



Oculus Holding AG
2024 Annual Report

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Letter to Shareholders

Dear shareholders,

2024 was a momentous year for Oculis marked by the delivery of outstanding results, and I am very pleased to share with you an overview of the remarkable and productive advancements across our innovative portfolio. The progress we've made in 2024 has set Oculis up for a strong start in 2025 with several milestones already achieved: the recent positive ACUITY Phase 2 clinical trial readout for Privosegtor (OCS-05) in acute optic neuritis, completion of enrollment in our OCS-01 Phase 3 DIAMOND trials, and a successful oversubscribed equity financing of \$100 million. I would like to sincerely thank you for your continued support. Our future looks bright, and the recent positive clinical trial results enabled us to materially expand the addressable patient population we could reach with our products and potentially address significant unmet medical needs in ophthalmology and neuro-ophthalmology.

2024 featured substantial progress across our late-stage clinical pipeline

On the portfolio side, we made significant strides in 2024 with the randomization of patients in each of the Phase 3 DIAMOND 1 and 2 trials in diabetic macular edema (DME) with our lead product candidate, OCS-01, enabling us to complete enrollment in both trials in April 2025 and expect topline readouts in Q2 2026. This will form the basis of our NDA submission to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for this indication. If approved, OCS-01 will become the first topical eye drop and non-invasive treatment option for DME, fulfilling significant unmet medical needs for early treatment intervention and for patients with inadequate response to the current standard of care.

We are exceedingly excited about the positive and robust Phase 2 data we announced a few months ago for Privosegtor (OCS-05), our novel peptoid neuroprotective candidate. The ACUITY Phase 2 study in patients with acute optic neuritis showed solid and consistent improvement in visual function, which was supported by substantial evidence of objective anatomical improvements in retinal thickness protection and neurofilament in the blood, a reliable biomarker for neurodegeneration. Additionally, the results highlighted Privosegtor's broad potential in multiple neuro-ophthalmology and neurology-related indications.

As next steps, we are now planning to meet with U.S. FDA in 2H 2025 to advance Privosegtor (OCS-05)'s development plan as a potential first-in-class neuroprotective therapy for acute optic neuritis. In addition, we are initiating two new programs in non-arteritic anterior ischemic neuropathy (NAION) and the acute treatment of relapses in multiple sclerosis (MS). The development of a neuroprotective treatment candidate for neurodegenerative diseases with such promising clinical trial results offers a potentially transformative opportunity to Oculis and the neuroscience field.

Finally, we have also made excellent progress in advancing Licaminlimab (OCS-02), a topical biologic eye drop TNF α inhibitor, which had a successful readout in the Phase 2b RELIEF study in signs of dry eye disease (DED). Most importantly, the trial confirmed its potential to be the first product with a genotype-based development approach to deliver a potentially first in class precision medicine treatment in ophthalmology, a clear advantage for an indication with high patient dissatisfaction. Following a successful FDA meeting in Q1 2025, a Phase 2/3 trial is anticipated to start in 2H 2025.

Bolstered leadership team, well supported by existing and new investors

Our rapid progress in 2024 was further accelerated by expanding our leadership team in core areas. In April 2024, industry veteran Snehal Shah, PharmD, joined Oculis as President of R&D, following a successful tenure at Iveric Bio, where he served as Chief Regulatory & Product Strategy Officer. He brought along extensive ophthalmology and neurology experiences in drug development with a strong track record of successful FDA market approvals. He was followed by Sharon Klier, MD, appointed as Chief Development Officer in August 2024. Dr. Klier spent most of her career in clinical development with significant experience in retina, neuro-ophthalmology, and cornea, a perfect match for Oculis' pipeline.

The tremendous advancement we have experienced since the beginning of last year has enabled equity financing of approximately \$160 million. It gives us further confidence in our ability to propel Oculis' pipeline, thanks to our existing and new investors, who bring experience and dedication to supporting the development of cutting-edge healthcare innovations with proven science. Our well-versed investor base provides us with the platform required to bring benefit to patients and value to our company.

Focus for 2025: Maximizing pipeline potential and maintaining operational excellence.

Following a year of substantial accomplishments and impeccable execution, we are now advancing our three core assets in the most value-generating opportunities to maximize the broad potential of our rich and innovative pipeline. We made great strides in 2024 and had a strong start to 2025, and we plan to build on these successes further while remaining laser-focused on execution, operational excellence and quality to successfully bring novel treatments to patients.

On behalf of the board and my senior management team, I would like to thank all of you for your sustained support and hope you will continue to share our vision for a very bright future for Oculis and the patients we aim to serve. We look forward to deploying our resources in a manner that brings innovative products to patients and generates the most potential value to our shareholders.

Yours sincerely,

Riad Sherif, M.D.

Chief Executive Officer



Business Update

1. Information on the Company

A. History and Development of the Company

We are a stock corporation (*Aktiengesellschaft*) that was incorporated under the laws of Switzerland on October 31, 2022. We are registered with the commercial register of the Canton of Zug under company registration number CHE-396.695.611. The mailing address of our principal executive office is Oculis Holding AG, Bahnhofstrasse 20, CH-6300, Zug, Switzerland. Neither our articles of association nor the operation of law limit our duration.

Certain additional information about the Company is included in "Item 1.B. Business Overview" of this Section "Business Update" and is incorporated herein by reference. The Company is subject to certain of the informational filing requirements of the Exchange Act. Since the Company is a "foreign private issuer", it is exempt from the rules and regulations under the Exchange Act prescribing the furnishing and content of proxy statements, and the officers, directors and principal shareholders of the Company are exempt from the reporting and "short-swing" profit recovery provisions contained in Section 16 of the Exchange Act with respect to their purchase and sale of Ordinary Shares. In addition, the Company is not required to file reports and financial statements with the SEC as frequently or as promptly as U.S. public companies whose securities are registered under the Exchange Act. However, the Company is required to file with the SEC an Annual Report on Form 20-F containing financial statements audited by an independent accounting firm. The SEC also maintains a website at <http://www.sec.gov> that contains reports and other information that the Company files with or furnishes electronically to the SEC.

Our telephone number is +41-41-711-3960 and our website is www.oculis.com.

B. Business Overview

Company Overview

We are a global late clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company, headquartered in Switzerland with operations in the U.S. and Iceland. We have substantial expertise in therapeutics used to treat ophthalmic and neuro-ophthalmic diseases and are engaged in the development of innovative drug candidates which embrace the potential to address large unmet medical needs for many eye-related conditions. Our mission is to improve the vision health and quality of life of patients around the world by developing medicines that save sight and improve eye care for patients. To realize this mission, we intend to become a global leader in ophthalmic and neuro-ophthalmic therapeutics.

Our pipeline currently includes three clinical-stage therapeutic candidates: OCS-01, Privosegtor (OCS-05) and Licaminlimab (OCS-02). Our lead product candidate, OCS-01, is currently being evaluated as a topical eye drop candidate in two ongoing Phase 3 clinical trials for the treatment of DME. Pre-NDA submission for OCS-01 in inflammation and pain following ocular surgery is currently being prepared. In addition, we are developing Privosegtor (OCS-05) which has recently demonstrated its potential as a novel neuroprotective product candidate in acute optic neuritis, as shown in the positive Phase 2 Acute OptiC NeURITis of DemYelinating Origin ("ACUITY") trial results in January 2025. The results of this trial also highlight its potentially wide applicability in ophthalmology and neuro-ophthalmology indications such as glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy ("DR") and neurotrophic keratitis ("NK") and in neurology for indications like multiple sclerosis ("MS"). Finally, our clinical product candidate Licaminlimab (OCS-02) is being developed for the treatment of dry eye disease ("DED"), with a potential biomarker precision medicine approach given the positive and consistent Phase 2b RELIEF trial results in signs of DED announced in June 2024.

Summary of Our Clinical Product Candidates Portfolio

	Pre-clinical	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Status	Next Catalysts
OCS-01	DIABETIC MACULAR EDEMA				Positive DIAMOND Stage 1 readout; Substantial enrollment progress in Ph3 Stage 2 trials	H1 2025: Full enrollment 2026: Topline readouts
PRIVOSEGTOR (OCS-05)	ACUTE OPTIC NEURITIS				Positive ACUITY Ph2 readout; FDA IND Clearance	H2 2025: Privosegtor (OCS-05) Acute optic neuritis FDA consultation and progress to next registration step
LICAMINLIMAB (OCS-02)	DRY EYE DISEASE				Positive Sign and Symptoms Ph2 readouts	Q1 2025: Licaminlimab (OCS-02) DED FDA consultation and progress to next registration step

OCS-01 is based on the OPTIREACH® technology, Privosegtor (OCS-05) is a peptidomimetic small molecule with a novel mode of action targeting the activation of the trophic factor pathways and Licaminlimab (OCS-02) is a single chain antibody fragment (“ScFv”) against TNF alpha. Our additional earlier stage development candidates are discussed in the section under the header “Our clinical development candidates” below.

Utilizing our internal core competency in formulation discovery and drug development capabilities, together with extensive licensing, collaboration and acquisition activities, we have assembled a pipeline of attractive development candidates that include both late-stage clinical candidates as well as earlier stage preclinical initiatives. Our clinical candidate portfolio includes:

OCS-01

Our lead candidate is OCS-01, an OPTIREACH® formulation of high concentration dexamethasone eye drop designed to enhance drug penetration into both the anterior and posterior segments of the eye with enhanced persistence following topical application. We are evaluating OCS-01 for use as a topical eye drop for the treatment of DME and as a once-daily steroid treatment for inflammation and pain following ocular surgery. Using a topical non-invasive eye drop to treat DME is in contrast to currently available therapies, which require the use of invasive treatments such as ocular implants or intravitreal injections to deliver medication to the retina. Furthermore, current treatment of DME often involves multiple intravitreal injections per year. Given the burden of therapy, FDA-approved therapeutics are not widely used for early disease intervention. It has been reported that 60% of DME patients are not treated 12 months after the diagnostic (IRIS data base June 2023), despite the deterioration in visual acuity in 19.0% of untreated patients within two years. In addition, approximately 40.0% of patients treated with anti-VEGF intravitreal injections have an inadequate response at 12 weeks.

OCS-01 is a topical high concentration OPTIREACH® formulation of dexamethasone which is designed to deliver therapeutic levels of drug to the retina via an eye drop, a route of administration for DME treatment that may enable earlier intervention and thereby significantly increase the proportion of patients being treated as well as increase the prescribing physician base by providing a treatment option to general ophthalmologists. An eye drop treatment would also provide a new treatment option for patients with inadequate response to the current invasive standard of care. We are currently not aware of the existence of any other eye drop treatment for DME which is in a similar or more advanced stage of active clinical development; however, we cannot guarantee that OCS-01 will receive regulatory approval.

Following the positive DIAMOND Stage 1 trial outcome, we advanced the OCS-01 development program for DME into DIAMOND Stage 2, which includes two global pivotal Phase 3 clinical trials, DIAMOND-1 and DIAMOND-2. Each trial is expected to enroll approximately 350 to 400 patients.

In addition to the Phase 3 trials in DME, the LEOPARD trial, an investigator-initiated trial (“IIT”) to investigate the safety and efficacy of OCS-01 in uveitic macular edema and post-surgical macular edema is currently ongoing. LEOPARD is sponsored by the Global Ophthalmic Research Center (GORC).

The total U.S. prevalence of DME in 2025 is estimated at 3.2 million, with the diagnosed U.S. prevalence estimated at 1.9 million by the Decision Resources Group DME Landscape November 2020 report. The same report estimates that 1.0 million U.S. DME patients will be treated with drugs in 2025, leaving 0.9 million U.S. patients diagnosed but untreated. These 0.9 million patients are a key addressable market segment for OCS-01. Additionally, OCS-01 is also intended to address the market segment of patients with inadequate response to anti-VEGF therapy. A study published in the American Journal of Ophthalmology in 2016 found that nearly 40.0% of patients treated with anti-VEGF therapy had inadequate responses at 12 weeks. By applying this figure to the number of treated U.S. patients, we estimate that inadequate response occurs in approximately 0.4 million patients. In total, we estimate that 1.3 million DME patients in the United States are addressable by OCS-01.

For ocular surgery, the Informa Meddevicetracker Ophthalmic Surgical Products Market 2017 report projected that ophthalmic surgeries are on the rise, mainly due to the aging population and lifestyle changes, and are expected to reach close to 10 million procedures per year in the U.S. alone by 2037. Cataract surgeries are the most prevalent procedures of all medical specialties with an estimated 5 million procedures in 2021 in the U.S. Ophthalmic surgeries cause the release of inflammatory factors and can be associated with ocular pain. Cataract surgery, even with a very small incision, creates inflammation in the cornea, anterior chamber and iris. Given our observations in Stage 1 of the DIAMOND Phase 3 trial that OCS-01 treatment led to improvements in visual acuity and macular thickness in patients with DME, we believe OCS-01, if approved for inflammation and pain following ocular surgery, may be of benefit to patients at risk of retinal complications following ocular surgery.

Privosegtor (OCS-05)

Our clinical candidate, Privosegtor (OCS-05), is a novel peptidomimetic small molecule in development as a potential neuroprotective agent against neurological damage to the optic nerve. We are initially developing Privosegtor (OCS-05) as a potential therapy to treat acute optic neuritis, a rare disease with high unmet medical need. Currently there is no specific neuroprotective treatment which is approved by the FDA or European Commission for acute optic neuritis. Privosegtor (OCS-05) has been granted Orphan Drug Designation by both the FDA and the European Commission for this indication. Privosegtor (OCS-05) has been studied in preclinical studies suggesting efficacious neuroprotective and remyelinating activity, as well as in a UK Phase 1 clinical trial under the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency in healthy volunteers in which Privosegtor (OCS-05) was observed to be well tolerated. We conducted a first-in-patient clinical trial of Privosegtor (OCS-05) in acute optic neuritis to test the candidate's safety and tolerability, for which we announced positive topline results in January 2025. The results showed, in patients suffering from acute optic neuritis, a neuroprotective effect and improvement of visual function with Privosegtor (OCS-05), consistent with the pre-clinical study results. Additionally, our IND application for Privosegtor (OCS-05) has been cleared by the FDA, enabling the initiation of clinical development in the United States. We intend to evaluate the potential for Privosegtor (OCS-05) to treat other neuro-ophthalmic disorders such as glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy and neurotrophic keratitis.

Licaminlimab (OCS-02)

We are also advancing the clinical development of Licaminlimab (OCS-02), a next-generation biologic treatment for ocular inflammation, specifically as a treatment for DED. Differentiating Licaminlimab (OCS-02) is its use of a single chain antibody fragment specifically formulated for topical delivery in ophthalmology, TNF inhibitors are directed against the cytokine human tumor necrosis factor alpha ("*TNF α* "). Furthermore, the small size of the fragment enables the topical delivery of an anti-TNF α construct with increased concentrations and enhanced ocular tissue penetration. The anti-inflammatory and anti-necrotic properties of therapeutics inhibiting TNF α activity are well established with anti-TNF pharmaceuticals already approved as systemic treatments for ocular disease. While Licaminlimab (OCS-02) is intended to be developed for all comers, we are advancing the development of Licaminlimab (OCS-02) in conjunction with the development of a potentially novel genetic biomarker intended to identify patients who may have a greater response to Licaminlimab (OCS-02) therapy. Two Phase 2 clinical trials in patients with symptoms of DED were conducted (the first with the predecessor of Licaminlimab (OCS-02), and the second with Licaminlimab (OCS-02), as well as one Phase 2 clinical trial in acute anterior uveitis. Topical ocular administration of Licaminlimab (OCS-02) was associated with improvements in the global ocular discomfort score versus vehicle in patients with DED, and with reaching a pre-specified responder rate in patients with non-infectious anterior uveitis, as well as being well tolerated in all three studies. In June 2024, we announced positive topline results in the Phase 2b RELIEF trial in signs of DED. Improvements in multiple sign efficacy endpoints were observed in the full population while predictive and more pronounced effects were observed in the TNFR1 genetic biomarker population, consistent with the prior trial in symptoms of DED. We consulted with the FDA in the first quarter of 2025 and aligned on a development path forward for the Licaminlimab (OCS-02) program in DED with a precision medicine approach.

We estimate the segment of DED patients in the United States addressable by Licaminlimab (OCS-02) to be approximately 10 million patients with moderate-to-severe DED. This comprises an estimated 7 million patients with moderate DED and 3 million patients with severe DED (based on the rates of approximately 35.0% moderate and 14.0% severe patients as reported by the Dry Eye Products Market Report published in Market Scope 2023 of approximately 20.0 million diagnosed prevalent cases of DED in the U.S. as estimated for 2024 by Decision Resources Group Dry Eye Disease Landscape and Forecast, December 2020).

Our Executive Management Team

We are led by an experienced management team, composed of individuals who have extensive backgrounds in drug discovery and development, clinical trial design and operations, regulatory affairs, business development and commercial and general management at both large pharmaceutical companies and emerging biopharmaceutical organizations. Collectively, our management team has a track record of advancing new drug candidates through regulatory approval and successful commercialization. The expertise of our management team is complemented by our board of directors, which includes many accomplished industry veterans with significant capabilities in guiding the success of emerging biopharmaceutical companies such as ours. Since our inception we have raised approximately CHF 392.7 million from leading North American, European and Asian life science investors, including the recent February 2025 offering.

Our Strategy

We intend to become a leader in developing innovative therapeutics to address ophthalmic and neuro-ophthalmic diseases characterized by significant medical needs with large market opportunities. To accomplish this objective, we plan to focus on successful completion of our key strategic initiatives, which include:

- *Executing the Phase 3 development of OCS-01 for DME.*

Based on results achieved in the Stage 1 Phase 3 trial, we have progressed to the Stage 2 Phase 3 trials of OCS-01 in DME, DIAMOND-1 and DIAMOND-2, which are currently ongoing. We believe the use of OCS-01 formulated as a non-invasive, self-administered eye drop, could, if approved, promote a shift in the current treatment paradigm to allow earlier intervention and increase both the treated patient population and the prescribing physician base. In addition, OCS-01, if approved, could benefit patients who are diagnosed with DME and who have an inadequate response to anti-VEGF intravitreal injections.

- *Advancing the development of Privosector (OCS-05) in acute optic neuritis and exploring additional broader indications in neuro-ophthalmology.*

The differentiated and novel mechanism of action of Privosector (OCS-05), coupled with its potential disease modifying neuroprotective properties, suggests potential benefits across many of the more pervasive neurological pathologies of the eye such as glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy, and neurotrophic keratitis. We evaluated Privosector (OCS-05) in a first-in-patient trial for acute optic neuritis, called the ACUITY trial, for which we announced positive topline results in January 2025. There is currently no specific neuroprotective therapy approved for treatment of acute optic neuritis. Privosector (OCS-05) has been granted Orphan Drug Designation by both the FDA and the European Commission. We believe that demonstration of therapeutic benefits in acute optic neuritis provides compelling support for the exploration of Privosector (OCS-05) in larger market opportunities for both, ophthalmology, neuro-ophthalmology and neurology indications.

- *Pursuing the late-stage clinical development of Licaminlimab (OCS-02), our next-generation topical anti-TNF α biologic with a potential precision medicine approach.*

Based on results achieved in three Phase 2 clinical trials, we advanced Licaminlimab (OCS-02) into a Phase 2b RELIEF clinical trial to assess its clinical benefit in treating DED, for which we announced positive topline results in June 2024. Licaminlimab (OCS-02) is differentiated by its use of single-chain antibody fragment formulation technology, which enables the topical delivery of an anti-TNF α agent. We are advancing the development of Licaminlimab (OCS-02) in conjunction with further analysis of a potential novel genetic biomarker intended to identify patients who may demonstrate an enhanced response to Licaminlimab (OCS-02) therapy and believe this precision medicine approach may allow the candidate to deliver superior outcomes in this patient group, if approved.

- *Preparing NDA submission for OCS-01 as a potential once-daily therapeutic for inflammation and pain following ocular surgery with potential further differentiating benefit for patients with elevated risk of CME.*

Following positive results in the first Phase 3 trial, OPTIMIZE-1, a pre-NDA meeting was conducted in August 2024 to seek alignment with the FDA on the regulatory submission for OCS-01 for the treatment of post-operative inflammation and pain following ocular surgery. The FDA confirmed that the completed Phase 3 OPTIMIZE-1 trial, along with the completed Phase 2 SKYGGN trial and safety data from completed trials in ocular surgery and DME are sufficient to support an NDA submission. Our current plan is to be NDA submission-ready in Q1 2025. OCS-01 could be differentiated in the anterior segment by its potential ability to deliver therapeutic drug levels to the back of the eye. An investigator-initiated PoC trial is currently ongoing to explore further the potential of OCS-01 in treating edema in CME. We believe this potential benefit in CME, if supported by this trial and validated by future trials, and if OCS-01 is approved, may address unmet medical needs for patients at higher risk of complications following ocular surgeries.

- *Leveraging our internal formulation discovery and strengthening our development pipeline through robust licensing and acquisition activities.*

We intend to complement our ongoing development programs by accessing additional innovative product candidates and technologies through in-licensing, strategic collaborations and acquisitions. We believe that the depth of our formulation discovery and drug development expertise specific to ocular therapeutics, coupled with the industry network of our executive management, board of directors and advisors, provide us with the differentiated set of capabilities necessary to identify and advance product candidates successfully in this therapeutic category.

- *Evaluating and selectively entering into strategic collaborations to maximize the potential of our pipeline and the scope of our product portfolio.*

We have retained rights globally to all of our indications, including our lead product candidate OCS-01, for the potential treatment of DME and inflammation and pain following ocular surgery; Privosegtor (OCS-05) as a neuroprotective agent for acute optic neuritis and potentially other neuro-ophthalmology indications; and Licaminlimab (OCS-02) for the potential treatment of DED. Given the potential to treat patients worldwide, we may opportunistically enter into strategic collaborations around certain product candidates, diseases or geographic regions.

Diseases and disorders of the eye

Numerous diseases and disorders, many of which represent significant medical needs, are associated with the human eye. Ocular diseases, which may result in visual impairment, blindness or reduced quality of life include retinal diseases such as DME, macular degeneration (including geographic atrophy), diabetic retinopathy, and retinal vein occlusion (“RVO”); neuro-ophthalmic diseases such as acute optic neuritis, glaucoma or DR; disorders caused by swelling and inflammation such as DED, corneal keratitis and uveitis, among other disease states. The global market for therapeutics used to treat eye disease is estimated to have exceeded \$22 billion in 2023. We employ our substantial expertise in the development of therapeutics, in particular pharmaceuticals used to treat ocular diseases, to potentially address many eye-related conditions with high unmet medical needs. Our focus is on developing innovative drug candidates to address significant and growing ophthalmic diseases, which result in vision loss, blindness or reduced quality of life, for which there are currently limited treatment options.

Our clinical development candidates

Utilizing our internal formulation discovery and drug development capabilities, together with extensive licensing, collaboration and acquisition activities, we have assembled a pipeline of attractive development candidates that include both late-stage clinical candidates as well as earlier stage preclinical initiatives. Our clinical portfolio is made up of (i) OCS-01, currently in two ongoing Phase 3 clinical trials for DME and in NDA preparation for inflammation and pain following ocular surgery; (ii) Privosegtor (OCS-05), a novel neuroprotective agent with potential expansion into neurodegenerative diseases in ophthalmology and neurology, which we are initially developing as a potential treatment for acute optic neuritis; and (iii) Licaminlimab (OCS-02), for which we announced positive topline results from our Phase 2b RELIEF trial in June 2024 and for which we consulted with the FDA in the first quarter of 2025 and confirmed a development path forward with a precision medicine approach.

OCS-01

Key program highlights:

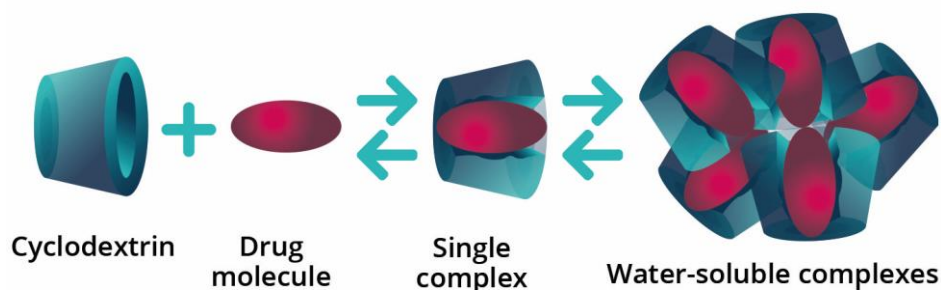
- Use of proprietary OPTIREACH® technology enables enhanced drug penetration and residence time.
- Topically delivered formulation design to allow non-invasive self-administration to treat front and back of the eye conditions.
- May enable earlier disease intervention in DME if approved, potentially expanding both the patient population and prescribing physician base.
- Stage 1 Phase 3 DIAMOND trial in DME met its objective of validating the induction and maintenance dosing regimen designed to optimize OCS-01 efficacy potential with robust statistical significance, and met the primary efficacy endpoint of mean change in BCVA versus baseline at Week 6, as well as key secondary endpoints of ≥ 15 -letter improvement in BCVA and greater improvement in retinal thickness, each with statistical significance.
- Phase 3 OPTIMIZE 1 trial in cataract surgery met both hierarchical primary efficacy endpoints, the absence of inflammation at Day 15 and the absence of pain at Day 4, each with statistical significance.
- Pre-NDA meeting was conducted in August 2024 for OCS-01 for the treatment of post-operative inflammation and pain following ocular surgery. The FDA confirmed that the clinical trial and safety data collected to date are sufficient to support a New Drug Application (“NDA”) submission. Our current plan is to be NDA submission-ready in Q1 2025.
- Estimated 1.3 million total addressable U.S. DME patients. The increasing numbers of ophthalmic surgeries are expected to reach close to 10 million procedures per year in the U.S. alone by 2037. Such procedures cause the release of inflammatory factors and can be associated with ocular pain.

Our lead development candidate OCS-01 is a 1.5% suspension of the anti-inflammatory corticosteroid dexamethasone for use as a potential treatment for DME and for inflammation and pain following ocular surgery. In contrast to currently available therapies, which require the use of more invasive treatments such as an implant or intravitreal injection to deliver the medication to the retina, differentiating OCS-01 is our use of the proprietary OPTIREACH® technology, which enables the topical delivery, as an eye drop, of dexamethasone to the back of the eye for the treatment of diseases affecting the retina. OCS-01 is a topical dexamethasone formulation which we have observed in clinical trials to be capable of delivering therapeutic levels of drug to the retina via eye drop, a route of administration for DME treatment that may enable earlier treatment intervention and thereby significantly increase the proportion of patients being treated as well as increase the prescribing physician base by providing a treatment option to general ophthalmologists. We are currently not aware of the existence of any other eye drop treatment for DME which is in a similar or more advanced stage of active clinical development; however, we cannot guarantee that OCS-01 will receive regulatory approval.

Dexamethasone is a widely studied and well characterized pharmaceutical commonly used to treat a range of inflammatory conditions and is currently included on the World Health Organization's List of Essential Medicines. It may be administered orally, by injection, or topically. Specific to ocular disorders, dexamethasone intravitreal implants have been approved by the FDA to treat DME, uveitis and macular edema caused by RVO. Dexamethasone is also used as an ophthalmic suspension for ocular inflammation though the required frequency of dosing in order to achieve a therapeutic effect often limits its utility.

We are developing OCS-01 as a γ cyclodextrin-based formulation of dexamethasone, using the OPTIREACH® delivery technology, in order to enhance its residence time at the anterior segment and its penetration into the posterior segment of the eye following topical application. The increased drug residence time produced by the delivery vehicle, combined with enhanced drug penetration allows for increases in drug concentration of more than 15-fold over conventional dexamethasone. We are currently not aware of the existence of any other topically administered formulation of dexamethasone or other active pharmaceutical ingredient in development intended to deliver sustained therapeutic levels of drug to diseased tissue at the back of the eye.

The OPTIREACH® technology enables the topical delivery of therapeutics to the back of the eye.



OCS-01 for DME

We are advancing OCS-01 as a treatment for DME, which is a complication of diabetes and is caused by the progressive growth of new blood vessels under the retina that leak fluid and lipids, leading to swelling of the macula, which can result in significant blurring of vision and contribute to the risk of blindness from DR. DME is strongly associated with uncontrolled blood sugar levels, high blood pressure and high cholesterol. An estimated 5.5% of diabetics worldwide are affected by the disease. It is a leading cause of blindness among the U.S. adult population. In the G7 countries (the United States, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, UK and Japan), the market for the treatment of DME is anticipated to reach approximately \$4.8 billion in 2025.

In 2025, it is anticipated that DME will impact 3.2 million people in the United States alone. Of those three million, we estimate that 1.3 million patients in the United States are addressable by OCS-01.

Limitations of current treatments for DME

In the G7 countries, the DME disease onset may initially go unnoticed and as a result, in 2025, an estimated 41.6% of patients with DME may go undiagnosed. A study by the American Academy of Ophthalmology indicates that, among diagnosed patients, fewer than half are treated, with therapeutic intervention used most commonly in the one-third of patients who have moderate to severe visual impairment. Pharmacotherapy involves the invasive administration of a monoclonal antibody therapeutic targeting the vascular endothelial growth factor (“VEGF”) receptor to inhibit blood vessel

growth. However, we estimate that approximately 40.0% of patients have an inadequate response to therapy after 12 weeks of anti-VEGF treatment, according to the results of a study published in the American Journal of Ophthalmology in 2016. Moreover, multiple intravitreal injections are required to maintain a therapeutic effect, which necessitates an increased treatment burden on patients, their caregivers and healthcare providers. Patients whose disease progresses while on anti-VEGF therapy may then receive a steroid implant, or laser photocoagulation of the retina.

Currently, physicians often do not treat patients who present with DME in its earlier stages of progression (patients with recent disease onset or mild visual impairment), a category that makes up approximately 67.0% of diagnosed patients. We believe this decision to observe and not intervene is often driven by the significant burden current treatment options (laser photocoagulation, frequent intravitreal injections, intravitreal implants) place on the patient, as well as the expense and significant demands placed on healthcare resources. FDA approved therapeutics are not widely used for early disease intervention, despite the deterioration in visual acuity of approximately five letters, the equivalent of one line, or more in 19.0% of this observed/untreated patient population within two years.

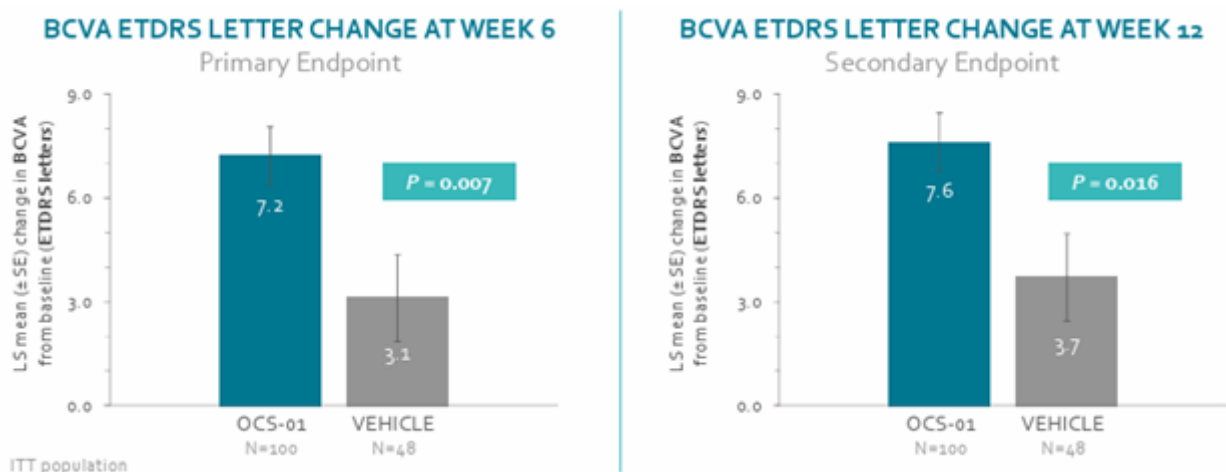
OCS-01's innovation and differentiation

OCS-01 is in development to be a topical treatment for DME, and we are currently not aware of the existence of any other eye drop treatment for DME which is in a similar or more advanced stage of active clinical development. In addition to this potential breakthrough advancement, we believe that an eye drop therapy would allow for an easy, accessible, low-burden, self-administered treatment for DME and would therefore significantly address the limitations of current, invasive therapies for DME. We expect that OCS-01, if approved, could address patients who are diagnosed with DME, with recent onset of disease or mild visual impairment and who are therefore currently observed and untreated, as well as patients who are diagnosed with DME and who have an inadequate response to anti-VEGF intravitreal injections. We estimate that both segments of patients combined totals 1.3 million in the United States alone.

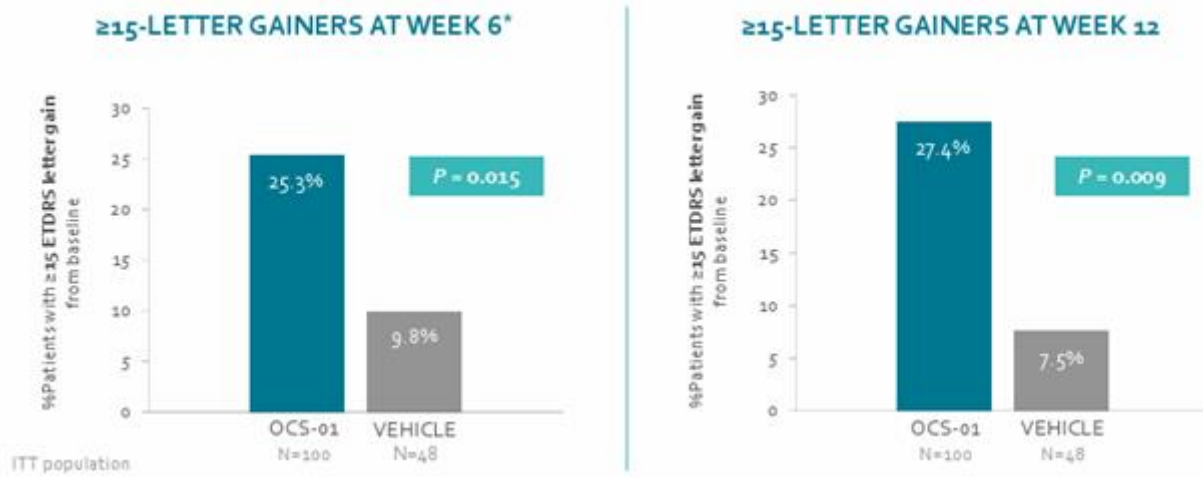
OCS-01 has produced clinical trial results which support its continued development as a potential topical treatment for DME

In Stage 1 of our DIAMOND Phase 3 clinical trial which evaluated the use of OCS-01 as a treatment for DME, patients who received OCS-01 demonstrated a statistically significant improvement from baseline in key measurements of therapeutic efficacy. In this randomized, double masked trial of 148 DME patients with 2:1 randomization (OCS-01 vs. vehicle), 100 of the trial participants self-administered OCS-01 eye drops six times per day for a six-week induction phase then three times per day for a subsequent 6-week maintenance phase, with 48 participants administered vehicle only. As noted in the graphic presented below, OCS-01 demonstrated improvement in mean BCVA “Early Treatment Diabetic Retinopathy Study” chart (BCVA ETDRS) score from baseline to Week 6 versus (vs) vehicle (OCS-01: 7.2 letters vs vehicle: 3.1 letters, $p=0.007$) demonstrating strong visual gain in the treatment arm. The effect was sustained to Week 12 with statistical significance (OCS-01: 7.6 letters vs vehicle 3.7 letters, $p=0.016$).

OCS-01 generated improvements in both CMT and BCVA measurements

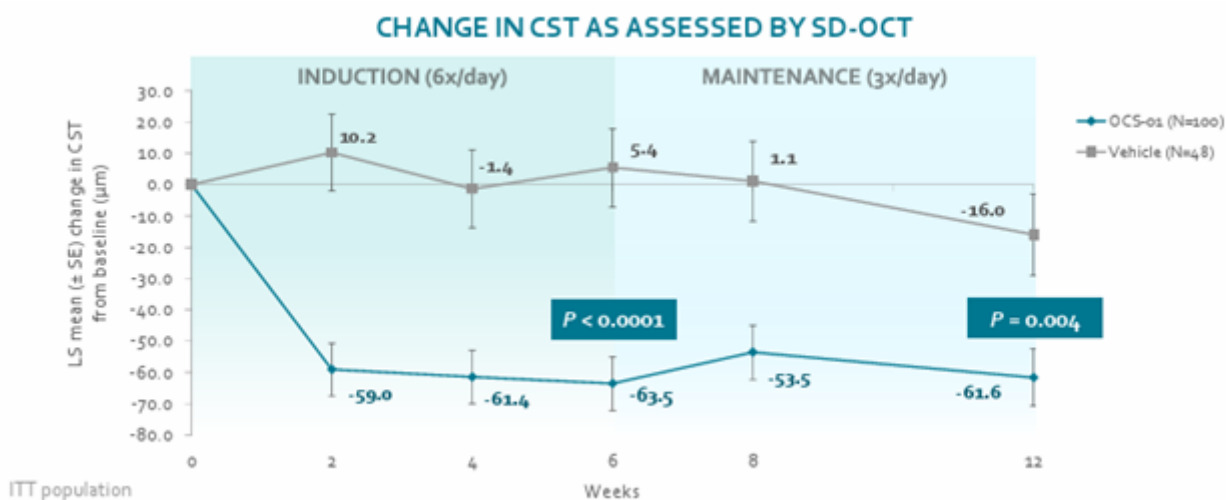


Furthermore, there was a higher percentage of patients in the OCS-01 group who achieved ≥ 15 -letter improvement in BCVA from baseline vs vehicle at Week 6 (OCS-01: 25.3% vs vehicle: 9.8%, $p=0.015$), which was sustained to Week 12 (OCS-01: 27.4% vs vehicle 7.5%, $p=0.009$).

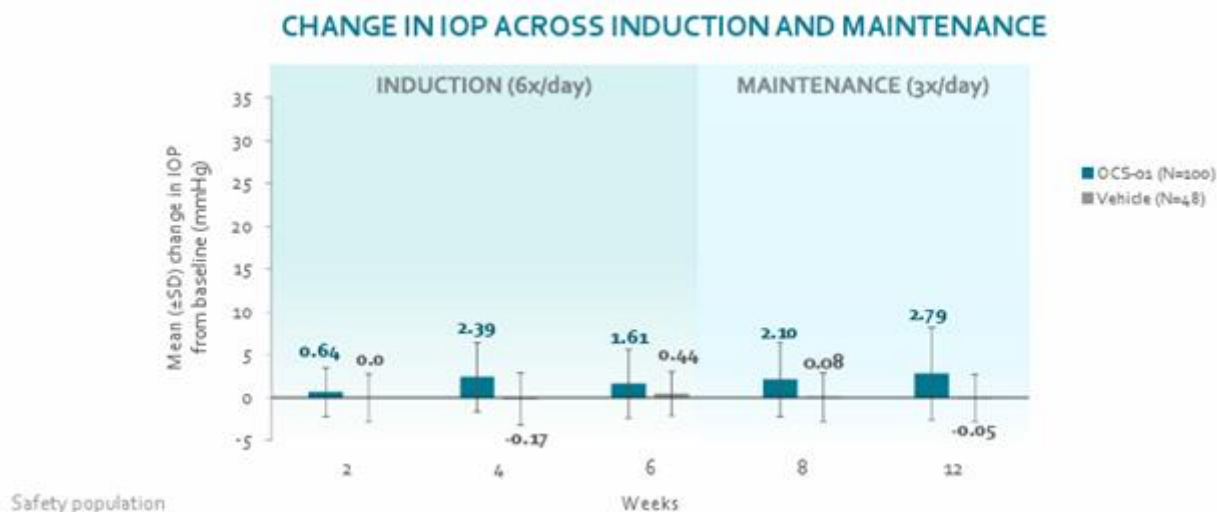


Improvements in both CMT and BCVA were greater among patients with lower baseline visual acuity.

A rapid reduction in retinal edema was observed in the OCS-01 treatment arm at week 2 of the study. The observed statistical significant treatment effect versus vehicle was preserved throughout the study.



Treatment emergent adverse events (“TEAEs”) were noted in 70 of the 100 trial participants who received OCS-01, with the most prevalent AE being an increase in intraocular pressure (“IOP”), which was observed in 14 of the 100 patients in the active group. There was a small mean IOP increase, which was similar across induction and maintenance phase.



These findings of increased IOP were consistent with our expectations given glucocorticoids' well-known ocular safety profiles, including the profile of an approved dexamethasone ocular implant. The findings were also consistent with current literature. Overall, the IOP effects observed in our trial were consistent with what is generally expected given established ophthalmic use of dexamethasone. Other AEs observed during clinical trials included diabetic and macular edema, which was reported more frequently in vehicle treated patients.

Except for increased IOP, AEs of a similar nature and number were noted among trial participants who received vehicle. The number of subjects with any ocular or non-ocular AEs leading to trial discontinuation was higher in the vehicle arm compared to the active arm. While OCS-01 may contribute to an accelerated onset of cataracts, no evidence of cataract formation was observed in the treatment arm up to 12 weeks.

The Stage 1 DIAMOND Phase 3 clinical trial results followed outcomes achieved in the earlier Phase 2 study and two earlier small exploratory studies of DexNP (a previous formulation of OCS-01). In one of the studies, which was conducted in Japan in 2015, a 22-patient evaluation compared the use of a topically delivered γ cyclodextrin-based formulation of dexamethasone to the posterior injection of 20 mg triamcinolone acetonide. Used at the time of the trial as an off-label treatment for DME, the γ cyclodextrin-based formulation generated significant improvements in visual acuity and decreased macular thickness, comparable to the results achieved using triamcinolone acetonide. The results of this 2015 study confirmed similar findings achieved in another 19-person exploratory Japanese study conducted in 2011.

Phase 3 trial design for OCS-01

Our DIAMOND program includes two stages: Stage 1 has been completed, and in Stage 2, we are conducting two, 52-week pivotal Phase 3 trials, DIAMOND-1 and DIAMOND-2. We anticipate that each of these global Phase 3 trials will enroll between an estimated 350 and 400 subjects. The primary endpoint of these studies is the mean change from baseline in BCVA at 52 weeks. Key secondary endpoints include the mean change in macular thickness (“CST”), as assessed by spectral domain optical coherence tomography and the percentage of participants that exhibit ETDRS improvement of 15 letters or more from baseline. Key inclusion criteria are similar to those used in Stage 1 of the program. The Phase 3 clinical trial protocol was reviewed by the FDA during an End-of-Phase 2 meeting.

OCS-01 has the potential to expand the number of treated patients and prescribing physicians

OCS-01 was designed to address two sizeable treatment gaps among the DME patient population in early intervention and in the diagnosed and treated segments. Furthermore, the delivery of the drug to the back of the eye and non-invasive self-administration are unique differentiators to currently available treatments. Addressing the two existing treatment gaps may allow for increased early disease intervention with expanded treatment of retinal edema due to reduced treatment burden and improved access to care. Success in demonstrating therapeutic efficacy to treat the earlier-stages of DME disease progression may promote the use of OCS-01, if approved, among those DME patients whose treatment is currently restricted to observation. We believe that this potential expansion of the patient base to include earlier-stage DME patients may also increase the number of prescribing physicians, with general ophthalmologists, not just retina specialists, more likely to engage in disease management. If approved, OCS-01 may also be used as a non-invasive complement to currently approved therapeutic regimens, including anti-VEGF medications, potentially extending or enhancing the clinical benefit of those treatments particularly among those patients with more advanced diseases whose condition has not responded adequately to the current standard of care protocol.

OCS-01 for ocular surgery patients

There were approximately 6.8 million cataract, glaucoma, refractive, and vitrectomy surgical procedures performed in 2021 in the United States. Inflammation and pain remain an expected consequence of ocular surgery. While steroids have proven to be an effective treatment, compliance and potency are major issues with topical steroids dosed several times per day.

An estimated 30.0% of the patients who undergo cataract surgery are at an elevated risk for CME. Clinically significant CME occurs in up to 5.8% of cataract surgeries. Similar to DME, CME involves an accumulation of excess fluid in the macula which distorts central vision. CME is the most significant cause of postoperative vision loss among patients who undergo ocular surgery. Although the specific causes of CME are not well understood, comorbidities including diabetes and uveitis, among other factors, are believed to be significant contributors to disease emergence. In addition to developing OCS-01 to treat DME, we are also developing OCS-01 to treat inflammation and pain following ocular surgery and progressing a PoC investigator initiated study to assess its potential in CME treatment.

Limitations of current therapies for inflammation and pain post ocular surgery and OCS-01's differentiation

Inexpensive steroids such as prednisone are currently widely prescribed after ocular surgery; however, since they are not formulated to reach the retina, their therapeutic benefit in treating or preventing complications related to CME has not been established. An investigator initiated PoC trial is currently ongoing to explore further the potential of OCS-01 in treating edema in CME. We believe this potential benefit in CME, if supported by this study and validated by future studies, and if OCS-01 is approved, may address remaining unmet medical needs for patients at higher risk of complications following ocular surgeries.

OCS-01 has produced clinical trial results which support its continued development as a potential treatment for inflammation and pain post ocular surgery

During 2023, we conducted the Phase 3 OPTIMIZE-1 trial, which enrolled 241 subjects in a placebo-controlled, multi-center clinical trial in 25 sites across the United States, to assess the safety and efficacy of OCS-01, dosed once daily for 14 days, as a treatment for inflammation and pain following cataract surgery. After screening for an anterior chamber cell count of grade 2 or higher, an indication of intraocular inflammation, eligible trial participants were randomized into one of two cohorts, an active drug cohort administered OCS-01 once daily, and a cohort which received vehicle beginning one day after surgery for 15 consecutive days followed by a one-week observation period. The primary endpoints of the trial were the absence of anterior chamber cells at Day 15 and the absence of pain at Day 4. The key secondary endpoints were the absence of anterior chamber cells at Day 4 and 8, and the absence of pain at Days 2, 8, and 15.

The trial met both its hierarchical primary efficacy endpoints, the absence of inflammation at Day 15 and the absence of pain at Day 4, with robust statistical significance. A single daily application of OCS-01 was shown to reduce anterior chamber cells at Day 15 to zero in 57.2% of trial participants ($p < 0.0001$), compared to 24.0% of subjects in the cohort that received vehicle alone. The elimination of pain at Day 4 was observed among 75.5% of subjects who received once-daily dosing of OCS-01 ($p < 0.0001$), as compared to 52.0% in the vehicle only cohort.

OCS-01 was also well tolerated with a favorable safety profile. Overall, a higher number of ocular treatment emergent adverse events (TEAEs) were reported for the vehicle group ($n=84$) compared with the OCS-01 once-daily group ($n=37$). There was no meaningful difference in intraocular pressure (IOP) between treatment groups with a mean change from baseline to Day 15 of -0.90 mmHg in both the OCS-01 group and the vehicle group.

A pre-NDA meeting was conducted in August 2024 to seek alignment with the FDA on the regulatory submission for OCS-01 for the treatment of post-operative inflammation and pain following ocular surgery. The FDA confirmed that the completed Phase 3 OPTIMIZE-1 trial, along with the completed Phase 2 SKYGGN trial and safety data from completed trials in ocular surgery and DME, are sufficient to support an NDA submission. Our current plan is to be NDA submission-ready in Q1 2025.

Privosegtor (OCS-05)

Key Program Highlights:

- Potentially transformative treatment paradigm as disease modifying, neuroprotective drug, if approved.
- Phase 1 study performed in the UK showing Privosegtor (OCS-05) was well-tolerated in 48 healthy volunteers.
- In January 2025, announced top line results of the Privosegtor (OCS-05) Phase 2 ACUIITY trial in acute optic neuritis which showed favorable safety and tolerability profile and achieved statistically significant results compared to placebo on structural measures of retinal thickness and visual improvements.
- Evidence of clinical benefit in acute optic neuritis may support assessment of potential as a therapeutic for neuro-ophthalmic diseases such as glaucoma, geographic atrophy and diabetic retinopathy, among other indications.
- The IND application for Privosegtor (OCS-05) has been cleared by the FDA, enabling the initiation of clinical development in the United States to support the global potential of Privosegtor (OCS-05).

