 per share. The exercise of options and warrants at prices below the market price of our common stock could adversely affect the price of shares of

our common stock. Additional dilution may result from the issuance of shares of our common stock in connection with collaborations or manufacturing arrangements or in connection with other financing efforts.

Any issuance of our common stock that is not made solely to then-existing shareholders proportionate to their interests, such as in the case of a stock dividend or stock split, will result in dilution to each shareholder by reducing his, her or its percentage ownership of the total outstanding shares. Moreover, if we issue options or warrants to purchase our common stock in the future and those options or warrants are exercised you may experience further dilution. Holders of shares of our common stock have no preemptive rights that entitle them to purchase their pro rata share of any offering of shares of any class or series.

We have broad discretion in the use of our cash and cash equivalents, and, despite our efforts, we may use them in a manner that does not increase the value of our shareholders' investment.

We have broad discretion in the use of our cash and cash equivalents, and investors must rely on the judgment of our management regarding the use of our cash and cash equivalents. Our management may not use cash and cash equivalents in ways that ultimately increase the value of our common stock. Our failure to use our cash and cash equivalents effectively could result in financial losses that could have a material adverse effect on our business, cause the price of our common stock to decline and delay the commercialization of our products. We may invest our cash and cash equivalents in short-term or long-term, investment-grade, interest-bearing securities. These investments may not yield favorable returns. If we do not invest or apply our cash and cash equivalents in ways that enhance shareholder value, we may fail to achieve expected financial results, which could cause the price of our common stock to decline.

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

We have never declared or paid cash dividends on our common stock. We currently intend to retain all of our future earnings, if any, to finance the growth and development of our business and do not anticipate declaring or paying any cash dividends for the foreseeable future. In addition, the terms of any future debt agreements may preclude us from paying dividends. As a result, capital appreciation, if any, of our capital stock will be our shareholders' sole source of gain for the foreseeable future.

Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds.

RECENT SALES OF UNREGISTERED SECURITIES

There were no unregistered sales of equity securities during the period covered by this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

PURCHASE OF EQUITY SECURITIES

The following table sets forth purchases of our common stock for the three months ended September 30, 2020:

Period	(a) Total number of shares purchased ⁽¹⁾	(b) Average Price Paid per Share	(c) Total number of shares purchased as part of publicly announced plans or programs	(d) Maximum number of shares that may yet be purchased under the plans or programs
July 1, 2020 through July 31, 2020	1,988	\$ 17.18	-	-
August 1, 2020 through August 31, 2020	10,511	\$ 18.74	-	-
September 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020	750	\$ 19.36	-	-
Total	13,249	\$ 18.54	-	-

(1) All of the shares were transferred to us from employees in satisfaction of minimum tax withholding obligations associated with the vesting of restricted stock units during the period.

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities.

None.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures.

Not applicable.

Item 5. Other Information.

Not applicable.

Item 6. Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Exhibit Description</u>
10.1*	Settlement Agreement, dated September 29, 2020, by and among Collegium Pharmaceutical, Inc. and Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc. (filed as an exhibit to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on September 30, 2020 and incorporated herein by reference)
31.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Rules 13a- 14(a) or 15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (filed herewith).
31.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Rules 13a- 14(a) or 15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (filed herewith).
32.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (furnished herewith).
32.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (furnished herewith).
101.INS	Inline XBRL Instance Document
101.SCH	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
101.CAL	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document
101.DEF	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document
101.LAB	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document
101.PRE	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (formatted as Inline XBRL and contained in Exhibit 101)

* Certain portions of the exhibits that are not material and would be competitively harmful if publicly disclosed have been redacted pursuant to Item 601(b)(10)(iv) of Regulation S-K. Copies of the unredacted exhibits will be furnished to the Commission upon request.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

**COLLEGIUM
PHARMACEUTICAL, INC.**

Date: November 5, 2020

By: /s/ JOSEPH CIAFFONI
Joseph Ciaffoni
Chief Executive Officer
(Principal executive officer)

Date: November 5, 2020

By: /s/ PAUL BRANNELLY
Paul Brannelly
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal financial and accounting officer)

**CERTIFICATION OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER PURSUANT
TO SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, Joseph Ciaffoni, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Collegium Pharmaceutical, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

/s/ JOSEPH CIAFFONI

Joseph Ciaffoni
President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: November 5, 2020

**CERTIFICATION OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER PURSUANT
TO SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, Paul Brannelly, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Collegium Pharmaceutical, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

/s/ PAUL BRANNELLY

Paul Brannelly
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: November 5, 2020

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

In connection with the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Collegium Pharmaceutical, Inc. (the "Company") for the period ended September 30, 2020 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), the undersigned, Joseph Ciaffoni, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, hereby certifies, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that to his knowledge:

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

/s/ JOSEPH CIAFFONI

Joseph Ciaffoni
President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: November 5, 2020

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

In connection with the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Collegium Pharmaceutical, Inc. (the "Company") for the period ended September 30, 2020 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), the undersigned, Paul Brannelly, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company, hereby certifies, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that to his knowledge:

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

/s/ PAUL BRANNELLY

Paul Brannelly
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: November 5, 2020