We are advancing Privosegtor (OCS-05), a novel peptidomimetic small molecule candidate with the potential to become, if approved, a first-in-class neuroprotective therapy for acute optic neuritis and other neuro-ophthalmic diseases. We are initially developing Privosegtor (OCS-05) as a potential therapy to treat acute optic neuritis. Privosegtor (OCS-05) has been granted Orphan Drug Designation by both the FDA and the European Commission for this indication. Privosegtor (OCS-05) has been studied in preclinical studies suggesting neuroprotective and remyelinating activity, as well as in a UK Phase 1 clinical trial (with 48 healthy volunteers) in which Privosegtor (OCS-05) was well tolerated and showed

pharmacokinetics (“PK”) with good correlation to its pre-clinical animal studies. We completed a Phase 2 trial with Privosegtor (OCS-05) in acute optic neuritis in France, for which we announced positive topline results in January 2025. Based on these results, we intend to evaluate the potential of Privosegtor (OCS-05) to treat other more pervasive neurological pathologies of the eye such as geographic atrophy, neurotrophic keratitis and glaucoma. We obtained an exclusive worldwide license, to develop Privosegtor (OCS-05) through a licensing agreement we entered into with Accure Therapeutics SL (“Accure”), dated as of January 29, 2022 (Please see the section entitled “—*Material Licenses, Partnerships and Collaborations*” below).

Privosegtor (OCS-05) is a small molecule peptidomimetic that has a differentiated mechanism of action which targets the IGF-1 signaling including serum-glucocorticoid-inducible kinase (SGK) which is hypothesized as part of the neurotrophic factor signaling pathways that supports neuronal cell development, survival and repair, triggering multiple potential beneficial effects on apoptosis, oxidation and inflammation.

Privosegtor (OCS-05) clinical hold by the FDA in 2016 has been cleared

Accure had conducted a limited set of animal regulatory toxicology studies in 2016 and submitted them to the FDA in an IND requesting the initiation of human testing. Upon review, the FDA found the data insufficient and asked for more animal toxicology data to be generated prior to human studies, thereby placing Privosegtor (OCS-05) on the regulatory status of “clinical hold” pending the availability of the requested data. In response, Accure chose to withdraw the IND in 2017, rather than invest in further toxicology studies to address the FDA’s request, and pursue the development in the UK and France. Upon our license of Privosegtor (OCS-05) from Accure in 2022, we reinstated the IND to enable a clinical trial under the IND in the U.S. The Privosegtor (OCS-05) development program was placed on clinical hold by the FDA related to the absence of no observed adverse effects levels (“NOAEL”), in prior pre-clinical studies conducted by the sponsor at that time. We worked with a CRO to complete the additional study required to establish NOAEL, in order to enable our submission of an IND application with the FDA. The IND application for Privosegtor (OCS-05) has been cleared by the FDA, enabling the initiation of clinical development in the United States. Clinical studies have been conducted in the UK (Phase 1) and France (Phase 2) where health authorities have authorized the initiation of clinical studies of selected doses and reinforced safety measures as in the ACUITY trial in acute optic neuritis.

Privosegtor (OCS-05) for the treatment of acute optic neuritis

Acute optic neuritis is a rare condition characterized by an acute inflammation of the optic nerve that can lead to permanent visual impairment. It affects up to 8 in 100,000 people worldwide and often represents the first sign of multiple sclerosis. It mainly occurs in adults between the age of 20 and 40 years and is more frequent in women (2:1).

A variety of infectious diseases, immune disorders, demyelinating disorders, non-inflammatory systemic disease or trauma can cause acute optic neuritis. Acute optic neuritis is commonly associated with multiple sclerosis (“MS”) and shares similar physiopathology. Acute optic neuritis is the presenting symptom of MS in 15.0-20.0% of patients and will impact over 50.0-65.0% of patients with MS at some time during their lifetime. However, the causes of acute optic neuritis are not always clear, as it can also arise in patients without MS.

The acute inflammation of the optic nerve causes the loss of myelin and oligodendrocytes, optic nerve conduction block and loss of vision. At the onset of acute optic neuritis, patients often suffer from ocular pain increasing with eye movement, associated with a variety of visual impairments. Deterioration of visual acuity, color vision or flashes of light are common. The loss of vision ranges considerably between patients from mild blurring to loss of perception of light. The condition tends to worsen over the first several days after the appearance of symptoms before starting to improve over the first two weeks. The recovery continues for as long as a year after onset. Even if high contrast visual acuity returns to near normal, patients often report that their vision has not completely recovered. There remains a persistent impairment of low contrast letter acuity and clinically meaningful reduction in vision-related quality of life.

When the inflammation recedes, remyelination often occurs but it is incomplete, the result of persistent demyelination and neuronal death. Without the myelin sheath which normally protects the axon, neurons located in demyelinated segments become fragile and prone to death. Thinning of the retinal neural fiber layer (“RNFL”), which is made up of unmyelinated axons originating from the retinal ganglion cell (“RGC”) bodies, indicates significant acute optic neuritis-induced axonal loss. RNFL thinning, most pronounced three to six months after an acute optic neuritis event, along with thinning of the ganglion cell bodies layer, correlates with diminished scores of visual acuity and visual field sensitivity.

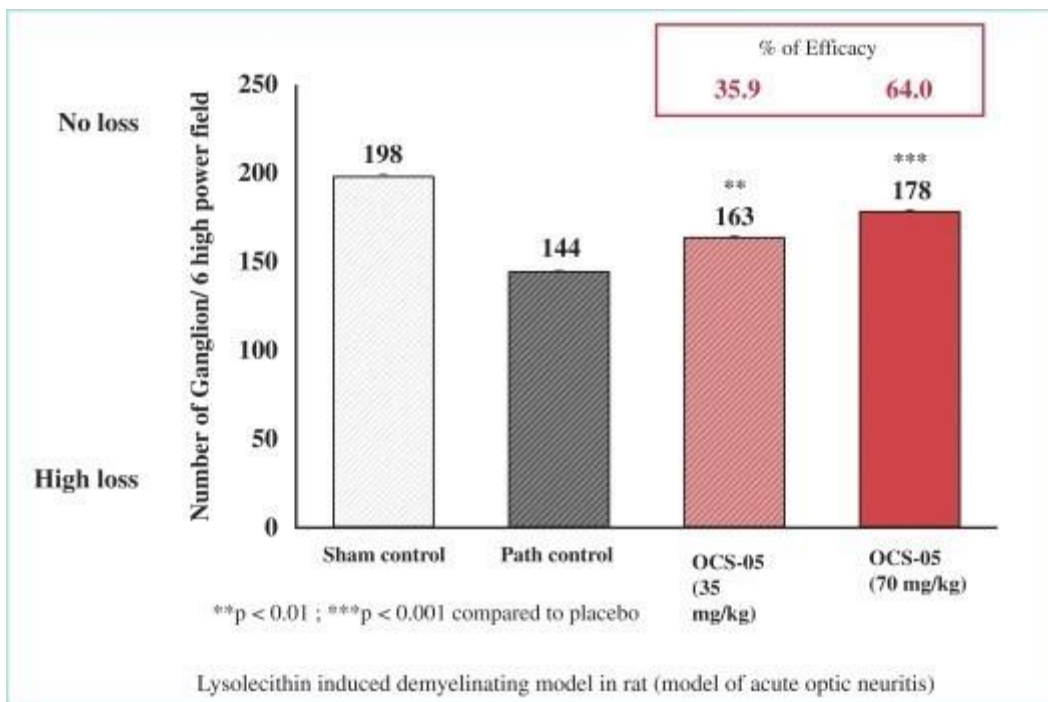
No specific neuroprotective therapeutic is currently approved that preserves vision and ganglion/retinal nerve integrity after an acute episode of optic neuritis. Medication intended to treat the inflammation and related symptoms can be administered just after acute optic neuritis onset and patients often receive high doses of corticosteroids for a few days to alleviate disabling vision-related symptoms caused by the inflammation. While corticosteroids are used to shorten the attack and accelerate recovery of acute visual symptoms, there remains an unmet medical need for therapies that either preserve vision or provide neuroprotection after an acute episode of optic neuritis. We believe a neuroprotective therapeutic, such as Privosegtor (OCS-05), if approved, could prevent retinal ganglion cell loss and long term axonal loss and may improve visual function outcomes.

Privosegtor (OCS-05) demonstrated compelling neuroprotective qualities in an animal model of acute optic neuritis

In a rat model of acute optic neuritis, animals were segregated into four groups. The first group of healthy animals represented a sham control. Three additional groups received lysolecithin via injection into the optic nerve of study animals to induce inflammation and demyelination. Rats in group two received no treatment and served as a pathological control group. Groups three and four were administered Privosegtor (OCS-05) once daily over a five-day period. Animals in group three received a 35 mg/kg dose of Privosegtor (OCS-05) while animals in the fourth group received a dose of 70 mg/kg. The animals were sacrificed on the sixth day and assessed for a decline in RGC count.

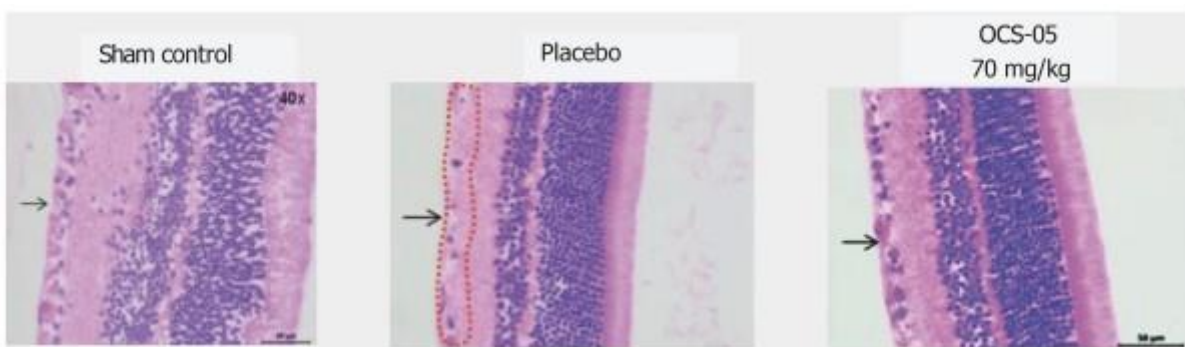
As is noted in the results presented below, both groups of animals that received Privosegtor (OCS-05) generated a statistically significant reduction in RGC loss when administered following the lysolecithin challenge, with rats administered the 35 mg/kg dose of Privosegtor (OCS-05) demonstrating a 35.9% mean reduction of RGC loss. Animals in the higher dose treatment group who received a 70 mg/kg dose of Privosegtor (OCS-05) displayed a more profound benefit from Privosegtor (OCS-05) dosing, with RGC loss declining 64.0%.

RGC loss in animals treated with Privosegtor (OCS-05) was significantly reduced in an animal model of acute optic neuritis.



The reduction in RGC loss was also observed in a visual assessment of representative tissue samples collected from animals in three of the four study groups, the sham control group, the pathological control group and rats treated with the higher 70 mg/kg dose of Privosegtor (OCS-05). As is depicted in the slides of the optic nerve presented below, normal ganglion cell density was observed in the evaluation of tissue taken from a healthy animal in the sham control group. In contrast, cell counts taken from samples of rats included the lysolecithin challenge group that made up the pathological control witnessed a prominent decrease. After completion of the five-day protocol, this decline was noted to have reversed, with rats who received the 70 mg/kg dose of Privosegtor (OCS-05) observed to have retained a significantly higher number of ganglion cells. Similar results illustrating a reduction in axonal loss and demyelination, along with improvement in clinical function, have been achieved in animal models of acute optic neuritis.

Privosegtor (OCS-05) was seen to bolster ganglion cell counts after lysolecithin challenge.



Privosegtor (OCS-05) was well tolerated in a trial involving healthy volunteers

A randomized, double-masked, placebo controlled single-ascending dose and multiple-ascending dose trial was conducted in the United Kingdom to evaluate the safety, tolerability and PK and pharmacodynamics of Privosegtor (OCS-05) dosing through the intravenous infusion of healthy volunteers with the drug candidate. This trial was designed to include four interlocking cohorts of eight adult subjects each to evaluate eight single ascending doses, with an additional two cohorts of eight adult subjects each included in the two multiple ascending dose trials. The single ascending dose cohorts were administered drug in doses ranging from .05 mg/kg to 3.2 mg/kg. The two cohorts in the multiple ascending dose trial received either a 2.4 mg/kg dose or a 3.0 mg/kg dose, once daily, for five consecutive days. In this trial, it was observed that Privosegtor (OCS-05) was well tolerated with no serious AEs noted. Human PK data produced by this trial showed

good correlation with data produced in animal studies of the compound. This trial was conducted under a clinical trial protocol approved by European regulatory authorities.

We investigated Privosegtor (OCS-05) as a treatment for acute optic neuritis in a First-in-Patient clinical trial

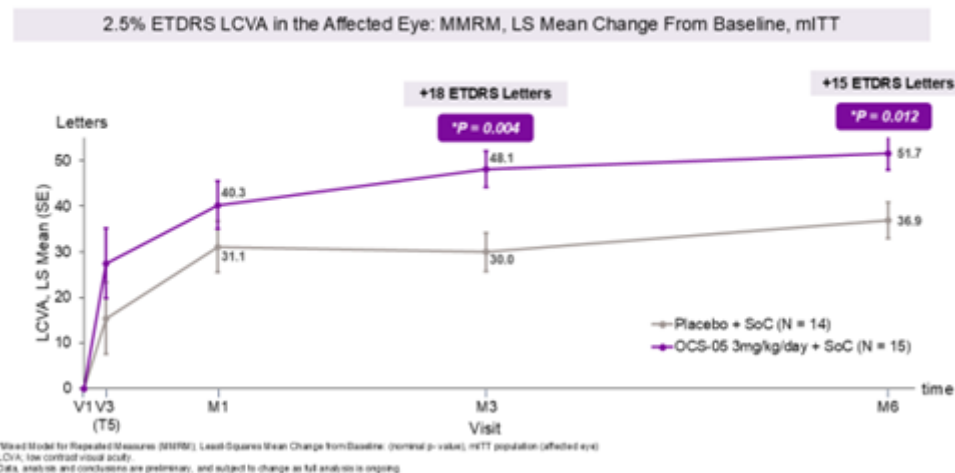
The results of prior clinical and preclinical trials of Privosegtor (OCS-05) in promoting disease modifying effects, together with the safety and PK profile observed in this first-in-human clinical trial enabled us to advance the compound into a first-in-patient clinical Phase 2 trial. The ACUTY trial, a randomized, double-masked, placebo controlled, multiple center trial, was a first-in-patient trial enrolling patients diagnosed with acute optic neuritis within ten days of acute disease episode onset. The study randomized 36 patients with recent onset (visual loss symptoms) of unilateral acute optic neuritis with a demyelinating origin, of which 33 patients received treatment and were included in the pre-specified modified intent-to-treat (mITT) analysis. The objective of this study was to assess the safety and tolerability of Privosegtor (OCS-05) along with initial signs of efficacy. In addition to the trial’s primary safety endpoint, key secondary endpoints evaluated the effect of Privosegtor (OCS-05) on retinal layer thickness and other visual parameters in the affected eye. The study was conducted in France under French regulatory guidance and Oculis announced in January 2025 top line results. The ACUTY trial showed that Privosegtor (OCS-05) achieved the primary safety endpoint in addition to highlighting neuroprotective structural benefit and the ability to improve visual function in patients suffering from acute optic neuritis.

Primary Endpoint: The percentage of patients with a shift from normal (baseline) to abnormal in electrocardiogram (ECG) parameters after study drug administration until Visit 4 (Day 15) was measured to evaluate cardiac safety. The results showed no difference in the percentage of patients with abnormal ECG parameters between the two treatment arms. Two patients in the Privosegtor (OCS-05) arms (2 and 3 mg/kg/day) and one patient in the placebo arm had a shift from normal to abnormal in any ECG measures between baseline and Visit 4 (Day 15), both equivalent to 12.5%. Events observed in the Privosegtor (OCS-05) arms were mild and transient and qualified as not clinically significant by central review reading center.

Secondary Efficacy Endpoints Assessed Changes in Retinal Structure: Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT) imaging was used to objectively measure the thickness of two different retinal segments in the affected eye to evaluate the potential neuroprotective effects of Privosegtor (OCS-05) compared to placebo: 1) Ganglion Cell-Inner Plexiform Layer (GCIPL) and 2) Retinal Nerve Fiber Layer (RNFL). Results showed a 43% improvement in GCIPL thickness mean change from baseline in favor of Privosegtor (OCS-05) (3mg/kg/day) + steroid compared to placebo + steroid at month 3 which was maintained through month 6 with at 3 and 6 months, respectively. Additionally, a 28% improvement in RNFL thickness mean change from baseline in favor of Privosegtor (OCS-05) (3mg/kg/day) + steroid compared to placebo + steroid at month 3 reaching 30% improvement at month 6 was observed.

Secondary Efficacy Endpoint Assessed Changes in Visual Function: Changes in 2.5% ETDRS low contrast letter acuity (LCVA) were measured to assess visual function improvement. Results showed a favorable difference in LCVA mean change from baseline of approximately 18 letters at month 3 and approximately 15 letters at month 6 with Privosegtor (OCS-05) (3 mg/kg/day) + steroid compared to placebo + steroid, with nominal p-values of 0.004 and 0.012 at 3 and 6 months, respectively.

Patients in the OCS-05 3mg/kg/day Arm Achieved Clinically Meaningful Improvement in Visual Function



Evaluation of treatment emergent adverse events (TEAEs) showed no drug-related serious adverse events (SAEs) and no AEs leading to drug withdrawal or study discontinuation. The most frequently reported drug related AEs > 10% in the Privosegtor (OCS-05) (2 or 3 mg/kg/day) + steroid treatment group were headache: 2 patients (10.5%), and acne: 2 patients (10.5%).

We believe that positive outcomes in this trial could support the compound's possible development as a potential treatment in other ophthalmic conditions involving the posterior segment including glaucoma, DR as well as certain diseases of the anterior segment including neurotrophic keratitis. The novel mechanism of action of Privosegtor (OCS-05) may enable it to demonstrate benefit in treating these additional ocular conditions and may additionally allow its development in non-ocular neurological disorders involving neuronal inflammation such as multiple sclerosis (MS).

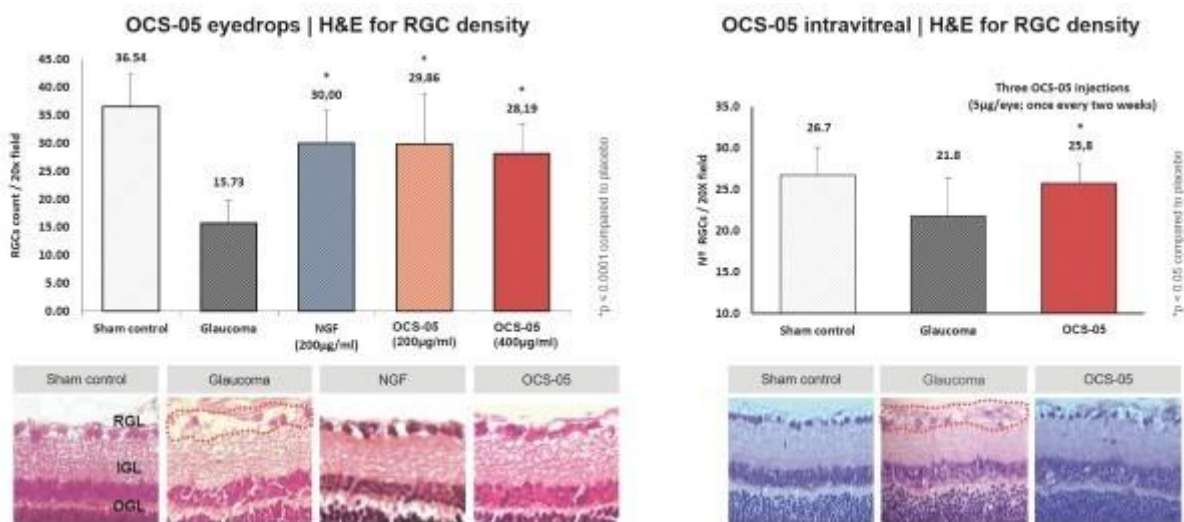
We are planning to investigate Privosegtor's (OCS-05) potential as a treatment for Neurotrophic Keratitis and given positive results from the ACUITY trial, we will also evaluate its potential for expansion into other neurodegenerative diseases in ophthalmology and neurology, such as glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy and other vision-threatening diseases

Given the results from these preclinical studies, we plan to further study Privosegtor (OCS-05) for its potential to enter clinical development as a treatment for NK. NK is a rare eye disorder which results from damage or loss of function of nerves which innervate the cornea, which can lead to corneal perforation, corneal scarring, corneal melting, loss of vision, or loss of the eye. In 2018, the FDA approved the NGF drug cenergermin ("Oxervate") to treat NK. However, Oxervate may be cost prohibitive for patients and payors, as ASCRS Eyeworld estimated in 2020 that Oxervate costs approximately \$11,000 per week for an 8-week treatment course for NK. We are currently not aware of the existence any other drugs except for Oxervate which are approved as a treatment for NK.

Given that preclinical studies of Privosegtor (OCS-05) have shown data suggesting that it could provide neuroprotective benefits, and the top line results of the ACUITY trial in acute optic neuritis that further support Privosegtor (OCS-05)'s potential as a neuroprotective compound, we may prepare for and initiate clinical development of Privosegtor (OCS-05) in neuro-ophthalmic indications such as NK, glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy and other vision-threatening diseases. Glaucoma represents a large market, and we are not currently aware of the existence of any other compound in a similar or more advanced stage of development as a neuroprotective drug for glaucoma.

Preclinical studies of Privosegtor (OCS-05) in a model of glaucoma in Sprague rats showed results which support its potential to be developed as a treatment for glaucoma. In these two experiments, high intraocular pressure was induced in rats by injecting hypertonic saline solution into the episcleral vein of one eye of each rat, and then the rats were treated for six weeks. In one experiment, rats in the active group were treated with Privosegtor (OCS-05) as an eye drop twice daily for six weeks, rats in the positive control group received nerve growth factor ("NGF"), and rats in the control group received placebo of saline 5.0% dimethyl sulfoxide ("DMSO"). In the other experiment, rats in the active group were treated with Privosegtor (OCS-05) as an intravitreal injection once every two weeks, for six weeks, and rats in the control group received placebo of saline 5.0% DMSO. Retinal ganglion cells ("RGCs") count was measured via haematoxylin and eosin stain ("H & E") histological quantification, and IOP was also measured.

Sprague rats displayed significant loss of RGCs one month after the induction of ocular hypertension. In animals treated with Privosegtor (OCS-05), either as eye drops or through intravitreal injection, there were statistically significant increases in RGCs surviving compared with those that received the placebo. In the experiment which included a positive control of NGF, Privosegtor (OCS-05) treatment showed a similar effect to that seen with NGF. In addition, IOP did not significantly decrease with administration of Privosegtor (OCS-05). We believe this data suggests that Privosegtor (OCS-05) may promote neuronal survival in this animal model of glaucoma via neuroprotection (and not by reversing the induced ocular hypertension).



Privosegtor (OCS-05) (eyedrops and intravitreal) prevents RGCs damage without reducing intraocular pressure

We are currently conducting formulation studies to develop a topical formulation of Privosegtor (OCS-05) which can be used in further preclinical or in clinical development of Privosegtor (OCS-05) in NK.

Licaminlimab (OCS-02)

Key Program Highlights:

- Next-generation biologic in development as a potential treatment for moderate to severe DED using single chain antibody fragment technology targeting TNF α .
- The Phase 2b RELIEF trial evaluating the potential of Licaminlimab (OCS-02), our innovative anti-TNF α biologic eye drop, for the treatment of signs and symptoms of moderate to severe DED, was completed with positive topline results announced in June 2024.
- Potential proprietary genetic biomarker may enable precision medicine guided treatment of patients with DED.
- Total addressable U.S. DED patient population of approximately 10 million patients.

We are developing Licaminlimab (OCS-02) as a next-generation biologic treatment for DED. Licaminlimab (OCS-02) is differentiated by its use of a single chain antibody fragment formulation directed against the cytokine human TNF α to enable the topical delivery of an anti-TNF α construct at increased concentrations. The anti-inflammatory and anti-necrotic/anti-apoptotic properties of therapeutics inhibiting TNF α activity are well established with anti-TNF pharmaceuticals already approved as systemic treatments for ocular disease. While Licaminlimab (OCS-02) is intended to be developed for all comers with DED, we are advancing the development of Licaminlimab (OCS-02) in conjunction with the development of a potentially novel genetic biomarker intended to identify patients who may have a greater response to Licaminlimab (OCS-02) therapy and believe this precision medicine approach may allow the candidate to deliver superior outcomes in these patients if approved. Two Phase 2 clinical trials in patients with symptoms of DED were conducted (the first with the predecessor of Licaminlimab (OCS-02), and the second with Licaminlimab (OCS-02)), as well one Phase 2 clinical trial in acute anterior uveitis. Topical ocular administration of Licaminlimab (OCS-02) demonstrated improvements in the global ocular discomfort score versus vehicle in patients with DED, and with reaching a pre-specified responder rate in patients with non-infectious anterior uveitis, as well as being well tolerated in all three studies. In June 2024, we announced positive topline results from the Phase 2b RELIEF study evaluating Licaminlimab (OCS-02) as a treatment for moderate-to-severe DED. In the RELIEF study, Licaminlimab (OCS-02) was well tolerated similar to vehicle. Additionally, improvements in multiple sign efficacy endpoints were observed in the full population and with predictive and more pronounced effects in the TNFR1 genetic biomarker population as identified in the prior successful Phase 2 symptoms trial. We have consulted with the FDA during the first quarter of 2025 and aligned on a development path forward for the Licaminlimab (OCS-02) program in DED with a precision medicine approach.

TNF α performs important roles in the initiation and propagation of both normal and aberrant immune responses via mechanisms ranging from the stimulation of other cytokines to inflammatory cell recruitment to the alteration of vascular permeability. Inhibition of TNF α has demonstrated significant clinical benefit in the treatment of an array of diseases arising from dysfunctional immune system activity and anti TNF α therapeutics have become among the most widely

prescribed biologics. Three anti-TNF α therapeutics (etanercept, sold under the brand name Enbrel[®], infliximab, sold under the brand name Remicade[®], and adalimumab, sold under the brand name Humira[®]), have each been studied for use in ocular disease. While the use of antagonists to TNF α have demonstrated favorable efficacy in the treatment of ocular inflammatory diseases, these drugs require intravenous infusion or subcutaneous injection and systemic anti-TNF α therapies are associated with a range of often serious adverse effects. Ocular diseases, such as DED, involve a local TNF α driven inflammatory process which may not justify general, systemic TNF α -suppressive therapy. The novel design of Licaminlimab (OCS-02) embracing lower molecular weight single chain antibody fragment technology may enable it to be used in ocular disease as an eye drop for localized administration.

Licaminlimab (OCS-02) for the treatment of DED

DED is a multifactorial disease of the tears and ocular surface characterized by ocular surface inflammation and increased osmolarity of the tear film that results in ocular discomfort, visual disturbance and tear film instability. The etiology of DED can involve several deficiencies of the tear film, including the aqueous layer, the lipid layer, mucin layer or a combination of the three layers. The disease often presents as a complication of other diseases, prominently autoimmune disorders such as rheumatoid arthritis, diabetes and Sjogren's syndrome, which may contribute to its manifestation. As such, DED may afflict individuals with differing severity of burning sensation, a feeling of dryness, and other symptoms of ocular discomfort. In severe cases, vision may be significantly impaired. Although the pathogenesis of DED includes a variety of causes, common consequences are a breakdown of corneal tear film with dehydration of the exposed outer corneal surfaces, ocular surface inflammation and subsequent damage to exposed tissues. Increased concentration of pro-inflammatory cytokines, such as TNF α , in patient tears or conjunctival tissue has been demonstrated to correlate with disease severity.

In 2025, the U.S. DED patient population is anticipated to reach approximately 39.8 million people and is expected to rise to 41.3 million patients by 2029. The market for prescription medications to treat DED is forecasted to increase to \$7.3 billion in the G7 countries (the United States, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, UK and Japan) by 2029 from \$3.9 billion in 2019. We estimate the segment of DED patients in the United States addressable by Licaminlimab (OCS-02) (patients with moderate or severe DED) to be approximately 10 million patients.

Limitations of current therapies and potential for Licaminlimab (OCS-02) in DED

The DED patient population is significantly underpenetrated with only an estimated 14.7% of diagnosed U.S. patients expected to receive prescription treatments in 2025. The vast majority of patients who do receive treatment are treated with anti-inflammatory drugs, yet among treated patients only 13.0% feel that their chronic dry eye disease is well managed. Approved topical treatments for DED include Restasis[®], Cequa[®] and Vevye[®], which are formulations of cyclosporine. These drugs act only to increase tear production and are not indicated to reduce DED symptoms. Further limiting cyclosporine's therapeutic utility is a delayed onset of action necessitating a two- to three-month steroid bridge, and a stinging sensation on application in some patients. Topical steroids, including Eysuvis[®], are also often used to treat DED but are contraindicated for long-term use because of their side effects including glaucoma and cataracts. Other treatments available for DED include Xiidra[®], Tyrvaya[®] and recently launched Miebo[®].

Licaminlimab (OCS-02)'s differentiation as a potential treatment for DED

Given the central role of ocular inflammation in sustaining the pathology of DED and the utility of anti-TNF α as a highly effective anti-inflammatory agent, we believe the localized application of Licaminlimab (OCS-02) as an anti-TNF α therapeutic, if approved, may provide a differentiated DED treatment approach, which may effectively reduce ocular discomfort, avoid undesirable features of current therapies (such as stinging sensation, delayed onset of action, or steroid-related side effects), and provide benefit for many patients who do not receive lasting relief from current therapies. In addition, the potential for a precision medicine approach with Licaminlimab (OCS-02) could address the unmet need to predict treatment response in the highly heterogeneous DED population.

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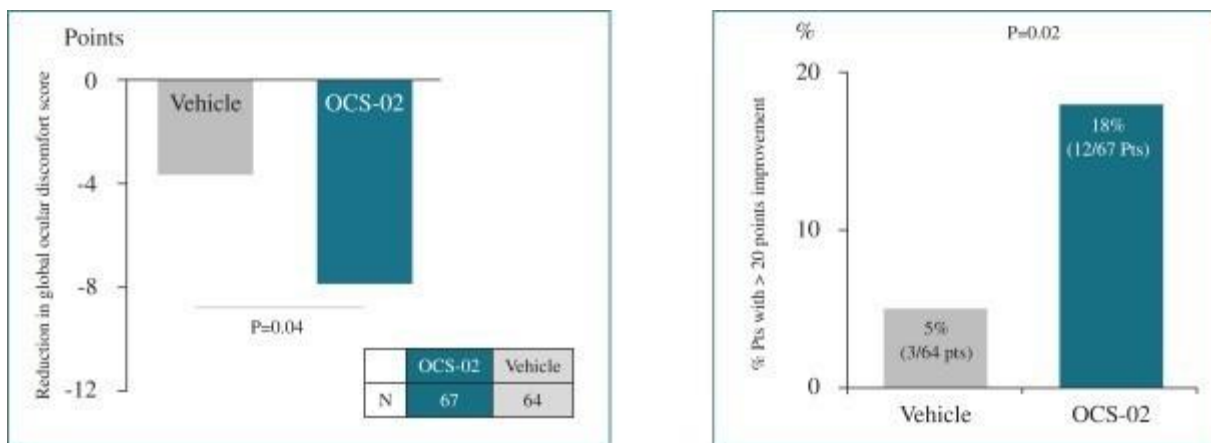
Licaminlimab (OCS-02) has produced clinical trial results which support its continued development as a potential treatment for DED

In the first half of 2024, we conducted the Phase 2b RELIEF trial, which was a multi-center, randomized, double-masked, vehicle-controlled trial evaluating the efficacy and safety of Licaminlimab in subjects with signs of DED (NCT05896670). The trial also evaluated the efficacy and safety of Licaminlimab in a subpopulation of subjects with a TNFR1-related genotype as prespecified in the protocol. One hundred and twenty-two (122) patients were randomized 1:1 to either Licaminlimab (n=62) or vehicle (n=60) across 4 sites for a 6-week treatment period and a 2-week follow up. A total of 23 patients carried a specific TNFR1-related genotype. Patients were evaluated for efficacy endpoints at baseline, Day 15 and

Day 43. The prespecified investigational efficacy measures in this trial included multiple signs of DED that are accepted by the FDA as efficacy endpoints.

Novartis, from whom we have obtained certain exclusive, worldwide rights to develop and commercialize Licaminlimab (OCS-02) through a December 19, 2018 licensing agreement (please see the section entitled “—*Material Licenses, Partnerships and Collaborations*” below), conducted a randomized, multi-center, double-masked, vehicle controlled Phase 2 clinical PoC trial designed to assess the safety and tolerability of Licaminlimab (OCS-02) and its efficacy in reducing DED symptoms. In the trial, patients were randomized on a 1:1 ratio into two cohorts. For a six-week period, the first trial cohort received a 60 mg/ml ophthalmic solution of Licaminlimab (OCS-02), while the second received vehicle. Participants in both cohorts self-administered one drop to each eye three times per day. The primary efficacy endpoint of the trial was improvement in the global ocular discomfort score as compared to vehicle. The global ocular discomfort score is a composite of discomfort frequency and severity as assessed by a visual analog scale using an electronic patient reported outcome. Improvement results in a reduction of the discomfort frequency or severity, or both, translating into a reduction of the resulting Global Ocular Discomfort Score as compared to baseline. A negative change from baseline indicates improvement. The secondary efficacy endpoint was an assessment of the number of patients that achieved more than 20 points improvement in the global ocular discomfort score. The data generated in this trial, consisting of 67 participants in the active group and 64 in the control group, are presented in the charts below.

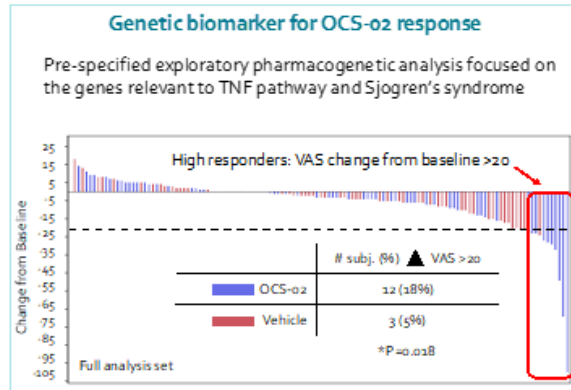
Licaminlimab (OCS-02) generated statistically significant improvement in ocular discomfort as compared to vehicle.



The trial met both primary and secondary endpoints. As is noted in the left chart above, administration of Licaminlimab (OCS-02) resulted in a statistically significant 7.9 mean point reduction in the global ocular discomfort score from baseline to treatment day 29 as compared to a 3.6 point mean reduction among patients that received vehicle only. In addition, as is noted in the right chart above, Licaminlimab (OCS-02) generated an improvement in the global ocular discomfort score of greater than 20 points in 12 of the 67 patients, or 18.0% of total trial participants. A similar level of response was achieved in only 5.0%, or three of the 64, patients included in the vehicle control group. The results of exploratory endpoints, which included physician graded conjunctival hyperemia, corneal staining, Meibomian gland assessment and tear film osmolarity, were similar across treatment groups. Licaminlimab (OCS-02) demonstrated a statistically significant improvement in the global ocular discomfort score compared to vehicle in patients with severe DED. It was well tolerated, with no increase in IOP and minimal systemic drug exposure.

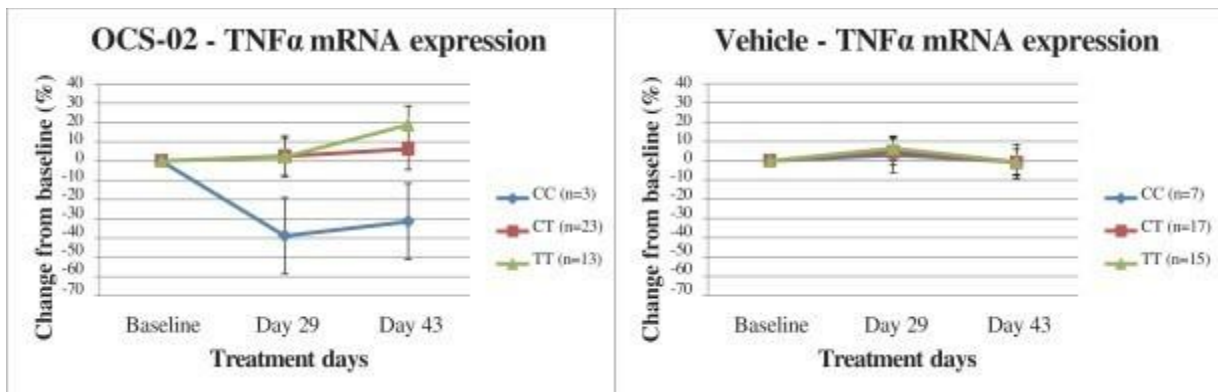
Proprietary genetic biomarker may enable a precision medicine approach to DED

We conducted an exploratory pharmacogenetic analysis focused on the genes relevant to the TNF pathway and Sjogren’s syndrome among those 12 out of 86 patients who had the CC genotype gene variance or SNP. Among the gene variants analyzed, a correlation between one variant (rs1800693 CC genotype, “CC genotype”) in the TNFR1 gene, and a greater response (p<0.0001) to Licaminlimab (OCS-02) was observed at Day 29. The below figure shows individual patient profiles by study days for change from baseline global ocular discomfort score for participants with the CC genotype.



Patients with this variant displayed a significant reduction in inflammatory factors, including interleukin 1 beta (IL1B), interleukin 8 (IL8) and TNF α . This correlation is evidenced in the messenger RNA (“mRNA”) expression profiles of TNF α presented in the charts below which compared expression levels of patients with the various gene variants at Days 29 and 43 after dosing with either active drug candidate or vehicle. It was represented in 12 of 86 patients (14.0%) analyzed for the primary efficacy endpoint in this study, similar to the 13.0% of patients in the U.S. study.

A specific gene variant may enable biomarker based treatment



Phase 2b RELIEF trial design and topline results

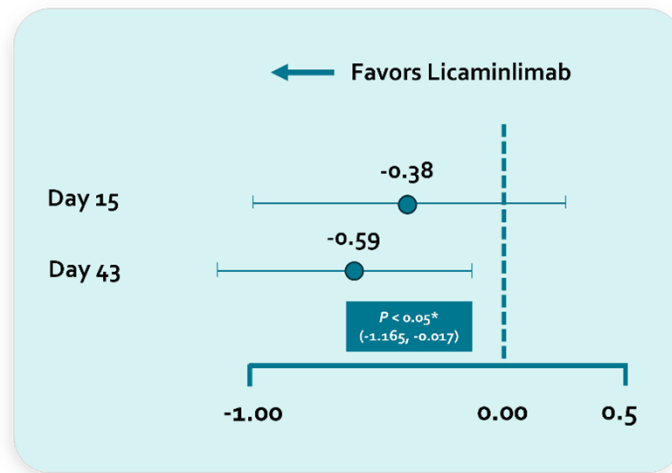
In light of the results generated by Licaminlimab (OCS-02) in its Phase 2 PoC trials, we advanced Licaminlimab (OCS-02) into a 122 subject Phase 2b RELIEF clinical trial to evaluate the safety and efficacy of Licaminlimab (OCS-02) in treating the signs of DED. This trial was randomized, multi-center, double masked and vehicle-controlled. Following initial screening, trial participants are randomized on a 1:1 basis into either the treatment cohort or the vehicle cohort and received Licaminlimab (OCS-02) 60mg/mL or vehicle three times daily for six weeks, followed by a two week follow up period. Participants were evaluated for efficacy endpoints at baseline, Day 15 and Day 43. The prespecified investigational efficacy measures in this trial included multiple signs of DED that are accepted by the FDA as efficacy endpoints, such as total corneal fluorescein staining, the percentage of patients with a 10 mm or greater increase in Schirmer's test, compared to vehicle. Biomarker analyses (from impression cytology samples) were additional endpoints of the trial.

One hundred and twenty-two (122) patients were randomized 1:1 to either Licaminlimab (n=62) or vehicle (n=60) across 4 sites for a 6-week treatment period and a 2-week follow up. A total of 23 patients carried a specific TNFR1-related genotype.

Phase 2b RELIEF trial showed positive effects on multiple signs of DED

- For the full trial population (n=122): Treatment effect favoring Licaminlimab (OCS-02) was observed in multiple sign endpoints including fluorescein staining in the total cornea, inferior corneal, central corneal and nasal conjunctival regions, and in the Schirmer's test.
- For the subpopulation of patients with the TNFR1 genetic biomarker (n=23): Treatment effect favoring Licaminlimab (OCS-02) was observed in multiple sign endpoints including fluorescein staining in the total cornea, inferior corneal, central corneal, nasal conjunctival, total conjunctival and total ocular surface regions,

in the Schirmer’s test, and in conjunctival redness. Rapid and favorable treatment effect in favor of Licaminlimab (OCS-02) on corneal inflammation was observed as early as Day 15 that was significant at Day 43, as measured by the difference in mean change from baseline versus vehicle for inferior corneal fluorescein staining score: -0.59 (CI: -1.165, -0.017). The treatment effect also increased over time.



*90% CI for Difference in Means based on the t-distribution; sample t-test: directional nominal p-value

Licaminlimab (OCS-02) was well tolerated. The incidence of ocular TEAEs in the study eye was 11.5% in the Licaminlimab (OCS-02) group and 10.2% in the vehicle group. TEAEs in the fellow eye were similar to the study eye. All ocular TEAEs were mild and transient, and there were no serious ocular adverse events observed with Licaminlimab (OCS-02) in the study. Drop comfort was also evaluated and was similar to artificial tears.

Additional Development Initiatives

In addition to our three product candidates OCS-01, Privosegtor (OCS-05) and Licaminlimab (OCS-02), we also are engaged in a number of earlier preclinical development initiatives, including the evaluation of OCS-03 as a possible treatment for corneal neovascularization, a common disorder caused by the aberrant development of new blood vessels into the cornea and pterygium, a pink colored growth that originates in the conjunctiva. We are also assessing the preclinical candidate OCS-04, an innovative topical ophthalmic formulation project, preliminarily intended for corneal graft rejection prevention and possibly other inflammatory related conditions targeting the ocular surface.

Material Licenses, Partnerships and Collaborations

License Agreement with Accure for Privosegtor (OCS-05)

Pursuant to a license agreement, dated as of January 29, 2022, by and between us and Accure (the “Accure Agreement”), we obtained an exclusive, worldwide, sublicensable (subject to certain conditions) and transferable (subject to certain conditions) license under certain patents, know-how and inventory of Accure for any and all uses and purposes, including to perform research, development, manufacturing and commercialization activities in any manner and for any purpose. The licensed patents are co-owned by Accure with third parties who have reserved the right to use the licensed patents for education and research purposes pursuant to an inter-institutional agreement.

As of December 31, 2024, we have paid the full contractual non-refundable upfront fee of CHF 3.0 million and reimbursed costs in the amount of approximately CHF 0.5 million. During the fourth quarter of 2024, we completed the Phase 2 ACUITY trial of Privosegtor (OCS-05) in acute optic neuritis and received clearance from the FDA for our IND application. These events triggered two milestone payments to Accure totaling CHF 1.1 million (\$1.2 million) which were paid in January 2025. Including these payments, as of December 31, 2024, we were obligated to pay Accure (a) up to CHF 101.4 million (\$112.1 million at the December 31, 2024 exchange rate) in the aggregate upon the achievement of certain development, regulatory and sales milestones; (b) tiered royalties ranging from a mid-single digit to a low mid-teen percentage on net sales of licensed products; and (c) a percentage in the high teens on sublicensing revenues received any time after 36 months from the agreement effective date, and a higher percentage on sublicensing revenues received prior to such date, in all cases subject, in the case of this clause (c), to reduction for any amounts that were previously paid or are concurrently or later paid by us to Accure pursuant to our milestone payment obligations. Our royalty payment obligations are subject to certain reductions and expire on a licensed product-by-licensed product and country-by-country basis upon the later of (i) the expiration of the last valid claim of any licensed patent covering such licensed product in

such country; (ii) the expiration of such licensed product's Orphan Drug status, if any, in such country; or (iii) ten (10) years following the date of first commercial sale of such licensed product in such country (the "*Payment Period*"). Under the Accure Agreement, we are obligated to use commercially reasonable efforts to develop and seek regulatory approval for a licensed product in major countries of the territory as defined in the Accure Agreement.

The Accure Agreement will expire on a licensed product-by-licensed product and country-by-country basis upon the expiration of the applicable Payment Period with respect to such licensed product in such country. We may terminate the Accure Agreement in whole or in part at any time upon advance written notice (a) for documented reasonable scientific, regulatory, commercial reasons related to the licensed product without incurring any penalty or liability to Accure and (b) for no reason. Each party may terminate the Accure Agreement with immediate effect upon written notice to the other party (i) in the event such other party commits a material breach of its obligations under the Accure Agreement and fails to cure that breach within a specified period of time or (ii) with certain exceptions, upon such other party's bankruptcy. Accure may terminate the Accure Agreement with immediate effect upon written notice to us if we file any action to invalidate any of the licensed patents or fail to maintain the licensed patents in major countries of the territory as defined in the Accure Agreement, or, subject to certain exceptions, if we fail to meet certain development obligations and are unable to agree upon modifications to the development plan with Accure.

License Agreement with Novartis for Licaminlimab (OCS-02)

Pursuant to a license agreement, dated as of December 19, 2018, as amended, by and between us and Novartis (the "*Novartis Agreement*"), we obtained an exclusive, royalty-bearing, sublicensable (subject to certain conditions), assignable (subject to certain conditions), worldwide license under certain patents, know-how and manufacturing platform technology to develop, manufacture and commercialize pharmaceutical, therapeutic or diagnostic products containing a specified single chain antibody fragment formulation as an active ingredient in the licensed field as defined in the Novartis Agreement. The license granted to us by Novartis includes sublicenses of rights granted to Novartis by certain third parties, and our license to such rights is expressly subject to the applicable terms and conditions of the agreements between Novartis and such third parties.

We are deemed the owner of any inventions that are (a) created solely by or on behalf of us pursuant to the Novartis Agreement and (b) severable from the licensed products, and grant Novartis a first right to negotiate a worldwide, royalty-bearing license under any patents directed at such inventions for purposes outside of the licensed field. We also grant Novartis a worldwide, non-exclusive, perpetual, irrevocable, royalty-free, fully paid-up license back under any patents owned by us that (i) cover inventions arising from the Novartis Agreement, the practice of which would infringe the patents licensed to us by Novartis, or (ii) otherwise incorporate Novartis' proprietary information, in each case, for certain uses outside of the licensed field.

We originally entered into the Novartis Agreement with Alcon Research, Ltd. ("*Alcon*"), which subsequently assigned its rights and obligations under the Novartis Agreement to Novartis in connection with Alcon's spin-off from Novartis. We made an upfront payment to Alcon of CHF 4.7 million (\$4.7 million at the exchange rate at the time of payment) in cash and issued 401,709 ordinary shares (recast using the Exchange Ratio to reflect the impact of the BCA) for the residual between the fair value and the upfront payment. This was accounted for as a share-based payment transaction under IFRS 2. As of December 31, 2024, we were obligated to pay Novartis additional up to CHF 87.8 million (\$97.0 million at the December 31, 2024 exchange rate) in the aggregate upon the achievement of certain development, regulatory, sales and other milestones and tiered royalties ranging from a mid-single digit to a mid-teen percentage on net sales. In consideration for the exclusive sublicense from Novartis under certain third-party intellectual property rights, we are obligated to pay a low-single digit royalty on our net sales of the licensed product, however, such payments will be deducted from royalties payable to Novartis. Our royalty payment obligations are subject to certain reductions and expire with respect to any licensed product on a country-by-country basis upon the later of (a) the expiration of the last to expire valid claim of any licensed patent covering any such licensed product in such country; (b) the expiration of the period of data exclusivity in any country worldwide; or (c) twelve (12) years after first commercial sale of such licensed product in such country ("*Royalty Term*").

Under the Novartis Agreement, we are obligated to use diligent efforts to develop, manufacture or have manufactured, and commercialize the licensed products in the licensed field worldwide. The Novartis Agreement will expire upon the last-to-expire Royalty Term. We may terminate the Novartis Agreement without cause at any time upon advance written notice to Novartis. Upon written notice to Novartis, we may terminate the Novartis Agreement for cause due to the following events: (a) an insolvency event occurs; (b) Novartis materially breaches its obligations under the Novartis Agreement and fails to cure such breach within a specified period of time; or (c) upon advance written notice for material scientific, technical or medical reasons or in case of a material adverse change that renders further continuation of the Novartis Agreement by us commercially unreasonable or otherwise not viable. Upon written notice to us, Novartis may terminate the Novartis Agreement for cause due to the following events: (i) we fail to pay any undisputed amount due under the

Novartis Agreement and we fail to remedy such failure within a specified period of time; (ii) an insolvency event occurs; (iii) we materially breach our obligations under the Novartis Agreement and fail to cure such breach within a specified period of time; or (iv) following negative clinical trial results, we terminate development of the licensed product and do not pursue any further indications in the licensed field.

Manufacturing Strategy

We oversee and manage third-party contract manufacturing organizations (“*CMOs*”), to support the development and manufacture of product candidates for our clinical trials, and, if any product candidates receive marketing approval, we expect to rely on such manufacturers to meet commercial demand. We expect this strategy will enable us to maintain a more efficient operating and cost infrastructure, avoiding dependence on our own manufacturing facility and equipment, while simultaneously enabling us to focus our expertise on the clinical development and future commercialization of our products, if approved. Currently, we rely on and have agreements with third-party contract manufacturers for developing API/drug substance for OCS-01, Privosegtor (OCS-05) and Licaminlimab (OCS-02), and we expect to enter into commercial supply agreements with such manufacturers prior to any potential approval. We continue to develop and improve the manufacturing processes for Privosegtor (OCS-05) and Licaminlimab (OCS-02) and to address the requirements in these highly regulated markets. Improvement of manufacturing processes may involve transferring the development and manufacturing to another CMO, taking into account technical, quality and economic aspects.

Each of OCS-01, Privosegtor (OCS-05) and Licaminlimab (OCS-02) is manufactured via conventional pharmaceutical processing procedures, employing commercially available excipients and packaging materials. The procedures and equipment employed for manufacture and analysis are consistent with standard pharmaceutical production, and are transferable to a range of manufacturing facilities, if needed.

Competition

We face substantial competition from multiple sources, including large and specialty pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, academic research institutions and governmental agencies and public and private research institutions. Our competitors compete with us on the level of the technologies employed, or on the level of development of product candidates. In addition, many small biotechnology companies have formed collaborations with large, established companies to (i) obtain support for their research, development and commercialization of products or (ii) combine several treatment approaches to develop longer lasting or more efficacious treatments that may potentially directly compete with our current or future product candidates. We anticipate that we will continue to face increasing competition as new therapies and combinations thereof, technologies, and data emerge within the treatment of ocular conditions.

In addition to the current standard of care treatments for patients with ocular diseases, numerous commercial and academic preclinical studies and clinical trials are being undertaken by a large number of parties to assess novel technologies and product candidates.

Several large pharmaceutical and biopharmaceutical companies that have commercialized, or are developing treatments for ocular diseases, compete with us. Companies that compete with us directly on the level of the development of product candidates targeting DME include Abbvie, ANI Pharmaceuticals, Bayer, Novartis, Regeneron and Roche, among others. Companies that have commercialized or are developing drug candidates to treat inflammation and pain associated with ocular surgery include Abbvie, Alcon, Bausch + Lomb and Teva Pharmaceuticals, among others; companies that compete with us in the area of DED include Abbvie, Alcon, Bausch + Lomb, Viartis, Harrow, and Sun Pharmaceuticals, among others. Companies engaged in the commercialization or development of therapeutics to treat uveitis include Abbvie and Bausch + Lomb, among others.

Many of our competitors, either alone or in combination with their respective strategic partners, have significantly greater financial resources and expertise in research and development, manufacturing, regulatory approval process and marketing than we do. Mergers and acquisition activity in the pharmaceutical, biopharmaceutical and biotechnology sector is likely to result in greater resource concentration among a smaller number of our competitors. Smaller or early-stage companies may also prove to be significant competitors, particularly through sizeable collaborative arrangements with established companies. These competitors also compete with us in recruiting and retaining qualified scientific and management personnel, establishing clinical trial sites, patient registration for clinical trials and acquiring technologies complementary to, or necessary for, our programs.

Our commercial opportunities could be reduced or eliminated if one or more of our competitors develop and commercialize products that are safer, more effective, better tolerated, or of greater convenience or economic benefit than our proposed product offerings. Our competitors also may be in a position to obtain FDA or other regulatory approval for their products more rapidly, resulting in a stronger or dominant market position before we are able to enter the market. The key

competitive factors affecting the success of all of our programs are likely to be product safety, efficacy, convenience and treatment cost.

Intellectual Property

Intellectual property is of vital importance in our field and in biotechnology generally. We seek to protect and enhance proprietary technology, inventions, and improvements that are commercially important to the development of our business by obtaining, maintaining, enforcing and defending intellectual property rights, including patent rights, whether owned or licensed from third parties. We will also seek to rely on regulatory protection afforded through inclusion in expedited development and review, data exclusivity, market exclusivity and patent term extensions where available.

We have sought patent protection in the United States and internationally related to our novel drug targets, composition of matter, formulations and other inventions and improvements that are central to our R&D efforts. For our product candidates, our strategy is to pursue patent protection covering compositions of matter, formulations and methods of use. In addition, we seek to identify additional means of obtaining patent protection, including specific therapeutic indications and dosing regimen-related claims, which may enhance commercial success. We also rely on trade secrets that may be important to the development of our business. Trade secrets are difficult to protect and provide us with only limited protection.

As of December 31, 2024, we own and exclusively in-licensed a patent portfolio that included 16 issued U.S. patents, 5 issued European patents validated in multiple jurisdictions, and 61 issued patents in other foreign jurisdictions, as well as 16 pending non-provisional U.S. patent applications, and 71 foreign pending patent applications, including 9 pending European patent applications, and 4 pending Patent Cooperation Treaty ("*PCT*") applications related to our different product candidates, namely, OCS-01, Licaminlimab (OCS-02), OCS-03, OCS-04 and Privosegtor (OCS-05).

OCS-01

Regarding our OCS-01 product candidate, as of December 31, 2024, we own a patent family that consisted of three issued U.S. patents and one granted European patent validated in 12 jurisdictions (Belgium, France, Germany, Great Britain, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey) with claims covering the composition including dexamethasone. These patents will expire in 2026, without giving effect to any potential patent term extensions and patent term adjustments and assuming payment of all appropriate maintenance, renewal, annuity or other governmental fees.

As of December 31, 2024, we also own a patent family that consisted of 8 U.S. non-provisional patent applications and 4 issued U.S. patents, one South African issued patent and 20 additional foreign patent applications in other jurisdictions, including one European patent application, directed to specific formulations of OCS-01 and methods for stabilizing the composition for use as an eye drop. Patents, if issued from patent applications in this family, will expire in 2040, without giving effect to any potential patent term extensions and patent term adjustments and assuming payment of all appropriate maintenance, renewal, annuity or other governmental fees.

Privosegtor (OCS-05)

Regarding our Privosegtor (OCS-05) product candidate, as of December 31, 2024, we exclusively licensed from Accure under the Accure Agreement a patent family that consisted of three issued U.S. patents and one granted European patent validated in 24 jurisdictions (Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey), as well as 10 issued patents (Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, India, Israel, Japan, Republic of Korea, Mexico, Russia) in other foreign jurisdictions, with claims covering composition of matter of Privosegtor (OCS-05). These patents (including any patents that issue from such patent applications) will expire in 2031, without giving effect to any potential patent term extensions and patent term adjustments and assuming payment of all appropriate maintenance, renewal, annuity or other governmental fees.

As of December 31, 2024, we also exclusively licensed from Accure under the Accure Agreement a patent family that consisted of one pending non-provisional U.S. patent application and 15 pending foreign patent applications, including one pending European patent application (and pending applications in Australia, Canada, China, Japan and Hong-Kong), directed to the method of use of the composition of Privosegtor (OCS-05) in combination with active compounds. Patents, if issued from such patent applications, will expire in 2040, without giving effect to any potential patent term extensions and patent term adjustments and assuming payment of all appropriate maintenance, renewal, annuity or other governmental fees.

As of December 31, 2024, we also exclusively licensed from Accure under the Accure Agreement a patent family consisting of one pending non-provisional U.S. patent application and five pending foreign patent applications, including one pending European patent application (and pending applications in Australia, Canada, China, Japan), with claims directed to specific dosage regimen for administering the active pharmaceutical ingredient of Privosegtor (OCS-05). Patents, if issued from such patent applications, will expire in 2040, without giving effect to any potential patent term extensions and patent term adjustments and assuming payment of all appropriate maintenance, renewal, annuity or other governmental fees.

As of December 31, 2024, we also own a PCT pending application as well as pending applications in Argentina and Taiwan, with claims covering a manufacturing process of Privosegtor (OCS-05) and Privosegtor (OCS-05) intermediate synthesis compounds. In order for any future patent applications to claim the benefit of such PCT application, they must be filed not later than 30 or 31 months (depending on the jurisdiction) after the earliest priority date of such PCT application. Patents, if issued from such patent applications, will expire in 2043, without giving effect to any potential patent term extensions and patent term adjustments and assuming payment of all appropriate maintenance, renewal, annuity or other governmental fees.

Licaminlimab (OCS-02)

Regarding our Licaminlimab (OCS-02) product candidate, as of December 31, 2024, we exclusively licensed from Novartis under the Novartis Agreement, in the licensed field as defined in the Novartis Agreement, one patent family that consisted of three issued U.S. patents and two granted European patents validated in 36 jurisdictions (Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, the Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey) and six jurisdictions (France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Spain, Switzerland), respectively, 22 issued patents in other foreign jurisdictions (Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile (two patents), China (two patents), India, Hong-Kong (two patents), GCC, Japan (two patents), Republic of Korea, Mexico (two patents), Philippines, Russia, South Africa, Taiwan, Ukraine) and two patent applications pending in other foreign jurisdictions, with claims covering composition of matter of Licaminlimab (OCS-02) or methods of use. Patents (including any patents that issue from such patent applications) will expire in 2031, without giving effect to any potential patent term extensions and patent term adjustments and assuming payment of all appropriate maintenance, renewal, annuity or other governmental fees.

In addition, as of December 31, 2024, we exclusively licensed from Novartis under the Novartis Agreement, in the licensed field as defined in the Novartis Agreement, one patent family directed on a biomarker for patient selection, that consists of one issued U.S. patent and one issued Japanese patent, one pending European and one U.S. patent applications and two patent applications pending in Canada and Japan. Patents (including any patents that issue from such patent applications) will expire in 2037, without giving effect to any potential patent term extensions and patent term adjustments and assuming payment of all appropriate maintenance, renewal, annuity or other governmental fees.

In addition, as of December 31, 2024, we exclusively licensed from Novartis under the Novartis Agreement, in the licensed field as defined in the Novartis Agreement, six additional patent families covering composition of matter of Licaminlimab (OCS-02) or methods of use, which (including any patents that issue from patent applications in these families) will expire between 2023 and 2031, without giving effect to any potential patent term extensions and patent term adjustments and assuming payment of all appropriate maintenance, renewal, annuity or other governmental fees. Under the terms of the Novartis Agreement, Novartis is responsible for the prosecution and maintenance of these six patent families.

OCS-03

As of December 31, 2024, we own a patent family that consists of one pending U.S. non provisional application and one pending European application as well as one pending Taiwanese application, with claims covering composition of matter of OCS-03 and its use. Patents (including any patents that issue from patent application) will expire in 2041, without giving effect to any potential patent term extensions and patent term adjustments and assuming payment of all appropriate maintenance, renewal, annuity or other governmental fees.

OCS-04

As of December 31, 2024, we own one pending PCT application as well as pending applications in Argentina and Taiwan, with claims covering composition of matter of OCS-04 and manufacturing processes. In order for any future patent applications to claim the benefit of such PCT application, they must be filed not later than 30 or 31 months (depending on the jurisdiction) after the earliest priority date of such PCT application. Patents, if issued from the patent applications claiming the benefit of such priority application, if issued, will expire in 2043, without giving effect to any potential patent term extensions and patent term adjustments and assuming payment of all appropriate maintenance, renewal, annuity or other governmental fees.

Our commercial success will depend in part on obtaining, maintaining, protecting and enforcing patent protection and trade secret protection of our current and future product candidates and the methods used to develop and manufacture them, as well as successfully defending any such patents against third-party challenges, enforcing such patents against third-party infringers, and operating without infringing on, misappropriating or otherwise violating the intellectual property or proprietary rights of others. Our ability to stop third parties from making, using, selling, offering to sell or importing our product candidates will depend on the extent to which we have rights under valid and enforceable patents or trade secrets that cover these activities. We cannot be sure that patents will be issued with respect to any of our owned or in-licensed pending patent applications or with respect to any patent applications filed by us or our licensors in the future, nor can we be sure that any patents that may be granted to us or our licensors in the future will be commercially useful in protecting our product candidates, discovery programs and processes. For this and more comprehensive risks related to our intellectual property, please see the section entitled “*Risk Factors—Risks Related to Our Intellectual Property*” included in Item 3.D. of the Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2024 filed with the SEC on March 11, 2025.

The terms of individual patents depend upon the legal term of the patents in the countries in which they are obtained. In most countries in which we file, including the United States, the patent term is 20 years from the earliest date of filing a non-provisional patent application. In the United States, a patent’s term may be lengthened by patent term adjustment, which compensates a patentee for administrative delays by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (“USPTO”), in examining and granting a patent, or may be shortened if a patent is terminally disclaimed over an earlier filed patent. In the United States, the term of a patent that covers an FDA-approved drug may also be eligible for extension, which permits patent term restoration as compensation for the patent term lost during the FDA regulatory review process. The Hatch-Waxman Act permits a patent term extension of up to five years beyond the expiration of the patent. The length of the patent term extension is related to the length of time the subject drug candidate is under regulatory review. U.S. patent term extension cannot extend the remaining term of a patent beyond a total of 14 years from the date of product approval, only one patent applicable to an approved drug may be extended and only those claims covering the approved drug, a method for using it, or a method for manufacturing it may be extended. Similar provisions to extend the term of a patent that covers an approved drug are available in Europe and other foreign jurisdictions. In the future, if and when our products receive FDA approval, we expect to apply for patent term extensions on patents covering those products. We plan to seek patent term extensions to any issued patents we may obtain in any jurisdiction where such patent term extensions are available, however there is no guarantee that the applicable authorities, including the FDA in the United States, will agree with our assessment that such extensions should be granted, and if granted, the length of such extensions. For more information regarding the risks related to our intellectual property, see section entitled “*Risk Factors—Risks Related to Our Intellectual Property*” included in Item 3.D. of the Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2024 filed with the SEC on March 11, 2025.

We file U.S. non-provisional applications and PCT applications that claim the benefit of the priority date of earlier filed priority applications, when applicable. The PCT system allows a single application to be filed within 12 months of the original priority date of the patent application, and to designate all of the PCT member states in which national patent applications can later be pursued based on the international patent application filed under the PCT. The PCT searching authority performs a patentability search and issues a non-binding patentability opinion which can be used to evaluate the chances of success for the national applications in foreign countries prior to having to incur the filing fees. Although a PCT application is not issued as a patent, it allows the applicant to seek protection in any of the member states through national-phase applications. At the end of the period of two and a half years from the first priority date of the patent application, separate patent applications can be pursued in any of the PCT member states either by direct national filing or, in some cases by filing through a regional patent organization, such as the European Patent Office. The PCT system delays expenses, allows a limited evaluation of the chances of success for national/regional patent applications and enables substantial savings where applications are abandoned within the first two and a half years of filing.

For all patent applications, we determine claiming strategy on a case-by-case basis. Advice of counsel and our business model and needs are always considered. We seek to file patents containing claims for protection of all useful applications of our proprietary technologies and any product candidates, as well as all new applications and/or uses we discover for existing technologies and product candidates, assuming these are strategically valuable. We continuously reassess the

number and type of patent applications in our portfolio, as well as the pending and issued patent claims to pursue maximum coverage and value for our processes and compositions, given existing patent office rules and regulations. Further, claims may be narrowed during patent prosecution, to the extent allowed, to meet our intellectual property and business needs.

We recognize that the ability to obtain patent protection and the degree of such protection depends on a number of factors, including the extent of the prior art, the novelty and non-obviousness of the invention, and the ability to satisfy the enablement requirement of the patent laws. In addition, the coverage claimed in a patent application can be significantly reduced before the patent is issued, and its scope can be reinterpreted or further altered even after patent issuance. Consequently, we or our licensors may not obtain or maintain adequate patent protection for any of our future product candidates or for our OPTIREACH® technology platform. We cannot predict whether the owned or in-licensed patent applications we are currently pursuing will issue as patents in any particular jurisdiction or whether the claims of any issued patents we own or in-license will provide sufficient proprietary protection from competitors. Any patents that we own or in-license may be challenged, circumvented or invalidated by third parties.

The patent positions of biotechnology companies like ours are generally uncertain and involve complex legal, scientific and factual questions. Our commercial success will also depend in part on not infringing upon, misappropriating or otherwise violating the intellectual property or proprietary rights of third parties. Third-party patents could require us to alter our development or commercial strategies, or our product candidates or processes, obtain licenses or cease certain activities. Our breach of any license agreements or our failure to obtain a license to intellectual property or proprietary rights required to develop or commercialize our product candidates or future products may have a material adverse impact on us. If third parties prepare and file patent applications in the United States that also claim technology to which we have rights, we may have to participate in interference or derivation proceedings in the USPTO to determine priority of invention. For more information, please see the section entitled “*Risk Factors—Risks Related to Intellectual Property*” included in Item 3.D. of the Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2024 filed with the SEC on March 11, 2025.

In addition to patent protection, we also rely on trademark registration, trade secrets, know how, other proprietary information and continuing technological innovation to develop and maintain our competitive position. As of December 31, 2024, we owned four registered U.S. trademarks (three of which being fractions of international registrations), four international trademark registrations (either granted or still under examination in several countries), 14 registered foreign trademarks. We seek to protect and maintain the confidentiality of proprietary information to protect aspects of our business that are not amenable to, or that we do not consider appropriate for, patent protection. Although we take steps to protect our proprietary information and trade secrets, including through contractual means with our employees and consultants, third parties may independently develop substantially equivalent proprietary information and techniques or otherwise gain access to our trade secrets or disclose our technology. Thus, we may not be able to meaningfully protect our trade secrets. It is our policy to require our employees, consultants, outside scientific collaborators, sponsored researchers and other advisors to execute confidentiality agreements upon the commencement of employment or consulting relationships with us. These agreements provide that all confidential information concerning our business or financial affairs developed or made known to the individual during the course of the individual’s relationship with us is to be kept confidential and not disclosed to third parties except in specific circumstances. Our agreements with employees also provide that all inventions conceived by the employee in the course of employment with us or from the employee’s use of our confidential information are our exclusive property. However, such confidentiality agreements and invention assignment agreements can be breached and we may not have adequate remedies for any such breach. In addition, our trade secrets may otherwise become known or be independently discovered by competitors. To the extent that our consultants, contractors or collaborators use intellectual property owned by others in their work for us, disputes may arise as to the rights in related or resulting trade secrets, know-how and inventions. For more information regarding the risks related to our intellectual property, please see the section entitled “*Risk Factors—Risks Related to Intellectual Property*” included in Item 3.D. of the Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2024 filed with the SEC on March 11, 2025.

When available to expand market exclusivity, our strategy is to obtain, or license additional intellectual property or proprietary rights related to current or contemplated development platforms, core elements of technology and/or clinical candidates.

Government Regulation

Government authorities in the United States at the federal state and local level, and other countries extensively regulate, among other things, the research, development, nonclinical and clinical testing, manufacture, quality control, approval, labeling, packaging, storage, record-keeping, promotion, advertising, distribution, post-approval monitoring and reporting, marketing, and export and import of products such as those we are developing. Generally, before a new drug or biologic can be marketed, considerable data must be generated, which demonstrate the product’s quality, safety, and efficacy. Such

data must then be organized into a format specific for each regulatory authority, submitted for review and approved by the regulatory authority.

U.S. Drug and Biologic Development Process

In the United States, the FDA regulates drugs and biologics under the federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (“*FDCA*”), and its implementing regulations. Biologics are additionally subject to regulations under the Public Health Service Act. The process of obtaining regulatory approvals and the subsequent compliance with appropriate federal, state, local and foreign statutes and regulations require the expenditure of substantial time and financial resources. Failure to comply with the applicable U.S. requirements at any time during the product development process, the approval process or after approval may subject an applicant to administrative or judicial sanctions. These sanctions could include the FDA’s refusal to approve pending applications, withdrawal of an approval, a clinical hold, warning letters, product recalls, product seizures, total or partial suspension of production or distribution, injunctions, fines, refusals of government contracts, restitution, disgorgement, or civil or criminal penalties. Any agency or judicial enforcement action could have a material adverse effect on us.

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

- completion of nonclinical laboratory tests, animal studies, and formulation studies in accordance with FDA’s good laboratory requirements and other applicable regulations;
- submission to the FDA of an IND, which must become effective before human clinical trials may begin;
- approval by an independent Institutional Review Board (“*IRB*”) ethics committee, either centralized or with respect to each clinical site, before each clinical trial may be initiated;
- performance of adequate and well-controlled human clinical trials in accordance with cGCP requirements to establish the safety and efficacy of the proposed drug (or the safety, purity and potency of the proposed biologic) for its intended use;
- submission to the FDA of an NDA or Biologics License Application (“*BLA*”) after completion of all pivotal trials;
- determination by the FDA within 60 days of its receipt of an NDA or BLA to accept the filing for substantive review;
- satisfactory completion of an FDA advisory committee review, if applicable;
- satisfactory completion of an FDA inspection of the manufacturing facility or facilities at which the biopharmaceutical is produced to assess compliance with cGMP regulations to ensure that the facilities, methods and controls are adequate to preserve the biopharmaceutical’s identity, strength, quality, and purity, and of selected clinical investigation sites to assess compliance with GCPs; and
- FDA review and approval of the NDA or BLA to permit commercial marketing of the product for particular indications for use in the United States.

Prior to beginning the first clinical trial with a product candidate in the United States, we must submit an IND to the FDA. An IND is a request for authorization from the FDA to administer an IND product to humans. The central focus of an IND submission is on the general investigational plan and the protocol(s) for clinical studies. The IND also includes results of animal and *in vitro* studies assessing the toxicology, PK, pharmacology, and pharmacodynamic characteristics of the product; chemistry, manufacturing, and controls information; and any available human data or literature to support the use of the investigational product. An IND must become effective before human clinical trials may begin. The IND automatically becomes effective 30 days after receipt by the FDA, unless the FDA, within the 30-day time period, raises safety concerns or questions about the proposed clinical trial. In such a case, the IND may be placed on clinical hold and the IND sponsor and the FDA must resolve any outstanding concerns or questions before the clinical trial can begin. Submission of an IND therefore may or may not result in FDA authorization to begin a clinical trial.

Clinical trials involve the administration of the investigational product to human subjects under the supervision of qualified investigators in accordance with GCPs, which include the requirement that all research subjects provide their informed consent for their participation in any clinical study. Clinical trials are conducted under protocols detailing, among other things, the objectives of the study, the parameters to be used in monitoring safety and the effectiveness criteria to be evaluated. A separate submission to the existing IND must be made for each successive clinical trial conducted during product development and for any subsequent protocol amendments. Furthermore, an independent IRB for each site proposing to conduct the clinical trial must review and approve the plan for any clinical trial and its informed consent form before the clinical trial begins at that site and must monitor the study until completed. Regulatory authorities, the IRB or the sponsor may suspend a clinical trial at any time on various grounds, including a finding that the subjects are being exposed to an unacceptable health risk or that the clinical trial is unlikely to meet its stated objectives. Some studies also include oversight by an independent group of qualified experts organized by the clinical study sponsor, known as a data safety monitoring board, which may review data and endpoints at designated check points, make recommendations and/or halt the clinical trial if it determines that there is an unacceptable safety risk for subjects or other grounds, such as no demonstration of efficacy. There are also requirements governing the reporting of ongoing clinical studies and clinical study results to public registries.

Human clinical trials are typically conducted in three sequential phases that may overlap or be combined:

Phase One: Phase 1 clinical trials are designed to test a new therapy in a small group of people for the first time to evaluate safety (e.g., to determine a safe dosage range and to identify adverse effects). It can include healthy participants or patients.

Phase Two: Phase 2 clinical trials are designed to study an investigational therapy in a larger group of people to determine efficacy and to further evaluate its safety. It is conducted in participants with the condition or disease under study and will determine common short-term adverse effects and risks.

Phase Three: Phase 3 clinical trials are designed to study the efficacy of the investigational therapy in large groups of patients by comparing the therapy to other standard or experimental therapies as well as to monitor adverse effects, and to collect information that will allow the therapy being studied to be used safely.

Post-approval clinical trials, sometimes referred to as Phase 4 studies, may be conducted after initial marketing approval. These clinical trials are used to gain additional experience from the treatment of patients in the intended therapeutic indication. In certain instances, the FDA may mandate the performance of Phase 4 clinical trials as a condition of approval of an NDA or BLA.

The FDA or the sponsor may suspend a clinical trial at any time on various grounds, including a finding that the research subjects or patients are being exposed to an unacceptable health risk. Similarly, an IRB can suspend or terminate approval of a clinical trial at its institution if the clinical trial is not being conducted in accordance with the IRB's requirements or if the drug has been associated with unexpected serious harm to patients. In addition, some clinical trials are overseen by an independent group of qualified experts organized by the sponsor, known as a data safety monitoring board or committee. Depending on its charter, this group may determine whether a clinical trial may move forward at designated check points based on access to certain data from the clinical trial.

During the development of a new biopharmaceutical, sponsors are given opportunities to meet with the FDA at certain points. These points may be prior to submission of an IND, at the end of Phase 2, and before an NDA or BLA is submitted. Meetings at other times may be requested. These meetings can provide an opportunity for the sponsor to share information about the data gathered to date, for the FDA to provide advice, and for the sponsor and the FDA to reach agreement on the next phase of development. Sponsors typically use the meetings at the end of the Phase 2 clinical trial to discuss Phase 2 clinical results and present plans for the pivotal Phase 3 clinical trials that they believe will support approval of the new drug.

Concurrent with clinical trials, companies usually complete additional animal studies and must also develop additional information about the chemistry and physical characteristics of the drug and finalize a process for manufacturing the product in commercial quantities in accordance with cGMP regulations. The manufacturing process must be capable of consistently producing quality batches of the product candidate and, among other things, the manufacturer must develop methods for testing the identity, strength, quality, and purity of the final product. In addition, appropriate packaging must be selected and tested, and stability studies must be conducted to demonstrate that the product candidate does not undergo unacceptable deterioration over its shelf life.

While the IND is active and before approval, progress reports summarizing the results of the clinical trials and nonclinical studies performed since the last progress report must be submitted at least annually to the FDA, and written IND safety reports must be submitted to the FDA and investigators for serious and unexpected suspected AEs, findings from other studies suggesting a significant risk to humans exposed to the same or similar drugs, findings from animal or *in vitro* testing suggesting a significant risk to humans, and any clinically important increased incidence of a serious suspected adverse reaction compared to that listed in the protocol or investigator brochure.

NDA or BLA Review and Approval Process

Assuming successful completion of all required testing in accordance with all applicable regulatory requirements, the results of product development nonclinical and clinical trials, along with descriptions of the manufacturing process, analytical tests conducted on the chemistry of the drug, proposed labeling and other relevant information are submitted to the FDA as part of an NDA or BLA requesting approval to market the product. The submission of an NDA or BLA is subject to the payment of substantial user fees, although a waiver of such fees may be obtained under certain limited circumstances. Additionally, no user fees are assessed on NDAs or BLAs for products designated as orphan drugs, unless the product also includes a non-orphan indication.

The FDA reviews an NDA or BLA to determine, among other things, whether a drug is safe and effective (or a biologic is safe, pure and potent) for its intended use and whether its manufacturing is cGMP-compliant to assure and preserve the product's identity, strength, quality, and purity. Under the Prescription Drug User Fee Act (PDUFA) guidelines, the FDA has a goal of ten months from the date of "filing" of a standard NDA or BLA for a new molecular entity to review and act on the submission. This review typically takes 12 months from the date the NDA or BLA is submitted to FDA because the FDA has approximately two months to make a "filing" decision after the application is submitted. The FDA conducts a preliminary review of all NDAs or BLAs within the first 60 days after submission, before accepting them for filing, to determine whether they are sufficiently complete to permit substantive review. The FDA may request additional information rather than accept an NDA or BLA for filing. In this event, the application must be resubmitted with the additional information. The resubmitted application is also subject to review before the FDA accepts it for filing.

The FDA may refer an application for a novel drug to an advisory committee. An advisory committee is a panel of independent experts, including clinicians and other scientific experts, that reviews, evaluates and provides a recommendation as to whether the application should be approved and under what conditions. The FDA is not bound by the recommendations of an advisory committee, but it considers such recommendations carefully when making decisions.

Before approving an NDA or BLA, the FDA will typically inspect the facility or facilities where the product is manufactured. The FDA will not approve an application unless it determines that the manufacturing processes and facilities are in compliance with cGMP regulations and adequate to assure consistent production of the product within required specifications. Additionally, before approving an NDA or BLA, the FDA will typically inspect one or more clinical sites to assure compliance with GCPs. If the FDA determines that the application, manufacturing process, or manufacturing facilities are not acceptable, it will outline the deficiencies in the submission and often will request additional testing or information. Notwithstanding the submission of any requested additional information, the FDA ultimately may decide that the application does not satisfy the regulatory criteria for approval.

After the FDA evaluates an NDA or BLA, it will issue an approval letter or a Complete Response Letter. An approval letter authorizes commercial marketing of the product with prescribing information for specific indications. A Complete Response Letter indicates that the review cycle of the application is complete, and the application will not be approved in its present form. A Complete Response Letter usually describes the specific deficiencies in the application identified by the FDA and may require additional clinical data, such as an additional pivotal Phase 3 clinical trial or other significant and time-consuming requirements related to clinical trials, nonclinical studies, or manufacturing. If a Complete Response Letter is issued, the sponsor must resubmit the application, addressing all of the deficiencies identified in the letter, or withdraw the application. Even if such data and information are submitted, the FDA may decide that the application does not satisfy the criteria for approval.

If regulatory approval of a product is granted, such approval will be granted for particular indications and may entail limitations on the indicated uses for which such product may be marketed. For example, the FDA may approve the application with a Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy ("*REMS*") to ensure the benefits of the product outweigh its risks. A *REMS* is a safety strategy to manage a known or potential serious risk associated with a medicine and to enable patients to have continued access to such medicines by managing their safe use. It could include medication guides, physician communication plans, or elements to assure safe use, such as restricted distribution methods, patient registries, and other risk minimization tools. The FDA also may offer conditional approval subject to, among other things, changes to proposed labeling or the development of adequate controls and specifications. Once approved, the FDA may withdraw the product approval if compliance with pre- and post-marketing requirements is not maintained or if problems occur after

the product reaches the marketplace. The FDA may also require one or more Phase 4 post-market studies and surveillance to further assess and monitor the product's safety and effectiveness after commercialization, and may limit further marketing of the product based on the results of these post-marketing studies. In addition, new government requirements, including those resulting from new legislation, may be established, or the FDA's policies may change, which could impact the timeline for regulatory approval or otherwise impact ongoing development programs.

Orphan Drug Designation

Under the Orphan Drug Act, the FDA may grant orphan designation to a drug or biological product intended to treat a rare disease or condition, which is generally a disease or condition that affects fewer than 200,000 individuals in the United States, or more than 200,000 individuals in the United States and for which there is no reasonable expectation that the cost of developing and making a drug or biological product available in the United States for this type of disease or condition will be recovered from sales of the product. Orphan product designation must be requested before submitting a BLA. After the FDA grants orphan product designation, the identity of the therapeutic agent and its potential orphan use are disclosed publicly by the FDA.

Orphan product designation does not convey any advantage in or shorten the duration of the regulatory review and approval process. Orphan drug designation entitles a party to financial incentives such as opportunities for grant funding towards clinical trial costs, tax advantages and user-fee waivers. If a product that has orphan designation subsequently receives the first FDA approval for the disease or condition for which it has such designation, the product is entitled to orphan product exclusivity, which means that the FDA may not approve any other applications to market the same drug or biological product for the same indication for seven years, except in limited circumstances, such as a showing of clinical superiority to the product with orphan exclusivity. Competitors, however, may receive approval of different products for the indication for which the orphan product has exclusivity or obtain approval for the same product but for a different indication for which the orphan product has exclusivity. If a drug or biological product designated as an orphan product receives marketing approval for an indication broader than what is designated, it may not be entitled to orphan product exclusivity. Orphan drug designation status in the EU has similar, but not identical, benefits.

Post-Approval Requirements

Any products manufactured or distributed by us pursuant to FDA approvals are subject to pervasive and continuing regulation by the FDA, including, among other things, requirements relating to record-keeping, reporting of adverse experiences, periodic reporting, product sampling and distribution, and advertising and promotion of the product. After approval, most changes to the approved product, such as adding new indications or other labeling claims, are subject to prior FDA review and approval. There are continuing, annual program fees for any marketed products. Drug manufacturers and their subcontractors are required to register their establishments with the FDA and certain state agencies, and are subject to periodic unannounced inspections by the FDA and certain state agencies for compliance with cGMP regulations, which impose certain procedural and documentation requirements upon us and our third-party manufacturers. Changes to the manufacturing process are strictly regulated, and, depending on the significance of the change, may require prior FDA approval before being implemented. FDA regulations also require investigation and correction of any deviations from cGMP regulations and impose reporting requirements upon us and any third-party manufacturers that we may decide to use. Accordingly, manufacturers must continue to expend time, money, and effort in the area of production and quality control to maintain compliance with cGMP regulations and other aspects of regulatory compliance.

The FDA may withdraw approval if compliance with regulatory requirements and standards is not maintained or if problems occur after the product reaches the market. Later discovery of previously unknown problems with a product, including AEs of unanticipated severity or frequency, or with manufacturing processes, or failure to comply with regulatory requirements, may result in revisions to the approved labeling to add new safety information; imposition of post-market studies or clinical studies to assess new safety risks; or imposition of distribution restrictions or other restrictions under a REMS program. Other potential consequences include, among other things:

- restrictions on the marketing or manufacturing of the product, complete withdrawal of the product from the market or product recalls;
- fines, warning letters, or untitled letters;
- clinical holds on post-approval or Phase 4 clinical studies, if applicable;

- refusal of the FDA to approve pending applications or supplements to approved applications, or suspension or revocation of product license approvals;
- product seizure or detention, or refusal to permit the import or export of products;
- consent decrees, corporate integrity agreements, debarment, or exclusion from federal healthcare programs; or
- mandated modification of promotional materials and labeling and the issuance of corrective information.

The FDA closely regulates the marketing, labeling, advertising, and promotion of biopharmaceutical products. A company can make only those claims relating to safety and efficacy that are approved by the FDA and in accordance with the provisions of the approved label. The FDA and other agencies actively enforce the laws and regulations prohibiting the promotion of off-label uses. Failure to comply with these requirements can result in, among other things, adverse publicity, warning letters, corrective advertising, and potential civil and criminal penalties. Physicians may prescribe, in their independent professional medical judgment, legally available products for uses that are not described in the product's labeling and that differ from those tested by us and approved by the FDA. Physicians may believe that such off-label uses are the best treatment for many patients in varied circumstances. The FDA does not regulate the behavior of physicians in their choice of treatments. The FDA does, however, restrict manufacturer's communications on the subject of off-label use of their products. The federal government has levied large civil and criminal fines against companies for alleged improper promotion of off-label use and has enjoined companies from engaging in off-label promotion. The FDA and other regulatory agencies have also required that companies enter into consent decrees or permanent injunctions under which specified promotional conduct is changed or curtailed. However, companies may share truthful and not misleading information that is otherwise consistent with a product's FDA-approved labeling.

Marketing Exclusivity

Market exclusivity provisions authorized under the FDCA can delay the submission and approval of certain marketing applications for products containing the same active ingredient. The FDCA permits patent term restoration of up to five years as compensation for a patent term lost during product development and FDA regulatory review process to the first applicant to obtain approval of an NDA for a new chemical entity in the United States. Patent-term restoration, however, cannot extend the remaining term of a patent beyond a total of 14 years from the product's approval date. A drug is a new chemical entity if the FDA has not previously approved any other new drug containing the same active moiety, which is the molecule or ion responsible for the action of the drug substance. During the exclusivity period, the FDA may not approve or even accept for review an abbreviated new drug application ("ANDA") or an NDA submitted under Section 505(b)(2) ("505(b)(2) NDA"), submitted by another company for another drug based on the same active moiety, regardless of whether the drug is intended for the same indication as the original innovative drug or for another indication, where the applicant does not own or have a legal right of reference to all the data required for approval. However, an application may be submitted after four years if it contains a certification of patent invalidity or non-infringement to one of the patents listed with the FDA by the innovator NDA holder.

The FDCA alternatively provides three years of marketing exclusivity for an NDA, or supplement to an existing NDA if new clinical investigations, other than bioavailability studies, that were conducted or sponsored by the applicant are deemed by the FDA to be essential to the approval of the application, for example new indications, dosages, or strengths of an existing drug. This three-year exclusivity covers only the modification for which the drug received approval on the basis of the new clinical investigations and does not prohibit the FDA from approving ANDAs or 505(b)(2) NDAs for drugs containing the active agent for the original indication or condition of use. Five-year and three-year exclusivity will not delay the submission or approval of a full NDA. However, an applicant submitting a full NDA would be required to conduct or obtain a right of reference to any nonclinical studies and adequate and well-controlled clinical trials necessary to demonstrate safety and effectiveness.

Pediatric exclusivity is another type of marketing exclusivity available in the United States. Pediatric exclusivity provides for an additional six months of marketing exclusivity attached to another period of exclusivity if a sponsor conducts clinical trials in children in response to a written request from the FDA. The issuance of a written request does not require the sponsor to undertake the described clinical trials. In addition, orphan drug exclusivity, as described above, may offer a seven-year period of marketing exclusivity, except in certain circumstances.

Section 505(b)(2) NDAs

A special type of NDA, commonly referred to as a Section 505(b)(2) NDA, enables the applicant in certain circumstances to rely, in part, on the FDA's prior findings in approving a similar product or published literature in support of its application. A Section 505(b)(2) NDA may provide an alternate path to FDA approval for a new or improved formulation,

a new route of administration, or a new use of a previously approved product. Section 505(b)(2) permits the submission of an NDA where at least some of the information required for approval comes from studies not conducted by, or for, the applicant and for which the applicant has not obtained a right of reference. If the Section 505(b)(2) applicant can establish that reliance on the FDA's prior findings of safety and/or effectiveness is scientifically appropriate, it may eliminate the need to conduct certain preclinical or clinical studies of the new product. The FDA may also require companies to perform additional studies or measurements to support the change from the approved product. The FDA may then approve the new product candidate for all, or some, of the indications for which the referenced product has been approved, as well as for any new indication sought by the Section 505(b)(2) applicant. If we choose to rely on the 505(b)(2) process to seek approval for OCS-01, there can be no assurance that the FDA will agree with our use of that pathway.

To the extent that the Section 505(b)(2) applicant is relying on the FDA's prior findings of safety or effectiveness for an already approved product, the applicant is required to certify to the FDA concerning any patents listed for the approved product in the Orange Book to the same extent that an ANDA applicant would. Thus, approval of a Section 505(b)(2) NDA can be stalled until all the listed patents claiming the referenced product have expired, until any non-patent exclusivity, such as exclusivity for obtaining approval of a new chemical entity, listed in the Orange Book for the referenced product has expired, and, in the case of a Paragraph IV certification and subsequent patent infringement suit, until the earlier of 30 months, settlement of the lawsuit or a decision in the infringement case that is favorable to the Section 505(b)(2) applicant.

FDA Approval and Regulation of Companion Diagnostics

A therapeutic product may rely upon an *in vitro* companion diagnostic for use in selecting the patients that will be more likely to respond to that therapy. If the FDA determines that a companion diagnostic device is essential to the safe and effective use of a novel therapeutic product or indication, the FDA generally will not approve the therapeutic product or new therapeutic product indication if the companion diagnostic device is not approved or cleared for that indication. Approval or clearance of the companion diagnostic device will ensure that the device has been adequately evaluated and has adequate performance characteristics in the intended population. The review of *in vitro* companion diagnostics in conjunction with the review of our therapeutic product candidate Licamintimab (OCS-02) will, therefore, likely involve coordination of review by the FDA's Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research and the FDA's Center for Devices and Radiological Health.

Under the FDCA, *in vitro* diagnostics, including companion diagnostics, are regulated as medical devices. In the United States, the FDCA and its implementing regulations, and other federal and state statutes and regulations govern, among other things, medical device design and development, preclinical and clinical testing, premarket clearance or approval, registration and listing, manufacturing, labeling, storage, advertising and promotion, sales and distribution, export and import, and post-market surveillance. Unless an exemption applies, diagnostic tests require marketing clearance or approval from the FDA prior to commercial distribution. The three primary types of FDA marketing authorization applicable to a medical device include premarket notification, also called 510(k) clearance, premarket approval ("PMA"), and *de novo* classification requests.

EU/Rest of World Regulation

Conduct of Clinical Trials in the EU

In addition to regulations in the United States, there are a variety of regulations in other jurisdictions governing, among other things, clinical trials, commercial sales and distribution of medicinal products. Even if FDA approval of a particular product is obtained, it must still obtain the requisite approvals from regulatory authorities in foreign countries prior to the commencement of clinical trials or marketing of the product in those countries. Certain countries outside of the United States have a similar process that requires the submission of a clinical trial application much like the IND prior to the commencement of human clinical trials.

In the EU, the Clinical Trials Regulation (EU) No 536/2014 entered into application on January 31, 2022. The Regulation is intended to harmonize and streamline clinical trial authorizations, simplify adverse-event reporting procedures, improve the supervision of clinical trials and increase their transparency. Specifically, the new Regulation, which is directly applicable in all EU Member States, introduces a streamlined application procedure via a single entry point, the "EU portal", the Clinical Trials Information System ("CTIS"); a single set of documents to be prepared and submitted for the application as well as simplified reporting procedures for clinical trial sponsors. A harmonized procedure for the assessment of applications for clinical trials has been introduced and is divided into two parts. Part I is assessed by the competent authorities of a reference member state selected by the trial sponsor largely of the type of clinical trial, risk-benefit analysis, and compliance with technical requirements. This assessment is then submitted to the competent authorities of all the concerned member states in which the trial is to be conducted for their review. Part II is assessed separately by the competent authorities and ECs in each EU member state concerned. Individual EU Member States shall retain the power

to authorize the conduct of clinical trials on their territory. The CTR foresaw a three-year transition period that ended on January 31, 2025. Since this date, all new or ongoing trials are subject to the provisions of the CTR.

Pathways to Obtain a Marketing Authorization in the EU

In the European Economic Area (“EEA”), which consists of the 27 Member States of the European Union, as well as Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein, medicinal products can only be commercialized after a related marketing authorization has been granted. A company may submit a marketing authorization application (“MAA”) on the basis of the centralized, decentralized or mutual recognition procedure. Under the centralized procedure, MAAs are submitted to the EMA for scientific review by the EMA’s Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use (“CHMP”). The CHMP issues an opinion concerning whether the quality, safety and efficacy of the product has been demonstrated. The opinion is considered by the European Commission which is responsible for granting a centralized marketing authorization in the form of a binding European Commission decision. If the application is approved, the European Commission grants a single marketing authorization that is valid throughout the EEA. The centralized procedure is mandatory for certain types of products, such as biotechnology medicinal products, orphan medicinal products, advanced-therapy medicines such as gene-therapy, somatic cell-therapy or tissue-engineered medicines and medicinal products containing a new active substance indicated for the treatment of HIV, AIDS, cancer, neurodegenerative disorders, diabetes, auto-immune and other immune dysfunctions and viral diseases. The centralized procedure is optional for products containing a new active substance not yet authorized in the EEA, or for products that constitute a significant therapeutic, scientific or technical innovation or which are in the interest of public health in the European Union.

National marketing authorizations, which are issued by the competent authorities of EEA countries and only cover their respective territory, are available for products not falling within the mandatory scope of the centralized procedure. Where a product has already been authorized for marketing in an EEA country, this national marketing authorization can be recognized in another EEA country through the mutual recognition procedure. The mutual recognition procedure provides for the EEA countries selected by the applicant to mutually recognize a national marketing authorization that has already been granted by the competent authority of another EEA country, referred to as the Reference Member State (“RMS”). The decentralized procedure is used when the product in question has yet to be granted a marketing authorization in any EEA country. Under this procedure the applicant can select the EEA country that will act as the RMS. In both the mutual recognition and decentralized procedures, the RMS reviews the application and submits its assessment of the application to the EEA countries for which marketing authorizations are being sought, referred to as Concerned Member States.

Within 90 days of receiving the application and assessment report, each Concerned Member State must decide whether to recognize the RMS assessment or reject it on the basis of potential serious risk to public health. If the disputed points cannot be resolved, the matter is first referred to the Heads of Medicines Agencies’ Coordination Group for Mutual Recognition and Decentralized Procedures for agreement. If the Heads of Medicines Agencies’ Coordination Group for Mutual Recognition and Decentralized Procedures cannot reach an agreement, a referral is made to the EMA. The CHMP will provide an opinion that will form the basis of a decision to be issued by the European Commission that is binding on all EEA countries. If the application is successful during the decentralized or mutual recognition procedure, national marketing authorizations will be granted by the competent authorities in each of the EEA countries chosen by the applicant.

In principle, a marketing authorization has an initial validity of five years. The marketing authorization may be renewed after five years on the basis of a re-evaluation of the risk-benefit balance by the EMA or by the competent authority of the EEA country in which the original marketing authorization was granted. To support the application, the marketing authorization holder must provide the EMA or the competent authority with a consolidated version of the eCTD (Common Technical Document) providing up to date data concerning the quality, safety and efficacy of the product, including all variations introduced since the marketing authorization was granted, at least nine months before the marketing authorization ceases to be valid. The European Commission or the competent authorities of the EEA countries may decide, on justified grounds relating to pharmacovigilance, to proceed with one further five year renewal period for the marketing authorization. Once subsequently definitively renewed, the marketing authorization shall be valid for an unlimited period. Any authorization which is not followed by the actual placing of the medicinal product on the EU market (in case of centralized procedure) or on the market of the authorizing EEA country within three years after authorization ceases to be valid (the so-called sunset clause).

In the EU, conditional marketing authorizations may be granted in the centralized procedure for a limited number of medicinal products for human use in cases where the related clinical dataset is not yet complete. A conditional marketing authorization may be granted for a medicinal product, if (i) the risk-benefit balance of the product is positive, (ii) it is likely that the applicant will be in a position to provide the required comprehensive data after the authorization, (iii) the medicinal product fulfills unmet medical needs and (iv) the benefit to public health of the immediate availability on the market of the medicinal product outweighs the risk inherent in the fact that additional data are still required. The authorization is valid for one year and must be renewed annually until all related conditions have been fulfilled. Once any pending studies are

provided, the conditional marketing authorization can be converted into a traditional marketing authorization. However, if the conditions are not fulfilled within the timeframe set by the EMA, the marketing authorization will cease to be renewed.

A marketing authorization may also be granted “under exceptional circumstances” where the applicant can show that it is unable to provide comprehensive data on the efficacy and safety under normal conditions of use even after the product has been authorized and subject to specific procedures being introduced. These circumstances may arise in particular when the intended indications are very rare and, in the state of scientific knowledge at that time, it is not possible to provide comprehensive information, or when generating data may be contrary to generally accepted ethical principles. Like a conditional marketing authorization, a marketing authorization granted in exceptional circumstances is reserved to medicinal products intended to be authorized for treatment of rare diseases or unmet medical needs for which the applicant does not hold a complete data set that is required for the grant of a standard marketing authorization. However, unlike the conditional marketing authorization, an applicant for authorization in exceptional circumstances is not subsequently required to provide the missing data. Although the marketing authorization “under exceptional circumstances” is granted definitively, the risk-benefit balance of the medicinal product is reviewed annually and the marketing authorization is withdrawn in case the risk-benefit ratio is no longer favorable.

Innovative products that target an unmet medical need and are expected to be of major public health interest may be eligible for a number of expedited development and review programs, such as the Priority Medicines (“*PRIME*”), scheme, which provides incentives similar to the breakthrough therapy designation in the U.S. *PRIME* is a voluntary scheme aimed at enhancing the EMA’s support for the development of medicinal products that target unmet medical needs. It permits increased interaction and early dialogue with companies developing promising medicinal products, to optimize their product development plans and speed up their evaluation to help the product reach patients earlier than normal. Product developers that benefit from *PRIME* designation are potentially eligible for accelerated assessment of their MAA although this is not guaranteed. Benefits accrue to sponsors of product candidates with *PRIME* designation, including but not limited to, early and proactive regulatory dialogue with the EMA, frequent discussions on clinical trial designs and other development program elements, and potentially accelerated MAA assessment once a dossier has been submitted.

In addition to an MAA, various other requirements apply to the manufacturing and placing on the EU market of medicinal products. Manufacture of medicinal products in the EU requires a manufacturing authorization, and import of medicinal products into the EU requires a manufacturing authorization allowing for import. The manufacturing authorization holder must comply with various requirements set out in the applicable EU laws, regulations and guidance. These requirements include compliance with EU GMP standards when manufacturing medicinal products and APIs, including the manufacture of APIs outside of the EU with the intention to import the APIs into the Union. Similarly, the distribution of medicinal products within the EU is subject to compliance with the applicable EU laws, regulations and guidelines, including the requirement to hold appropriate authorizations for distribution granted by the competent authorities of the EU member states. Marketing authorization holders and/or manufacturing and import authorization (MIA) holders and/or distribution authorization holders may be subject to civil, criminal or administrative sanctions, including suspension of manufacturing authorization, in case of non-compliance with the EU or EU member states’ requirements applicable to the manufacturing of medicinal products.

Data and Market Exclusivity

In the EU, innovative medicinal products that are subject to marketing authorization on the basis of a full dossier and do not fall within the scope of the concept of global marketing authorization qualify for eight years of data exclusivity upon marketing authorization and an additional two years of market exclusivity. The concept of global marketing authorization prevents the same marketing authorization holder or members of the same group, or companies that have concluded tacit or explicit agreements concerning the marketing of the same medicinal product, from obtaining separate data and market exclusivity periods for medicinal products that contain the same active substance. Data exclusivity, if granted, prevents regulatory authorities in the European Union from referencing the innovator’s data to assess a generic application or biosimilar application for eight years from the date of authorization of the innovative product, after which a generic or biosimilar marketing authorization application can be submitted, and the innovator’s data may be referenced. However, the generic product or biosimilar products cannot be marketed in the EU for a further two years thereafter. The overall ten-year period may be extended for a further year to a maximum of 11 years if, during the first eight years of those ten years, the marketing authorization holder obtains an authorization for one or more new therapeutic indications which, during the scientific evaluation prior to their authorization, are held to bring a significant clinical benefit in comparison with existing therapies.

Pediatric Development

In the EU, Regulation (EC) No 1901/2006 provides that all MAAs for new medicinal products must include the results of trials conducted in the pediatric population, in compliance with a pediatric investigation plan (“*PIP*”), agreed with the EMA’s Pediatric Committee (“*PDCO*”). The PIP sets out the timing and measures proposed to generate data to support a pediatric indication of the medicinal product for which marketing authorization is being sought. The PDCO may grant a deferral of the obligation to implement some or all of the measures provided in the PIP until there are sufficient data to demonstrate the efficacy and safety of the product in adults. Furthermore, the obligation to provide pediatric clinical trial data can be waived by the PDCO when these data are not needed or appropriate because the product is likely to be ineffective or unsafe in children, the disease or condition for which the product is intended occurs only in adult populations, or when the product does not represent a significant therapeutic benefit over existing treatments for pediatric patients. Once the marketing authorization is obtained in all EU Member States and study results are included in the product information, even when negative, the product is eligible for a six-month extension to the Supplementary Protection Certificate or SPC if any is in effect at the time of authorization or, in the case of orphan medicinal products, a two-year extension of orphan market exclusivity. For other countries outside of the European Union, such as certain countries in Eastern Europe, Latin America or Asia, the requirements governing the conduct of clinical trials, product approval, pricing and reimbursement vary from country to country. In all cases, the clinical trials are to be conducted in accordance with GCP and the applicable regulatory requirements and the ethical principles that have their origin in the Declaration of Helsinki.

Orphan Medicinal Products

Regulation (EC) No. 141/2000, as implemented by Regulation (EC) No. 847/2000 provides that a medicinal product can be designated as an orphan medicinal product by the European Commission if its sponsor can establish that: (i) the product is intended for the diagnosis, prevention or treatment of life-threatening or chronically debilitating conditions; (ii) either (a) such conditions affect not more than 5 in 10,000 persons in the EU when the application is made, or (b) the product without the benefits derived from orphan status, would not generate sufficient return in the EU to justify the necessary investment in developing the medicinal product; and (iii) there exists no satisfactory authorized method of diagnosis, prevention, or treatment of the condition that has been authorized in the EU, or even if such method exists, the product will be of significant benefit to those affected by that condition.

Orphan medicinal product designation entitles an applicant to incentives such fee reductions or fee waivers, protocol assistance, and access to the centralized marketing authorization procedure. Upon grant of a marketing authorization, orphan medicinal products are entitled to a ten-year period of market exclusivity for the approved therapeutic indication, which means that the EMA cannot accept another marketing authorization application, or grant a marketing authorization, or accept an application to extend a marketing authorization for a similar product for the same indication for a period of ten years. The period of market exclusivity is extended by two years for orphan medicinal products that have also complied with an agreed PIP. No extension to any supplementary protection certificate can be granted on the basis of pediatric studies for orphan indications. Orphan medicinal product designation does not convey any advantage in, or shorten the duration of, the regulatory review and approval process.

The period of market exclusivity may, however, be reduced to six years if, at the end of the fifth year, it is established that the product no longer meets the criteria on the basis of which it received orphan medicinal product destination, including where it can be demonstrated on the basis of available evidence that the original orphan medicinal product is sufficiently profitable not to justify maintenance of market exclusivity or where the prevalence of the condition has increased above the threshold. Additionally, a marketing authorization may be granted to a similar medicinal product with the same orphan indication during the 10 year period if: (i) if the applicant consents to a second original orphan medicinal product application; (ii) if the manufacturer of the original orphan medicinal product is unable to supply sufficient quantities; or (iii) if the second applicant can establish that its product, although similar, is safer, more effective or otherwise clinically superior to the original orphan medicinal product. A company may voluntarily remove a product from the register of orphan products.

Post-Approval Requirements

Where a marketing authorization is granted in relation to a medicinal product in the EU, the holder of the marketing authorization is required to comply with a range of regulatory requirements applicable to the manufacturing, marketing, promotion and sale of medicinal products.

Similar to the United States, both marketing authorization holders and manufacturers of medicinal products are subject to comprehensive regulatory oversight by the EMA, the European Commission and/or the competent regulatory authorities of the individual EEA countries. The holder of a marketing authorization must establish and maintain a pharmacovigilance system and appoint an individual qualified person for pharmacovigilance who is responsible for oversight of that system.

Key obligations include expedited reporting of suspected serious adverse reactions and submission of periodic safety update reports (“PSURs”).

All new marketing authorization applications must include a risk management plan (“RMP”), describing the risk management system that the company will put in place and documenting measures to prevent or minimize the risks associated with the product. The regulatory authorities may also impose specific obligations as a condition of the marketing authorization. Such risk-minimization measures or post-authorization obligations may include additional safety monitoring, more frequent submission of PSURs, or the conduct of additional clinical trials or post-authorization safety studies.

In the EU, the advertising and promotion of medicinal products are subject to both EU and EEA countries laws governing promotion of medicinal products, interactions with physicians and other healthcare professionals, misleading and comparative advertising and unfair commercial practices. Although general requirements for advertising and promotion of medicinal products are established under EU directives, the details are governed by regulations in each member state and can differ from one country to another. For example, applicable laws require that promotional materials and advertising in relation to medicinal products comply with the product’s Summary of Product Characteristics (“SmPC”), as approved by the competent authorities in connection with a marketing authorization. The SmPC is the document that provides information to physicians concerning the safe and effective use of the product. Promotional activity that does not comply with the SmPC is considered off-label and is prohibited in the EU. Direct-to-consumer advertising of prescription medicinal products is also prohibited in the EU.

Regulation of Companion Diagnostics in the EU

In the EU, despite the absence of a legal definition, companion diagnostics are deemed to be *in vitro* diagnostic medical devices and are governed by Directive 98/79/EC (“IVDD”). The IVDD currently regulates the placing on the market, the CE-marking, the essential requirements, the conformity assessment procedures, the registration obligations for manufacturers and devices as well as the vigilance procedure related to such products. *In vitro* diagnostic medical devices, including companion diagnostics, must comply with the requirements provided for in the IVDD, and with further requirements implemented at national level (as the case may be).

In vitro diagnostic medical devices (including companion diagnostics) are currently required to conform with the essential requirements of the IVDD. To demonstrate compliance with the essential requirements laid down in Annex I to the IVDD, the manufacturer must conduct a conformity assessment procedure.

For general *in vitro* diagnostic medical devices (i.e. all IVDs other than those covered by Annex II to the IVDD and IVDs for self-testing), the conformity assessment is performed through a self-assessment of the manufacturer without the intervention of a notified body which is an independent organization designated by the competent authorities of an EU member state to assess the conformity of devices before being placed on the market. The manufacturer must prepare an EC Declaration of Conformity confirming conformity of its products with the essential requirements laid down in the IVDD before placing the product on the EU market.

By contrast, the conformity assessment of *in vitro* diagnostic medical devices for self-testing or that are listed in Annex II (i.e. essentially moderate and high risk reagents and reagent products) to the IVDD requires the intervention of a notified body. Following successful completion of a conformity assessment procedure the notified body will issue a CE Certificate of Conformity. The device manufacturer may, after having completed remaining related procedures and obligations, affix the CE mark to its medical device after having prepared and signed a related EC Declaration of Conformity.

The regulation of companion diagnostics has been subject to further requirements since the *in vitro* diagnostic medical devices Regulation (No 2017/746), (“IVDR”), became applicable on May 26, 2022. The IVDR introduced a new classification system for companion diagnostics which are now specifically defined as diagnostic tests that support the safe and effective use of a specific medicinal product, by identifying patients that are suitable or unsuitable for treatment. Companion diagnostics have to undergo a conformity assessment by a notified body. If the medicinal product has, or is in the process of, been authorized through the centralized procedure for the authorization of medicinal products, the notified body is, before it can issue a CE Certificate of Conformity, required to seek a scientific opinion from the EMA on the suitability of the companion diagnostic for use in relation to the medicinal product concerned. For medicinal products that have or are in the process of authorization through any other route provided in EU legislation, the notified body must seek the opinion of the national competent authority of an EU Member State.

Other Healthcare Laws

Pharmaceutical manufacturers are subject to additional healthcare laws, regulation, and enforcement by the U.S. federal government and by authorities in the states and foreign jurisdictions in which they conduct their business. Such laws include, without limitation:

- the federal Anti-Kickback Statute, which prohibits, among other things, persons from knowingly and willfully soliciting, offering, receiving or providing remuneration, directly or indirectly, in cash or in kind, to induce or reward, or in return for, either the referral of an individual for, or the purchase, order, lease, furnishing, prescribing or recommendation of, any good or service, for which payment may be made under federal and state healthcare programs, such as Medicare and Medicaid. The term “remuneration” has been broadly interpreted to include anything of value. The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, as amended by the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act, (collectively, the “ACA”), among other things, amended the intent requirement of the federal Anti-Kickback Statute such that a person or entity no longer needs to have actual knowledge of the statute or specific intent to violate, in order to commit a violation;
- federal civil and criminal false claims laws, including the federal False Claims Act which can be enforced by private individuals on behalf of the government through civil whistleblower or qui tam actions, and civil monetary penalty laws prohibit individuals or entities from knowingly presenting, or causing to be presented, to the federal government, including the Medicare and Medicaid programs, 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. Entities can be held liable under these laws if they are deemed to “cause” the submission of false or fraudulent claims by, for example, providing inaccurate billing or coding information to customers, promoting a product off-label, or for providing medically unnecessary services or items. In addition, a claim including items or services resulting from a violation of the federal Anti-Kickback Statute constitutes a false or fraudulent claim for purposes of the federal False Claims Act;
- the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (“HIPAA”), which imposes criminal and civil liability for knowingly and willfully executing, or attempting to execute, a scheme to defraud any healthcare benefit program, including third-party payors, knowingly and willfully embezzling or stealing from a healthcare benefit program, willfully obstructing a criminal investigation of a healthcare offense, and knowingly and willfully falsifying, concealing or covering up a material fact or making any materially false, fictitious or fraudulent statements in connection with the delivery of or payment for healthcare benefits, items or services;
- HIPAA, as amended by the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act of 2009 (“HITECH”), and their respective implementing regulations, which impose obligations on certain healthcare providers, health plans, and healthcare clearinghouses, known as covered entities, as well as individuals and entities that create, receive, maintain or transmit individually identifiable health information for or on behalf of a covered entity, known as business associates, as well as their covered subcontractors, with respect to safeguarding the privacy, security and transmission of individually identifiable health information. HITECH also created new tiers of civil monetary penalties, amended HIPAA to make civil and criminal penalties directly applicable to business associates, and gave state attorneys general new authority to file civil actions for damages or injunctions in U.S. federal courts to enforce the federal HIPAA laws and seek attorneys’ fees and costs associated with pursuing federal civil actions;
- the federal Physician Payments Sunshine Act, which requires manufacturers of drugs, devices, biologics and medical supplies for which payment is available under Medicare, Medicaid or the Children’s Health Insurance Program, with specific exceptions, to report annually to CMS information related to “payments or other transfers of value” made to physicians, which is defined to include doctors, dentists, optometrists, podiatrists and chiropractors, other health care professionals (such as physician assistants and nurse practitioners), and teaching hospitals and ownership and investment interests held by some of these healthcare professionals and their immediate family members;
- analogous foreign laws and regulations; and
- similar state and local laws and regulations may also restrict business practices in the pharmaceutical industry, such as state anti-kickback and false claims laws, which may apply to business practices, including but not limited to, research, distribution, sales, and marketing arrangements and claims involving healthcare items or services reimbursed by non-governmental third-party payors, including private insurers, or by patients themselves; state laws that 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 restrict payments that may be made to healthcare providers and other potential referral sources; state laws and regulations that require drug manufacturers to file reports relating to pricing and marketing information; state and local laws which require the tracking of gifts and other remuneration and any transfer of value provided to physicians, other healthcare providers and entities; state and local laws that require the registration of pharmaceutical sales representatives; and state and local laws governing the privacy and security of health information in some circumstances, many of which differ from each other in significant ways and often are not preempted by HIPAA, thus complicating compliance efforts.

These laws and regulations are subject to change, which can increase the resources needed for compliance and delay drug approval or commercialization. Any action brought against us for violations of these laws or regulations, even successfully defended, could cause us to incur significant legal expenses and divert our management's attention from the operation of our business. Also, we may be subject to private "qui tam" actions brought by individual whistleblowers on behalf of the federal or state governments. Actual or alleged violation of any such laws or regulations may lead to investigations and other claims and proceedings by regulatory authorities and in certain cases, private actors, and violation of any of such laws or any other governmental regulations that apply may result in penalties, including, without limitation, significant administrative, civil and criminal penalties, damages, fines, disgorgement, additional reporting obligations, and oversight if we become subject to a corporate integrity agreement or other agreement to resolve allegations of non-compliance with these laws, the curtailment or restructuring of operations, exclusion from participation in government healthcare programs and imprisonment.

The collection and use of personal health data in the EEA is governed by the General Data Protection Regulation ((EU) 2016/679), ("*GDPR*"), which became effective May 25, 2018. The GDPR applies to any company established in the EEA and to companies established outside the EEA that process personal data in connection with the offering of goods or services to data subjects in the EU or the monitoring of the behavior of data subjects in the EU. The GDPR enhances data protection obligations for controllers and processors of personal data, including stringent requirements relating to the consent of data subjects, expanded disclosures about how personal data is used, requirements to conduct privacy impact assessments for high-risk processing, limitations on retention of personal data and mandatory data breach notification and privacy by design requirements, and creates direct obligations on service providers acting as data processors. The GDPR also imposes strict rules on the transfer of personal data out of the EEA to countries that do not ensure the same level of protection, such as the United States. Failure to comply with the requirements of the GDPR and the related national data protection laws of the EEA countries may result in fines up to 20 million Euros or 4.0% of a company's global annual revenues for the preceding financial year, whichever is higher. Moreover, the GDPR grants data subjects the right to claim compensation for damages resulting from infringement of the GDPR.

Coverage and Reimbursement

Sales of any pharmaceutical product depend, in part, on the extent to which such product will be covered by third-party payors, such as federal, state, and foreign government healthcare programs, commercial insurance, and managed healthcare organizations, and the level of reimbursement for such product by third-party payors. Significant uncertainty exists as to the coverage and reimbursement status of any newly approved product. Decisions regarding the extent of coverage and amount of reimbursement to be provided are made on a plan-by-plan basis. One third-party payor's decision to cover a particular product does not ensure that other payors will also provide coverage for the product. As a result, the coverage determination process can require manufacturers to provide scientific details, information on cost-effectiveness, and clinical support for the use of a product to each payor separately. This can be a time-consuming process, with no assurance that coverage and adequate reimbursement will be applied consistently or obtained in the first instance. In addition, third-party payors are increasingly reducing reimbursements for pharmaceutical products and related services. The U.S. government and state legislatures have continued implementing cost-containment programs, including price controls, restrictions on coverage and reimbursement and requirements for substitution of generic products. Third-party payors are increasingly challenging the prices charged, examining the medical necessity and reviewing the cost-effectiveness of pharmaceutical products, in addition to questioning their safety and efficacy. Adoption of price controls and cost-containment measures, and adoption of more restrictive policies in jurisdictions with existing controls and measures, could further limit sales of any product. For example, high-expenditure, single-source products that have been on the market for at least 7 years can become subject to Inflation Reduction Act ("*IRA*") the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services ("*HHS*") price negotiation. Thus far, HHS has have negotiated prices that range from 38 to 79 percent below their non-negotiated prices; these negotiated prices go into effect in January 2026. Decreases in third-party reimbursement for any product or a decision by a third-party payor not to cover a product could reduce physician usage and patient demand for the product.

In international markets, reimbursement and healthcare payment systems vary significantly by country, and many countries have instituted price ceilings on specific products and therapies. For example, the European Union provides options for its member states to restrict the range of medicinal products for which their national health insurance systems provide reimbursement and to control the prices of medicinal products for human use. A member state may approve a specific price for the medicinal product or it may instead adopt a system of direct or indirect controls on the profitability of the company placing the medicinal product on the market. Pharmaceutical products may face competition from lower-priced products in foreign countries that have placed price controls on pharmaceutical products and may also compete with imported foreign products. Furthermore, there is no assurance that a product will be considered medically reasonable and necessary for a specific indication, that it will be considered cost-effective by third-party payors, that an adequate level of reimbursement will be established even if coverage is available, or that the third-party payors' reimbursement policies will not adversely affect the ability for manufacturers to sell products profitably.

Healthcare Reform

In the United States and certain foreign jurisdictions, there have been, and we expect there will continue to be, a number of legislative and regulatory changes to the healthcare system. In March 2010, the ACA was signed into law, which substantially changed the way healthcare is financed by both governmental and private insurers in the United States. By way of example, the ACA increased the minimum level of Medicaid rebates payable by manufacturers of brand name drugs from 15.1% to 23.1%; required collection of rebates for drugs paid by Medicaid managed care organizations; imposed a non-deductible annual fee on pharmaceutical manufacturers or importers who sell certain "branded prescription drugs" to specified federal government programs; implemented a new methodology under which rebates owed by manufacturers under the Medicaid Drug Rebate Program are calculated for drugs that are inhaled, infused, instilled, implanted, or injected; expanded the eligibility criteria for Medicaid programs; created a new Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute to oversee, identify priorities in, and conduct comparative clinical effectiveness research, along with funding for such research; and it established a Center for Medicare Innovation at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services ("CMS"), to test innovative payment and service delivery models to lower Medicare and Medicaid spending, potentially including prescription drug spending.

Since its enactment, there have been amendments to and executive, judicial and Congressional challenges to certain aspects of the ACA, and we expect there will be additional challenges and amendments to the ACA in the future. For example, on August 16, 2022, the IRA was signed into law, which among other things, extends enhanced subsidies for individuals purchasing health insurance coverage in ACA marketplaces through plan year 2025 and eliminates the "donut hole" under the Medicare Part D program beginning in 2025, by significantly lowering the beneficiary maximum out-of-pocket cost through a newly established manufacturer discount program. It is possible that the ACA will be subject to judicial or Congressional challenges and health reform measures of the second Trump administration in the future.

Other legislative changes have been proposed and adopted since the ACA was enacted. These changes include aggregate reductions to Medicare payments to providers of up to 2.0% per fiscal year, effective April 1, 2013, which, due to subsequent legislative amendments, will stay in effect until 2032 unless additional congressional action is taken. On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 was signed into law, which eliminates the statutory Medicaid drug rebate cap, currently set at 100% of a drug's average manufacturer price, for single source and innovator multiple source drugs, effective January 1, 2024.

Moreover, there has recently been heightened governmental scrutiny over the manner in which manufacturers set prices for their marketed products, which has resulted in several Congressional inquiries and proposed and enacted legislation designed, among other things, to bring more transparency to product pricing, to review the relationship between pricing and manufacturer patient programs, and to reform government program reimbursement methodologies for pharmaceutical products. The IRA, among other things: (i) allows HHS to negotiate the price of certain high-expenditure single-source drugs covered under Medicare that have been on the market for at least 7 years, and subjects drug manufacturers to civil monetary penalties and a potential excise tax by offering a price that is not equal to or less than the negotiated "maximum fair price" under the law, (the "*Medicare Drug Price Negotiation Program*") and (ii) imposes rebates under Medicare Part B and Medicare Part D to penalize price increases that outpace inflation. The IRA permits HHS to implement many of these provisions through guidance, as opposed to regulation, for the initial years. These provisions began to take effect progressively starting in 2023. On August 15, 2024, HHS announced the agreed-upon prices of the first ten drugs that were subject to price negotiations, although the Medicare Drug Price Negotiation program is currently subject to legal challenges. On January 17, 2025, HHS selected fifteen additional products covered under Part D for price negotiation in 2025. Each year thereafter more Part B and Part D products will become subject to the Medicare Drug Price Negotiation Program.

Additional health reform measures may continue and affect our business in unknown ways, particularly given the recent change in administration. The current Trump administration is pursuing policies to reduce regulations and expenditures across government including at HHS, the FDA, CMS and related agencies. These actions, presently directed by executive orders or memoranda from the Office of Management and Budget, may propose policy changes that create additional uncertainty for our business. These actions may include, for example, directives to reduce agency workforce, rescinding a Biden administration executive order tasking the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation to consider new payment and healthcare models to limit drug spending and eliminating the Biden administration's executive order that directed HHS to establishing an AI task force and developing a strategic plan, and directing certain federal agencies to enforce existing law regarding hospital and price plan transparency and by standardizing prices across hospitals and health plans. Additionally, in its June 2024 decision in *Loper Bright Enterprises v. Raimondo*, the U.S. Supreme Court overturned the longstanding *Chevron* doctrine, under which courts were required to give deference to regulatory agencies' reasonable interpretations of ambiguous federal statutes. The *Loper Bright* decision could result in additional legal challenges to current regulations and guidance issued by federal agencies applicable to our operations, including those issued by the FDA. Congress may introduce and ultimately pass health care related legislation that could impact the drug approval process and make changes to the Medicare Drug Price Negotiation Program created under the IRA.

In addition, individual states in the United States have also become increasingly active in implementing regulations designed to control pharmaceutical product pricing, including price or patient reimbursement constraints, discounts, restrictions on certain product access and marketing cost disclosure and transparency measures and, in some cases, mechanisms to encourage importation from other countries and bulk purchasing. For example, on January 5, 2024, the FDA approved Florida's Section 804 Importation Program (SIP) proposal to import certain drugs from Canada for specific state healthcare programs. It is unclear how this program will be implemented, including which drugs will be chosen, and whether it will be subject to legal challenges in the United States or Canada. Other states have also submitted SIP proposals that are pending review by the FDA. Any such approved importation plans, when implemented, may result in lower drug prices for products covered by those programs. Furthermore, there has been increased interest by third-party payors and governmental authorities in reference to pricing systems and publication of discounts and list prices.

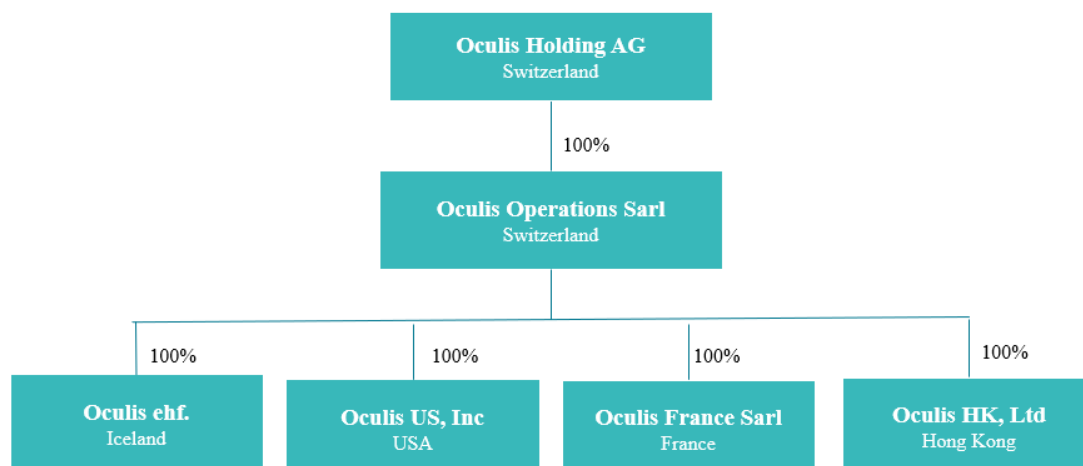
The Health Technology Assessment ("*HTA*") process, which is currently governed by the national laws of the individual EU Member States, is the procedure according to which the assessment of the public health impact, therapeutic impact and the economic and societal impact of use of a given medicinal product in the national healthcare systems of the individual country is conducted. A new regulation adopted in December 2021 the HTA Regulation, is intended to boost cooperation among EU Member States in assessing health technologies, including new medicinal products, and to provide the basis for cooperation at EU level for joint clinical assessments in these areas. The Regulation began to apply on January 12, 2025 through a phased implementation ending in 2028.

C. Organizational Structure

Oculus Holding AG (the "*Company*" or "*Oculus*") is a stock corporation (*Aktiengesellschaft*) with its registered office at Bahnhofstrasse 20, CH-6300, Zug, Switzerland. It was incorporated under the laws of Switzerland on October 31, 2022. The official seat of the Company is planned to remain in Zug, Switzerland.

As of December 31, 2024, the Company controlled five wholly-owned subsidiaries: Oculus Operations Sàrl ("*Oculus Operations*") with its registered office in Lausanne, Switzerland, which was incorporated on December 27, 2022, Oculus ehf. ("*Oculus Iceland*"), which was incorporated in Reykjavik, Iceland on October 28, 2003, Oculus France Sàrl ("*Oculus France*") which was incorporated in Paris, France on March 27, 2020, Oculus US, Inc. ("*Oculus US*") which was incorporated in Delaware, USA on May 26, 2020, and Oculus HK, Limited ("*Oculus HK*") which was incorporated in Hong Kong, China on June 1, 2021. The Company and its wholly-owned subsidiaries form the Oculus Group (the "*Group*"). Prior to the Business Combination on March 2, 2023, Oculus SA ("*Legacy Oculus*"), which was incorporated in Lausanne, Switzerland on December 11, 2017, and its wholly-owned subsidiaries Oculus Iceland, Oculus France, Oculus US and Oculus HK, formed the Oculus group. On July 6, 2023, Legacy Oculus merged with and into Oculus Operations, and the separate corporate existence of Legacy Oculus ceased. Oculus Operations is the surviving entity and remains a wholly-owned subsidiary of Oculus.

On April 18, 2024, the Company completed the dissolution of Oculus Merger Sub II Company ("*Merger Sub 2*") which was incorporated in the Cayman Islands on January 3, 2023 and was a wholly-owned subsidiary of Oculus. Merger Sub 2 was created for purposes of consummating the Business Combination and did not contain any business operations of the Company.



D. Property, Plants and Equipment

As of December 31, 2024, we leased approximately 10,700 square feet of facilities for our operations, including 4,300 square feet of laboratory and office space in Iceland, with main activities of research, business and clinical development, 4,630 square feet of office space in Switzerland, with main activities of business and clinical development and 1,725 square feet of office space in the United States, with main activities being general and administrative in nature.

In February 2025, we signed a new lease in the U.S. for 5,575 square feet of space that will be used for general and administrative activities, commencing July 1, 2025. We believe that these facilities will be adequate to meet our needs, and we are constantly evaluating our needs for expanding and or adding to our existing facilities.



Financial Review

Operating and Financial Review and Prospects

Certain information called for by this section “Operating and Financial Review and Prospects”, including a discussion of the year ended December 31, 2022, as well a comparison of the year ended December 31, 2023 against the year ended December 31, 2022, has been reported previously in our Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2023 filed on March 19, 2024 under “Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects”.

All amounts discussed are in Swiss francs, unless otherwise indicated.

Company Overview

We are a global late clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company, headquartered in Switzerland with operations in the U.S. and Iceland. We have substantial expertise in therapeutics used to treat ophthalmic and neuro-ophthalmic diseases and are engaged in the development of innovative drug candidates which embrace the potential to address large unmet medical needs for many eye-related conditions. Our mission is to improve the vision health and quality of life of patients around the world by developing medicines that save sight and improve eye care. To realize this mission, we intend to become a global leader in ophthalmic and neuro-ophthalmic therapeutics.

Our pipeline currently includes three clinical-stage therapeutic candidates: OCS-01, Privosegtor (OCS-05) and Licaminlimab (OCS-02). Our lead product candidate, OCS-01, is currently being evaluated in ongoing Phase 3 clinical trials for DME and is in NDA preparation as a once-daily topical for the treatment of inflammation and pain following ocular surgery. Our second clinical candidate is Privosegtor (OCS-05), a potential disease modifying neuroprotective agent against neurological damage with potential application in multiple indications, including glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy, and neurotrophic keratitis. We completed a Phase 2 PoC trial evaluating Privosegtor (OCS-05) as a potential treatment for acute optic neuritis for which there is currently no approved therapeutic treatment, and announced positive results in January 2025. We also received Investigational New Drug (“IND”) clearance from the FDA enabling the initiation of clinical development of Privosegtor (OCS-05) in the U.S., as part of a global development program. Our third clinical candidate is Licaminlimab (OCS-02) for the treatment for keratoconjunctivitis sicca, or dry eye disease (“DED”), with a potential biomarker precision medicine approach. Following prior positive trials in symptoms of DED, we completed the DED Phase 2b RELIEF trial in signs of DED in June 2024 and announced positive topline results.

Numerous diseases and disorders, many of which represent significant medical needs, are associated with the human eye. The National Eye Institute, a part of the U.S. National Institutes of Health, estimates that in the United States, blindness or significant visual impairment impacts approximately seven million people, including those with vision loss resulting from retinal diseases such as DME, macular degeneration, DR, and retinal vein occlusion (“RVO”); disorders caused by swelling and inflammation such as DED, corneal keratitis and uveitis; and glaucoma, among other disease states. For glaucoma more specifically, the American Glaucoma Society highlighted a tremendous unmet need for therapies, independent of intraocular pressure (IOP) lowering agents, that can offer neuroprotection, neurorecovery and/or neuroregeneration. Of note, retinal neuroprotection has been considered the next frontier in ophthalmic disease as the discovery of novel neuroprotection strategies will fill a critical unmet need for multiple neuro-ophthalmic conditions. It is estimated that the global spending for ophthalmology therapeutics will reach approximately \$33 billion in 2027, according to an industry source.

To date, we have primarily financed our operations through the proceeds from share issuances and grants. We have no products approved for commercialization and have never generated any revenues from product sales. Pharmaceutical and biopharmaceutical product development is a highly speculative undertaking and involves a substantial degree of risk. It may be several years, if ever, before we have a product candidate approved for commercialization, and we begin to generate revenue and royalties from product sales. We have also incurred significant operating losses. We incurred net losses of CHF 85.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2024, and an accumulated losses balance of CHF 285.6 million as of December 31, 2024.

Factors Affecting Our Performance

Business Environment

The biopharmaceutical industry is extremely competitive. We are subject to risks and uncertainties common to any clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company. These risks include, but are not limited to, the introduction of new products, therapies, standards of care or technological innovations, our ability to obtain, maintain, protect and enforce our licensed technology, data and other intellectual property and proprietary rights and compliance with extensive government regulation and oversight. Please see the section entitled “Risk Factors” included in Item 3.D. of the Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2024 filed with the SEC on March 11, 2025.

We are also dependent upon the services of key personnel, including our Chief Executive Officer, executive team and other highly skilled employees. Demand for experienced personnel in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries is high and competition for talent is intense.

We face potential competition from many different sources, including pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, academic institutions and governmental agencies as well as public and private research institutions. Many of our competitors are working to develop or have commercialized products similar to those we are developing and have considerable experience in undertaking clinical trials and in obtaining regulatory approval to market pharmaceutical products. Our competitors may also have significantly greater financial resources, established presence in the markets in which we hope to compete, expertise in research and development, manufacturing, preclinical and clinical testing, obtaining regulatory approvals and reimbursement and marketing approved products. Smaller or early-stage companies may also prove to be significant competitors, particularly through collaborative arrangements with large and established companies. These third parties also compete with us in recruiting and retaining qualified scientific and management personnel, establishing clinical trial sites and registering patients for clinical trials, entering into agreements with CMOs for the manufacture of our product candidates, as well as in acquiring technologies complementary to, or necessary for, our programs.

Business combination with European Biotech Acquisition Corp (“EBAC”)

On March 2, 2023, we consummated a business combination with EBAC (the “*Business Combination*”) pursuant to the Business Combination Agreement (“*BCA*”) between Legacy Oculis and EBAC dated as of October 17, 2022. We received gross proceeds of CHF 97.6 million or \$103.7 million comprising CHF 12.0 million or \$12.8 million of cash held in EBAC’s trust account and CHF 85.6 million or \$90.9 million from private placement (“*PIPE*”) investments and conversion of notes issued under Convertible Loan Agreements (“*CLA*”) into our Ordinary Shares. In connection with the Business Combination, Oculis became listed on the United States Nasdaq Global Market with the ticker symbol “OCS” for its ordinary shares and “OCSAW” for its public warrants.

Earnout consideration

As a result of the BCA, Legacy Oculis preferred, ordinary and option holders (collectively “*equity holders*”) received consideration in the form of 3,793,995 earnout shares and 369,737 earnout options with an exercise price of CHF 0.01.

The earnout consideration is subject to forfeiture in the event of a failure to achieve the price targets during the earnout period defined as follows: (i) 1,500,000, (ii) 1,500,000 and (iii) 1,000,000 earned based on the achievement of post acquisition-closing share volume weighted average price (“*VWAP*”) targets of \$15.00, \$20.00 and \$25.00, respectively, in each case, for any 20 trading days within any consecutive 30 trading day period commencing after the acquisition closing date and ending on or prior to March 2, 2028 (the “*Earnout period*”). A given share price target described above will also be deemed to be achieved if there is a change of control, as defined in the BCA, during the earnout period.

The first two price targets of \$15.00 and \$20.00 were met in November 2024 and February 2025, respectively, resulting in an aggregate of 168,571 earnout options becoming exercisable and the immediate vesting of 2,845,446 earnout shares.

May 2023 Public Offering

On May 31, 2023, we entered into an underwriting agreement with BofA Securities Inc. and SVB Securities, LLC, as representatives of several underwriters, and on June 5, 2023 and June 13, 2023, closed the issuance and sale in a public offering of an aggregate of 3,654,234 ordinary shares at a public offering price of CHF 10.45 or \$11.50 per share, for total gross proceeds of CHF 38.2 million or \$42.0 million before deducting underwriting discounts, commissions and offering expenses.

Registered Direct Offering and Nasdaq Iceland Main Market listing

On April 22, 2024, we closed a registered direct offering with gross proceeds of CHF 53.5 million or \$58.8 million through the issuance and sale of 5,000,000 of our ordinary shares, at a purchase price of CHF 10.70 or \$11.75 per share to investors (the “*Registered Direct Offering*”), and commenced trading of our ordinary shares on the Nasdaq Iceland Main Market under the ticker symbol “OCS” on April 23, 2024.

At-the-Market Offering Program

On May 8, 2024, we entered into a sales agreement with Leerink Partners, LLC (“*Leerink Partners*”) with respect to an at-the-market offering program (the “*ATM Offering Program*”) under which we may offer and sell, from time to time at our

sole discretion, ordinary shares having an aggregate offering price of up to \$100.0 million (CHF 90.5 million) through Leerink Partners as our sales agent. There were no sales under the ATM Offering Program through December 31, 2024.

Loan Facility

On May 29, 2024, we entered into an agreement for a loan facility with Kreos Capital VII (UK) Limited (the “*Lender*”), which are funds and accounts managed by Blackrock, Inc. (the “*Loan Agreement*”). The Loan Agreement is structured to provide the EUR equivalent of up to CHF 50.0 million in borrowing capacity (which may be increased to up to CHF 65.0 million), comprising tranches 1, 2 and 3, in the amounts of the EUR equivalents of CHF 20.0 million (“*Loan 1*”), CHF 20.0 million (“*Loan 2*”) and CHF 10.0 million (“*Loan 3*”), respectively, as well as an additional loan of the EUR equivalent of up to CHF 15.0 million, which may be made available to us by the Lender if mutually agreed in writing. Upon each tranche becoming available for draw down as well as upon Oculis drawing down the loan tranches, certain associated transaction costs become payable by Oculis. No amounts were drawn under the Loan Agreement during the year ended December 31, 2024.

In conjunction with the Loan, we entered into a warrant agreement (the “*Blackrock Warrant*”) with Kreos Capital VII Aggregator SCSp, an affiliate of the Lender (the “*Holder*”), under which the Holder can purchase up to 361,011 of our ordinary shares at a price per ordinary share equal to \$12.17 (CHF 11.01). At signing the Blackrock Warrant was immediately exercisable for 43,321 ordinary shares and, following the drawdown of each of Loans 1, 2 and 3, the Blackrock Warrant will become exercisable for additional amounts of ordinary shares ratably based on the amounts of Loans 1, 2 and 3 that are drawn. Each tranche of the Warrant in connection with Loans 1, 2 and 3, is exercisable for a period of up to seven years from the date of eligibility and will terminate at the earliest of (i) December 31, 2032, (ii) such earlier date on which the Warrant is no longer exercisable for any warrant share in accordance with its terms and (iii) the acceptance by our shareholders of a third-party bona fide offer for all outstanding shares of Oculis (subject to any prior exercise by the Holder, if applicable). The Blackrock Warrant had not been exercised in part or in full as of December 31, 2024.

February 2025 Underwritten Offering

On February 14, 2025, we entered into an underwriting agreement with BofA Securities Inc. and Leerink Partners LLC, as a representative of the several underwriters in connection with an offering of 5,000,000 of our ordinary shares, CHF 0.01 nominal value per share, at a price of \$20.00 (CHF 18.01) per share, for total gross proceeds of \$100.0 million (CHF 90.1 million), before deducting underwriting discounts, commissions and offering expenses. The offering closed on February 18, 2025.

Components of Results of Operations

Revenue

We have not generated any revenue from the sale of products since our inception and do not expect to generate any revenue from the sale of products in the near future. If our development efforts for our product candidates are successful and result in regulatory approval or if we enter into collaboration or licensing agreements with third parties, we may generate revenue in the future from a combination of product sales or payments from such collaboration or licensing agreements. However, there can be no assurance as to when we will generate such revenue, if at all.

Grant Income

Grant income reflects reimbursement of research and development expenses and income from certain research projects managed by Icelandic governmental institutions. We maintain a subsidiary in Iceland that provides research and development for our product candidates. Certain expenses qualify for incentives from the Icelandic government in the form of tax credits or cash reimbursements. We do not anticipate generating significant grant income in the future.

Operating Expenses

Research and development expenses

Research and development expenses consist primarily of costs incurred in connection with the research and development of our product candidates and programs. We expense research and development costs and the cost of acquired intangible assets used in research and development activities as incurred. Research and development expenditures are capitalized only if they meet the recognition criteria of IAS 38 (“*Intangible Assets*”). Capitalization does not result in amortization until the related product is approved for commercialization, where a finite useful economic life can be more reliably determined. To date, all capitalized R&D intangible assets remain unamortized.

Research and development expenses include:

- employee-related expenses, including salaries, related benefits and equity-based compensation expense, for employees engaged in research and development functions;
- expenses incurred in connection with the preclinical and clinical development of our product candidates and programs, including under agreements with Clinical Research Organizations (“CROs”), and clinical trial investigative sites and consultants that conduct our clinical trials;
- costs related to Contract Manufacturing Organizations (“CMOs”) that are primarily engaged to provide drug substance and product for our clinical trials, research and development programs;
- costs related to non-clinical studies and other scientific development services;
- costs related to compliance with quality and regulatory requirements;
- research and development-related payments made under third-party licensing agreements; and
- costs related to formulation research, IP expenses, facilities, overhead, depreciation and amortization of laboratory equipment and other expenses.

Product candidates in later stages of clinical development generally have higher development costs than those in earlier stages of clinical development, primarily due to the increased size and duration of later-stage clinical trials. We expect that our research and development expenses will increase substantially in connection with our ongoing and planned clinical development activities in the near term and in the future. At this time, we cannot accurately estimate or know the nature, timing and costs of the efforts that will be necessary to complete the clinical development of any current or future product candidates.

The successful development and commercialization of product candidates is highly uncertain. This is due to the numerous risks and uncertainties associated with product development and commercialization, including the following:

- the timing and progress of non-clinical and clinical development activities;
- the number and scope of non-clinical and clinical programs we decide to pursue;
- our ability to raise necessary additional funds;
- the progress of the development efforts of parties with whom we may enter into collaboration arrangements;
- our ability to maintain our current development programs and to establish new ones;
- our ability to establish new licensing or collaboration arrangements;
- the successful initiation and completion of clinical trials with safety, tolerability and efficacy profiles that are satisfactory to the FDA or any comparable foreign regulatory authority;
- the receipt and related terms of regulatory approvals from applicable regulatory authorities;
- the availability of drug substance and drug product for use in the production of our product candidates;
- establishing and maintaining agreements with third-party manufacturers for clinical supply for our clinical trials and commercial manufacturing, if our product candidates are approved;
- our ability to obtain and maintain patents, trade secret protection and regulatory exclusivity, both in the United States and internationally;
- our ability to protect and enforce our rights in our intellectual property portfolio;
- the commercialization of our product candidates, if approved;
- obtaining and maintaining third-party insurance coverage and adequate reimbursement;

- the acceptance of our product candidates, if approved, by patients, the medical community and third-party payors;
- competition with other products; and
- a continued acceptable safety profile of our therapies following approval.

A change in the outcome of any of these variables with respect to the development of our product candidates could significantly change the costs and timing associated with the development of that product candidate. We may never succeed in obtaining regulatory approval for any of our product candidates or programs.

General and administrative expenses

General and administrative expenses consist primarily of salaries and related costs for personnel in executive management, finance, corporate and business development, and administrative functions. General and administrative expenses also include legal fees relating to patent and corporate matters; professional fees for accounting, auditing, tax, and administrative consulting services; insurance costs; marketing and communications expenses; and other operating costs.

We have incurred increasing accounting, audit, legal and other professional services costs initially in 2022 and 2023 associated with the Business Combination, and in 2023 related to the transition from a private company to a public company. We anticipate that our general and administrative expenses may continue to increase in the future as we continue to operate as a dual-listed public company, such as personnel expenses, governance related expenses, audit and legal fees, and expenses for compliance with public company reporting requirements under the Exchange Act, United States Nasdaq Global Market rules and Nasdaq Iceland Main Market rules.

Finance income and Finance expense

Finance income consists primarily of interest income earned from our short-term financial assets.

Prior to March 2023, Finance expense consisted primarily of accrued interest costs associated with the preferred dividend payment of 6.0% to the holders of Legacy Oculis preferred Series B and C shares. The preferred Series B and C shares are classified as liabilities under IAS 32 and the associated accrued dividend is recognized as interest expense. All preferred shares were converted into ordinary shares upon consummation of the Business Combination on March 2, 2023.

Fair value adjustment on warrant liabilities

Fair value adjustment on warrant liabilities reflects the changes in fair value of our warrant instruments. The fair value is dependent on the change in the underlying market price of the public and private warrants, the change in Black-Scholes fair value of the Blackrock Warrant, and the number of outstanding warrants at the reporting date. The fair value of the public and private warrants is in general directly correlated with the market price of our warrants. Assuming the number of outstanding warrants remains constant, we would expect a fair value loss due to an increase in the market price of the warrants, and a fair value gain due to a decrease in the market price of the warrants.

Foreign currency exchange gain (loss)

Foreign currency exchange gains and losses consisted of currency exchange differences that arise from transactions denominated in currencies other than Swiss Francs.

Income tax expense

We are subject to corporate Swiss federal, cantonal and communal taxation, respectively, in Switzerland, Canton of Zug, and Commune of Zug, as well as in the Canton of Vaud, and Commune of Lausanne. We are also subject to taxation in other jurisdictions in which we operate, in particular the United States, France, China and Iceland where our wholly owned subsidiaries are incorporated.

We are entitled, under Swiss laws, to carry forward any losses incurred for a period of seven years and can offset our losses carried forward against future taxes owed. As of December 31, 2024, we had tax loss carry-forwards totaling CHF 233.8 million. There is no certainty that we will make sufficient profits to be able to utilize tax loss carry-forwards in full and no deferred tax assets have been recognized in the financial statements.

A. Operating Results

The following table summarizes our results of operations for the periods presented:

<i>In CHF thousands</i>	For the years ended December 31,		Change	% Change
	2024	2023		
Grant income	686	883	(197)	(22.3%)
Operating income	686	883	(197)	(22.3%)
Research and development expenses	(52,083)	(29,247)	(22,836)	(78.1%)
General and administrative expenses	(21,807)	(17,487)	(4,320)	(24.7%)
Merger and listing expense	-	(34,863)	34,863	(100.0%)
Operating expenses	(73,890)	(81,597)	7,707	9.4%
Operating loss	(73,204)	(80,714)	7,510	9.3%
Finance income	2,168	1,429	739	51.7%
Finance expense	(639)	(1,315)	676	(51.4%)
Fair value adjustment on warrant liabilities	(15,531)	(3,431)	(12,100)	352.7%
Foreign currency exchange (loss) gain	1,269	(4,664)	5,933	127.2%
Finance result	(12,733)	(7,981)	(4,752)	(59.5%)
Loss before tax for the period	(85,937)	(88,695)	2,758	3.1%
Income tax expense	160	(107)	267	249.5%
Loss for the period	(85,777)	(88,802)	3,025	3.4%

Comparison of the Years Ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

Grant Income

Grant income for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 were CHF 0.7 million and CHF 0.9 million, respectively. The grant income is dependent upon the Icelandic government making such reimbursement available for research and development activities. While some of our research and development expenses have historically qualified for reimbursement and we anticipate incurring a similar level of costs in the future, there is no assurance that the Icelandic government will continue with the tax reimbursement program.

Research and Development Expenses

<i>In CHF thousands</i>	For the years ended December 31,		Change	% Change
	2024	2023		
Personnel expenses	11,114	6,509	4,605	70.7%
Payroll	6,085	4,796	1,289	26.9%
Share-based compensation	5,029	1,713	3,316	193.6%
Operating expenses	40,969	22,738	18,231	80.2%
External service providers	40,127	22,256	17,871	80.3%
Other operating expenses	573	258	315	122.1%
Depreciation of property and equipment	99	106	(7)	(6.6%)
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	170	118	52	44.1%
Total research and development expense	52,083	29,247	22,836	78.1%

Research and development expenses were CHF 52.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2024 compared to CHF 29.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2023. The net increase of CHF 22.8 million, or 78.1%, was primarily due to an increase in external CRO expenses as a result of the completion and subsequent startup activities of multiple OCS-01 clinical trials and the execution of the Licaminlimab (OCS-02) RELIEF Phase 2b clinical trial, as well as an increase in research and development personnel costs. Included in share-based compensation for the year ended December 31, 2024 was a non-routine one time charge related to certain options that were modified to accelerate vesting upon the death of an employee for approximately CHF 1.0 million. The increase in development expenses reflects the trials ongoing during 2024, including the two OCS-01 DIAMOND Phase 3 clinical trials, OCS-01 LEOPARD investigator-initiated trial ("IIT"), Licaminlimab (OCS-02) RELIEF Phase 2b trial and Privosegtor (OCS-05) ACUITY Phase 2 clinical trial for acute optic neuritis. We anticipate that our research and development expenses will continue to increase as we advance our planned pipeline development programs.

<i>In CHF thousands</i>	For the years ended December 31,		Change	% Change
	2024	2023		
OCS-01	32,400	15,135	17,265	114.1%
Privosector (OCS-05)	4,266	3,354	912	27.2%
Licaminlimab (OCS-02)	11,931	8,793	3,138	35.7%
Other development projects	3,486	1,965	1,521	77.4%
Total	52,083	29,247	22,836	78.1%

For the year ended December 31, 2024, research and development expenses were primarily driven by our OCS-01 DME DIAMOND Phase 3 Stage 2 clinical trials, the Licaminlimab (OCS-02) Phase 2b RELIEF clinical trial and technical development, and Privosector (OCS-05) ACUITY PoC clinical trial for acute optic neuritis.

General and Administrative Expenses (excluding Merger and Listing Expense)

<i>In CHF thousands</i>	For the years ended December 31,		Change	% Change
	2024	2023		
Personnel expenses	11,476	7,029	4,447	63.3%
Payroll	6,723	5,134	1,589	31.0%
Share-based compensation	4,753	1,895	2,858	150.8%
Operating expenses	10,331	10,458	(127)	(1.2%)
External service providers	7,445	7,695	(250)	(3.2%)
Other operating expenses	2,749	2,700	49	1.8%
Depreciation of property and equipment	34	19	15	78.9%
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	103	44	59	134.1%
Total	21,807	17,487	4,320	24.7%

General and administrative expenses (excluding merger and listing expense) were CHF 21.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2024, compared to CHF 17.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2023. The increase of CHF 4.3 million, or 24.7%, was primarily due to increased personnel costs driven by share-based compensation.

Merger and listing Expense

<i>In CHF thousands</i>	For the years ended December 31,		Change	% Change
	2024	2023		
Merger and listing expense	-	34,863	(34,863)	(100.0%)

We incurred a non-recurring merger and listing expense of CHF 34.9 million in the year ended December 31, 2023 in connection with the Business Combination. The Business Combination was accounted for as a share-based payment transaction involving the transfer of shares in Oculis for the net assets of EBAC. This expense represented one-time non-cash compensation for a stock exchange listing service equal to the excess of the fair value of the shares transferred compared to the fair value of the net assets.

Finance Income and Finance Expense

<i>In CHF thousands</i>	For the years ended December 31,		Change	% Change
	2024	2023		
Finance income	2,168	1,429	739	51.7%
Finance expense	(639)	(1,315)	676	(51.4%)

Finance income was CHF 2.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2024 compared to CHF 1.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2023. The increase of CHF 0.7 million was due to an increase in interest on short-term financial assets. Finance expense was CHF 0.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2024, compared to CHF 1.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2023. 2023 activity primarily related to interest expense accrued for the preferred Series B and C through the closing of the Business Combination on March 2, 2023. The finance expense in 2024 was primarily due to amortization of transaction costs related to the Blackrock loan facility entered into in May 2024.

Fair Value Adjustment on Warrant Liabilities

<i>In CHF thousands</i>	For the years ended December 31,		Change	% Change
	2024	2023		
Fair value adjustment on warrant liabilities	(15,531)	(3,431)	(12,100)	352.7%

We incurred a fair value loss of CHF 15.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2024, and CHF 3.4 million for the period of March 2, 2023 to December 31, 2023, in each period primarily due to an increase in the market price of the BCA warrants assumed by Oculis from EBAC.

Foreign Currency Exchange (Loss) Gain

<i>In CHF thousands</i>	For the years ended December 31,		Change	% Change
	2024	2023		
Foreign currency exchange (loss) gain	1,269	(4,664)	5,933	(127.2%)

Foreign currency exchange gain was CHF 1.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2024, compared to a loss of CHF 4.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2023. For the year ended December 31, 2024, the favorable currency exchange was mainly due to the fluctuation of U.S. dollar against the Swiss Franc producing a foreign exchange gain over the year related to our U.S. dollar denominated cash balances. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the unfavorable currency exchange was mainly due to the fluctuation of U.S. dollar against the Swiss Franc generating a foreign exchange loss over the year related to our U.S. dollar denominated cash balances, as well as a loss on the revaluation of the U.S. dollar denominated Series C long-term financial debt (former preferred shares) from January to March 2023. The Series C Preferred Shares, accounted for as long-term financial debt, was fully converted to ordinary shares pursuant to the Business Combination in March 2023.

Comparison of Years Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022

For a discussion of the financial results and condition for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022, please refer to our Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2022 filed on March 28, 2023. For a comparison of years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 please refer to our Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2023 filed on March 19, 2024.

B. *Liquidity and Capital Resources*

Overview

Since our inception, we have incurred significant operating losses. We have not yet commercialized any products and we do not expect to generate revenue from sales of products for several years, if at all. Through December 31, 2024, we have funded our operations primarily with CHF 103.4 million of proceeds from the sale of our preferred stock, CHF 97.6 million of gross proceeds from the Business Combination, PIPE Financing and conversion of CLA, CHF 38.2 million of gross proceeds from the sale of our ordinary shares in the Public Offering and CHF 53.5 million of gross proceeds from the sale of our ordinary shares in the Registered Direct Offering. In February 2025, we closed an underwritten offering of 5,000,000 ordinary shares at a price of \$20.00 (CHF 18.01) per share, for total gross proceeds of \$100.0 million (CHF 90.1 million). As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, we had cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments of CHF 98.7 million and CHF 91.7 million, respectively. We had accumulated losses of CHF 285.6 million and CHF 199.8 million as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

On May 8, 2024, we entered into a sales agreement with Leerink Partners with respect to an ATM Offering Program under which we may offer and sell, from time to time at our sole discretion, ordinary shares having an aggregate offering price of up to \$100.0 million (CHF 84.4 million) through Leerink Partners as our sales agent.

On May 29, 2024, we entered into the Loan Agreement with Kreos Capital VII (UK) Limited. The Loan Agreement is structured to provide the EUR equivalent of up to CHF 50.0 million in borrowing capacity (which may be increased to up to CHF 65.0 million), comprising tranches 1, 2 and 3, in the amounts of the EUR equivalents of CHF 20.0 million, CHF 20.0 million and CHF 10.0 million, respectively, as well as an additional loan of the EUR equivalent of up to CHF 15.0 million, which may be made available to us by the Lender if mutually agreed in writing.

We expect to incur additional operating losses in the near future and our operating expenses will increase as we continue to expand our organization through in-licensing, strategic collaboration and acquisition, and invest in the development of our product candidates through additional research and development activities and clinical trials. See “*Risk Factors—Risks related to development and regulatory approval of our investigational therapies.*” We will continue to incur additional costs associated with operating as a public company, including expenses related to legal, accounting, financial reporting and regulatory matters, maintaining compliance with exchange listing and SEC requirements, director and officer insurance premiums and investor relations.

Based on our current operating plan, we believe that our existing cash, cash equivalents and short-term financial assets will be sufficient to fund our operations and capital expenses through at least the next twelve months from the date that this Annual Report is filed with the SEC. We have based our estimate on assumptions that may prove to be wrong, and we may use our available capital resources sooner than we currently expect. We may require additional capital resources due to underestimation of the nature, timing and costs of the efforts that will be necessary to complete the development of our product candidates. We may also need to raise additional funds more quickly if we choose to expand our development activities, our portfolio or if we consider acquisitions or other strategic transactions, including licensing transactions. For more information regarding these risks and factors that could influence our future capital requirements and the timing thereof, please see the section entitled “*Risk Factors*” included in Item 3.D. of the Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2024 filed with the SEC on March 11, 2025.

Future Funding Requirements

Product development is very expensive and involves a high degree of risk. Only a small number of research and development programs result in the commercialization of a product. We will not generate revenue from product sales unless and until we successfully complete clinical development and are able to obtain regulatory approval for and successfully commercialize the product candidates we are currently developing or that we may develop. We currently do not have any product candidates approved for commercial sale.

Our product candidates, currently under development or that we may develop, will require significant additional research and development efforts, including extensive clinical testing and regulatory approval prior to commercialization. These efforts require significant amounts of additional capital, adequate personnel infrastructure and extensive compliance and reporting capabilities. There can be no assurance that our research and development activities will be successfully completed, that adequate protection for our licensed or developed technology will be obtained and maintained, that products developed will obtain necessary regulatory approval or that any approved products will be commercially viable.

If we obtain regulatory approval for one or more of our product candidates, we expect to incur significant expenses related to developing our commercialization capabilities to support product sales, marketing and distribution activities, either alone or in collaboration with others. Additionally, as discussed further below, we expect to continue to incur the necessary costs associated with operating as a public company. As a result, we will need substantial additional funding to support our continuing operations and pursue our growth strategy.

Until such time, if ever, we can generate substantial product revenue, we may finance our operations through a combination of private or public equity offerings, debt financings, collaborations, strategic alliances, marketing, distribution or licensing arrangements or through other sources of financing. Adequate capital may not be available to us when needed or on acceptable terms. To the extent that we raise additional capital through the sale of private or public equity or convertible debt securities, your ownership interest will be diluted, and the terms of these securities may include liquidation or other preferences that adversely affect your rights as a holder of Ordinary Shares. Debt financing and equity financing, if available, may involve agreements that include covenants limiting or restricting our ability to take specific actions, such as incurring additional debt, making acquisitions or capital expenditures.

Debt financing would also result in fixed payment obligations. If we raise additional funds through collaborations, strategic alliances or marketing, distribution or licensing arrangements with third parties, we may have to relinquish valuable rights to our technologies, future revenue streams, research programs or product candidates, or grant licenses on terms that may not be favorable to us. If we are unable to raise additional funds through equity or debt financings or other arrangements when needed, we may be required to delay, limit, reduce or terminate our research, product development or future commercialization efforts, grant rights to develop and market product candidates that we would otherwise prefer to develop

and market ourselves, obtain funds through arrangements with collaborators on terms unfavorable to us or pursue merger or acquisition strategies, all of which could adversely affect the holdings or the rights of our shareholders. Please see the section entitled “*Risk Factors—Risks related to our business, financial condition, capital requirements, or financial operations*” for additional risks associated with our substantial capital requirements.

We expect our expenses to increase substantially in connection with our ongoing activities, particularly as we advance the preclinical activities, manufacturing and clinical development of our product candidates. In addition, we will continue to incur additional costs associated with operating as a public company, including significant legal, accounting, investor relations and other expenses. Our expenses will also increase as we:

- advance our clinical-stage product candidates, including as we progress our Phase 3 clinical trials for OCS-01 for DME, and advance our OCS-01 program for inflammation and pain following ocular surgery toward potential NDA submission;
- advance Privosegtor (OCS-05) in acute optic neuritis in next stage development;
- advance our Licaminlimab (OCS-02) program into Phase 3 and related manufacturing development activities;
- advance our preclinical stage product candidates into clinical development;
- seek to identify, acquire and develop additional product candidates, including through business development efforts to invest in or in-license other technologies or product candidates;
- hire additional clinical, quality assurance and control, medical, scientific and other technical personnel to support our development plans;
- expand and/or optimize our operational, financial and management systems and increase personnel to support our operations;
- meet the requirements and demands of being a dual-listed public company, including compliance with regulatory regimes and stock exchange rules in both the U.S. and Iceland;
- maintain, expand, protect and enforce our intellectual property portfolio;
- make milestone, royalty or other payments due under the license agreement with Novartis and the license agreement with Accure, each described in Note 9 of the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements, and any future in-license or collaboration agreements;
- seek regulatory approvals for any product candidates that successfully complete clinical trials; and
- undertake any pre-commercialization activities to establish sales, medical affairs, market access, marketing and distribution capabilities for any product candidates for which we may receive regulatory approval in regions where we choose to commercialize our products on our own or jointly with third parties.

Please see the section entitled “*Risk Factors*” included in Item 3.D. of the Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2024 filed with the SEC on March 11, 2025 for additional risks associated with our substantial capital requirements.

Material Cash Requirements for Known Contractual Obligations and Commitments

We have certain payment obligations under various license and collaboration agreements. Under these agreements, we are required to pay non-refundable, upfront license fees, predefined development and commercial milestone payments and royalties on net sales of licensed products.

License Agreement with Accure for Privosegtor (OCS-05)

Pursuant to a license agreement, dated as of January 29, 2022, by and between us and Accure (the “*Accure Agreement*”), we obtained an exclusive, worldwide, sublicensable (subject to certain conditions) and transferable (subject to certain conditions) license under certain patents, know-how and inventory of Accure for any and all uses and purposes, including to perform research, development, manufacturing and commercialization activities in any manner and for any purpose. The

licensed patents are co-owned by Accure with third parties who have reserved the right to use the licensed patents for education and research purposes pursuant to an inter-institutional agreement.

As of December 31, 2024, we had paid the full contractual non-refundable upfront fee of CHF 3.0 million and reimbursed costs in the amount of approximately CHF 0.5 million. In December 2024, we achieved two milestones under the agreement for the IND approval and positive topline data readout from the AUCITY trial and recorded a liability of CHF 1.1 million (\$1.2 million) in connection with those milestones, which was paid in 2025. As of December 31, 2024, we were further obligated to pay Accure (a) up to CHF 101.4 million (\$112.1 million at the December 31, 2024 exchange rate) in the aggregate upon the achievement of additional future development, regulatory and sales milestones; (b) tiered royalties ranging from a mid-single digit to a low mid-teen percentage on net sales of licensed products; and (c) high teens on sublicensing revenues received any time after 36 months from the agreement effective date, and a higher percentage on sublicensing revenues received prior to such date, in all cases subject to reduction for any amounts that were previously paid or are concurrently or later paid by us to Accure pursuant to our milestone payment obligations and such amounts received from a sublicensee will be deducted from amounts owned to Accure. Our royalty payment obligations are subject to certain reductions and expire on a licensed product-by-licensed product and country-by-country basis upon the later of (i) the expiration of the last valid claim of any licensed patent covering such licensed product in such country; (ii) the expiration of such licensed product's Orphan Drug status, if any, in such country; or (iii) ten (10) years following the date of first commercial sale of such licensed product in such country (the "Payment Period").

Under the Accure Agreement, we are obligated to use commercially reasonable efforts to develop and seek regulatory approval for a licensed product in major countries of the territory as defined in the Accure Agreement.

The Accure Agreement will expire on a licensed product-by-licensed product and country-by-country basis upon the expiration of the applicable Payment Period with respect to such licensed product in such country. We may terminate the Accure Agreement in whole or in part at any time upon advance written notice (a) for documented reasonable scientific, regulatory, commercial reasons related to the licensed product without incurring any penalty or liability to Accure and (b) for no reason. Each party may terminate the Accure Agreement with immediate effect upon written notice to the other party (i) in the event such other party commits a material breach of its obligations under the Accure Agreement and fails to cure that breach within a specified period of time or (ii) with certain exceptions, upon such other party's bankruptcy. Accure may terminate the Accure Agreement with immediate effect upon written notice to us if we file any action to invalidate any of the licensed patents or fail to maintain the licensed patents in major countries of the territory as defined in the Accure Agreement, or, subject to certain exceptions, if we fail to meet certain development obligations and are unable to agree upon modifications to the development plan with Accure.

License Agreement with Novartis for Licamintimab (OCS-02)

Pursuant to a license agreement, dated as of December 19, 2018, as amended, by and between us and Novartis (the "Novartis Agreement"), we obtained an exclusive, royalty-bearing, sublicensable (subject to certain conditions), assignable (subject to certain conditions), worldwide license under certain patents, know-how and manufacturing platform technology to develop, manufacture and commercialize pharmaceutical, therapeutic or diagnostic products containing a specified single chain antibody fragment formulation as an active ingredient in the licensed field as defined in the Novartis Agreement. The license granted to us by Novartis includes sublicenses of rights granted to Novartis by certain third parties, and our license to such rights is expressly subject to the applicable terms and conditions of the agreements between Novartis and such third parties.

We originally entered into the Novartis Agreement with Alcon Research, Ltd. ("Alcon"), which subsequently assigned its rights and obligations under the Novartis Agreement to Novartis in connection with its spin-off from Novartis.

We are deemed the owner of any inventions that are (a) created solely by or on behalf of us pursuant to the Novartis Agreement and (b) severable from the licensed products, and grant Novartis a first right to negotiate a worldwide, royalty-bearing license under any patents directed at such inventions for purposes outside of the licensed field. We also grant Novartis a worldwide, non-exclusive, perpetual, irrevocable, royalty-free, fully paid-up license back under any patents owned by us that (i) cover inventions arising from the Novartis Agreement, the practice of which would infringe the patents licensed to us by Novartis, or (ii) otherwise incorporate Novartis' proprietary information, in each case, for certain uses outside of the licensed field.

We paid in full the contractual non-refundable upfront payment to Alcon of CHF 4.7 million (\$4.7 million at the exchange rate at the time of payment) in cash and issued 401,709 ordinary shares (recast subsequent to the BCA) for the residual between the fair value and the upfront payment. This was accounted for as a share-based payment transaction under IFRS 2. As of December 31, 2024, we were obligated to pay Novartis up to an additional CHF 87.8 million (\$97.0 million at the December 31, 2024 exchange rate) in the aggregate upon the achievement of certain development, regulatory, sales and

other milestones and tiered royalties ranging from a mid-single digit to a low mid-teen percentage on net sales. In consideration for the exclusive sublicense from Novartis under certain third-party intellectual property rights, we are obligated to pay a low-single digit royalty on our net sales of the licensed product, however, such payments will be deducted from royalties payable to Novartis. Our royalty payment obligations are subject to certain reductions and expire with respect to any licensed product on a country-by-country basis upon the later of (a) the expiration of the last to expire valid claim of any licensed patent covering any such licensed product in such country; (b) the expiration of the period of data exclusivity in any country worldwide; or (c) twelve (12) years after first commercial sale of such licensed product in such country (“*Royalty Term*”).

Under the Novartis Agreement, we are obligated to use diligent efforts to develop, manufacture or have manufactured, and commercialize the licensed products in the licensed field worldwide. The Novartis Agreement will expire upon the last-to-expire Royalty Term. We may terminate the Novartis Agreement without cause at any time upon advance written notice to Novartis. Upon written notice to Novartis, we may terminate the Novartis Agreement for cause due to the following events: (a) an insolvency event occurs; (b) Novartis materially breaches its obligations under the Novartis Agreement and fails to cure such breach within a specified period of time; or (c) upon advance written notice for material scientific, technical or medical reasons or in case of a material adverse change that renders further continuation of the Novartis Agreement by us commercially unreasonable or otherwise not viable. Upon written notice to us, Novartis may terminate the Novartis Agreement for cause due to the following events: (i) we fail to pay any undisputed amount due under the Novartis Agreement and we fail to remedy such failure within a specified period of time; (ii) an insolvency event occurs; or (iii) we materially breach our obligations under the Novartis Agreement and fail to cure such breach within a specified period of time; or (iv) following negative clinical trial results, we terminate development of the licensed product and do not pursue any further indications in the licensed field.

Other Commitments

The majority of our near term cash needs relate to our clinical and Chemistry, Manufacturing and Controls (“*CMC*”) projects. We have conducted research and development programs through collaborative programs that include, among others, arrangements with universities, CROs and clinical research sites. As of December 31, 2024, commitments for external research and development projects totaled CHF 32.2 million, with CHF 21.9 million due within one year and CHF 10.2 million due between one and five years.

In addition, we enter into agreements in the normal course of business with CROs for clinical trials and with vendors for preclinical studies, manufacturing services, and other services and products for operating purposes, which are generally cancelable upon written notice.

We have entered into three real estate lease agreements for lab and office facilities. At December 31, 2024, these lease agreements have aggregate lease liabilities of CHF 0.3 million due within one year and CHF 0.9 million due in more than one year.

Refer to Notes 10 and 18 to our audited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this Annual Report for further details on our obligations and timing of expected future payments.

Cash Flows

The following table summarizes our sources and uses of cash and cash equivalents for each of the periods presented:

<i>In CHF thousands</i>	For the years ended December 31,		Change	% Change
	2024	2023		
Net cash outflow from operating activities	(47,499)	(53,845)	6,346	(11.8%)
Net cash outflow from investing activities	(17,557)	(54,211)	36,654	(67.6%)
Net cash inflow from financing activities	54,030	129,672	(75,642)	(58.3%)
(Decrease)/Increase in cash and cash equivalents	(11,026)	21,616	(32,642)	(151.0%)

Operating Activities

Net cash outflows from operating activities decreased to CHF 47.5 million in 2024, compared to CHF 53.8 million in 2023, primarily due to higher non-cash adjustments and favorable working capital changes.

In 2024, the company had a positive net financial result of CHF 2.7 million compared to a negative net financial result of CHF 3.4 million in 2023, primarily due to adverse foreign exchange impacts in the prior year. Additionally, in 2023 we incurred CHF 1.3 million of interest expense on Series B and C preferred shares, which were converted into common shares in March 2023. Share-based compensation increased to CHF 9.8 million in 2024 compared to CHF 3.6 million in 2023, and the fair value adjustment on warrant liabilities rose to CHF 15.5 million in 2024 compared to CHF 3.4 million in 2023, both representing increased non-cash adjustments to pretax loss. Further contributing to the change was the absence of the one-time CHF 34.9 million merger and listing expense recorded in 2023 associated with the BCA.

Working capital changes also contributed to a decrease in operating cash outflows, with accrued expenses increasing by CHF 11.1 million in 2024, compared to a decrease of CHF 11.5 million in 2023 driven by the timing of payments related to clinical development contracts, among others. Additionally, other current assets decreased by CHF 5.0 million in 2024 compared to an increase of CHF 5.5 million in 2023 reflecting a reduction in prepaid clinical expense as most of our studies are now in process.

Investing Activities

For the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, investing activities used CHF 17.6 million and CHF 54.2 million, respectively. The decrease was driven by cash used for purchases of short term financial assets, which was CHF 17.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2024, compared to CHF 54.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Financing Activities

For the year ended December 31, 2024, net cash provided by financing activities was CHF 54.0 million, which primarily consisted of proceeds received from the issuance and sale of shares in the Registered Direct Offering.

For the year ended December 31, 2023, net cash provided by financing activities was CHF 129.7 million, which relates primarily to the closing of the Business Combination, the PIPE Financing and the conversion of the CLAs in March 2023 and the Public Offering in the second quarter of 2023.

For a discussion of our cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2022, see “*Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects—B. Liquidity and Capital Resources*” in our Annual Report on Form 20-F filed with the SEC on March 19, 2024.

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

Full details of our research and development activities and expenditures are given in the section titled “*1. Information on the Company—Business Overview*” of the Section “*Business Update*” of this Annual Report and in the section titled “*Operating and Financial Review and Prospects*” of this Section “*Financial Review*”.

D. *Trend Information*

Other than as described elsewhere in this Annual Report, we are not aware of any trends, uncertainties, demands, commitments or events that are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on our revenue, income from continuing operations, profitability, liquidity or capital resources, or that would cause our reported financial information not necessarily to be indicative of future operating results or financial condition.

E. *Critical Accounting Estimates*

We prepared our consolidated financial statements in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards as issued by the IASB. Refer to Note 3 and 4 to our audited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this Annual Report for further details on the most significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of our consolidated financial statements and our critical accounting estimates and judgments.



Corporate Governance

1. Directors, Senior Management and Employees

A. Directors and senior management

The following table sets forth the current executive committee members and directors of Oculis as of the filing date. Unless otherwise noted, the business address of each of our directors and executive committee members is Bahnhofstrasse 20, 6300 Zug, Switzerland.

Name	Age	Title
Non-Employee Directors		
Anthony Rosenberg	72	Chairman of the Board of Directors
Christina Ackermann	60	Director
Lionel Carnot	57	Director
Arshad M. Khanani	46	Director
Martijn Kleijwegt	70	Director
Geraldine O'Keeffe	59	Director
Robert K. Warner	58	Director
Executive Committee		
Riad Sherif, M.D.	57	Chief Executive Officer and Director
Sylvia Cheung	50	Chief Financial Officer
Páll Ragnar Jóhannesson	44	Chief Business Officer

Non-Employee Directors

Anthony Rosenberg, 72, has served as Chairman of the board of directors of Oculis since April 2018. Since April 2015, Mr. Rosenberg has served as the Chief Executive Officer of TR Advisory Services GmbH. Additionally, from April 2015 to April 2020, Mr. Rosenberg served as a Managing Director of MPM Capital. Prior to that, from 2005 to 2012, Mr. Rosenberg held a series of business development and licensing positions of increasing seniority at Novartis, and most recently, from 2012 to 2015, Mr. Rosenberg served as the Corporate Head of M&A and Licensing at Novartis International AG. Mr. Rosenberg currently serves on the boards of directors of Argenx BV, Cullinan Therapeutics Inc. (previously Cullinan Oncology) and Nuclidium AG. Mr. Rosenberg previously served on the boards of directors of SiO2 Materials Science, TriNetX and Radius Health, Inc. Mr. Rosenberg holds a B.Sc. (Hons) from the University of Leicester and a M.Sc. in Physiology from the University of London.

Christina Ackermann, 60, has served as a member of the board of directors of Oculis since March 2023. Ms. Ackermann serves as a member of the board of directors of Verona Pharma since September 2023, and sits on the Commercial Committee and Audit Committee for Verona Pharma. She also serves as the Chair of the board of directors of Virometix, and sits on the Audit Committee and Chairs the Remuneration Committee at Virometix. From January 2022 to May 2023, Ms. Ackermann served as Executive Vice President, General Counsel & President of Ophthalmic Pharmaceuticals at Bausch + Lomb. Ms. Ackermann joined Bausch Health as Executive Vice President, General Counsel, in August 2016. Prior to Bausch Health, Ms. Ackermann was part of the Novartis group of companies for 14 years, most recently serving as Senior Vice President, General Counsel for Alcon, where she was responsible for the legal, intellectual property and compliance functions, in addition to Trade Compliance Function, Enterprise Risk Management and Diversity & Inclusion. Previously, she served as Global Head, Legal and General Counsel at Sandoz, the generics division of Novartis, from 2007 to 2012. She joined Novartis Pharma in 2002 as Head, Legal Technical Operations and Ophthalmics, and assumed the role of Head Legal General Medicine in July 2005. Before Novartis, Ms. Ackermann served in Associate General Counsel roles with Bristol Myers Squibb and DuPont Pharmaceuticals, as well as in private practice, where she focused on securities, and mergers & acquisitions. From August 2021 to March 2023, Ms. Ackermann served on the board of directors of Graybug Vision, where she was Chair of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and a member of the Compensation Committee. Between March 2022 and January 2024, Ms. Ackermann served on the American Glaucoma Society Foundation Advisory Board. Ms. Ackermann holds an LL.B in law from Queen's University in Ontario, Canada and a post graduate degree in EU competition law from King's College in London, England.

Lionel Carnot, 57, has served as a member of the board of directors of Oculis since December 2017. Since March 2012, Mr. Carnot has served as Partner of Earlybird Venture Capital. Additionally, from 2005, Mr. Carnot served as a Managing Director of Bay City Capital LLC until 2020. Prior to that, from 2000 to 2005, Mr. Carnot served as an Associate of The Pritzker Organization, LLC. Before that, from 1999 to 2000, Mr. Carnot served as a Principal of Oracle Partners. Prior to that, from 1997 to 1998, Mr. Carnot served as a Senior Associate of Booz Allen and Hamilton. Before that, from 1995 to 1997, Mr. Carnot served as a Product Manager of Eli Lilly & Co. Prior to that, from 1991 to 1994, Mr. Carnot served as a

Senior Consultant of Accenture. Before that, from 1989 to 1991, Mr. Carnot served as a sales and marketing professional at Rhone-Poulenc. Mr. Carnot currently serves on the board of directors of iSTAR Medical and Priothera. Mr. Carnot previously served on the board of directors of Atlantic Therapeutics, Merus, Interleukin Genetics, Madrigal Pharmaceuticals Inc., Nabsys, Bioseek, Pathway Diagnostics, Reliant Pharmaceuticals and IQONE Healthcare. Mr. Carnot holds an MBA with Distinction from INSEAD and a M.Sc. in Molecular Biology from the University of Geneva.

Arshad M. Khanani, M.D., 46, has served as a member of the board of directors of Oculis since May 2024. Dr. Khanani founded the clinical research section at Sierra Eye Associates, and currently serves as its Managing Partner, Director of Clinical Research, and Director of Fellowship. He has been a principal investigator for more than 120 clinical trials and a top enroller in the United States for multiple Phase 1-3 trials. He is also a Clinical Professor at the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine and is an elected member of the Retina Society, Macula Society. Dr. Khanani completed his Fellowship in Vitreo-Retinal Diseases and Surgery at the UT Southwestern Medical Center, his Chief Resident in Ophthalmology and his Ophthalmology Residency Program at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, where he also received his Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) degree. Dr. Khanani completed an Internship in Internal Medicine at Baylor College and received a Master and Bachelor of Arts (M.A. and B.A.) in Chemistry from Washington University in St. Louis.

Martijn Kleijwegt, 70, has served as a member of the board of directors of Oculis since March 2023. Previously, he served as a member and the Chairman of the EBAC Board from EBAC's inception in January 2021 to March 2023. Mr. Kleijwegt founded LSP in 1998 and is currently a partner at EQT Life Sciences (f/k/a Life Science Partners). Mr. Kleijwegt has over 30 years of hands-on finance and investment experience. Mr. Kleijwegt currently serves on the boards of Vico Therapeutics International BV, AM-Pharma Holding BV, Vicentra BV, Avidicure Holding BV, Pantera NV and LSP Advisory BV. Mr. Kleijwegt previously served on the board of directors of OxThera AB. Mr. Kleijwegt has a master's degree in Economics from Amsterdam University.

Geraldine O'Keeffe, 59, has served as a member of the board of directors of Oculis since March 2023. Ms. O'Keeffe joined LSP in 2008. She became a Partner of the firm in 2010. Ms. O'Keeffe also serves as a member of the board of directors of T-Knife Therapeutics and is a member of the company's Audit Committee. Ms. O'Keeffe's prime focus and responsibility within LSP is to invest in listed securities. Prior to joining LSP, she held the position of Senior Healthcare Analyst at Fortis Investment Banking. In that position, she researched a wide range of innovative life sciences companies, both in Europe and the US. Before joining the financial community, she worked within the life sciences industry for a number of years, gaining first-hand product development experience in a commercial setting. Prior to working in the industry, she lectured in Biomedical Sciences for several years at the Dublin Institute of Technology. Ms. O'Keeffe has a Bachelor's degree in Biochemistry and Microbiology from University College Cork and a Master's degree in Biotechnology from University College Galway. She also conducted post-graduate research, inter alia at the prestigious Max Planck Institute for Biophysical Chemistry in Göttingen, Germany. In addition, Ms. O'Keeffe is also a graduate of The Dublin School of Business.

Robert K. Warner, 58, has served as a member of the board of directors of Oculis since May 2024. Mr. Warner serves on the board of two other public companies, INARI Medical Inc., where he also serves as a member of the audit committee, and RXSight, Inc., where he also serves as chair of the nominating and corporate governance committees and as a member of the compensation committee. In addition, Mr. Warner serves on the board of two private medical device companies, i-Lumen Scientific, where he is also a member of the compensation committee, and EyeYon Medical, where he also serves as Chairman of the board. Mr. Warner served as President and General Manager of Alcon Vision Care Franchise Alcon Laboratories from August 2015 until February 2018. Prior to that, Mr. Warner served as President, U.S. and Canada, for Alcon from January 2012 to July 2015 and as President, Canada and Latin America, for Alcon from November 2010 to January 2012. From January 2005 to October 2010, Mr. Warner served in increasing positions of responsibility for Alcon. Mr. Warner was a member of the Alcon Executive Leadership Team for over 10 years and led the Alcon transition from Nestle to Novartis majority ownership. Mr. Warner holds a B.S. in Chemistry from Pace University and an MBA from Rutgers University.

Executive Committee Members

Riad Sherif, M.D., 57, has served as the Chief Executive Officer and member of the board of directors of Oculis since December 2017. Previously, from June 2016 to September 2017, Dr. Sherif served as Entrepreneur in Residence at the Novartis Venture Fund. Before that, Dr. Sherif served as the President of Europe, Middle East and Africa of Alcon, Inc. from March 2014 to May 2016. Prior to that, from January 2002 to April 2014, Dr. Sherif held roles of increasing responsibility at Novartis AG, including as the Global Sales Head in the Transplant and Infectious Disease unit, as the Head for Latin America in transplant and infectious disease, as the President of the Novartis Vaccines and Diagnostics Division for Latin America and where he co-founded Synergium a leading biotech company, and most recently as the President of Novartis Pharmaceuticals, Canada and Novartis Country President. Prior to Novartis, Dr. Sherif worked for

several pharmaceutical companies, holding positions of increasing seniority, mainly in marketing and general management with international scope. Dr. Sherif currently serves as a member of the board of directors of Revenio Group Oyi. Dr. Sherif previously served as the Vice Chairman for the Innovative Medicine Canada Association, as the Chairman of In-Vivo Montreal, and as the Chairman of the Board Ophthalmic Surgery and Vision Care of Eucomed. Dr. Sherif is a Medical Doctor by training, and holds an MBA from IMD Business School and a Specialized Master's Degree in Medical Management from ESCP.

Sylvia Cheung, 50, has served as the Chief Financial Officer of Oculis since September 2020. Prior to that, from October 2005 to August 2020, Ms. Cheung held executive positions at Anika Therapeutics, Inc., a publicly-traded joint preservation company. Most recently, from April 2013 to August 2020, Ms. Cheung served as the Chief Financial Officer of Anika Therapeutics, Inc. Previously, from 2000 to 2005, Ms. Cheung held a series of financial management positions of increasing responsibility at Transkaryotic Therapies, Inc., which was acquired by Shire Pharmaceuticals in 2005. Before that, from 1995 to 2000, Ms. Cheung served as a Senior Associate at PricewaterhouseCoopers. Ms. Cheung holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Accounting from the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, an MBA from Boston University, and was certified as Certified Public Accountant in Massachusetts.

Páll Ragnar Jóhannesson, 44, has served as the Chief Business Officer of Oculis since January 2024. Previously, from September 2020 to January 2024, Mr. Jóhannesson served as the Chief Strategy Officer of Oculis, and from January 2018 to September 2020, Mr. Jóhannesson served as the Chief Financial Officer of Oculis. Additionally, Mr. Jóhannesson has served as the Managing Director of Oculis Iceland ehf. since May 2015. Prior to that, from February 2012 to April 2015, Mr. Jóhannesson held a series of corporate finance positions of increasing responsibility at Straumur Investment Bank, and most recently, from September 2013 to April 2015, Mr. Jóhannesson served as the Managing Director, Corporate Finance. Before that, from January 2009 to November 2011, Mr. Jóhannesson served as a Director, Corporate Finance at Íslandsbanki and its predecessor Glitnir Bank. Mr. Jóhannesson currently serves as a director of TækniSetur ehf. Mr. Jóhannesson holds a B.Sc. in Industrial Engineering from the University of Iceland, an M.Phil in Management Science from the University of Cambridge, and was certified as securities broker in Iceland.

Family Relationships

There are no family relationships among any of our executive committee members or directors.

Corporate Governance

We structured our corporate governance in a manner we believe closely aligns our interests with those of our shareholders. Notable features of this corporate governance include:

- We have seven independent directors and our audit, remuneration, and nomination and governance committees are composed entirely of independent directors. Our independent directors meet regularly without the presence of our corporate officers or non-independent directors;
- At least one of our independent directors qualifies as an “audit committee financial expert” as defined by the SEC; and
- We have implemented a range of other corporate governance practices.

B. Compensation

Compensation of Members of the Executive Committee

Historically, our executive compensation program has reflected our innovative growth and development-oriented corporate culture. To date, the compensation of our Chief Executive Officer and our other executive committee members has consisted of a combination of base salary, bonus and long-term equity incentive compensation in the form of restricted stock units (“RSUs”) and/or stock options. Our executive committee members who are full-time employees, like all other full-time employees, are participants in applicable retirement plans in the jurisdiction in which they reside. We evaluate our compensation values and philosophy and compensation plans and arrangements as circumstances merit. We review executive committee compensation periodically with input from a third-party compensation consultant. As part of this review process, the board of directors and the remuneration committee apply our values and philosophy, while considering the compensation levels needed to ensure our executive compensation program remains competitive with our peers. In connection with our executive compensation program, we also review whether we are meeting our retention objectives and the potential cost of replacing a key employee.

We use base salaries to recognize the experience, skills, knowledge and responsibilities required of all our executive committee members. Base salaries are reviewed annually by the remuneration committee, typically in connection with our annual performance review process, and adjusted from time to time to align salaries with market levels after taking into account individual responsibilities, performance and experience, as well as the results of external benchmarking. In addition, our executive committee members are entitled to annual cash bonuses for their performance over the fiscal year, based on goals established by our board of directors. Furthermore, we have a formal process with respect to the grant of equity incentive awards to our employees, including members of our executive committee. We believe that equity incentive awards provide our employees with a strong link to our long-term performance, create an ownership culture and help to align the interests of our employees, including our executive committee members, and our stockholders. In addition, we believe that equity incentive awards with time-based vesting features promote employee retention because this feature incentivizes our employees, including our executive committee members, to remain in our employment during the vesting period.

Pursuant to Swiss law, we are required to submit the aggregate amount of compensation of our executive officers to a binding say-on-pay vote by our shareholders.

Adoption of Clawback Policy

In October 2023, in accordance with Rule 10D-1 promulgated under the Exchange Act and Nasdaq Listing Rule 5608, we adopted an Incentive Compensation Recoupment Policy which is incorporated by reference herewith at Exhibit 97.1.

Compensation of Directors

Our board of directors adopted a board of directors' compensation policy that is designed to enable us to attract and retain, on a long-term basis, highly qualified non-employee directors. As of December 31, 2024, we pay each eligible director who is not an employee of the Company annual cash retainers, as set forth below. Lionel Carnot, Martijn Kleijwegt and Geraldine O'Keeffe did not receive any compensation for their services on the Board of Directors during the year ended December 31, 2024 due to policy requirements of their employers which are investors in the Company.

	Annual Cash Retainer
Board of Directors Chair	\$ 88,988
Board of Directors Member	\$ 47,460
Audit Committee Chair	\$ 23,730
Audit Committee Member	\$ 11,865
Remuneration Committee Chair	\$ 14,238
Remuneration Committee Member	\$ 7,119
Nomination and Governance Committee Chair	\$ 10,679
Nomination and Governance Committee Member	\$ 5,339

In addition, each eligible director elected or appointed to our board of directors is eligible to participate in the Stock Option and Incentive Plan Regulation 2023 of the Company (the "2023 Plan"), subject to its terms and conditions as approved and amended by our board of directors from time to time. Upon joining Oculis, we issue to eligible directors a one-time equity incentive award in the form of stock option or similar awards under the 2023 Plan or other equity incentive plans then in effect, at an estimated equity value of \$270,000. The exact number of options to be granted and the vesting schedule shall be determined by the Board in the grant notice in its free discretion and only such grant notice shall have legal effect. We will also issue to eligible directors an annual equity incentive award in the form of stock option or similar awards under the 2023 Plan or other equity incentive plans then in effect, at an estimated equity value of \$135,000, generally granted on the date of our annual general meeting.

The eligible directors are not eligible to any benefits other than those set out in the directors compensation policy, unless our board of directors decides otherwise. We reimburse all reasonable expenses in accordance with the terms and conditions of our travel and expense policy then in effect.

Pursuant to Swiss law, we are required to submit the aggregate amount of compensation of our board of directors to a binding say-on-pay vote by our shareholders.

Compensation of Directors and Executive Committee Members

For the year ended December 31, 2024, the aggregate compensation earned by the members of our board of directors and our executive committee members for services in all capacities was CHF 9.2 million.

For the year ended December 31, 2024, fees, salaries and other short-term employee benefits earned by the members of our board of directors and our executive committee members was CHF 2.3 million.

The amount contributed by us to provide post-employment benefits to executive committee members amounted to a total of CHF 0.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2024.

During the year ended December 31, 2024, 1,556,699 options to purchase ordinary shares and 275,126 RSUs were granted to members of our board of directors and members of our executive committee for a total fair value of CHF 6.7 million.

See Note 13 to our audited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this Annual Report for further details regarding the share options, SARs and RSUs, including the exercise price and the expiration date.

Risk Oversight

The board of directors is responsible for overseeing our risk management process. The board of directors focuses on our general risk management strategy, the most significant risks, and oversees the implementation of risk mitigation strategies by management, including oversight of cybersecurity risk assessment and risk management. The audit committee is also responsible for discussing our policies with respect to risk assessment and risk management. The board of directors believes its administration of its risk oversight function has not negatively affected the board of directors' leadership structure.

Code of Business Conduct and Ethics

Our board of directors adopted a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics applicable to the directors, executive committee members and employees that complies with the rules and regulations of United States Nasdaq Global Market and the SEC. The Code of Business Conduct and Ethics is available on our website. In addition, we posted on the Corporate Governance section of our website all disclosures that are required by law or United States Nasdaq Global Market listing standards concerning any amendments to, or waivers from, any provision of the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics. The reference to our website address in this Annual Report does not include or incorporate by reference the information on our website into this Annual Report.

Stock Option and Incentive Plan Regulation 2023

The Stock Option and Incentive Plan Regulation 2023 (the "2023 Plan") was approved by our board of directors on March 2, 2023 and amended in May 2024, and provides for the grant of options, restricted stock awards, restricted stock units and stock appreciation rights.

The purpose of the 2023 Plan is to attract and retain highly qualified personnel and to provide key employees, directors and consultants with additional incentive to increase their efforts on behalf of and in the best interest of us and our subsidiaries by giving them the opportunity to acquire a proprietary interest in us. The terms of the 2023 Plan are described in more detail below.

The 2023 Plan shall be administered by a plan administrator (one or several persons) elected by our board of directors from time to time. The plan administrator acts within the guidelines set and approved by our board of directors or a committee thereof and is authorized to, among others, determine (i) which eligible persons are to receive awards under the 2023 Plan, (ii) the time or times when such award grants are to be made, (iii) the nature of the shares and the number of awards covered by each such grant, (iv) the time or times at which each option or stock appreciation right is to become exercisable, (v) the vesting conditions applicable to the awards, (vi) the maximum term for which the options or rights are to remain outstanding, and (vii) any terms and conditions of any restricted stock award, in each case, subject to the guidelines set and approved by our board of directors or a committee thereof. Persons eligible to participate in our 2023 Plan are employees, members of the board of directors and consultants of Oculis or a subsidiary.

The 2023 Plan provides for up to 9,566,302 registered shares to be reserved and available for grant or issuance. In the event registered shares that otherwise would have been issuable under the 2023 Plan are withheld by us in payment of the exercise price or withholding obligations, such shares shall remain available for issuance under the 2023 Plan. In the event that an outstanding award expires or is cancelled, forfeited or terminated for any reason, the shares allocable to the unexercised or unsettled portion shall remain available for issuance under the 2023 Plan.

A participant may only exercise an option or stock appreciation right to the extent that the option or stock appreciation right has vested and has not lapsed under the 2023 Plan. Unless otherwise determined by our board of directors at the grant date or set forth in the grant notice, an option or an award in the form of a restricted stock unit or stock appreciation right granted under the 2023 Plan typically vests as to 25.0% of the award at the end of the first year following the vesting start date, with the remaining 75.0% of the award vesting either monthly or quarterly over the 3 years after the first year

following the vesting start date, depending on award type. Any restricted stock may not be transferred or pledged. Such restriction expires with vesting or with the expiration of any repurchase right for the restricted stock. The 2023 Plan provides provisions that govern the exercise of any awards held by the participant at the time the legal relationship forming the basis of the service is coming to an end. Generally, any award not vested shall immediately lapse at the time a notice of termination has been received (regardless of which party gives notice) or at the end of the term in case of a board member. If indicated in the grant notice or otherwise resolved by the board of directors, upon the occurrence of a “Corporate Transaction” (as defined in the 2023 Plan), all options and awards in the form of restricted stock units or stock appreciation rights (i) shall fully vest and (ii) in the case of options and stock appreciation rights must be immediately exercised, except if such options or stock appreciation rights are repurchased by Oculis or a third party designated by Oculis for a cash consideration equivalent to the economic value applicable to such option or stock appreciation right under the 2023 Plan.

Our board of directors has complete and exclusive power and authority to amend or modify the 2023 Plan in any or all respects. Such amendment or modification shall be communicated in appropriate form as an amendment of the 2023 Plan. Unless such change is required to comply with applicable law, listing requirements, accounting rules or tax requirements, no such amendment or modification shall, without the consent of the concerned participant, adversely affect materially his/her rights and obligations under the 2023 Plan.

C. Board Practices

Composition of Our Board of Directors

Our board of directors is currently composed of eight members. In accordance with our articles of association, the board of directors is not divided into classes of directors. The directors were appointed until the end of the general meeting of shareholders called to approve our annual accounts for the 2024 financial year.

Seven of eight directors are independent as defined in United States Nasdaq Global Market listing standards and applicable SEC rules and our board of directors has an independent audit committee, a nomination and governance committee, and a remuneration committee.

Committees of our Board of Directors

Our board of directors has three standing committees: an audit committee, a remuneration committee, and a nomination and governance committee. The board has adopted written charters that are available to shareholders on our website at <https://investors.oculis.com/corporate-governance>. The reference to our website address in this Annual Report does not include or incorporate by reference the information on our website into this Annual Report.

Audit Committee

The audit committee consists of Lionel Carnot, Geraldine O’Keeffe and Christina Ackermann. The audit committee assists the board of directors in overseeing our accounting and financial reporting processes and the audits of our financial statements. Mr. Carnot serves as chairperson of the audit committee. In addition, the audit committee is responsible for the appointment, compensation, retention and oversight of the work of our independent registered public accounting firm. Our board of directors has determined that Mr. Carnot, Ms. O’Keeffe and Ms. Ackermann satisfy the “independence” requirements set forth in Rule 10A-3 under the Exchange Act and Mr. Carnot qualifies as an “audit committee financial expert,” as such term is defined in the rules of the SEC.

Each of the members of our audit committee qualify as independent directors according to the rules and regulations of the SEC and United States Nasdaq Global Market with respect to audit committee membership. In addition, all of the audit committee members meet the requirements for financial literacy under applicable SEC and Nasdaq Global Market rules and at least one of the audit committee members qualifies as an “audit committee financial expert,” as such term is defined in Item 407(d) of Regulation S-K. The audit committee is governed by a charter that complies with applicable Nasdaq rules, which charter is posted on our website. We have adopted an audit committee charter, which details the principal functions of the audit committee, including:

- review and discuss with management the annual and quarterly financial statements and reports, including earnings press releases and financial information and earnings guidance given to analysts and rating agencies;
- propose to the board to approve the quarterly and annual reports;

- inform the board on its assessment of the financial statements and decide whether to recommend the statutory and consolidated financial statements to the board for approval and presentation to the meeting of shareholders;
- review in cooperation with the auditor and the management whether the accounting principles applied by the company and any of its subsidiaries are appropriate;
- review and assess the qualifications, independence, performance, and effectiveness of the auditor and recommend to the board the nomination of the auditor;
- review the scope of the prospective audit by the auditor, the estimated fees and any other matters pertaining to such audit as the committee may deem appropriate;
- approve any proposal of audit and non-audit services to be provided by the auditor to the company to ensure auditor independence;
- review and assess the auditor's report, management letters and take notice of all comments of the auditor on accounting procedures and systems of internal control;
- review with the auditors and management the auditor's reports to the committee/board on critical accounting policies and practices used (and any changes thereto), on alternative treatments of financial information discussed with management and on other material written communication between the auditor and management;
- review with the auditor any audit problems or difficulties and management's response, including any restrictions on the scope of the auditor's activities or on access to requested information, and any significant disagreements with management;
- at least annually monitor, review and discuss with the auditor and with management the adequacy and effectiveness of the company's policies and procedures regarding internal controls over financial reporting and risk assessment and the company's compliance therewith;
- monitor compliance with respect to our code of business conduct and ethics, as may be amended from time to time;
- have oversight responsibility with respect to the Company's cybersecurity and information security compliance activities in accordance with internal policies and applicable external regulations;
- periodically review the company's policies and procedures for risk management and assess the effectiveness thereof;
- periodically review the company's policies and procedures designed to ensure compliance with laws, regulations and internal rules and policies;
- establishing procedures for the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints received by the company regarding accounting, internal control or auditing matters, as well as the confidential, anonymous submission by officers, employees or directors of the company of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters;
- monitor compliance with respect to our Related Person Transactions Policy, as may be amended from time to time, and review, approve and/or ratify proposed transactions that have been identified as related person transactions thereunder; and
- discuss with management and, if appropriate, the company's external advisors any legal matters (including the status of pending or threatened litigation) that may have a material impact on the company's financial statements and any material reports or inquiries from regulatory or governmental agencies which could materially impact the company's contingent liabilities and risks.

Remuneration Committee

The remuneration committee consists of Christina Ackermann, Robert K. Warner and Lionel Carnot. The remuneration committee assists the board of directors in determining compensation for members of our executive committee and other key leaders of the Company, and our directors. Ms. Ackermann serves as chairperson of the remuneration committee.

We are subject to the Swiss provisions regarding compensations for listed companies under the Swiss Code of Obligations, which require Swiss corporations listed on a stock exchange to establish a remuneration committee. In accordance with the Swiss Code of Obligations, the members of our remuneration committee must be elected during our general meeting of shareholders and the aggregate amount of compensation of each of our directors and our executive committee members must also be approved during a general meeting of shareholders. On May 29, 2024 a general meeting was held during which the shareholders approved the compensation packages for the Board and the executive committee until the next general meeting of shareholders to be held in 2025. At the same meeting, shareholders reelected Ms. Ackermann as the chair of the remuneration committee until the next annual general meeting of shareholders.

Each of the members of our remuneration committee qualifies as an independent director according to the rules and regulations of the SEC and Nasdaq with respect to remuneration committee membership, including the heightened independence standards for members of a remuneration committee. The remuneration committee is governed by a charter that is posted on our website. We have adopted a remuneration committee charter, which details the principal functions of the remuneration committee, including:

- prepare and recommend to the board for approval (i) a compensation policy for the board, (ii) a compensation policy for the executive committee, and (iii) a compensation policy for other key leaders of the Company; and thereafter, annually review such policy or policies and recommend changes, if any, for approval by the board;
- periodically review the company's compensation policies for its employees who are not members of the executive committee;
- review and recommend to the board for approval any compensation and other payments to present and former non-employee directors of the company to the extent not already provided for in the compensation policy for the board;
- propose to the board the resolution to be submitted to the general meeting for the maximum total compensation of the board and executive committee;
- evaluate annually the performance the CEO (as defined in the organizational rules) and submit such evaluation for review and discussion by the board, in each case in executive session without the presence of the CEO;
- review and recommend for approval by the board the annual base salary, incentive compensation and equity compensation of the CEO and, in consultation with the CEO, of the other members of the executive committee, and the overall compensation of the CEO and executive committee;
- review and approve any employment contracts, severance contracts, or other agreements that the company proposes to enter into with any present, future or former members of the executive committee or other key leaders of the Company;
- establish an incentive compensation plan providing for variable compensation of the members of the executive committee and other key leaders of the Company based on the achievement of the company's corporate goals and the individuals' performance, and approve any changes to such plan as may be proposed by the CEO from time to time;
- approve any incentive compensation plans providing for variable compensation of employees of the company (excluding any member of the executive committee) and any changes thereto, as may be proposed by the CEO from time to time;
- develop and periodically review equity compensation plans, and submit such plans and any changes to such plans to the board for approval;

- review and approve any perquisite benefits plans proposed by the CEO for the members of the executive committee or other key leaders of the Company;
- review the annual corporate goals proposed by the CEO, and recommend such goals as approved by the committee for approval by the board;
- determine the level of achievement of the corporate goals as approved by the board upon completion of each calendar year, and apply such achievement level to the determination of the variable compensation of the members of the executive committee and other key leaders of the Company in accordance with the applicable incentive compensation plan;
- evaluate its own performance on a periodic basis as part of the board performance assessment process;
- supervise the preparation of the annual compensation report and submit it to the board for approval; and
- review the remuneration committee charter annually and submit any recommended changes to the board for approval.

Nomination and Governance Committee

The nomination and governance committee consists of Robert K. Warner, Geraldine O’Keeffe and Martijn Kleijwegt. The nomination and governance committee assists our board of directors in identifying individuals qualified to become our directors consistent with criteria established by us and in developing our code of business conduct and ethics. Mr. Warner serves as chairperson of the nomination and governance committee. The nomination and governance committee is governed by a charter that is posted on our website. We have adopted a nomination and governance committee charter, which details the principal functions of the nomination and governance committee, including:

- establish and periodically review the qualification criteria for board candidates;
- conduct the search for board candidates based on the qualification criteria established by the committee and any other criteria that the committee may consider appropriate, and recommend suitable candidates to the board to be nominated for election by the shareholders;
- periodically review the policies and principles for corporate governance of the company, including the organizational rules, and recommend changes, if any, to the board for approval;
- make recommendations to the board on board and committee compositions, including the board and committee chairperson and the size of the board and the committees, taking into account the independence standards established by applicable laws, the company’s articles of association, the organizational rules, the committee policies and corporate governance principles;
- conduct the search for candidates for the position of CEO of the company, and recommend suitable candidates for evaluation and appointment by the board;
- conduct the search for candidates for executive committee positions and recommend suitable candidates for evaluation and appointment by the board;
- identify candidates for the election to the board on its own as well as by considering recommendations from shareholders, other members of the board, officers and employees of the company, and other sources that the committee deems appropriate;
- establish a process for and conduct an annual review of the performance of the board, its committees, and individual board members in their role as members of the board or a committee of the board; and consider the results of the annual performance review when determining whether or not to recommend the nomination of a director for an additional term on the board or a committee, and for developing proposals for improving corporate governance policies and effectiveness of the board and its committees;
- prepare and review, at least annually, a succession plan for the directors of the board, the CEO, and the members of the executive committee; and

- review the corporate governance report of the company for inclusion in the annual report for the approval of the board and approve any other written public disclosures on corporate governance matters including, but not limited to, environmental, social and governance-related matters.

D. Employees

As of December 31, 2024, we had 49 employees. Our headcount for R&D was 23, and our headcount for G&A was 26. Our employees include 21 executive leadership, administrative, and development personnel based in Switzerland; 11 executive leadership, administrative, and research personnel based in Iceland; 14 executive leadership, administrative, and development personnel based in the United States; and 3 research and development personnel based in France and UK. Pursuant to local laws, our employees in Iceland and France are represented by a labor union or covered under a collective bargaining agreement. We consider our relationship with our employees to be good.

Our human capital resources objectives include, as applicable, identifying, recruiting, retaining, incentivizing and integrating our existing and new employees, advisors and consultants. The principal purposes of our equity and cash incentive plans are to attract, retain and reward personnel through the granting of stock-based and cash-based compensation awards, in order to increase stockholder value and the success of our company by motivating such individuals to perform to the best of their abilities and achieve our objectives.

E. Share Ownership

For information regarding the share ownership of our directors and executive committee members, see “*Item 2.A. Major Shareholders*” and “*Item 1.B. Compensation*” of this Section “*Corporate Governance*” for a discussion of the 2023 Plan.

F. Disclosure of a registrant’s action to recover erroneously awarded compensation

Not applicable.

2. Major Shareholders and Related Party Transactions

A. Major Shareholders

The following table sets forth information regarding the beneficial ownership of Ordinary Shares as of December 31, 2024:

- each person known by us to be the beneficial owner of more than 5% of the Ordinary Shares;
- each of our directors and members of our executive committee; and
- all our directors and members of our executive committee as a group.

Except as otherwise noted herein, the number and percentage of Ordinary Shares beneficially owned is determined in accordance with Rule 13d-3 of the Exchange Act, and the information is not necessarily indicative of beneficial ownership for any other purpose. Under such rule, beneficial ownership includes any Ordinary Shares as to which the holder has sole or shared voting power or investment power and also any Ordinary Shares which the holder has the right to acquire within 60 days of the Closing Date through the exercise of any option, warrant or any other right.

We have based percentage ownership on 43,662,402 Ordinary Shares outstanding as of December 31, 2024. The table below does not include unvested earn-out shares as of December 31, 2024 which are issued and contingently forfeitable and are not deemed to be outstanding.

Name and Address of Beneficial Owners	Number of Shares	% Ownership
<i>Directors and Executive Committee Members</i> ⁽¹⁾		
Anthony Rosenberg ⁽²⁾	142,616	*
Christina Ackermann ⁽³⁾	44,394	*
Lionel Carnot	—	*
Arshad M. Khanani ⁽⁴⁾	15,376	*
Martijn Kleijwegt	470,969	1.1%
Geraldine O'Keeffe	20,593	*
Robert K. Warner ⁽⁵⁾	7,261	*
Riad Sherif ⁽⁶⁾	947,585	2.2%
Sylvia Cheung ⁽⁷⁾	343,261	*
Páll Ragnar Jóhannesson ⁽⁸⁾	634,311	1.5%
All directors and executive committee members as a group (10 individuals)	2,626,366	6.0%
<i>Five Percent Holders of the Company</i>		
LSP 7 Coöperatief U.A. ⁽⁹⁾	5,752,894	13.2%
Funds managed by Earlybird	2,543,654	5.8%
Funds managed by Pivotal Partners ⁽¹⁰⁾	2,174,074	5.0%
BVCF Management (BEYEOTECH) ⁽¹¹⁾	2,191,810	5.0%

* Indicates beneficial ownership of less than 1.0% of the total ordinary shares outstanding.

- (1) Unless otherwise noted, the business address of each of the directors and executive committee members of Oculis is Bahnhofstrasse 20, 6300 Zug, Switzerland.
- (2) Consists of (i) 109,931 Ordinary Shares and (ii) 32,685 Ordinary Shares issuable upon conversion of share options and RSUs, vested and/or fully exercisable within 60 days of December 31, 2024.
- (3) Consists of 44,394 Ordinary Shares issuable upon conversion of share options, vested and fully exercisable within 60 days of December 31, 2024.
- (4) Consists of (i) 3,772 Ordinary Shares and (ii) 11,604 Ordinary Shares issuable upon conversion of share options and RSUs, vested and/or fully exercisable within 60 days of December 31, 2024.
- (5) Consists of 7,261 Ordinary Shares issuable upon conversion of share options, vested and fully exercisable within 60 days of December 31, 2024.
- (6) Consists of (i) 947,585 Ordinary Shares and (ii) 302,830 Ordinary Shares issuable upon conversion of share options vested and fully exercisable within 60 days of December 31, 2024.
- (7) Consists of (i) 72,062 Ordinary Shares and (ii) 271,199 Ordinary Shares issuable upon conversion of share options, vested and fully exercisable within 60 days of December 31, 2024.
- (8) Consists of (i) 268,827 Ordinary Shares and (ii) 365,484 Ordinary Shares issuable upon conversion of share options, vested and fully exercisable within 60 days of December 31, 2024.
- (9) Based solely on Schedule 13G filed by LSP 7 Management B.V. on February 23, 2025. 5,752,894 represents shares directly held by LSP 7 Coöperatief UA, of which LSP 7 Management B.V. is the sole director. The managing directors of LSP 7 Management B.V. are Martijn Kleijwegt, Rene Kuijten and Joachim Rothe. As such, LSP 7 Management B.V., Martijn Kleijwegt, Rene Kuijten and Joachim Rothe may be deemed to be individuals identified in this footnote. The business address of LSP 7 Coöperatief UA is Johannes Vermeerplein 9 1071 DV Amsterdam, Netherlands.
- (10) Based solely on Schedule 13G filed by Nan Fung Group Holdings Limited. The general partner of Pivotal is Pivotal bioVenture Partners Fund I G.P., L.P. ("*Pivotal GP*"). The general partner of Pivotal GP is Pivotal bioVenture Partners Fund I U.G.P., Ltd (the "*Ultimate General Partner*"). Richard Coles, Peter Bisgaard and Vincent Sai Sing Cheung are directors of the Ultimate General Partner, and may, along with the Ultimate General Partner be deemed to have shared voting and investment control and power over the shares owned by Pivotal. Such persons disclaim

beneficial ownership of such securities except to the extent of any pecuniary interest therein. The Ultimate General Partner is wholly owned by Pivotal Partners Ltd (“*Pivotal Partners*”). Pivotal Partners is wholly owned by Pivotal Life Sciences Holdings Limited (“*Pivotal Life Sciences*”). Pivotal Life Sciences is wholly owned by Nan Fung Life Sciences Holdings Limited (“*Nan Fung Life Sciences*”), and Nan Fung Life Sciences is wholly owned by NF Investment Holdings Limited (“*NFIHL*”). NFLS Beta is wholly owned by NFLS Platform Holdings Limited, which is wholly owned by Nan Fung Life Sciences. Nan Fung Life Sciences is wholly owned by Nan Fung Group Holdings Limited (“*NFGHL*” and together with Pivotal, Pivotal GP, Ultimate General Partner, Pivotal Partners, Pivotal Life Sciences, Nan Fung Life Sciences and NFIHL, the “*Pivotal Parties*”). The members of the Executive Committee of NFGHL make voting and investment decisions with respect to shares of our common stock held by NFLS Beta. Kam Chung Leung, Frank Kai Shui Seto, Vincent Sai Sing Cheung, Pui Kuen Cheung, Vanessa Tih Lin Cheung, Meng Gao and Chun Wai Nelson Tang are the members of the Executive Committee of NFGHL. Such persons disclaim beneficial ownership of such securities except to the extent of any pecuniary interest therein. The Pivotal Parties share voting and dispositive power over the shares held by Pivotal. The business address of Pivotal, Pivotal GP, Ultimate General Partner, Pivotal Partners and Pivotal Life Sciences is 501 Second Street, Suite 200, San Francisco, CA 94107. The address of NFGHL is 23rd Floor, Nan Fung Tower, 88 Connaught Road Central and 173 Des Voeux Road Central, Central, Hong Kong. The address of NFIHL is Vistra Corporate Services Centre, Wickhams Cay II, Road Town, Tortola, VG1110, British Virgin Islands.

- (11) Based solely on Schedule 13G filed by BVCF IV, L.P. on February 11, 2025. Voting and dispositive decisions require a majority vote of the investment committee composed of six individuals, Zhi Yang, Robert Li, Vanessa Huang, Huacheng Wei, Maggie Chen, and Rachel Zhao, and, as such, each disclaim any beneficial ownership of any such shares, except to the extent of his or her pecuniary interest therein. The business address of BEYEOTECH is 190 Elgin Avenue, George Town, Grand Cayman KY1-9008, Cayman Islands.

Significant Changes in Percentage Ownership

In March 2023, we experienced significant changes in the percentage ownership held by major shareholders as a result of the Business Combination.

Voting Rights

The voting rights of the principal shareholders do not differ from the voting rights of other shareholders.

Shareholders in the United States

As of February 14, 2025, to the best of our knowledge 37,615,295 of our outstanding ordinary shares, including earnout shares, were held by 16 shareholders of record in the United States. The actual number of holders is greater than these numbers of record holders, and includes beneficial owners whose ordinary shares are held in street name by brokers and other nominees. This number of holders of record also does not include holders whose shares may be held in trust by other entities.

B. Related Party Transactions

Policies and Procedures for Related Person Transactions

Our board of directors has adopted a written related person transaction policy that sets forth certain policies and procedures for the review and approval or ratification of transactions involving us in which a related person has or will have a direct or indirect material interest, as determined by the audit committee of the Board. A “related person” for purposes of the policy means: (i) enterprises that directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, control or are controlled by, or are under common control with, us; (ii) associates (defined as, unconsolidated enterprises in which we have a Significant Influence or which has Significant Influence over us); (iii) individuals owning, directly or indirectly, an interest in the voting power of us that gives them Significant Influence over us, and close members of any such individual’s family; (iv) key management personnel (i.e., having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling our activities), including directors and close members of such individuals’ families; and (v) enterprises in which a substantial interest in the voting power is owned, directly or indirectly, by any person described in (iii) or (iv) above or over which such a person is able to exercise Significant Influence, including enterprises owned by our directors or major shareholders and enterprises that have a member of key management in common with us. “Significant Influence” for purposes of the policy means the power to participate in the financial and operating policy decisions of an enterprise but is less than control over those policies, provided that shareholders beneficially owning a 10.0% or more interest in the voting power of the enterprise concerned are presumed to have a significant influence on such enterprise.

Pursuant to the policy, each director, nominee for director, and executive committee member shall promptly notify the designated contact of any transaction involving us and a related person. The designated contact will present any new related person transactions, and proposed transactions involving related persons, to the audit committee of the board of directors at its next occurring regular meeting. If the audit committee determines that the related person involved has a direct or indirect material interest in the transaction, and therefore that the transaction is a related party transaction, the audit committee shall consider all relevant facts and circumstances, including the commercial reasonableness of the terms, the benefit and perceived benefit, or lack thereof, to Oculis, opportunity costs of alternate transactions, the materiality and character of the related person's direct or indirect interest, and the actual or apparent conflict of interest of the related person. The audit committee will not approve or ratify a related person transaction unless it shall have determined that, upon consideration of all relevant information, the transaction is in, or not inconsistent with, our best interests. On an annual basis, the audit committee shall review previously approved related person transactions, under the standard described above, to determine whether such transactions should continue. If after the review described above, the audit committee determines not to approve or ratify a related person transaction (whether such transaction is being reviewed for the first time or has previously been approved and is being reviewed), the transaction will not be entered into or continued.

Agreements with members of our Executive Committee and Directors

Aside from standard employment agreements and a consulting agreement with one director, there are no transactions between the Company and its directors and executive committee members. The remuneration of the directors and executive committee members, who are the key management personnel, is described in the section entitled "*Compensation.*"

Indemnification Agreements

The articles of association provide that we will indemnify our directors and officers to the fullest extent permitted by Swiss law, subject to certain exceptions contained in our articles of association.

In connection with the Business Combination, we also entered into indemnification agreements with each of our directors and executive committee members. The indemnification agreements provide the indemnities with contractual rights to indemnification, and expense advancement and reimbursement, to the fullest extent permitted under Swiss law, subject to certain exceptions contained in those agreements.

C. Interests of Experts and Counsel

Not applicable.

3. Financial Information

A. Consolidated Statements and Other Financial Information

Our consolidated financial statements are appended at the end of this Annual Report, starting at page F-1.

Legal Proceedings

From time to time, we may be subject to legal proceedings. We are not currently a party to or aware of any proceedings that we believe will have, individually or in the aggregate, a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations. Regardless of outcome, litigation can have an adverse impact on us because of defense and settlement costs, diversion of management resources, and other factors.

B. Significant Changes

Please see Note 22 *Subsequent Events*, included in the audited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this Annual Report. Other than the events included in this note, no significant changes have occurred.



Report of the Statutory Auditor to the General Meeting on the Consolidated
Financial Statements 2024



Report of the statutory auditor to the General Meeting of Oculis Holding AG, Zug

Report on the audit of the consolidated financial statements

Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Oculis Holding AG and its subsidiaries (the Group), which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at December 31, 2024, and the consolidated statement of loss, the consolidated statement of comprehensive loss, the consolidated statement of changes in equity and the consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including material accounting policy information.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements (pages 81-113) give a true and fair view of the consolidated financial position of the Group as at December 31, 2024 and of its consolidated financial performance and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards and comply with Swiss law.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Swiss law, International Standards on Auditing (ISA) and Swiss Standards on Auditing (SA-CH). Our responsibilities under those provisions and standards are further described in the 'Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements' section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the provisions of Swiss law and the requirements of the Swiss audit profession, as well as the International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (IESBA Code), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Our audit approach

Materiality

The scope of our audit was influenced by our application of materiality. Our audit opinion aims to provide reasonable assurance that the consolidated financial statements are free from material misstatement. Misstatements may arise due to fraud or error. They are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the consolidated financial statements.

Based on our professional judgement, we determined certain quantitative thresholds for materiality, including the overall Group materiality for the consolidated financial statements as a whole as set out in the table below. These, together with qualitative considerations, helped us to determine the scope of our audit and the nature, timing and extent of our audit procedures and to evaluate the effect of misstatements, both individually and in aggregate, on the consolidated financial statements as a whole.

Overall group materiality	CHF 4,220 thousand
Benchmark applied	Loss before tax
Rationale for the materiality benchmark applied	We chose loss before tax as the benchmark, to be aligned with the common practice in the U.S. for clinical stage life science companies. In addition, in our view, the applied benchmark is aligned with investors and Audit Committee expectations.

We agreed with the Audit Committee that we would report to them misstatements above CHF 422 thousand identified during our audit as well as any misstatements below that amount which, in our view, warranted reporting for qualitative reasons.

Audit scope

We tailored the scope of our audit in order to perform sufficient work to enable us to provide an opinion on the consolidated financial statements as a whole, taking into account the structure of the Group, the accounting processes and controls, and the industry in which the Group operates.

Oculis is a global biopharmaceutical company purposefully driven to save sight and improve eye care. Headquartered in Switzerland, the Group also has operations in the U.S., Iceland, France and Hong Kong.

The Group's financial statements are a consolidation of 6 components. We identified 2 components that, in our view, required a full scope audit due to their size or risk characteristics which addressed over 90% of the Group's total operating expenses. Specified procedures were also carried out at a further 2 components representing a further 5% of the Group's total operating expenses. The majority of the audit procedures was performed by the Group auditor out of Switzerland.

Key audit matters

We have determined that there are no key audit matters to communicate in our report.

Other information

The Board of Directors is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, which has partially been made available to us with the 6-K and 20-F filings, (but does not include the financial statements and the consolidated financial statements and our auditor's reports thereon), which we obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, and the full annual report, which is expected to be made available to us after that date.

Our opinion on the consolidated financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not and will not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the consolidated financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the consolidated financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed on the other information that we obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Board of Directors' responsibilities for the consolidated financial statements

The Board of Directors is responsible for the preparation of consolidated financial statements, that give a true and fair view in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards and the provisions of Swiss law, and for such internal control as the Board of Directors determines is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, the Board of Directors is responsible for assessing the Group's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Board of Directors either intends to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Swiss law, ISA and SA-CH will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these consolidated financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Swiss law, ISA and SA-CH, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- o Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- o Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Group's internal control.
- o Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made.

- o Conclude on the appropriateness of the Board of Directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group to cease to continue as a going concern.
- o Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- o Plan and perform the group audit to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business units within the Group as a basis for forming an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and review of the audit work performed for purposes of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with the Board of Directors or its relevant committee regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide the Board of Directors or its relevant committee with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and communicate with them regarding all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, actions taken to eliminate threats or safeguards applied.

From the matters communicated with the Board of Directors or its relevant committee, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

In accordance with article 728a para. 1 item 3 CO and PS-CH 890, we confirm the existence of an internal control system that has been designed, pursuant to the instructions of the Board of Directors, for the preparation of the consolidated financial statements.

We recommend that the consolidated financial statements submitted to you be approved.

PricewaterhouseCoopers SA

/s/ Alex Fuhrer
Licensed audit expert
Auditor in charge

/s/ Timothy Kay

Pully, March 11, 2025



IFRS Consolidated Financial Statements as of and for the year ended
December 31, 2024



Oculis Holding AG
Consolidated Financial Statements

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Oculus Holding AG
Consolidated Statements of Financial Position
(in CHF thousands)

	Note	<u>As of December 31,</u> 2024	<u>As of December 31,</u> 2023
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Property and equipment	8	385	288
Intangible assets	9	13,292	12,206
Right-of-use assets	10	1,303	755
Other non-current assets		476	89
Total non-current assets		15,456	13,338
Current assets			
Other current assets and other receivable	11	5,605	8,488
Accrued income	11	629	876
Short-term financial assets	14	70,955	53,324
Cash and cash equivalents	14	27,708	38,327
Total current assets		104,897	101,015
TOTAL ASSETS		120,353	114,353
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Shareholders' equity			
Share capital	15	446	366
Share premium	15	344,946	288,162
Reserve for share-based payment	13	16,062	6,379
Actuarial loss on post-employment benefit obligations	12	(2,233)	(1,072)
Treasury shares	15	(10)	-
Cumulative translation adjustments		(271)	(327)
Accumulated losses		(285,557)	(199,780)
Total equity		73,383	93,728
Non-current liabilities			
Long-term lease liabilities	10	865	431
Long-term payables		-	378
Defined benefit pension liabilities	12	1,870	728
Total non-current liabilities		2,735	1,537
Current liabilities			
Trade payables	16	5,871	7,596
Accrued expenses and other payables	16	18,198	5,948
Short-term lease liabilities	10	315	174
Warrant liabilities	17	19,851	5,370
Total current liabilities		44,235	19,088
Total liabilities		46,970	20,625
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		120,353	114,353

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

Oculus Holding AG
Consolidated Statements of Loss
(in CHF thousands, except loss per share data)

	Note	For the years ended December 31,		
		2024	2023	2022
Grant income	7. (A) / 11	686	883	912
Operating income		686	883	912
Research and development expenses	7. (B)	(52,083)	(29,247)	(22,224)
General and administrative expenses	7. (B)	(21,807)	(17,487)	(11,064)
Merger and listing expense	7. (B)	-	(34,863)	-
Operating expenses		(73,890)	(81,597)	(33,288)
Operating loss		(73,204)	(80,714)	(32,376)
Finance income	7. (C)	2,168	1,429	126
Finance expense	7. (C)	(639)	(1,315)	(6,442)
Fair value adjustment on warrant liabilities	7. (C) / 17	(15,531)	(3,431)	-
Foreign currency exchange (loss) gain	7. (C)	1,269	(4,664)	49
Finance result		(12,733)	(7,981)	(6,267)
Loss before tax for the period		(85,937)	(88,695)	(38,643)
Income tax benefit (expense)	7. (D)	160	(107)	(55)
Loss for the period		(85,777)	(88,802)	(38,698)
Loss per share:				
Basic and diluted loss attributable to equity holders	21	(2.12)	(2.97)	(11.32)

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

Oculus Holding AG
Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Loss
(in CHF thousands)

	Note	For the years ended December 31,		
		2024	2023	2022
Loss for the period		(85,777)	(88,802)	(38,698)
Other comprehensive loss				
<i>Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss:</i>				
Actuarial gains/(losses) of defined benefit plans	12	(1,161)	(808)	744
<i>Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:</i>				
Foreign currency translation differences	2. (D)	56	(5,005)	3
Foreign currency translation differences recycling	5	-	4,978	-
Other comprehensive profit/(loss) for the period		(1,105)	(835)	747
Total comprehensive loss for the period		(86,882)	(89,637)	(37,951)

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

Oculus Holding AG
Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity
(in CHF thousands, except share numbers)

	Note	Legacy share capital		Legacy treasury shares		Share capital		Treasury shares		Share premium	Reserve for share-based payment	Cumulative translation adjustment	Actuarial loss on post-employment benefit obligations	Accumulated losses	Total
		Shares	Share capital	Shares	Treasury shares	Shares	Share capital	Shares	Treasury shares						
Balance as of January 1, 2022		3,833,559	38	(114,323)	(1)	-	-	-	-	10,632	1,967	(303)	(1,008)	(72,280)	(60,955)
Loss for the period		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(38,698)	(38,698)
Other comprehensive profit/(loss):															
Actuarial gain on post-employment benefit obligations		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	744	-	744
Foreign currency translation differences		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	3
Total comprehensive loss for the period		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	744	(38,698)	(37,951)	
Share-based compensation expense	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	804	-	-	-	-	804
Transaction costs		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(9)	-	-	-	-	-	(9)
Stock option exercised	13	61,163	1	-	-	-	-	-	119	-	-	-	-	-	120
Balance as of December 31, 2022		3,894,722	39	(114,323)	(1)	-	-	-	10,742	2,771	(300)	(264)	(110,978)	(97,991)	
Balance as of January 1, 2023		3,894,722	39	(114,323)	(1)	-	-	-	10,742	2,771	(300)	(264)	(110,978)	(97,991)	
Loss for the period		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(88,802)	(88,802)
Other comprehensive loss:															
Actuarial gain on post-employment benefit obligations	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(808)	-	(808)
Foreign currency translation differences		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(5,005)	-	-	-	(5,005)
Foreign currency translation differences recycling	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,978	-	-	-	4,978
Total comprehensive loss for the period		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(27)	(808)	(88,802)	(89,637)	
Share-based compensation expense	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,608	-	-	-	-	3,608
Conversion of Legacy Oculus ordinary shares and treasury shares into Oculus ordinary shares	5	(3,894,722)	(39)	114,323	1	3,780,399	38	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Conversion of Legacy Oculus long-term financial debt into Oculus ordinary shares	5	-	-	-	-	16,496,603	165	-	-	124,637	-	-	-	-	124,802
Issuance of ordinary shares to PIPE investors	5	-	-	-	-	7,118,891	71	-	-	66,983	-	-	-	-	67,054
Issuance of ordinary shares under CLA	5	-	-	-	-	1,967,000	20	-	-	18,348	-	-	-	-	18,368
Issuance of ordinary shares to EBAC shareholders	5	-	-	-	-	3,370,480	33	-	-	35,492	-	-	-	-	35,525
Transaction costs related to the business combination	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(4,821)	-	-	-	-	-	(4,821)
Proceeds from sale of shares in public offering	5	-	-	-	-	3,654,234	36	-	-	38,143	-	-	-	-	38,179
Transaction costs related to the public offering	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(3,361)	-	-	-	-	-	(3,361)
Stock option exercised	13	-	-	-	-	112,942	1	-	-	273	-	-	-	-	274
Issuance of shares in connection with warrant exercises	17	-	-	-	-	149,156	2	-	-	1,726	-	-	-	-	1,728
Balance as of December 31, 2023		-	-	-	-	36,649,705	366	-	-	288,162	6,379	(327)	(1,072)	(199,780)	93,728
Balance as of January 1, 2024		-	-	-	-	36,649,705	366	-	-	288,162	6,379	(327)	(1,072)	(199,780)	93,728
Loss for the period		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(85,777)	(85,777)
Other comprehensive profit (loss):															
Actuarial loss on post-employment benefit obligations	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,161)	-	(1,161)
Foreign currency translation differences		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	56	-	-	-	56
Total comprehensive loss for the period		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	56	(1,161)	(85,777)	(86,882)	
Share-based compensation expense	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,782	-	-	-	-	9,782
Issuance of ordinary shares related to Registered Direct Offering	5	-	-	-	-	5,000,000	50	-	-	53,491	-	-	-	-	53,541
Transaction costs related to Registered Direct Offering	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,868)	-	-	-	-	-	(1,868)
Issuance of shares held as treasury shares	14	-	-	-	-	1,000,000	10	(1,000,000)	(10)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vesting of earnout shares	5	-	-	-	-	1,422,723	14	-	-	(14)	-	-	-	-	-
Warrants exercised	17	-	-	-	-	279,033	3	-	-	4,141	-	-	-	-	4,144
RSUs vested	13	-	-	-	-	9,430	-	-	-	99	(99)	-	-	-	-
Stock options exercised	13	-	-	-	-	301,511	3	-	-	935	-	-	-	-	938
Balance as of December 31, 2024		-	-	-	-	44,662,402	446	(1,000,000)	(10)	344,946	16,062	(271)	(2,233)	(285,557)	73,383

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

Oculus Holding AG
Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
(in CHF thousands)

	Note	For the years ended December 31,		
		2024	2023	2022
Operating activities				
Loss before tax for the period		(85,937)	(88,695)	(38,643)
Non-cash adjustments:				
- Financial result		(2,721)	3,424	83
- Depreciation of property and equipment and right-of-use assets		406	287	299
- Share-based compensation expense	13	9,782	3,608	804
- Interest expense on Series B and C preferred shares	15 / 7.(C)	-	1,266	6,343
- Interest on lease liabilities	10	47	42	45
- Post-employment benefits	12	(36)	(171)	(9)
- Fair value adjustment on warrant liabilities	17	15,531	3,431	-
- Merger and listing expense	5	-	34,863	-
Working capital adjustments:				
- De/(Increase) in other current assets	11	4,981	(5,556)	(1,796)
- De/(Increase) in accrued income	11	247	36	(152)
- (De)/Increase in trade payables		(1,708)	3,729	3,043
- (De)/Increase in accrued expenses and other payables	16	11,114	(11,549)	4,903
- (De)/Increase in other operating assets/liabilities		(95)	(29)	-
- (De)/Increase in long-term payables		(378)	378	-
Interest received		1,474	1,238	126
Interest paid on lease liabilities		(54)	(46)	(100)
Taxes paid		(152)	(101)	(20)
Net cash outflow from operating activities		(47,499)	(53,845)	(25,074)
Investing activities				
Payment for purchase of property and equipment	8	(230)	(48)	(65)
Payment for short-term financial assets, net	14	(17,327)	(54,163)	-
Payment for purchase of intangible assets	9	-	-	(3,483)
Net cash outflow from investing activities		(17,557)	(54,211)	(3,548)
Financing activities				
Proceeds from the shares issued to PIPE investors	5	-	67,054	-
Proceeds from the shares issued to CLA investors	5	-	18,368	-
Proceeds from EBAC non-redeemed shareholders	5	-	12,014	-
Transaction costs related to the business combination	5	-	(4,607)	(214)
Proceeds from sale of shares in public offerings	5	53,541	38,179	-
Transaction costs related to equity issuance in public offerings	5	(1,868)	(2,983)	-
Transaction costs related to ATM Offering Program and loan facility	5	(1,026)	-	-
Proceeds from exercises of warrants	17	2,719	1,531	-
Proceeds from stock options exercised	13	938	274	120
Proceeds from issuance of preferred shares, classified as liabilities	15	-	-	2,030
Transaction costs for issuance of preferred shares, classified as liabilities/capital increase		-	-	(63)
Principal payment of lease obligations	10	(274)	(158)	(159)
Net cash inflow from financing activities		54,030	129,672	1,714
(Decrease)/Increase in cash and cash equivalents		(11,026)	21,616	(26,909)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	14	38,327	19,786	46,277
Effect of foreign exchange rate changes		407	(3,075)	418
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	14	27,708	38,327	19,786
Net cash and cash equivalents variation		(11,026)	21,616	(26,909)
Supplemental Non-Cash Investing Information				
Intangible assets acquisition recorded in accrued expenses		1,087	-	-
Supplemental Non-Cash Financing Information				
Transaction costs recorded in accrued expenses and other payables		-	378	356

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. CORPORATE INFORMATION

Oculus Holding AG ("*Oculus*" or the "*Company*") is a stock corporation (*Aktiengesellschaft*) with its registered office at Bahnhofstrasse 20, CH-6300, Zug, Switzerland. It was incorporated under the laws of Switzerland on October 31, 2022.

The Company controls five wholly-owned subsidiaries: Oculus Operations Sàrl ("*Oculus Operations*") with its registered office in Lausanne, Switzerland, which was incorporated in Zug, Switzerland on December 27, 2022, Oculus ehf ("*Oculus Iceland*"), which was incorporated in Reykjavik, Iceland on October 28, 2003, Oculus France Sàrl ("*Oculus France*") which was incorporated in Paris, France on March 27, 2020, Oculus US, Inc. ("*Oculus US*") with its registered office in Newton MA, USA, which was incorporated in Delaware, USA, on May 26, 2020 and Oculus HK, Limited ("*Oculus HK*") which was incorporated in Hong Kong, China on June 1, 2021. The Company and its wholly-owned subsidiaries form the Oculus Group (the "*Group*"). Prior to the Business Combination (as defined in Note 5), Oculus SA ("*Legacy Oculus*"), which was incorporated in Lausanne, Switzerland on December 11, 2017, and its wholly-owned subsidiaries Oculus Iceland, Oculus France, Oculus U.S. and Oculus HK formed the Oculus Group. On July 6, 2023, Legacy Oculus merged with and into Oculus Operations, and the separate corporate existence of Legacy Oculus ceased. Oculus Operations is the surviving company and remains a wholly-owned subsidiary of Oculus.

Oculus is a global late clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company with substantial expertise in therapeutics used to treat ophthalmic and neuro-ophthalmic diseases, engaged in the development of innovative drug candidates which embrace the potential to address significant unmet medical needs for many conditions. The Company's focus is on advancing therapeutic candidates intended to treat significant and prevalent ophthalmic diseases which result in vision loss, blindness or reduced quality of life. Its mission is to improve patients' health and quality of life worldwide by developing medicines that save sight and improve eye care for patients, and it intends to become a global leader in the field.

The consolidated financial statements of Oculus as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, were approved and authorized for issue by the Company's Board of Directors on March 11, 2025.

2. BASIS OF PREPARATION

(A) Going concern

The Group's accounts are prepared on a going concern basis. To date, the Group has financed its cash requirements primarily from share issuances, as well as government research and development grants. The February 2025 underwritten offering, Registered Direct Offering and listing on the Nasdaq Iceland Main Market in April 2024 raised additional funding to secure business continuity as explained under Notes 5 and 22. The Board of Directors believes that the Group has the ability to meet its financial obligations for at least the next 12 months.

The Company is a late clinical stage company and is exposed to all the risks inherent to establishing a business. Inherent to the Company's business are various risks and uncertainties, including the substantial uncertainty as to whether current projects will succeed. The Company's success may depend in part upon its ability to (i) establish and maintain a strong patent position and protection, (ii) enter into collaborations with partners in the biotech and pharmaceutical industry, (iii) successfully move its product candidates through clinical development, (iv) successfully obtain regulatory approval and commercialize its products, and (v) attract and retain key personnel. The Company's success is subject to its ability to be able to raise capital to support its operations. To date, the Company has financed its cash requirements primarily through the sale of its preferred stock, proceeds from the Business Combination, PIPE Financing and conversion of CLA, and proceeds from the sale of its common stock. Shareholders should note that the long-term viability of the Company is dependent on its ability to raise additional capital to finance its future operations. The Company will continue to evaluate additional funding through public or private financings, debt financing or collaboration agreements. The Company cannot be certain that additional funding will be available on acceptable terms, or at all. If the Company is unable to raise additional capital when required or on acceptable terms, it may have to (i) significantly delay, scale back or discontinue the development of one or more of its product candidates; (ii) seek collaborators for product candidates at an earlier stage than otherwise would be desirable and on terms that are less favorable than might otherwise be available; or (iii) relinquish or otherwise dispose of rights to product candidates that the Company would otherwise seek to develop itself, on unfavorable terms.

(B) Statement of compliance

The consolidated financial statements of Oculis are prepared in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards ("*IFRS*") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("*IASB*").

Prior to the Business Combination on March 2, 2023, the audited consolidated financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022 were issued for Legacy Oculis and its wholly-owned subsidiaries. In accordance with the BCA (as defined in Note 5), Oculis issued 3,780,399 ordinary shares to Legacy Oculis shareholders in exchange for 3,306,771 Legacy Oculis ordinary shares, after cancellation of 100,000 Legacy Oculis treasury shares, at the exchange ratio of 1.1432. The number of ordinary shares, and the number of ordinary shares within the loss per share held by the shareholders prior to the Business Combination have been adjusted by the exchange ratio to reflect the equivalent number of ordinary shares in the Company. No such adjustments have been made in the current period.

(C) Basis of measurement

The policies set out below are consistently applied to all the years presented. The consolidated financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, unless stated otherwise in the accounting policies in Note 3.

The totals are calculated with the original unit amounts, which could lead to rounding differences. These differences in thousands of units are not changed in order to keep the accuracy of the original data.

(D) Functional currency

The consolidated financial statements of the Group are expressed in CHF, which is the Company's functional and presentation currency. The functional currency of the Company's subsidiaries is the local currency except for Oculis Iceland whose functional currency is CHF.

Assets and liabilities of foreign operations are translated into CHF at the rate of exchange prevailing at the reporting date and their statements of profit or loss are translated at yearly average exchange rates. The exchange differences arising on translation for consolidation are recognized in other comprehensive income.

3. SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. The policies set out below are consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

(A) Current vs. non-current classification

The Company presents assets and liabilities in the balance sheet based on current/non-current classification. The Company classifies all amounts to be realized or settled within 12 months after the reporting period to be current and all other amounts to be non-current. Liabilities are classified as non-current if the Company has the right to defer settlement for at least 12 months after the reporting period.

(B) Foreign currency transactions

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency, Swiss Francs (CHF), using prevailing exchange rates at the dates of the transactions. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into CHF at rates of exchange prevailing at reporting date. Any gains or losses from these translations are included in the statements of loss in the period in which they arise.

(C) Group accounting

The Company has five wholly owned subsidiaries, including Oculis Operations, Oculis Iceland, Oculis France, Oculis U.S. and Oculis HK. The Company's consolidated financial statements present the aggregate of the five Group entities, after elimination of intra-group transactions, balances, investments and capital.

(D) Segment reporting

The Company is managed and operated as one business. A single management team that reports to the Chief Executive Officer comprehensively manages the entire business and accordingly, has one reporting segment.

The Company has locations in five countries: Switzerland, Iceland, France, U.S. and Hong Kong. An analysis of non-current assets by geographic region is presented in Note 6.

(E) Leases

All leases are accounted for by recognizing a right-of-use asset and a lease liability except for leases of low value assets and leases with a duration of 12 months or less.

Lease liabilities are measured at the present value of the expected contractual payments due to the lessor over the lease term, with the discount rate determined by reference to the rate inherent in the lease unless this is not readily determinable, in which case the Group's incremental borrowing rate on commencement date of the lease is used. Variable lease payments are only included in the measurement of the lease liability if they depend on an index or rate and remain unchanged throughout the lease term. Other variable lease payments are expensed.

On initial recognition, the carrying value of the lease liability also includes amounts expected to be payable under any residual value guarantee, and the exercise price of any purchase option granted in favor of the group if it is reasonably certain to assess that option. Right-of-use assets are initially measured at the amount of the lease liability, reduced for any lease incentives received, and increased for lease payments made at or before commencement of the lease and initial direct costs incurred.

Subsequent to the initial measurement, lease liabilities increase as a result of interest charged at a constant rate on the balance outstanding and are reduced for lease payments made. Right-of-use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the remaining expected term of the lease or over the remaining economic life of the asset if this is judged to be shorter than the lease term.

When the Company revises its estimate of the term of any lease, it adjusts the carrying amount of the lease liability to reflect the expected payments over the revised term, which are discounted using a revised discount rate. The carrying value of lease liabilities is similarly revised if the variable future lease payments dependent on a rate or index is revised. In both cases, an equivalent adjustment is made to the carrying value of the right-of-use asset, with the revised carrying amount being amortized over the remaining lease term. If the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset is adjusted to zero, any further reduction is recognized in profit or loss.

(F) Grant income recognition

Grant income is recognized where there is reasonable assurance that the grant will be received and all attaching conditions will be complied with, and in the year when the related expenses are incurred.

(G) Taxes

Taxes reported in the consolidated statements of loss include current and deferred taxes on profit. Taxes on income are accrued in the same periods as the revenues and expenses to which they relate.

Deferred tax is the tax attributable to the temporary differences that appear when taxation authorities recognize and measure assets and liabilities with rules that differ from those of the consolidated accounts. Deferred income tax is calculated using the liability method and determined using tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date and are expected to apply when the related deferred income tax asset is realized, or the deferred income tax liability is settled. Any changes to the tax rates are recognized in the consolidated statements of loss unless related to items directly recognized in equity or other comprehensive loss.

Deferred income tax is recognized on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the consolidated financial statements. Deferred income tax assets are recognized only to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences or the unused tax losses can be utilized. Deferred income tax assets from tax credit carry forwards are recognized to the extent that the national tax authority confirms the eligibility of such a claim and that the realization of the related tax benefit through future taxable profits is probable. Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets against current tax liabilities and when the deferred income tax assets and liabilities relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority on either the same taxable entity or different taxable entities where there is an intention to settle the balances on a net basis.

(H) Loss per share

The Company presents basic earnings / (loss) per share for each period in the financial statements. The earnings (loss) per share is calculated by dividing the earnings / (loss) of the period by the weighted average number of shares outstanding during the period. Diluted earnings per share, applicable in case of positive result, reflect the potential dilution that could occur if dilutive securities such as warrants or share options were exercised into common shares.

(I) Cash and cash equivalents and short-term financial assets

The Company considers all highly liquid investments with an original maturity of less than 3 months at the date of purchase to be cash equivalents. Cash and cash equivalents are recorded at cost, which approximates fair value.

Short-term financial assets consist of fixed term bank deposits with original maturities between three and six months. Short-term financial assets are held in order to collect contractual cash flows made of payments of principal and interests.

Short-term financial assets are measured at amortized cost, which approximates fair value, and are subsequently measured using the effective interest method. This method allocates interest income over the relevant period by applying the effective interest rate to the carrying amount of the asset. Gains and losses are recognized in the consolidated statements of loss when the asset is derecognized, modified or impaired.

(J) Fair value measurements

The Company measures certain financial assets and liabilities at fair value on a recurring basis, including warrants. Fair value is the price the Company would receive to sell an asset or pay to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction with a market participant at the measurement date. The Company uses a three-level hierarchy that prioritizes fair value measurements based on the types of inputs used, as follows:

- Level 1: unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2: either directly or indirectly, quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets.
- Level 3: unobservable inputs for the asset or liability to the extent that observable inputs are not available in situations in which there is little, if any, market activity for the asset or liability at the measurement date.

There was no change in the valuation techniques applied to financial instruments during all periods presented. There were no transfers between levels 1, 2 or 3 for recurring fair value measurements during the year. The Group recognizes transfers into and out of fair value hierarchy levels at the end of the reporting period.

(K) Property and equipment

All property and equipment are shown at cost, less subsequent depreciation and impairment. Cost includes expenditures that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the items. Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognized as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Group and the cost of the item can be measured reliably.

Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis over the useful life, according to the following schedule:

Category	Useful life in years
Laboratory equipment	5 - 7
Laboratory fixtures and fittings	10
Office equipment and hardware	2 - 3
Leasehold improvements	5

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each balance sheet date. An asset's carrying amount is impaired immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount. Gains and losses on disposal or retirement of tangible fixed assets are determined by comparing the net proceeds received with the carrying amounts and are included in the consolidated statements of loss.

(L) Warrant liabilities

The Company recognizes the warrant instruments as liabilities at fair value and adjusts the instruments to fair value at each reporting period (refer to Note 17). Any change in fair value is recognized in the Company's consolidated statements of loss. Warrants are classified as short-term liabilities as the Company cannot defer the settlement beyond 12 months.

The Blackrock Warrant, as defined in Note 5, issued in conjunction with the Loan Agreement is classified as a liability since its exercise price is fixed in USD, which is not the functional currency of the Company and therefore it does not meet the requirements to be classified as equity under IFRS. An instrument that will be settled in own equity shares is an equity instrument only if the issuer has to deliver a fixed number of its own shares for a fixed amount (fixed for fixed requirement, IAS 32.16). The fair value of the Blackrock Warrant is determined using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. This

valuation model as well as parameters used such as expected volatility and expected term are partially based on management's estimates. The expected volatility is estimated using historical stock volatilities of comparable peer public companies within the Company's industry. The expected term represents the period that the warrant is expected to be outstanding. The Blackrock Warrant is included in Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy. Refer to Note 17 - *Warrant Liabilities*.

The fair value of the BCA Public Warrants, as defined in Note 5, traded in active markets is based on the quoted market prices at the end of the reporting period for such warrants. For the BCA Private Warrants, which have identical terms to the BCA Public Warrants, the Company determined that the fair value of each BCA Private Warrant is equivalent to that of each BCA Public Warrant. BCA Public Warrants are included in Level 1 and BCA Private Warrants in Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy. Refer to Note 17 - *Warrant Liabilities*.

(M) Intangible assets

(a) Research and development costs

Research expenditures are recognized in expense in the year in which they are incurred. Internal development expenditures are capitalized only if they meet the recognition criteria of IAS 38 "Intangible Assets". Given the inherent regulatory and other uncertainties, these criteria are generally not met before obtaining approval from the relevant regulatory authority. As a result, development expenditures are typically recognized as expenses in the consolidated statements of loss. However, when capitalization criteria are satisfied, development costs are recorded as intangible assets and amortized on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives. Amortization of capitalized licenses begins upon receipt of market approval.

(b) Licenses

Acquired licenses are capitalized as intangible assets at historical cost and amortized over their estimated useful lives. The amortization period is determined based on the expected pattern of consumption of future economic benefits and begins only after the necessary regulatory and marketing approvals have been obtained. Capitalized licenses are assessed for impairment annually in the last quarter of each financial period or earlier if indicators of impairment arise. Amortization expense related to capitalized licenses is recognized within research and development expenses.

(c) Impairment of licenses

Impairment losses on capitalized licenses are recognized within research and development expenses.

(N) Impairment of non-financial assets

Assets that are subject to amortization are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the asset may not be recoverable.

An impairment loss is recognized for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of the asset's fair value less costs of disposal and value-in-use.

For the purpose of impairment testing, assets are grouped together into the smallest group of assets that generate cash inflows from continuing use that are largely independent of the cash flows of other assets ("*cash-generating units*"). Impairment losses are recognized in the consolidated statements of loss. Prior impairments of non-financial assets are reviewed for possible reversal of the impairment at each reporting date.

(O) Financial instruments

The principal financial instruments used by the Company are as follows:

- Other current assets, excluding prepaid expenses
- Accrued income
- Short-term financial assets
- Cash and cash equivalents
- Other receivable
- Trade payables

- Accrued expenses and other payables
- Lease liabilities
- Warrant liabilities

These financial instruments are carried at amortized cost, except warrant liabilities which are adjusted to fair value at period end.

Due to their short-term nature, the carrying value of cash and cash equivalents, short-term financial assets, other current assets, excluding prepaid expenses, accrued income, trade payables, accrued expenses and other payables approximates their fair value. For details of the fair value hierarchy, and valuation techniques, refer to Note 20.

(a) Other current assets, excluding prepaid expenses

The carrying amount of other receivables/current assets is reduced through the use of an allowance account, and the amount of the loss is recognized in the consolidated statements of loss. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off are credited to the consolidated statements of loss.

(b) Accrued income

Grant income reflects reimbursement of research and development expenses and income from certain research projects managed by Icelandic governmental institutions. Certain expenses qualify for incentives from the Icelandic government in the form of tax credits or cash reimbursements.

(c) Short-term financial assets

Short-term financial assets consist of fixed term bank deposits with original maturities between three and six months. Short-term financial assets are held in order to collect contractual cash flows made of payments of principal and interests.

(d) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand and highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less. These investments are readily convertible to known amounts of cash.

(e) Trade payables

Trade payables are amounts due to third parties in the ordinary course of business. Trade payables are non-interest bearing and are normally settled on 45-day terms.

(f) Accrued expenses and other payables

Accrued expenses and other payables are amounts provided for / due to third parties in the ordinary course of business. Accrued expenses and other payables are non-interest bearing.

(g) Lease liabilities

Lease liabilities are measured at the present value of the expected contractual payments due to the lessor over the lease term, with the discount rate determined by reference to the rate inherent in the lease unless this is not readily determinable, in which case the Group's incremental borrowing rate on commencement date of the lease is used.

(P) Employee benefits

(a) Pension obligations

The Company operates a defined benefit pension plan for its Swiss-based employees, which is held in a multi-employer fund. The pension plan is funded by payments from employees and from the Company. The Company's contributions to the defined benefit pension plan are charged to the consolidated statements of loss in the year to which they relate.

The liability recognized in the balance sheet in respect of defined benefit pension plan is the present value of the defined benefit obligation at the balance sheet date less the fair value of plan assets and the possible effect of the asset ceiling, together with adjustments for unrecognized past-service costs. The defined benefit obligation is calculated annually by independent actuaries using the projected unit credit method.

When the Company has a surplus in the defined benefit pension plan, it measures the net defined benefit asset at the lower of:

- The surplus in the defined benefit pension plan
- The asset ceiling (being the present value of any economic benefits available in the form of refunds from the plan or reductions in future contributions to the plan), determined using the discount rate.

The Company does not expect any refunds or contribution reductions in case of a surplus in the defined benefit pension plan calculated per IAS 19, therefore no assets would be recognized in the Consolidated Statements of Financial Position.

The present value of the defined benefit obligation is determined by discounting the estimated future cash outflows using interest rates of high-quality corporate bonds that are denominated in the currency in which the benefits will be paid, and that have terms to maturity approximating to the terms of the related pension liability.

Actuarial gains and losses arising from experience adjustments and changes in actuarial assumptions are charged or credited to equity in other comprehensive income in the period in which they arise.

Past-service costs are recognized immediately in income, unless the changes to the pension plan are conditional on the employees remaining in service for a specified period of time (the vesting period). In this case, the past-service costs are amortized on a straight-line basis over the vesting period.

(b) Employee participation

The Company operates an equity-settled, share-based compensation plan, under which the entity receives services from employees as consideration for equity instruments (e.g. options) of the Company. The fair value of the awards granted in exchange of the employee services received is recognized as an expense.

Non-market vesting conditions are included in assumptions about the number of options that are expected to vest. The total expense is recognized over the vesting period, which is the period over which all of the specified vesting conditions are to be satisfied. At the end of each reporting period, the entity revises its estimates of the number of options that are expected to vest based on the non-market vesting conditions. It recognizes the impact of the revision to original estimates, if any, in the consolidated statements of loss, with a corresponding adjustment to equity.

When the options are exercised, the Company issues new shares. The proceeds received net of any directly attributable transaction costs are credited to share capital (nominal value) and share premium when the options are exercised.

(Q) Earnout consideration

The Company recognizes the earnout consideration under the BCA as a share-based contingent consideration within the scope of IFRS 2, and therefore equity classified as the earnout consideration ultimately settles in ordinary shares. The Company has determined that the fair value of the earnout shares should be accounted for as a component of the deemed cost of the listing services upon consummation of the Business Combination. The fair value of total consideration transferred included in the calculation of the IFRS 2 share listing service expense will not be subsequently adjusted regardless of whether the price target is achieved or not. The earnout options granted to employees were determined to be compensation for the dilution to their previously held Legacy Oculis equity instruments. No additional compensation charge is recognized under IFRS 2 because no additional fair value was granted as a result of the earnout options.

(R) Capitalization of transaction costs

The Company capitalizes transaction costs within other current assets in the Company's consolidated balance sheet when costs are directly attributable to new equity financing instrument (including business combination related transactions) when it is highly probable that the financing transaction will take place in the future. If and when the Company completes the transaction, capitalized transaction costs will be offset against the proceeds and will be recorded as a reduction of share premium within the Company's consolidated balance sheet. If the Company determines that it is not highly probable that the transaction will be completed, the Company will write-off capitalized transaction costs incurred during that respective quarter in the consolidated statement of loss.

(S) New standards and interpretations adopted by the Company

There are no new IFRS Accounting Standards, amendments to standards or interpretations that are mandatory for the financial year beginning on January 1, 2024 that have a material impact to the Company. In April 2024, the IASB issued IFRS 18, *Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements*, which provides requirements for the presentation and disclosure of information in general purpose financial statements. The standard is effective for periods beginning on or after January 1, 2027. The Company is in the process of evaluating whether IFRS 18 will have a material effect on the consolidated financial statements. New standards, amendments to standards and interpretations that are not yet effective, which have been deemed by the Group as currently not relevant, are not listed here.

4. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGMENTS

The Group's principal accounting policies are set out in Note 3 of the Group's consolidated financial statements and conform to IFRS Accounting Standards. Significant judgments and estimates are used in the preparation of the consolidated financial statements which, to the extent that actual outcomes and results may differ from these assumptions and estimates, could affect the accounting in the areas described in this section.

(A) Impairment of licenses

The Group assesses whether there are any indicators of impairment for all licenses at each reporting date, which refers exclusively to the licenses of two specific product candidates: Licaminlimab (OCS-02) and Privosector (OCS-05). Given the stage and advancement of Oculis' development activities and the importance of both products in Oculis' portfolio, the impairment test is performed first on the basis of a fair value model for the entire Company using a market approach, and second on the basis of the continued development feasibility of the relevant product candidate. Refer to Note 9.

(B) Deferred income taxes

Deferred income tax assets are recognized for all unused tax losses only to the extent that it is probable that taxable profits will be available against which the losses can be utilized. Judgment is required from management to determine the amount of tax asset that can be recognized, based on forecasts and tax planning strategies. Given the uncertainty in the realization of future taxable profits, no deferred tax asset on unused tax losses has been recognized as of December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022. Refer to Note 7 (D).

(C) Pension benefits

The present value of the pension obligations depends on several factors that are determined on an actuarial basis using a number of assumptions. The assumptions used in determining the net cost or income for pensions include the discount rate. Any changes in these assumptions will impact the carrying amount of pension obligations. The independent actuary of the Group uses statistic-based assumptions covering future withdrawals of participants from the plan and estimates on life expectancy. The actuarial assumptions used may differ materially from actual results due to changes in market and economic conditions, higher or lower withdrawal rates or longer or shorter life spans of participants. These differences could have a significant impact on the amount of pension income or expenses recognized in future periods.

The Group determines the appropriate discount rate at the end of each year. This is the interest rate used to determine the present value of estimated future cash outflows expected to be required to settle the pension obligations. In determining the appropriate discount rate, the Group considers the interest rates of high-quality corporate bonds that are denominated in the currency in which the benefits will be paid, and that have terms to maturity approximating the terms of the related pension liability. Other key assumptions for pension obligations are based in part on current market conditions. Refer to Note 12.

(D) Share-based compensation

Stock options granted are valued using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model (see Note 13). This valuation model as well as parameters used such as expected volatility and expected term of the stock options are partially based on management's estimates. The expected volatility is estimated using historical stock volatilities of comparable peer public companies within the Company's industry. The expected term represents the period that share-based awards are expected to be outstanding. The Company classifies its share-based payments as equity-classified awards as they are settled in ordinary shares. The Company measures equity-classified awards at their grant date fair value using a Black-Scholes option pricing model and does not subsequently remeasure them. Compensation costs related to equity-classified awards are equal to the fair value of the award at the date of grant amortized over the vesting period of the award using the graded method. The Company reclassifies a portion of vested awards to reserve for share-based payment as the awards vest. The proceeds received net of any directly attributable transaction costs are credited to share capital (nominal value) and share premium when the options are exercised.

(E) Accounting for the Business Combination

In relation to the 2023 Business Combination, the following critical estimates and judgments were made:

- *Determining the accounting acquirer in the Business Combination*

Despite EBAC being the legal acquirer, Legacy Oculis was determined to be the accounting acquirer for financial reporting purposes. This determination is primarily based on the fact that subsequent to the Business Combination, i) the shareholders of Legacy Oculis have a majority of the voting interest in the combined company; ii) Legacy Oculis' operations comprise all of the ongoing operations of the combined company; and iii) Legacy Oculis' management comprise all of the senior management of the combined company.

- *Business Combination accounted for within the scope of IFRS 2*

EBAC was a Special Purpose Acquisition Company and therefore does not meet the definition of a business under IFRS 3 as it has no operations and the related BCA cannot be treated as a business combination. The Business Combination was accounted for as a continuation of Legacy Oculis financial statements with a deemed issuance of shares by the Company accompanied by a recapitalization of the Company's equity. The excess of fair value of the shares deemed issued by the Company over EBAC's identifiable net assets has been recorded as share-based payment expense in accordance with IFRS 2 and represents a public listing service received by the Company.

- *Capitalized transaction costs*

Legacy Oculis and EBAC incurred costs such as legal, accounting, auditing, printer fees and other professional fees directly related to the Business Combination ("*Transaction Costs*"). Transaction costs directly associated with equity issuance qualify for capitalization and are accounted for as a deduction of share premium. To capture costs associated with the new equity, the Company allocated capitalizable transaction costs to the various transaction components (equity issuance and listing) at the percentages of 38.0% and 62.0% for new shares and old shares, respectively.

5. FINANCING ACTIVITIES

Business combination with European Biotech Acquisition Corp ("*EBAC*")

On March 2, 2023, the Company consummated the Business Combination pursuant to the Business Combination Agreement ("*BCA*") between Legacy Oculis and EBAC dated as of October 17, 2022. The Company received gross proceeds of CHF 97.6 million or \$103.7 million, comprising CHF 12.0 million or \$12.8 million of cash held in EBAC's trust account and CHF 85.6 million or \$90.9 million from private placement (the "*PIPE Financing*") investments and conversion of notes issued by Legacy Oculis under convertible loan agreements ("*CLA*") into Oculis' ordinary shares. As a result of the transaction, each issued and outstanding EBAC public warrant ("*BCA Public Warrants*") and EBAC private placement warrant ("*BCA Private Warrants*") ceased to be a warrant with respect to EBAC ordinary shares and were assumed by Oculis as warrants with respect to ordinary shares on substantially the same terms ("*BCA warrants*"). In connection with the Business Combination, Oculis was listed on the United States Nasdaq Global Market with the ticker symbol "OCS" for its ordinary shares and "OCSAW" for its public warrants.

During the third quarter of 2023, the Company gave effect in its financial statements to the dissolution of Merger Sub 2, a legal entity formed under the terms of the BCA. As a result, the cumulative translation adjustments related to Merger Sub

2 previously reported as equity and recognized in other comprehensive income, were reclassified from equity to the Consolidated Statement of Loss for the year ended December 31, 2023. The resulting foreign exchange impact of such reclassification amounted to CHF 5.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Merger and listing expense

The Business Combination was accounted for as a capital re-organization in the first quarter of 2023 within the scope of IFRS 2 *Share-based Payment*, as EBAC did not meet the definition of a business in accordance with IFRS 3 *Business Combinations*. Any excess of the fair value of the Company's shares issued over the fair value of EBAC's identifiable net assets acquired represented compensation for the service of a stock exchange listing. This expense was incurred in the first quarter of 2023 and amounted to CHF 34.9 million, which was expensed to the statement of loss as operating expenses, "Merger and listing expense".

Earnout consideration

As a result of the BCA, Legacy Oculis preferred, ordinary and option holders (collectively "*equity holders*") received consideration in the form of 3,793,995 earnout shares and 369,737 earnout options with an exercise price of CHF 0.01.

The earnout consideration is subject to forfeiture in the event of a failure to achieve the price targets during the earnout period defined as follows: (i) 1,500,000, (ii) 1,500,000 and (iii) 1,000,000 earned based on the achievement of post acquisition-closing volume weighted average share price ("*VWAP*") targets of Oculis of \$15.00, \$20.00 and \$25.00, respectively, in each case, for any 20 trading days within any consecutive 30 trading day period commencing after the acquisition closing date and ending on or prior to March 2, 2028 (the "*earnout period*"). A given share price target described above will also be deemed to be achieved if the Company enters into a change of control transaction, as defined in the BCA, during the earnout period. During November 2024, the first price target was met, resulting in the immediate vesting of 1,422,723 earnout shares and 93,277 earnout options becoming exercisable.

May 2023 Public Offering

On May 31, 2023, the Company entered into an underwriting agreement with BofA Securities Inc. and SVB Securities, LLC, as representatives of several underwriters, and on June 5 and June 13, 2023, the Company closed the issuance and sale in a public offering of an aggregate of 3,654,234 ordinary shares at a public offering price of CHF 10.45 or \$11.50 per share, for total gross proceeds of CHF 38.2 million or \$42.0 million before deducting underwriting discounts, commissions and offering expenses.

Registered Direct Offering and Nasdaq Iceland Main Market listing

On April 22, 2024, the Company closed its registered direct offering with gross proceeds of CHF 53.5 million or \$58.8 million through the issuance and sale of 5,000,000 of our ordinary shares, at a purchase price of CHF 10.70 or \$11.75 per share to investors (the "*Registered Direct Offering*"), and commenced trading of its ordinary shares on the Nasdaq Iceland Main Market under the ticker symbol "OCS" on April 23, 2024. In connection with the Registered Direct Offering and Nasdaq Iceland Main Market listing, the Company incurred CHF 2.5 million of transaction related costs during the year ended December 31, 2024, of which CHF 1.9 million were recorded as a reduction of share premium in equity.

Loan Facility

On May 29, 2024, the Company entered into an agreement for a loan facility with Kreos Capital VII (UK) Limited (the "*Lender*"), which are funds and accounts managed by Blackrock, Inc. (the "*Loan Agreement*"). The Loan Agreement is structured to provide the EUR equivalent of up to CHF 50.0 million in borrowing capacity (which may be increased to up to CHF 65.0 million), comprising tranches 1, 2 and 3, in the amounts of the EUR equivalents of CHF 20.0 million ("*Loan 1*"), CHF 20.0 million ("*Loan 2*") and CHF 10.0 million ("*Loan 3*"), respectively, as well as an additional loan of the EUR equivalent of up to CHF 15.0 million, which may be made available by the Lender to the Company if mutually agreed in writing by the Lender and the Company (the "*Loan*"). Upon each tranche becoming available for draw down as well as upon the Company drawing down the loan tranches, certain associated transaction costs become payable by the Company. No amounts were drawn under the Loan Agreement during the year ended December 31, 2024.

In conjunction with the Loan, the Company entered into a warrant agreement (the "*Blackrock Warrant*") with Kreos Capital VII Aggregator SCSp (the "*Holder*"), an affiliate of the Lender, under which the Holder can purchase up to 361,011 of the Company's ordinary shares at a price per ordinary share equal to \$12.17 (CHF 11.01). At signing the Blackrock Warrant was immediately exercisable for 43,321 ordinary shares and, following the drawdown of each of Loans 1, 2 and 3, the Blackrock Warrant will become exercisable for additional amounts of ordinary shares ratably based on the amounts of Loans 1, 2 and 3 that are drawn. Each tranche of the Blackrock Warrant in connection with Loans 1, 2 and 3, is exercisable

for a period of up to seven years from the date of eligibility and will terminate at the earliest of (i) December 31, 2032, (ii) such earlier date on which the warrant is no longer exercisable for any warrant share in accordance with its terms and (iii) the acceptance by the shareholders of the Company of a third-party bona fide offer for all outstanding shares of the Company (subject to any prior exercise by the Holder, if applicable). The Blackrock Warrant had not been exercised in part or in full as of December 31, 2024.

In connection with this transaction, the Company incurred CHF 0.8 million of transaction related costs during the year ended December 31, 2024, which were capitalized as a prepayment for liquidity services and will be amortized over the period during which the loan is available.

At-the-Market Offering Program

On May 8, 2024, the Company entered into a sales agreement with Leerink Partners, LLC (“*Leerink Partners*”) with respect to an at-the-market offering program (the “*ATM Offering Program*”) under which the Company may offer and sell, from time to time at its sole discretion, ordinary shares of the Company having an aggregate offering price of up to \$100.0 million (CHF 90.5 million) through Leerink Partners as its sales agent. Any such sales, made through the sales agent, can be made by any method that is deemed an “at-the-market offering” as defined in Rule 415 promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or in other transactions pursuant to an effective shelf registration statement on Form F-3. The Company agreed to pay Leerink Partners a commission of up to 3.0% of the gross proceeds of any sales of ordinary shares sold pursuant to the sales agreement. Following the execution of the agreement, the Company issued 1,000,000 ordinary shares out of its existing capital band, each with a nominal value of CHF 0.01 to be held as treasury shares. In connection with this transaction the Company incurred approximately CHF 0.3 million of transaction related costs during the year ended December 31, 2024, which were capitalized within other current assets. There were no sales under the ATM Offering Program through December 31, 2024.

6. SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Company is managed and operated as one business. A single management team that reports to the Chief Executive Officer comprehensively manages the entire business and accordingly, the Company has one reportable segment.

The table below provides the carrying amount of certain non-current assets, by geographic area:

in CHF thousands

	Switzerland		Iceland		Others		Total	
	As of December 31, 2024	As of December 31, 2023	As of December 31, 2024	As of December 31, 2023	As of December 31, 2024	As of December 31, 2023	As of December 31, 2024	As of December 31, 2023
Intangible assets	13,292	12,206	-	-	-	-	13,292	12,206
Property and equipment	200	17	173	253	12	18	385	288
Right-of-use assets	699	-	589	687	15	68	1,303	755
Total	14,191	12,223	762	940	27	86	14,980	13,249

7. INCOME AND EXPENSES

(A) GRANT INCOME

Grant income reflects reimbursement of research and development expenses, and income from certain research projects managed by Icelandic governmental institutions. Certain expenses qualify for incentives from the Icelandic government in the form of tax credits or cash reimbursements. Icelandic government grant income for the year ended December 31, 2024, is CHF 0.7 million compared to CHF 0.9 million for each of the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022. Refer to Note 11.

(B) OPERATING EXPENSES

The tables below show the breakdown of the Total operating expenses by category:

in CHF thousands

	For the years ended December 31,								
	Research and development expenses			General and administrative expenses			Total operating expenses		
	2024	2023	2022	2024	2023	2022	2024	2023	2022
Personnel expense	11,114	6,509	4,608	11,476	7,029	4,449	22,590	13,537	9,056
Payroll	6,085	4,796	4,313	6,723	5,134	3,939	12,808	9,930	8,252
Share-based compensation expense	5,029	1,713	295	4,753	1,895	510	9,782	3,607	804
Operating expenses	40,969	22,738	17,616	10,331	10,458	6,615	51,300	68,059	24,231
External service providers	40,127	22,256	17,205	7,445	7,695	2,294	47,572	29,951	19,499
Other operating expenses	573	258	184	2,749	2,700	4,249	3,322	2,958	4,433
Depreciation of property and equipment	99	106	111	34	19	20	133	125	132
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	170	118	116	103	44	52	273	162	167
Merger and listing expense⁽¹⁾	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34,863	-
Total	52,083	29,247	22,224	21,807	17,487	11,064	73,890	81,597	33,288

⁽¹⁾ Merger and listing expense is presented separately from research and development or general and administrative expenses on the consolidated statements of loss. The item relates to the BCA and is non-recurring in nature, representing a share-based payment made in exchange for a listing service.

Research and development expenses were CHF 52.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2024 compared to CHF 29.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2023. The net increase of CHF 22.8 million, or 78.1%, was primarily due to an increase in external CRO expenses as a result of the completion and subsequent startup activities of multiple OCS-01 clinical trials and the execution of the Licaminlimab (OCS-02) DED Phase 2b clinical trial, as well as an increase in research and development personnel costs. The increase in development expenses reflects the trials ongoing during 2024, including the OCS-01 DIAMOND Phase 3 clinical trials, OCS-01 LEOPARD investigator-initiated trial ("IIT"), Licaminlimab (OCS-02) drug development and Privosegtor (OCS-05) AUCITY proof-of-concept ("PoC") clinical trial for acute optic neuritis.

(C) FINANCE RESULT

in CHF thousands

	For the years ended December 31,		
	2024	2023	2022
Finance income	2,168	1,429	126
Finance expense	(639)	(1,315)	(6,442)
Fair value adjustment on warrant liabilities	(15,531)	(3,431)	-
Foreign currency exchange gain (loss)	1,269	(4,664)	49
Finance result	(12,733)	(7,981)	(6,267)

Finance income in all periods presented consists primarily of interest income earned from the Company's short-term financial assets.

The primary finance expense in 2024 is the amortization of transaction costs related to the Loan Agreement, entered into during Q2 2024. Finance expense in 2023 primarily represented interest related to the dividend owed to the holders of Legacy Oculis preferred Series B and C shares incurred prior to the Business Combination. Preferred Series B and C shares qualified as liabilities under IAS 32 - *Financial instruments: Presentation* and the related accrued dividends as interest expense. The preferred Series B and C shares were fully converted to ordinary shares at the closing of the Business Combination on March 2, 2023 (refer to Note 5).

Refer to Note 17 for further discussions of the fair value gain/(loss) on warrant liabilities.

For the year ended December 31, 2024, the foreign currency exchange gain is primarily related to overall strengthening of the U.S. dollar against the Swiss Franc. During the year ended December 31, 2023 the currency exchange loss was primarily due to the overall weakening of the U.S. dollar and Euro exchange rates against the Swiss Franc on payable balances denominated in U.S. dollar and Euro, respectively. Additionally, the Company experienced negative currency exchange in cash and the revaluation of the U.S. dollar denominated Series C long-term financial debt, prior to the Business Combination in March 2023.

Financial result as presented in the statements of cash flows is comprised of interest and the foreign exchange effect on cash and financial assets, net.

(D) INCOME TAX AND DEFERRED TAX

<i>in CHF thousands</i>	For the years ended December 31,		
	2024	2023	2022
Current income tax expense	(130)	(127)	(90)
Deferred tax income (expense)	290	20	35
Total tax benefit (expense)	160	(107)	(55)

The Group's expected tax expense for each year is based on the applicable tax rate in each individual jurisdiction, which ranged between 8.3% and 25.0% for 2024, 2023 and 2022 in the tax jurisdictions in which the Group operates. The weighted average tax rates applicable to the profits of the consolidated entities were 13.7%, 12.7% and 13.9% for the years 2024, 2023 and 2022, respectively. The increase in 2024 primarily reflects changes in the composition of taxable results. The tax on the Group's profit / (loss) before tax differs from the statutory amount that would arise using the weighted average applicable tax rate as follows:

<i>in CHF thousands</i>	For the years ended December 31,			
	2024	2023	2022	
Groups average expected tax rate	13.7%	12.7%	13.9%	
Accounting loss before income tax	(85,937)	(88,695)	(38,643)	
Taxes at weighted average income tax	11,792	11,294	5,380	
Effect of unrecorded tax losses	(8,764)	(10,520)	(4,468)	
Effect of non-deductible expenses	(3,098)	(6,041)	(968)	
Effect of non-taxable income	280	5,103	-	
Effect of other items	(50)	57	-	
Total tax benefit (expense)	160	(107)	(55)	

As of December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022, the Group has accumulated tax losses, primarily in Switzerland, that may be carried forward to offset future taxable profits until expiration. However, no deferred tax assets have been recognized for these losses, as the realization of sufficient future taxable profits is not considered probable. Additionally, as certain tax losses have not yet been validated by the tax authorities, they remain subject to potential adjustments. This does not affect the management assumption on the going concern hypothesis of the Group. Below is the maturity of the Group reportable losses:

<i>in CHF thousands</i>	As of December 31,		
	2024	2023	2022
2025	16,733	16,733	16,733
2026	13,113	13,113	13,113
2027	12,437	12,437	12,437
2028	14,865	14,865	14,865
2029	31,786	31,786	31,790
2030	81,509	81,509	-
2031	63,397	-	-
Total	233,840	170,443	88,938

The Group did not recognize the following temporary differences:

<i>in CHF thousands</i>	As of December 31,		
	2024	2023	2022
Pension	1,870	728	728
Tax losses in Switzerland	233,840	170,443	88,938
Leases	(123)	(150)	(150)
Intangible asset	(4,025)	(4,025)	(4,025)
Total	231,562	166,996	85,491

As of December 31, 2024 and 2023 the Company had recognized deferred tax assets of CHF 0.3 million and CHF 44 thousand, respectively, and no deferred tax liabilities.

8. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

The following tables present the movements in the book values of property and equipment:

in CHF thousands

	Lab - equipment	Lab - fixtures and fittings	Office equipment & hardware	Leasehold improvement	Total
Acquisitions cost:					
Balance as of December 31, 2022	600	195	121	-	916
Acquisitions	18	-	30	-	48
Balance as of December 31, 2023	618	195	151	-	964
Acquisitions	10	-	122	98	230
Balance as of December 31, 2024	628	195	273	98	1,194

	Lab - equipment	Lab - fixtures and fittings	Office equipment & hardware	Leasehold improvement	Total
Accumulated depreciation:					
Balance as of December 31, 2022	(375)	(87)	(89)	-	(552)
Depreciation expense	(89)	(19)	(17)	-	(125)
Balance as of December 31, 2023	(464)	(106)	(106)	-	(676)
Depreciation expense	(84)	(19)	(20)	(10)	(133)
Balance as of December 31, 2024	(548)	(125)	(126)	(10)	(809)

Carrying amount:

Balance as of December 31, 2023	154	89	45	-	288
Balance as of December 31, 2024	80	70	147	89	385

9. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

The following tables summarize the movement of intangibles assets:

in CHF thousands

	Licenses	Total
Acquisition cost:		
Balance as of December 31, 2022	12,206	12,206
Balance as of December 31, 2023	12,206	12,206
Additions	1,086	1,086
Balance as of December 31, 2024	13,292	13,292

Carrying amount:

As of December 31, 2023	12,206	12,206
As of December 31, 2024	13,292	13,292

Intangible assets as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 were CHF 13.3 million and CHF 12.2 million, respectively, and represent licenses purchased under license agreements with Novartis and Accure. The Novartis license agreement was dated as of December 19, 2018 between Legacy Oculis and Novartis and relates to a novel topical anti-TNF α antibody, renamed Licaminlimab (OCS-02), for ophthalmic indications. The license agreement between Legacy Oculis and Accure, dated as of January 29, 2022, relates to the exclusive global licensing of its Privosegtor (OCS-05) (formerly ACT-01) technology. This license agreement contained an upfront payment of CHF 3.0 million and reimbursement of development related costs of CHF 0.5 million. During the fourth quarter of 2024, the Company completed the Phase 2 ACUITY trial of Privosegtor (OCS-05) in acute optic neuritis and received clearance from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (“FDA”) for its investigational new drug (“IND”). These events triggered milestone payments to Accure totaling CHF 1.1 million (\$1.2 million) which were capitalized, increasing the value of the intangible asset. The milestones were unpaid as of December 31, 2024.

(A) Intangible assets amortization

The products candidates related to the capitalized intangible assets are not yet available for use. The amortization of the licenses will start when the market approval is obtained.

(B) Annual impairment testing

Oculis performs an assessment of its licenses in the context of its annual impairment test. Given the stage of Oculis' development activities and the importance of the relevant product candidates, Licaminlimab (OCS-02) and Privosegtor (OCS-05), in Oculis' portfolio, the impairment test is performed first on the basis of a fair value model for the entire Company using a market approach and second on the basis of the continued development feasibility of both candidates.

Oculis performs its annual impairment tests on its entire portfolio of research and development assets, by deriving the fair value from an observable valuation for the entire Company determined via its stock market price quoted in Nasdaq as per the reporting date. The fair value of the asset portfolio is derived by deducting the carrying value of tangible assets and the remaining assets, which consist primarily of short-term financial assets and cash and cash equivalents, from the Company valuation.

Licaminlimab (OCS-02) and Privosegtor (OCS-05), are additionally tested for impairment by assessing their probability of success. Assessments include reviews of the following indicators, and if the candidate fails any of these indicators the entire balance is written off:

- Importance allocated to the candidate within Oculis' development portfolio, including future contractual commitments and internal budgets approved by the Board of Directors for ongoing and future development;
- Consideration of the progress of technical development and clinical trials, including obtaining technical development reports, efficacy and safety readout data, and discussions with regulatory authorities for new trials; and
- Consideration of market potentials supported where available by external market studies, and assessments of competitor products and product candidates.

In 2024, 2023 and 2022, reviews of all these indicators for Licaminlimab (OCS-02) and Privosegtor (OCS-05) were positive. No impairment losses were recognized in 2024, 2023 or 2022.

10. RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS AND LEASE LIABILITIES

The following table presents the right-of-use assets, which are related to the Company's Switzerland, Iceland and U.S. facilities:

in CHF thousands

	Right-of-use assets	
	2024	2023
Balance as of January 1,	755	758
Indexation for the period	25	47
New lease	792	118
FX revaluation	4	(6)
Depreciation charge for the period	(273)	(162)
Balance as of December 31,	1,303	755

There are no variable lease payments which are not included in the measurement of lease obligations. Expected extension options have been included in the measurement of lease liabilities.

The following table presents the lease obligations:

in CHF thousands

	Lease liabilities	
	2024	2023
Balance as of January 1,	(605)	(633)
New lease	(792)	(118)
FX revaluation	(32)	35
Indexation for the period	(25)	(47)
Interest expense for the period	(47)	(42)
Lease payments for the period	321	200
Balance as of December 31,	(1,180)	(605)

in CHF thousands

	As of December 31, 2024	As of December 31, 2023
Current	(315)	(174)
Non-current	(865)	(431)
Total	(1,180)	(605)

11. OTHER CURRENT ASSETS, OTHER RECEIVABLE AND ACCRUED INCOME

The table below shows the breakdown of the Other current assets and other receivables by category:

in CHF thousands	As of December 31, 2024	As of December 31, 2023
Prepaid clinical expenses and other receivables	2,615	6,748
Prepaid general and administrative expenses	2,842	1,412
VAT receivable	148	328
Total	5,605	8,488

The decrease in prepaid clinical and technical development expenses as of December 31, 2024 compared to prior year relates primarily to the timing of payments and service delivery for ongoing DIAMOND-1 and DIAMOND-2 trials for OCS-01 that began in late 2023 and early 2024, respectively. This was partially offset by a reimbursement receivable from a vendor related to an administrative error that prevented the analysis of trial results. The increase in prepaid general and administrative expenses is due to transaction costs capitalized as other current assets related to the ATM Offering Program and Loan Agreement, as well as public liability insurances prepaid balances.

The table below shows the movement of the accrued income for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023:

in CHF thousands	2024	2023
Balance as of January 1,	876	912
Accrued income recognized during the period	686	883
Payments received during the period	(952)	(915)
Foreign exchange revaluation	19	(4)
Balance as of December 31,	629	876

Accrued income is generated by incentives for research and development offered by the Icelandic government in the form of tax credits for innovation companies. The aid in Iceland is granted as a reimbursement of paid income tax or paid out in cash when the tax credit is higher than the calculated income tax. The tax credit is subject to companies having a research project approved as eligible for tax credit by the Icelandic Centre for Research (Rannís).

In 2020, the Icelandic Parliament passed legislation that increased the potential tax credit provided to innovation companies from 20.0% to 35.0% and increased the overall cap on eligible expenses from ISK 900 million (CHF 5.9 million) to ISK 1,100 million (CHF 7.2 million). Since then, Oculis has been able to benefit from the increased percentage. Beginning in 2025, the Icelandic Parliament passed a legislation to keep the 35.0% rate permanent.

12. PENSIONS AND OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PLANS

The Company's Swiss pension plan is classified as a defined benefit plan under IFRS Accounting Standards. Employees of the Icelandic, French, Hong Kong and American subsidiaries are covered by local post-retirement contribution plans. Besides the Swiss plan, all other pension plans are not material to the Company's consolidated financial position or results.

Switzerland pension plan

The Company's Swiss entity is affiliated to a collective foundation administrating the pension plans of various unrelated employers that qualifies as defined benefit plan under IAS 19. For employees in Switzerland, the pension fund provides post-employment, death-in-service and disability benefits in accordance with the Swiss Federal Law on Occupational Retirement, Survivor's and Disability Pension Plans which specifies the minimum benefits that are to be provided.

The pension plan of the Company's Swiss entity is fully segregated from the ones of other participating employers. The collective foundation has reinsured all risks with an insurance company. The most senior governing body of the collective foundation is the Board of Trustees. All governing and administration bodies have an obligation to act in the interests of the plan beneficiaries.

The retirement benefits are based on the accumulated retirement capital, which is made of the yearly contributions towards the old age risk by both employer and employee and the interest thereon until retirement. The employee contributions are determined based on the insured salary, depending on the age, staff level and saving amount of the beneficiary. The interest rate is determined annually by the governing body of the collective plan in accordance with the legal framework, which defines the minimum interest rates.

If an employee leaves the pension plan before reaching retirement age, the law provides for the transfer of the vested benefits to a new pension plan. These vested benefits comprise the employee and the employer contributions plus interest, the money originally brought into the pension plan by the beneficiary and an additional legally stipulated amount. On reaching retirement age, the plan beneficiary may decide whether to withdraw the benefits in the form of an annuity or (entirely or partly) as a lump-sum payment. The annuity is calculated by multiplying the balance of the retirement capital with the applicable conversion rate.

All actuarial risks of the plan, e.g. old age, invalidity and death-in-service or investment, are fully covered by insurance. However, the collective foundation is able to withdraw from the contract with the Company at any time, in which case the Company would be required to join another pension plan. In addition, the risk premiums may be adjusted by the insurance company periodically.

The Company's Swiss pension plan is fully reinsured with Swiss Life, therefore the plan assets are 100% covered by an insurance contract. The insurance company bearing the investment risk is also making these investments on behalf of the collective foundation. As a result, the assets of the plan consist of a receivable from the insurance police.

The assets are invested by the pension plan, to which many companies contribute, in a diversified portfolio that respects the requirements of the Swiss Law. The insurance policy has been treated as a qualifying insurance policy and therefore the pension assets are presented as one asset and are not segregated and presented in classes that distinguish the nature and risks of those assets.

The following tables summarize the components of net benefit expense recognized in the consolidated statements of loss, amounts recognized in the balance sheet and gains/(losses) recognized in other comprehensive loss.

in CHF thousands

	For the years ended December 31,	
	2024	2023
Actuarial gains / (losses) recognized in other comprehensive loss:		
On plan assets	(71)	(70)
On obligation	(1,090)	(738)
Total	(1,161)	(808)

in CHF thousands

	For the years ended December 31,	
	2024	2023
Net benefit expense:		
Service cost	(663)	(391)
Interest cost on benefit obligation	(143)	(149)
Interest income	133	147
Administration cost	(15)	(7)
Net benefit expense	(688)	(400)

in CHF thousands

	For the years ended December 31,	
	2024	2023
Benefit liability		
Defined benefit obligation	(13,715)	(9,930)
Fair value of plan assets	11,845	9,202
Net benefit liability	(1,870)	(728)

Changes in the present value of the defined benefit obligation are as follows:

<i>in CHF thousands</i>	For the years ended December 31,	
	2024	2023
Defined benefit obligation at January 1,	(9,930)	(6,494)
Interest cost	(143)	(149)
Service cost	(663)	(391)
Administrative expenses	(15)	(7)
Contributions paid by participants	(3,179)	(3,709)
Employees' contributions	(312)	(247)
Benefits paid from plan assets	1,617	1,806
Actuarial gains / (losses)	(1,090)	(738)
Defined benefit obligation at December 31,	(13,715)	(9,930)

Changes in the fair value of plan assets are as follows:

<i>in CHF thousands</i>	For the years ended December 31,	
	2024	2023
Fair value of plan assets at January 1,	9,202	6,403
Expected return	133	147
Contributions by employer	707	571
Employees' contributions	312	247
Benefits paid from plan assets	(1,617)	(1,806)
Contributions paid by participants	3,179	3,709
Actuarial losses	(71)	(70)
Fair value of plan assets at December 31,	11,845	9,202

The Group expects to contribute CHF 0.7 million to its defined benefit pension plan in 2025. The average duration of the plan was 14.6 years and 14.7 years as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

The principal assumptions used in determining pension benefit obligations for the Group's plan are shown below:

	For the years ended December 31,	
	2024	2023
Discount rate	1.00%	1.45%
Future salary increases	1.00%	1.20%
Future pensions increases	0.00%	0.00%
Retirement age	65	M65/F64
Demographic assumptions	BVG 2020	BVG 2020

In regard to the underlying estimates for the calculation of the defined benefit pension liabilities the Company updated, among other minor updates, the discount rate assumption to 1.00% and 1.45% as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 respectively. All the actuarial assumption changes resulted in an actuarial loss of defined benefit pension liabilities of CHF 1.2 million. The net result is an increase of defined benefit pension liabilities from CHF 0.7 million as of December 31, 2023 to CHF 1.9 million as of December 31, 2024. Other assumptions for defined benefit pension liabilities remain unchanged.

In 2024, the guaranteed interest to be credited to employees' savings was 1.10% (versus 1% in 2023). The applicable rate for converting mandatory savings at age 65 for employees retiring in 2025 will be 5.65% for males and 5.81% for females and will be reduced to 5.40% for males and 5.57% for females in 2026. Further adjustments are expected in subsequent years. The rate for converting supplementary savings to an annuity remains stable at 4.49% for males and 4.67% for females in 2025 and 2026, though adjustments in future years are possible.

Sensitivity analysis

A quantitative sensitivity analysis for significant assumptions as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 is shown below:

<i>in CHF thousands</i>	Discount rate		Future salary increase		Mortality assumptions	
	+0.25%	-0.25%	+0.50%	-0.50%	+1 year	-1 year
Assumptions as of December 31, 2024						
Potential defined benefit obligation	(13,226)	(14,236)	(13,828)	(13,607)	(13,844)	(13,589)
Decrease/(increase) from actual defined benefit obligation	490	(521)	(112)	108	(129)	126
Assumptions as of December 31, 2023						
Potential defined benefit obligation	(9,582)	(10,317)	(9,980)	(9,880)	(10,039)	(9,811)
Decrease/(increase) from actual defined benefit obligation	348	(387)	(50)	50	(109)	119

The sensitivity analysis above is subject to limitations and has been determined based on a method that extrapolates the impact on net defined benefit obligation as a result of reasonable changes in key assumptions occurring at the end of the reporting period.

13. SHARE BASED PAYMENT

On March 2, 2023, the Company adopted the Stock Option and Incentive Plan Regulation 2023 ("*2023 Plan*") which allows for the grant of equity incentives, including share-based options, stock appreciation rights ("*SARs*"), restricted shares and other awards. The 2023 Plan lays out the details for the equity incentives for talent acquisition and retention purposes.

Each grant of share-based options made under the 2023 Plan entitles the grantee to acquire ordinary shares from the Company with payment of the exercise price in cash. In the case of SARs, the intention of the Company is settling in equity. For each grant of share-based options or SARs, the Company issues a grant notice, which details the terms of the options or SARs, including number of shares, exercise price, vesting conditions and expiration date. Options granted under the 2023 Plan vest over periods ranging from one to four years and expire one day before the tenth anniversary of the grant date. The specific terms of each grant are set by the Board of Directors.

The 2023 Plan reflects the revised capital structure of the Company following completion of the Business Combination in March 2023. As a result, all option holders holding options under the prior Stock Option and Incentive Plan Regulation 2018 ("*2018 Plan*") prior to the close of the Business Combination exchanged their options held in Legacy Oculis for newly issued options to purchase ordinary shares of Oculis ("*Converted Options*") and additional earnout options. The Converted Options continue to be subject to substantially the same terms and conditions except that the number of ordinary shares of Oculis issuable and related exercise prices were adjusted by the Exchange Ratio with all other terms remaining unchanged. The comparative fair value calculation of options using the Black-Scholes model before and after the merger concluded that there was no significant change in value. The exchange of equity awards under the prior 2018 Plan for equity awards under the 2023 Plan was determined to be a modification in accordance with IFRS 2 – Share-based payment. The Group has and will continue to record the related expense per the original valuation and vesting period without incremental charges.

Option awards and SARs

Each share-based option or SAR granted under the 2023 Plan entitles the grantee to acquire common shares from the Company with cash payment of the exercise price. For each grant of share-based options or SARs, the Company provides a grant notice which details the terms of the option, including exercise price, vesting conditions and expiration date. The terms of each grant are set by the Board of Directors.

The fair value of option awards and SARs is determined using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. The weighted average grant date fair value of options granted during the year ended December 31, 2024 was CHF 7.80 or \$8.85 per share. The weighted average grant date fair value of options and SARs granted during the year ended December 31, 2023 was CHF 5.24 or \$5.83 per share. The weighted average grant date fair value of options granted during the year ended December 31, 2022 was CHF 1.66 or \$1.74 per share.

The Black-Scholes fair value of SARs was determined using assumptions that were not materially different from those used to value options. The following assumptions were used in the Black-Scholes option-pricing model for determining the fair value of options and SARs granted during the years indicated:

	For the years ended December 31,		
	2024	2023	2022
Weighted average share price at the date of grant ⁽¹⁾	USD 11.63 (CHF 10.24)	USD 8.30 (CHF 7.46)	USD 3.57 (CHF 3.41)
Range of expected volatilities (%) ⁽²⁾	85.54-93.00	68.7-83.8	96.3
Range of expected term (years) ⁽³⁾	5.50-6.25	6.25	2.50
Range of risk-free interest rates (%) ⁽¹⁾⁽⁴⁾	3.6-4.6	3.5-4.8	0.7
Dividend yield (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0

- (1) Following the NASDAQ U.S. listing in 2023, the equity award exercise price is now denominated in USD and the applicable risk-free interest rate has been adjusted accordingly.
- (2) The expected volatility was derived from the historical stock volatilities of comparable peer public companies within the Company's industry.
- (3) The expected term represents the period that share-based awards are expected to be outstanding.
- (4) The risk-free interest rates in 2023 and 2024 are based on the U.S. Treasury yield curve in effect at the measurement date with maturities approximately equal to the expected term. Prior to 2023, the risk-free interest rate was based on Switzerland Short-Term Government Bonds with maturities approximately equal to the expected term.

The following table summarizes the Company's stock option and SARs activity under the 2023 Plan for 2022 to 2024:

	Number of options ⁽¹⁾	Weighted average exercise price ⁽¹⁾ (CHF)	Range of expiration dates
Outstanding as of January 1, 2022	1,289,090	2.05	2026-2030
Granted	629,295	2.98	2031
Forfeited	(94,273)	2.35	2023-2030
Exercised	(61,163)	1.85	2026-2027
Outstanding as of December 31, 2022	1,762,949	2.39	2027-2031
Exercisable at December 31, 2022	819,603	1.97	2027-2031
Outstanding as of January 1, 2023	1,762,949	2.39	2027-2031
Options granted ⁽²⁾	1,614,000	7.49	2033
SARs granted	134,765	7.27	2033
Earnout options granted	369,737	0.01	2028
Forfeited ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	(302,299)	2.62	2033
Exercised ⁽³⁾	(112,942)	2.43	2028-2032
Outstanding as of December 31, 2023	3,466,210	4.50	2027-2033
Exercisable at December 31, 2023	1,164,513	2.21	2028-2033
Outstanding as of January 1, 2024	3,466,210	4.50	2027-2033
Options granted	1,811,122	10.24	2034
Forfeited ⁽³⁾	(288,767)	4.38	2028-2034
Exercised ⁽³⁾	(301,511)	3.17	2027-2033
Outstanding as of December 31, 2024	4,687,054	6.82	2028-2034
Exercisable at December 31, 2024	1,935,101	4.34	2028-2034

- (1) Retroactive application of the recapitalization effect due to the BCA for activity prior to March 2, 2023, the Exchange Ratio was applied to the number of options and the weighted average exercise price was divided by the same exchange ratio.
- (2) Pursuant to the BCA, all outstanding and unexercised options to purchase Legacy Oculis ordinary shares were assumed by Oculis and each option was replaced by an option to purchase ordinary shares of Oculis (the "Converted Options"). The exchange of Legacy Oculis 2018 Plan options for converted 2023 Plan options is not reflected in the table above. Refer to Note 5 - *Financing Activities* for further details.
- (3) Forfeited amount includes earnout options forfeited during the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023. No SARs have been exercised or forfeited during the years ended December 31, 2024 or 2023.

Excluding earnout options, which have an exercise price of CHF 0.01, options outstanding as of December 31, 2024 have exercise prices ranging from CHF 1.77 to CHF 16.18. The weighted average remaining contractual life of options and SARs outstanding as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 was eight years.

Restricted stock units

Each restricted stock unit ("RSU") granted under the 2023 Plan entitles the grantee to one ordinary share upon vesting of the RSU. The Company intends to settle all outstanding RSUs in equity. The fair value of RSUs is determined by the closing stock price on the date of grant and the related compensation cost is amortized over the vesting period of the award using the graded method. RSU's have time-based vesting conditions ranging from one to four years. Certain RSU's also include a performance condition for which the Company has evaluated the probability of achievement. Expense is only

recorded for awards with vesting criteria linked to performance conditions that are deemed probable of achievement. No RSUs were granted or outstanding during the year ended December 31, 2023. The following table summarizes the Company's RSU activity under the 2023 Plan for the year ended December 31, 2024:

	Number of awards	Weighted average grant date fair value (CHF)	Range of expiration dates
Outstanding as of January 1, 2024	—	—	—
RSUs granted	476,908	9.83	2034
RSUs vested/settled	(9,430)	10.51	2034
Outstanding as of December 31, 2024	467,478	9.81	2034

Restricted share awards

Each restricted share award granted under the 2018 Plan was immediately exercised and the expense was recorded at grant date in full. The Company held call options to repurchase shares diminishing ratably on a monthly basis over three years from grant date. For each grant of restricted shares, the Company issued a grant notice, which detailed the terms of the grant, including the number of awards, repurchase right start date and expiration date. The terms of each grant were set by the Board of Directors. Restricted shares were granted and expensed at fair value. No restricted shares were granted under the 2023 Plan during the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023.

The number and weighted average exercise prices of restricted shares outstanding under the 2023 Plan are as follows (recast after applying the Exchange Ratio to reflect the impact of the BCA):

	Number of Restricted Stock Awards	Weighted average exercise price (CHF)
Issued and exercised as of January 1, 2022	1,186,931	1.73
Issued and exercised as of December 31, 2022	1,186,931	1.73
Not subject to repurchase at December 31, 2022	934,044	1.66
Issued and exercised as of January 1, 2023	1,186,931	1.73
Issued and exercised as of December 31, 2023	1,186,931	1.73
Not subject to repurchase at December 31, 2023	1,088,838	1.71
Issued and exercised as of January 1, 2024	1,186,931	1.73
Issued and exercised as of December 31, 2024	1,186,931	1.73
Not subject to repurchase at December 31, 2024	1,186,931	1.73

Share-based compensation expenses

The following table details share-based compensation expense by award type for the years indicated:

	For the years ended December 31,		
	2024	2023	2022
Stock options	8,218	3,608	804
RSUs	1,564	-	-
Total share-based compensation expense	9,782	3,608	804

No expense was recognized during the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 or 2022 related to restricted stock awards. The reserve for share-based payment increased from CHF 2.8 million as of December 31, 2022 to CHF 6.4 million as of December 31, 2023, and to CHF 16.1 million as of December 31, 2024. During the year, certain options were modified to accelerate vesting upon the death of an employee, resulting in the acceleration of expense recognition. Total expense attributable to the modification was CHF 1.0 million.

14. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND SHORT-TERM FINANCIAL ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents consist primarily of cash balances held at banks and in the following currencies:

in CHF thousands

by currency	Cash and cash equivalents		Short-term financial assets	
	As of December 31, 2024	As of December 31, 2023	As of December 31, 2024	As of December 31, 2023
Swiss Franc	2,810	19,144	61,000	33,532
US Dollar	15,234	16,610	9,955	15,148
Euro	8,960	2,020	-	4,644
Iceland Krona	648	542	-	-
Other	56	11	-	-
Total	27,708	38,327	70,955	53,324

Short-term financial assets consist of fixed term bank deposits with original maturities between three and six months.

15. SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

(A) Share capital and premium

As a result of the Business Combination, the Company has retroactively restated the number of shares as of December 31, 2022 to give effect to the Exchange Ratio under the BCA as explained in Note 5.

(B) Conditional Capital

The conditional capital at December 31, 2024 amounted to a maximum of CHF 209,405.43 split into 20,940,543 ordinary shares, in connection with the potential future issuances of:

- **Conditional share capital for new bonds and similar debt instruments:**

CHF 67,500.00 through the issuance of a maximum of 6,750,000 fully paid-up registered shares, each with a par value of CHF 0.01 (ordinary shares), in connection with the exercise of convertible rights and/or option rights or warrants, new bonds and similar debt instruments.

- **Conditional share capital in connection with employee benefit plans:**

CHF 95,663.02 through the issuance of a maximum of 9,566,302 fully paid-up registered shares, each with a par value of CHF 0.01 (ordinary shares), in connection with the exercise of option rights or other equity-linked instruments granted to any employee, consultant or member of the Board of Directors of Oculis.

During the year ended December 31, 2024, 301,511 stock options have been exercised and 9,430 RSUs vested resulting in the associated ordinary shares issued using the conditional share capital for employee benefit plans (refer to Note 13). These shares were not registered yet in the commercial register as of December 31, 2024.

- **Conditional share capital for BCA public and private warrants:**

CHF 42,541.38 through the issuance of a maximum of 4,254,138 fully paid up registered shares, each with a par value of CHF 0.01 (ordinary shares), in connection with the exercise of warrants.

During the year ended December 31, 2024, 279,033 warrants have been exercised and associated ordinary shares have been issued using the conditional share capital for BCA public and private warrants (refer to Note 17). These shares were not registered yet in the commercial register as of December 31, 2024.

- **Conditional share capital for earnout options:**

CHF 3,701.03 through the issuance of a maximum of 370,103 fully paid up registered shares, each with a par value of CHF 0.01 (ordinary shares), in connection with the exercise of option rights or other equity-linked instruments granted to any employee, consultant or member of the Board of Directors of Oculis. As of December 31, 2024, 93,277 earnout options were exercisable.

(C) Treasury shares

The Company cancelled 100,000 treasury shares effective March 2, 2023 as a result of the Business Combination. In connection with the ATM Offering Program, the Company issued 1,000,000 ordinary shares out of its existing capital band, each with a nominal value of CHF 0.01 to be held as treasury shares. There were no sales under the ATM Offering Program during the year ended December 31, 2024.

(D) Capital band

As of December 31, 2024, the Company's capital band has a lower limit of CHF 464,437.00 and upper limit of CHF 691,655.50. The Company may effect an increase of the Company's share capital in a maximum amount of CHF 227,218.50 by issuing up to 22,721,850 ordinary shares with a par value of CHF 0.01 each out of the Company's capital band. The Board of Directors is authorized to increase the share capital to the upper limit or decrease the share capital to the lower limit at any time and as often as required until March 2, 2028.

16. TRADE PAYABLES, ACCRUED EXPENSES AND OTHER PAYABLES

Trade payables decreased from CHF 7.6 million as of December 31, 2023 to CHF 5.9 million as of December 31, 2024. The decrease in trade payables compared to prior year relates to the commencement of several clinical trials in the fourth quarter of 2023 requiring upfront invoicing by vendors.

The table below shows the breakdown of the Accrued expenses and other payables by category:

<i>in CHF thousands</i>	As of December 31, 2024	As of December 31, 2023
Product development related expenses	13,702	2,801
Personnel related expenses	3,696	2,301
General and administration related expenses	749	765
Other payables	51	81
Total	18,198	5,948

The increase in product development related accrued expenses as of December 31, 2024 compared to prior year end relates mainly to advancements of the Company's development pipeline in multiple clinical trials in 2024.

17. WARRANT LIABILITIES

The following table summarizes the Company's outstanding warrant liabilities by warrant type as of December 31, 2024 and 2023:

<i>in CHF thousands (except number of warrants)</i>	2024			2023		
	BCA Warrants	Blackrock Warrant	Total Warrant Liabilities	BCA Warrants	Blackrock Warrant	Total Warrant Liabilities
Balance as of January 1,	5,370	-	5,370	-	-	-
Issuance of warrants	-	294	294	2,136	-	2,136
Fair value (gain)/loss on warrant liability	15,364	167	15,531	3,431	-	3,431
Exercise of public and private warrants	(1,344)	-	(1,344)	(197)	-	(197)
Balance as of December 31,	19,390	461	19,851	5,370	-	5,370

The Blackrock Warrant, described in Note 5, is classified as a liability because its exercise price is fixed in USD, which is not the functional currency of the Company and therefore it does not meet the requirements to be classified as equity under IFRS. The fair value of the Blackrock Warrant is determined using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model and is included in Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy.

The following assumptions were used in the Black-Scholes option-pricing model for determining the fair value of the Blackrock Warrant as of issuance and December 31, 2024 as indicated:

	May 29, 2024	December 31, 2024
Share price on valuation date	USD 11.93 (CHF 10.88)	USD 17.00 (CHF 15.38)
Expected volatility (%) ⁽¹⁾	85.56	94.32
Expected term (years) ⁽²⁾	3.50	3.21
Risk-free interest rate (%) ⁽³⁾	4.75	4.28
Dividend yield (%)	0.00	0.00

⁽¹⁾ The expected volatility was derived from the historical stock volatilities of comparable peer public companies within the Company's industry.

⁽²⁾ The expected term represents the period that the Blackrock Warrant is expected to be outstanding.

⁽³⁾ The risk-free interest rate is based on the U.S. Treasury yield curve in effect at the measurement date with maturities approximately equal to the expected terms

For the year ended December 31, 2024, the Company recognized a fair value loss of CHF 15.5 million, primarily due to increase of share price. This led to an increase of the warrant liability to CHF 19.9 million as of December 31, 2024. There were exercises of 279,033 warrant shares during the year ended December 31, 2024 at a price of CHF 10.13 or \$11.50 per share, which resulted in a reduction of CHF 1.3 million to the warrant liability, an additional CHF 2.7 million of cash and an increase of CHF 4.1 million in shareholders' equity. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Company recognized a fair value loss of CHF 3.4 million, leading to an increase of the warrant liability to CHF 5.4 million as of December 31, 2023. The exercise of 149,156 public warrants at a price of CHF 10.26 or \$11.50 per share during the year ended December 31, 2023 resulted in a reduction of CHF 0.2 million to the warrant liability, an additional CHF 1.5 million of cash and an increase of CHF 1.7 million in shareholders' equity.

The movement of the warrant liabilities during the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 is illustrated below:

	2024		2023	
	Warrant liabilities	Number of outstanding warrants	Warrant liabilities	Number of outstanding warrants
<i>in CHF thousands (except share number of warrants)</i>				
Balance as of January 1,	5,370	4,254,096	-	-
Issuance of warrants	294	43,321	2,136	4,403,294
Fair value loss on warrant liability	15,531	-	3,431	-
Exercise of public and private warrants	(1,344)	(279,033)	(197)	(149,198)
Balance as of December 31,	19,851	4,018,384	5,370	4,254,096

18. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Commitments related to Novartis license agreement

In December 2018, Oculis entered into an agreement with Novartis, under which Oculis licensed a novel topical anti-TNF α antibody, now named as Licaminlimab, or Licaminlimab (OCS-02), for ophthalmic indications. As consideration for the licenses, Oculis is obligated to pay non-refundable, upfront license fees, predefined development and commercial milestone payments and royalties on net sales of licensed products. Royalties range from high one digit to low teens, based on sales thresholds. As of December 31, 2019, Oculis had paid in full the contractual non-refundable upfront fee of CHF 4.7 million. Oculis has not reached any milestones or royalties thresholds according to the agreement. If all predefined milestones will be reached, Oculis will be obligated to pay additional CHF 87.8 million or \$97.0 million. Royalties are based on net sales of licensed products, depending on the sales volumes reached.

Commitments related to Accure license agreement

On January 29, 2022, the Company entered into a License Agreement with Accure for the exclusive global licensing of its Privosegator (OCS-05) technology. Under this agreement, Oculis licensed a novel neuroprotective drug candidate, now renamed as Privosegator (OCS-05), for ophthalmic and other indications (refer to Note 9). As consideration for the licenses, Oculis is obligated to pay non-refundable, upfront license fees, predefined development and commercial milestone payments and royalties on net sales of licensed products. Royalties range from one digit to low teens, based on sales thresholds. As of December 31, 2024, Oculis has paid the full contractual non-refundable upfront fee of CHF 3.0 million and reimbursed costs in the amount of CHF 0.5 million. During the fourth quarter of 2024, the Company met the first two milestones pursuant to the agreement, which were FDA IND clearance for the intravenous formulation of Privosegator

(OCS-05), and completion and positive readout of the first PoC clinical trial for acute optic neuritis, resulting in an accrual of CHF 1.1 million or \$1.2 million, for which payment was made in 2025. If all remaining predefined milestones are reached, Oculis will be obligated to pay a total of CHF 101.4 million or \$112.1 million. In case of a commercialization, sublicense revenues will be subject to further royalty payments.

Commitments related to Rennes University Collaboration Research agreement

On January 31, 2022, the Company entered into a collaboration research agreement with the Rennes University and CNRS in France. This agreement is for the research of Antisense Oligonucleotide (ASO) to modulate gene expressions. As consideration for the research performed by Rennes University and CNRS, Oculis is obligated to pay a non-refundable cost contribution of CHF 0.2 million or EUR 0.2 million. As of December 31, 2024, Oculis paid a contractual non-refundable cost contribution of CHF 0.1 million or EUR 0.1 million. Following completion of the research services, the parties shall sign a commercial agreement based on predefined development and commercial milestone payments and royalties on net sales of licensed products as defined in the collaboration research agreement. Oculis has not reached any milestones or royalties thresholds. If the commercial agreement was signed by the parties and development and commercial milestones were reached, Oculis would be obligated to pay an additional CHF 6.6 million or EUR 7.0 million and royalties ranging from low to mid-single digit percentage on net sales. In case of sublicense revenues, Oculis shall be subject to further royalty payments.

Research and development commitments

The Group conducts product research and development programs through collaborative projects that include, among others, arrangements with universities, contract research organizations and clinical research sites. Oculis has contractual arrangements with these organizations. As of December 31, 2024, commitments for external research and development projects amounted to CHF 32.2 million, compared to CHF 50.5 million as of December 31, 2023, as detailed in the schedule below. The decrease in commitments year over year is primarily due to the progression of several clinical trials during 2024, including DIAMOND-1, DIAMOND-2, RELIEF and ACUITY.

<i>in CHF thousands</i>	As of December 31, 2024	As of December 31, 2023
Within one year	21,933	23,625
Between one and five years	10,232	26,867
Total	32,165	50,492

19. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Key management, including the Board of Directors and the executive management team, compensation expenses were:

<i>in CHF thousands</i>	For the years ended December 31,		
	2024	2023	2022
Salaries, cash compensation and other short-term benefits	4,902	3,067	3,506
Pension expense	398	320	227
Share-based compensation expense	7,480	2,543	535
Total	12,780	5,930	4,268

Salaries, cash compensation and other short-term benefits include social security, board member fees and insurance benefits.

The number of key management individuals reported as receiving compensation in the table above was increased from 6 to 12 for the year ended December 31, 2024 as compared to the year ended December 31, 2023. The number of individuals receiving compensation for service on the Board of Directors as reported in the table above increased from 3 to 5 for the year ended December 31, 2024 as compared to the year ended December 31, 2023.

20. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS / RISK MANAGEMENT

Categories of financial instruments:

As indicated in Note 3, all financial assets and liabilities are shown at amortized cost, except for warrant liabilities that are held at fair value. The following table shows the carrying amounts of financial assets and liabilities:

in CHF thousands

Financial assets	As of December 31, 2024	As of December 31, 2023
Financial assets - non-current	141	45
Other current assets, excluding prepaids	148	328
Accrued income	629	876
Short-term financial assets	70,955	53,324
Cash and cash equivalents	27,708	38,327
Total	99,581	92,900

in CHF thousands

Financial liabilities	As of December 31, 2024	As of December 31, 2023
Trade payables	5,871	7,596
Accrued expenses and other payables	18,198	5,948
Lease liabilities	1,180	605
Warrant liabilities	19,851	5,370
Total	45,100	19,519

Below is the net debt table of liabilities from financing activities:

<i>in CHF thousands</i>	Preferred shares	Leasing	Warrant liabilities	Total
Net debt as of December 31, 2022	(122,449)	(633)	-	(123,082)
Cashflows	-	200	-	200
Interest calculated on Series B & C shares	(1,266)	-	-	(1,266)
Issuance of warrants	-	-	(2,136)	(2,136)
Fair value (gain)/loss on warrant liability	-	-	(3,431)	(3,431)
Exercise of public and private warrants	-	-	197	197
Addition of US lease	-	(118)	-	(118)
Interest calculated on leases	-	(42)	-	(42)
Indexation for the period	-	(47)	-	(47)
FX revaluation	(1,087)	35	-	(1,052)
Conversion of Legacy Oculus preferred shares into Oculus ordinary shares	124,802	-	-	124,802
Net debt as of December 31, 2023	-	(605)	(5,370)	(5,975)
Cashflows	-	321	-	321
Issuance of warrants	-	-	(294)	(294)
Fair value (gain)/loss on warrant liability	-	-	(15,531)	(15,531)
Exercise of public and private warrants	-	-	1,344	1,344
Addition of Swiss lease	-	(792)	-	(792)
Interest calculated on leases	-	(47)	-	(47)
Indexation for the period	-	(25)	-	(25)
FX revaluation	-	(32)	-	(32)
Net debt as of December 31, 2024	-	(1,180)	(19,851)	(21,031)

Fair values

Due to their short-term nature, the carrying value of cash and cash equivalents, short-term financial assets, other current assets, excluding prepaid expenses, accrued income, trade payables and accrued expenses and other payables approximates their fair value.

The warrant liabilities are measured at fair value on a recurring basis, refer to Note 3.

Risk assessment

Since 2018 the Company implemented an Internal Control System (ICS), which includes a risk assessment. The ultimate responsibility of the risk management is of the Board of Directors and a yearly review takes place during one of the Board of Directors meetings.

Market risk

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices, such as foreign exchange rates, interest rates and equity prices will affect the Company's income or the value of its holdings of financial instruments. The objective of market risk management is to manage and control market risk exposures within acceptable parameters, while optimizing the return.

As of December 31, 2024, if the listed price of the warrants had moved by 5.0% with all other variables held constant, the net loss for the period would have been lower/higher by CHF 1 million. As of December 31, 2023, the change would have been CHF 0.3 million.

Foreign currency risks

Since 2020, Oculis has established a presence in the U.S., France and Hong Kong with local currencies in U.S. Dollar (USD), Euro (EUR) and Hong Kong Dollar (HKD), respectively. In 2024, foreign currency risks primarily relate to cash and cash equivalents, short term financial assets, prepaid expenses, trade payables and accrued expenses denominated in U.S. Dollar and Euro, with immaterial amounts recorded in ISK and HKD.

The following table demonstrates the impact of a possible change in USD and EUR against CHF in regard to monetary assets and liabilities denominated in local functional currencies, as well as the impact of foreign currency risk on the Company's consolidated net loss:

<i>in CHF thousands</i>	As of December 31, 2024	For the year ended December 31, 2024	As of December 31, 2023	For the year ended December 31, 2023
Change in rate	Net exposure	Impact on loss	Net exposure	Impact on loss
+5.0% USD	10,272	(514)	21,667	1,083
-5.0% USD	10,272	514	21,667	(1,083)
+5.0% EUR	5,409	270	4,049	202
-5.0% EUR	5,409	(270)	4,049	(202)

Interest rate risk

The Company's long-term financial debt, which resulted from the issuance of preferred shares bore a deemed interest resulting from the preferred dividend, due under certain circumstances, at a fixed rate of 6.0% per year until their conversion on March 2, 2023 in connection with the Business Combination. The other financial instruments of the Group are not bearing interest and are therefore not subject to interest rate risk.

Hedging activities

There are no hedging activities within the Group.

Credit risk

As of December 31, 2024, the maximum exposure is the carrying amount of the Company's cash, cash equivalents and short-term financial assets are mainly held with two financial institutions, each with a high credit rating of A+ assigned by international credit-rating agencies. Management focuses on diversification strategies and monitors counterparties' ratings to minimize exposure.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Group will encounter difficulty in meeting the obligations associated with its financial liabilities that are settled by delivering cash or another financial asset. Liquidity management is performed by Group finance based on cash flow forecasts which are prepared on a rolling basis and focuses mainly on ensuring that the Group has sufficient cash to meet its operational needs. The Group's liquidity needs have been historically satisfied through the issuance of preferred shares, the Business Combination, PIPE and CLA financings, and the follow-on offering, discussed further in Note 5.

All of the Company's financial instruments, except for the long-term portion of lease liabilities, are due within one year.

<i>in CHF thousands</i>	As of December 31, 2024	Less than one year	Over one year	As of December 31, 2023	Less than one year	Over one year
Trade payables	5,871	5,871	-	7,596	7,596	-
Accrued expenses and other payables	18,198	18,198	-	5,948	5,948	-
Lease liability	1,270	353	917	681	210	471
Total	25,339	24,422	917	14,225	13,754	471

Capital management

Since its incorporation, the Group has primarily funded its operations through capital increases, and at the current development stage, the Group frequently raises new funds to finance its projects.

21. LOSS PER SHARE

As a result of the Business Combination, the Company has retroactively restated the weighted average number of outstanding shares prior to March 2, 2023 to give effect to the Exchange Ratio. The following table sets forth the loss per share calculations for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022.

	For the years ended December 31,		
	2024	2023	2022
Net loss for the period attributable to Oculis shareholders, in CHF thousands	(85,777)	(88,802)	(38,698)
Weighted-average number of shares used to compute loss per share basic and diluted for the period ended December 31, 2022, Legacy Oculis ordinary shares	-	-	2,989,434
Exchange Ratio	-	-	1.1432
Weighted-average number of shares used to compute basic and diluted loss per share for the period ended December 31, 2022, Legacy Oculis ordinary shares (as restated)	-	-	3,417,521
Weighted-average number of shares used to compute basic and diluted loss per share for the periods ended December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023, Oculis ordinary shares	40,406,551	29,899,651	-
Basic and diluted net loss per share for the period, ordinary shares	(2.12)	(2.97)	(11.32)

Since the Company has a loss for all periods presented, basic net loss per share is the same as diluted net loss per share. Potentially dilutive securities that were not included in the diluted loss per share calculations because they would be anti-dilutive were as follows:

The number of potentially dilutive securities prior to the Business Combination have been adjusted by the Exchange Ratio to reflect the equivalent number in the Company.

	2024	2023	2022
Share options and RSUs issued and outstanding	4,911,866	3,096,473	1,762,949
Earnout options	242,666	369,737	-
Share and earnout options issued and outstanding	5,154,532	3,466,210	1,762,949
Restricted shares subject to repurchase	-	98,094	252,880
Earnout shares	2,371,272	3,793,995	-
Public warrants	3,823,364	4,102,397	-
Private warrants	151,699	151,699	-
Blackrock warrants	43,321	-	-
Total	11,544,188	11,612,395	2,015,829

22. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

In February 2025, the Company closed an underwritten follow-on offering of 5,000,000 ordinary shares, CHF 0.01 nominal value per share, at a price of \$20.00 (CHF 18.01) per share, for total gross proceeds of \$100.0 million (CHF 90.1 million). New shares were issued out of the Company's existing capital band.



Report of the Statutory Auditor to the General Meeting on the Financial Statements of Oculus Holding AG for the year ended December 31, 2024

Report of the statutory auditor

to the General Meeting of Oculis Holding AG, Zug

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Oculis Holding AG (the Company), which comprise the balance sheet as at December 31, 2024, and the profit and loss statement for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the financial statements (pages 120-131) comply with Swiss law and the Company's articles of incorporation.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Swiss law and Swiss Standards on Auditing (SA-CH). Our responsibilities under those provisions and standards are further described in the 'Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements' section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the provisions of Swiss law and the requirements of the Swiss audit profession, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Our audit approach

Materiality

The scope of our audit was influenced by our application of materiality. Our audit opinion aims to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement. Misstatements may arise due to fraud or error. They are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

Based on our professional judgement, we determined certain quantitative thresholds for materiality, including the overall materiality for the financial statements as a whole as set out in the table below. These, together with qualitative considerations, helped us to determine the scope of our audit and the nature, timing and extent of our audit procedures and to evaluate the effect of misstatements, both individually and in aggregate, on the financial statements as a whole.

Overall materiality	CHF 3,628 thousand
Benchmark applied	Total assets
Rationale for the materiality benchmark applied	We chose total assets as the benchmark, because, in our view, it is the benchmark against which the performance of the Company, which has limited operating activities and which mainly holds investments in subsidiaries and intra-group loans, is most commonly measured, and it is a generally accepted benchmark for holding companies.

We agreed with the Audit Committee that we would report to them misstatements above CHF 363 thousand identified during our audit as well as any misstatements below that amount which, in our view, warranted reporting for qualitative reasons.

Audit scope

We designed our audit by determining materiality and assessing the risks of material misstatement in the financial statements. In particular, we considered where subjective judgements were made; for example, in respect of significant accounting estimates that involved making assumptions and considering future events that are inherently uncertain. As in all of our audits, we also addressed the risk of management override of internal controls, including among other matters consideration of whether there was evidence of bias that represented a risk of material misstatement due to fraud.

We tailored the scope of our audit in order to perform sufficient work to enable us to provide an opinion on the financial statements as a whole, taking into account the structure of the Company, the accounting processes and controls, and the industry in which the Company operates.

Key audit matters

We have determined that there are no key audit matters to communicate in our report.

Other information

The Board of Directors is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, which has partially been made available to us with the 6-K and 20-F filings, (but does not include the financial statements and the consolidated financial statements and our auditor's reports thereon), which we obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, and the full annual report, which is expected to be made available to us after that date.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not and will not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed on the other information that we obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Board of Directors' responsibilities for the financial statements

The Board of Directors is responsible for the preparation of financial statements in accordance with the provisions of Swiss law and the Company's articles of incorporation, and for such internal control as the Board of Directors determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Board of Directors is responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Board of Directors either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Swiss law and SA-CH will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Swiss law and SA-CH, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- o Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- o Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.
- o Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made.
- o Conclude on the appropriateness of the Board of Directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.

We communicate with the Board of Directors or its relevant committee regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide the Board of Directors or its relevant committee with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and communicate with them regarding all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, actions taken to eliminate threats or safeguards applied.

From the matters communicated with the Board of Directors or its relevant committee, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

In accordance with article 728a para. 1 item 3 CO and PS-CH 890, we confirm the existence of an internal control system that has been designed, pursuant to the instructions of the Board of Directors, for the preparation of the financial statements.

Based on our audit according to article 728a para. 1 item 2 CO, we confirm that the Board of Directors' proposal complies with Swiss law and the Company's articles of incorporation. We recommend that the financial statements submitted to you be approved.

PricewaterhouseCoopers SA

/s/ Alex Fuhrer
Licensed audit expert
Auditor in charge

/s/ Timothy Kay

Pully, March 11, 2025



Statutory Financial Statements of Oculus Holding AG for the year ended
December 31, 2024

Oculus Holding AG, Zug
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Oculus Holding AG, Zug
Balance Sheet
(in CHF thousands)

Assets	Note	<u>As of December 31,</u> 2024	<u>As of December 31,</u> 2023
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents		3,687	464
Other current receivables		2,878	2,145
<i>From third parties</i>		395	175
<i>From group subsidiaries</i>		2,483	1,970
Prepaid expenses		478	571
Total current assets		<u>7,043</u>	<u>3,180</u>
Non-current assets			
Loans to group subsidiaries	6	163,161	115,033
Other long-term receivables - From group subsidiaries	7	1,540	—
Investments	8	191,067	191,067
Total non-current assets		<u>355,768</u>	<u>306,100</u>
Total assets		<u>362,811</u>	<u>309,280</u>
Liabilities and shareholders' equity			
Current liabilities			
Trade payables		4,494	1,959
<i>To third parties</i>		187	29
<i>To group subsidiaries</i>		4,307	1,930
Other short-term liabilities		12	7
Accrued expenses		306	506
Total current liabilities		<u>4,812</u>	<u>2,472</u>
Non-current liabilities			
Other long-term liabilities due to third parties		—	378
Total non-current liabilities		<u>—</u>	<u>378</u>
Shareholders' equity			
Share capital	9	470	404
Statutory capital reserves		404,116	347,424
<i>Reserves from capital contribution</i>	9	293,879	237,187
<i>Other statutory capital reserves</i>	9	110,237	110,237
Accumulated deficit		(41,398)	—
Loss of the period		(5,179)	(41,398)
Treasury shares held by Oculus Holding AG		(10)	—
Total shareholders' equity		<u>357,999</u>	<u>306,430</u>
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity		<u>362,811</u>	<u>309,280</u>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

Oculus Holding AG, Zug**Profit and loss statement for the periods October 31, 2022 - December 31, 2023 and January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024***(in CHF thousands)*

	Note	For the year ended December 31, 2024	For the period ended December 31, 2023
Other operating expenses		(11,281)	(9,311)
Operating expenses		(11,281)	(9,311)
Operating loss		(11,281)	(9,311)
Financial income	4	6,113	1,930
Financial expense	4	(11)	(4,458)
Loss before extraordinary items		(5,179)	(11,839)
Extraordinary income	5.1	—	69,251
Extraordinary expense	5.2	—	(98,810)
Loss before taxes		(5,179)	(41,398)
Direct taxes		—	—
Loss of the period		(5,179)	(41,398)

The accompanying notes form an integral part of the financial statements.

Oculus Holding AG, Zug

NOTES TO THE STATUTORY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Oculus Holding AG (the "Company" or "Oculus") is a stock corporation (Aktiengesellschaft) with its registered office at Bahnhofstrasse 20, CH-6300, Zug, Switzerland. It was incorporated under the laws of Switzerland in accordance with article 620 et seq. of the Swiss Code of Obligations ("SCO") and registered as of October 31, 2022.

As of December 31, 2024, the Company controls directly or indirectly five wholly-owned subsidiaries: Oculus Operations Sàrl ("Oculus Operations") with its registered office in Lausanne, Switzerland, which was incorporated in Zug, Switzerland on December 27, 2022, which controls four wholly-owned subsidiaries:

- a. Oculus ehf ("Oculus Iceland"), which was incorporated in Reykjavik, Iceland on October 28, 2003,
- b. Oculus France Sàrl ("Oculus France") which was incorporated in Paris, France on March 27, 2020,
- c. Oculus US, Inc. ("Oculus US"), which was incorporated in Delaware, USA, on May 26, 2020, and
- d. Oculus HK, Limited ("Oculus HK") which was incorporated in Hong Kong, China on June 1, 2021.

Oculus is a global late clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company with substantial expertise in therapeutics used to treat ophthalmic and neuro-ophthalmic diseases, engaged in the development of innovative drug candidates which embrace the potential to address significant unmet medical needs for many conditions. The purpose of the Company is the research, study, development, manufacture, promotion, sale and marketing of biopharmaceutical products and substances as well as the purchase, sale and exploitation of intellectual property rights, such as patents and licenses, in the field of ophthalmology. Oculus' pipeline product candidates in clinical development include: OCS-01, a topical eye drop candidate for diabetic macular edema (DME); Privoseptor (OCS-05), a neuroprotective candidate for acute optic neuritis with potentially broad clinical applications in other neuro-ophthalmic diseases; and Licaminlimab (OCS-02), a topical biologic anti-TNF α eye drop candidate for dry eye disease (DED).

2. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS IN THE CURRENT REPORTING PERIOD

Business Combination with European Biotech Acquisition Corp ("EBAC")

On March 2, 2023, the Company consummated a business combination with EBAC (the "Business Combination") pursuant to the Business Combination Agreement ("BCA") between Legacy Oculus and EBAC dated as of October 17, 2022. The Company received gross proceeds of CHF 97.6 million or \$103.7 million comprising CHF 12.0 million or \$12.8 million of cash held in EBAC's trust account and CHF 85.6 million or \$90.9 million from private placement ("PIPE") investments and conversion of notes issued under Convertible Loan Agreements ("CLA") into Oculus' ordinary shares. In connection with the Business Combination, Oculus was listed on the Nasdaq Global Market with the ticker symbol "OCS" for its ordinary shares and "OCSAW" for its public warrants.

Public Offering of Ordinary Shares

On May 31, 2023, the Company entered into an underwriting agreement with BofA Securities Inc. and SVB Securities, LLC, as representatives of several underwriters, and on June 5 and June 13, 2023, the Company closed the issuance and sale in a public offering of an aggregate of 3,654,234 ordinary shares at a public offering price of CHF 10.45 or \$11.50 per share (the "Public Offering"), for total gross proceeds of CHF 38.2 million or \$42.0 million before deducting underwriting discounts, commissions and offering expenses.

Registered Direct Offering and Nasdaq Iceland Main Market Listing

On April 22, 2024, the Company closed its registered direct offering with gross proceeds of CHF 53.5 million or \$58.8 million through the issuance and sale of 5,000,000 of its ordinary shares, nominal value CHF 0.01 per share, at a purchase price of CHF 10.70 or \$11.75 per share to investors (the "Registered Direct Offering"), and commenced trading of its ordinary shares on the Nasdaq Iceland Main Market under the ticker symbol "OCS" on April 23, 2024.

At-the-Market Offering Program

On May 8, 2024, the Company entered into a sales agreement with Leerink Partners, LLC ("Leerink Partners") with respect to an at-the-market offering program (the "ATM Offering Program") under which the Company may offer and sell, from

time to time at its sole discretion, ordinary shares of the Company having an aggregate offering price of up to \$100.0 million (CHF 90.5 million) through Leerink Partners as its sales agent. Any such sales, made through the sales agent, can be made by any method that is deemed an “at-the-market offering” as defined in Rule 415 promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or in other transactions pursuant to an effective shelf registration statement on Form F-3. The Company agreed to pay Leerink Partners a commission of up to 3.0% of the gross proceeds of any sales of ordinary shares sold pursuant to the sales agreement. Following the execution of the agreement, the Company issued 1,000,000 ordinary shares out of its existing capital band, each with a nominal value of CHF 0.01 to be held as treasury shares. There were no sales under the ATM Offering Program through December 31, 2024.

Loan Facility

On May 29, 2024, the Company entered into an agreement for a loan facility with Kreos Capital VII (UK) Limited (the “Lender”), which are funds and accounts managed by Blackrock, Inc. (the “Loan Agreement”). The Loan Agreement is structured to provide the EUR equivalent of up to CHF 50.0 million in borrowing capacity (which may be increased to up to CHF 65.0 million), comprising tranches 1, 2 and 3, in the amounts of the EUR equivalents of CHF 20.0 million (“*Loan 1*”), CHF 20.0 million (“*Loan 2*”) and CHF 10.0 million (“*Loan 3*”), respectively, as well as an additional loan of the EUR equivalent of up to CHF 15.0 million, which may be made available by the Lender to the Company if mutually agreed in writing by the Lender and the Company (the “Loan”). Upon each tranche becoming available for draw down as well as upon the Company drawing down the loan tranches, certain associated transaction costs become payable by the Company. No amounts were drawn under the Loan Agreement during the year ended December 31, 2024.

In conjunction with the Loan, the Company entered into a warrant agreement (the “Blackrock Warrant”) with Kreos Capital VII Aggregator SCSp, an affiliate of the Lender (the “Holder”), under which the Holder can purchase up to 361,011 of the Company’s ordinary shares at a price per ordinary share equal to \$12.17 (CHF 11.01). At signing the Blackrock Warrant was immediately exercisable for 43,321 ordinary shares and, following the drawdown of each of Loans 1, 2 and 3, the Blackrock Warrant will become exercisable for additional amounts of ordinary shares ratably based on the amounts of Loans 1, 2 and 3 that are drawn. Each tranche of the Warrant in connection with Loans 1, 2 and 3, is exercisable for a period of up to seven years from the date of eligibility and will terminate at the earliest of (i) December 31, 2032, (ii) such earlier date on which the Warrant is no longer exercisable for any warrant share in accordance with its terms and (iii) the acceptance by the shareholders of the Company of a third-party bona fide offer for all outstanding shares of the Company (subject to any prior exercise by the Holder, if applicable). The Blackrock Warrant had not been exercised in part or in full as of December 31, 2024.

3. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The statutory Financial Statements of Oculis, with registered office in Zug, Switzerland, were prepared according to the principles of the Swiss Law on Accounting and Financial Reporting (32nd title of the Swiss Code of Obligations). Where not prescribed by law, the significant accounting and valuation principles applied are described below.

Oculis is presenting its Consolidated Financial Statements according to IFRS (“*IFRS Accounting Standards*”). As a result, Oculis has applied the exemption included in art. 961d of the Swiss Code of Obligations and has not included additional disclosures and a cash flow statement in its Statutory Financial Statements.

Going concern

Oculis accounts are prepared on a going concern basis. To date, the Group has financed its cash requirements primarily from share issuances, as well as government research and development grants. The recent Registered Direct Offering and listing on the NASDAQ Iceland Main Market in April 2024 discussed in Note 2, as well as the February 2025 underwritten registered direct follow-on offering discussed in Note 14 raised funding to secure business continuity. The Board of Directors believes that cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments as of December 31, 2024, will be sufficient to fund the Group’s operations and capital expenditure requirements for at least the next 12 months.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are valued at nominal value.

Investments

Investments are initially recognized at cost, assessed annually for impairment triggers, and adjusted to their recoverable amount as needed.

Loans to group subsidiaries

Short and long term loans to Oculis Group subsidiaries are valued at nominal value under consideration of any impairment if needed.

Foreign currency

The Company's books are expressed in Swiss Francs (CHF). During the year, transactions denominated in foreign currencies are converted into Swiss Francs at the rate in effect at the transaction date. At year-end, assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are converted into Swiss Francs using the year-end exchange rates. Realized and unrealized exchange gains and losses are recorded net as financial income or financial expenses.

Warrants

Liabilities related to warrants are recorded at nominal value. Given warrants have no nominal or intrinsic value, these are not recognized in the statutory Financial Statements. The exercise of warrants by their holders does not lead to any cash outflows from Oculis.

Earnout consideration

As a result of the BCA, Legacy Oculis preferred, ordinary and option holders (collectively "equity holders") received consideration in the form of 3,793,995 earnout shares and 369,737 earnout options with an exercise price of CHF 0.01.

The earnout consideration is subject to forfeiture in the event of a failure to achieve the price targets during the earnout period defined as follows: (i) 1,500,000, (ii) 1,500,000 and (iii) 1,000,000 earned based on the achievement of post-acquisition volume weighted average share price targets ("VWAP") of Oculis of CHF 12.62 or \$15.00, CHF 16.83 or \$20.00 and CHF 21.04 or \$25.00, respectively, in each case, for any 20 trading days within any consecutive 30 trading day period commencing after the acquisition closing date and ending on or prior to March 2, 2028 (the "Earnout period"). A given share price target described above will also be deemed to be achieved if there is a change of control transaction, as defined in the BCA.

The earnout shares have been registered in the Registry of Commerce and are included in the number of outstanding shares as of December 31, 2024. The earnout shares are recorded at nominal value. Upon meeting the criteria, Oculis would not further increase its reserve from capital contribution. In November 2024, the first price target of CHF 12.62 or \$15.00 was achieved resulting in the immediate vesting of 1,422,723 earnout shares and 93,277 earnout options becoming exercisable.

4. FINANCIAL INCOME AND EXPENSE

Foreign exchange gain / (losses) reported into financial income and expenses are presented net per currency.

<i>(in CHF thousands)</i>	For the Year Ended December 31,		For the Year Ended December 31,	
	Income	Expenses	Income	Expenses
Interest	3,961	—	1,930	(339)
Net foreign exchange gain / (loss)	2,152	(11)	—	(4,119)
Total	6,113	(11)	1,930	(4,458)

As of December 31, 2024, the Company had approximately CHF 4.0 million of interest income from the intercompany loan, as described in Notes 6 and 7.

5. EXTRAORDINARY INCOME AND EXPENSE

<i>(in CHF thousands)</i>	For the Year Ended December 31,		For the Year Ended December 31,	
	Income	Expenses	Income	Expenses
Dividend from Merger Sub II (Note 5.1)	—	—	69,251	—
Impairment of Merger Sub II Financial investment (Note 5.2)	—	—	—	(98,810)
Total Extraordinary income / (expense)	—	—	69,251	(98,810)

5.1 Intra-group loan and dividend payment from Merger Sub II

Oculus entered into a loan with its wholly owned subsidiary on March 3, 2023 in the amount of CHF 69.5 million for the purpose of developing the Company's business activities.

In connection with the dissolution of Merger Sub II, the Board of Directors of Merger Sub II and Oculus approved a dividend in favor of the shareholder Oculus in an amount of CHF 69.3 million (the "Dividend"), whereby such dividend was made effective by way of a set-off declaration dated August 9, 2023, as further clarified on February 13, 2024. The payment of the Dividend was satisfied by offsetting the balance of the loan of CHF 69.3 million (initial loan of CHF 69.5 million minus CHF 0.2 million resulting from payments which Oculus has made on behalf of Merger Sub II). The loan is considered to have been repaid in full and there are no amounts outstanding under the Loan Agreement. Oculus recognized an extraordinary income of CHF 69.3 million in its Statement of loss.

5.2 Impairment of financial investment Merger Sub II

As per the contribution agreement signed between Oculus and EBAC on March 2, 2023, the transfer price of the contribution in kind of Merger Sub II (former EBAC) in exchange of 10,489,371 shares of Oculus amounted to CHF 98.8 million or \$104.9 million. Following the Dividend payment and offset of the intra-group loan, the intrinsic value of the Merger Sub II entity was nil given all the cash raised during the Business Combination was transferred to Oculus. As a result, Oculus Management recognized the full impairment of its financial investment leading to an extraordinary expense of CHF 98.8 million.

6. LOAN TO GROUP SUBSIDIARIES

The following table presents the intra-group loan between Oculus and its subsidiary Oculus Operations:

Original Borrower	Start date	Repayment date	USD	EUR	CHF	Total CHF
As of December 31, 2024						
Oculus Operations Sàrl	March, 2023	December, 2027	49,322	8,695	110,350	163,161
As of December 31, 2023						
Oculus Operations Sàrl	March, 2023	December, 2027	30,772	8,815	80,950	115,033

These loans were made to support the Group's clinical and business development activities and bears interest using the rate published by the Swiss federal Tax Administration for CHF, USD and Euro denominated loans to shareholders and intercompany entities. As of December 31, 2024, CHF 146.0 million of the outstanding intercompany loan was subordinated pursuant to an agreement signed between the two entities.

7. OTHER LONG-TERM RECEIVABLES

As of December 31, 2024, the Company has recognized accrued income from the intercompany loan interest (as described in Note 6). The interest has not been billed to the Oculus Operations subsidiary as it relates to the CHF 146.0 million subordinated portion of the intercompany loan, as per the subordination agreement signed between both entities.

<i>(in CHF thousands)</i>	As of December 31, 2024	As of December 31, 2023
Accrued interest on intercompany loan	1,540	—

8. INVESTMENTS

As of December 31, 2024, the Company had five direct and indirect subsidiaries. The following table describes the principal subsidiaries, the countries of incorporation and the percentage of ownership and voting interest held by the Company.

Company	Domicile	Share in Capital		Main activities
		% of capital and vote	Direct/indirect	
Oculus Operations Sàrl	Switzerland	100%	Direct	Business and clinical development
Oculus ehf	Iceland	100%	Indirect	Research, business and clinical development
Oculus France Sàrl	France	100%	Indirect	Research, business and clinical development
Oculus US Inc	USA	100%	Indirect	Business and clinical development
Oculus HK, Limited	Hong Kong	100%	Indirect	Business and clinical development

9. SHARE CAPITAL AND STATUTORY CAPITAL RESERVES

Share capital

As of December 31, 2024, the Company had a share capital of CHF 469,805.44. The Company's share capital consists of 47,033,674 shares with a nominal value of CHF 0.01.

In CHF thousands, except for the number of shares	Shares	Share capital	Treasury shares	Treasury share capital	Reserve from capital contribution	Other capital reserves	Share capital & Statutory capital reserves
October 31, 2022							
Incorporation of the Company	10,000,000	100	—	—	—	—	100
New shares issued	25,682,186	257	—	—	—	—	257
Cancellation of initial shares	(35,682,186)	(357)	—	—	—	—	(357)
In connection with BCA							
Contribution of Legacy Oculus into Oculus Holding	20,277,002	203	—	—	112,380	78,426	191,009
Convertible Loan Agreement	1,967,000	20	—	—	18,348	—	18,368
Issuance of earnout shares to Legacy Oculus shareholders	3,793,995	38	—	—	—	—	38
Contribution of EBAC into Oculus Holding	10,489,371	105	—	—	66,894	31,811	98,810
Public offering / Follow-on financing	3,654,234	36	—	—	37,767	—	37,803
Shares issued for exercise of options	112,942	1	—	—	273	—	274
Shares issued for exercise of warrants	149,156	1	—	—	1,525	—	1,526
December 31, 2023	40,443,700	404	—	—	237,187	110,237	347,828
Registered Direct Offering	5,000,000	50	—	—	52,951	—	53,001
Shares issued to treasury under the ATM program	1,000,000	10	(1,000,000)	(10)	—	—	—
Shares issued for vesting of RSUs	9,430	—	—	—	—	—	—
Shares issued for exercise of options	301,511	3	—	—	937	—	940
Shares issued for exercise of warrants	279,033	3	—	—	2,804	—	2,806
December 31, 2024	47,033,674	470	(1,000,000)	(10)	293,879	110,237	404,586

Contribution of Legacy Oculus into Oculus

As per contribution agreement signed on the account of Legacy Oculus shareholders and Oculus on March 2, 2023, the transfer price of the contribution in kind of shares in Legacy Oculus in exchange of 20,277,002 shares in Oculus amounted to CHF 191.0 million, considering a price per share of CHF 9.42 or \$10.00 and CHF 38.0 thousands as par value of the granted earn-outs to former Legacy Oculus shareholders.

Convertible Loan Agreement

In connection with the BCA, Legacy Oculis and the investor parties thereto entered into CLAs pursuant to which the investor lenders granted Legacy Oculis a right to receive an interest free convertible loan. Following the Business Combination, Oculis assumed the CLAs and the lenders exercised their conversion rights in exchange for 1,967,000 ordinary shares at CHF 9.42 or \$10.00 per share for aggregate gross proceeds of CHF 18.4 million or \$19.7 million.

Earnout shares

As a result of the BCA, Legacy Oculis “equity holders” received consideration in the form of 3,793,995 earnout shares and 369,737 earnout options with an exercise price of CHF 0.01. In November 2024, the first price target of CHF 12.62 or \$15.00 was achieved resulting in the immediate vesting of 1,422,723 earnout shares and 93,277 earnout options becoming exercisable.

Contribution of EBAC into Oculis

As per contribution agreement signed on the account of EBAC shareholders and Oculis on March 2, 2023, the transfer price of the contribution in kind of shares in EBAC in exchange of 10,489,371 shares in Oculis amounted to CHF 98.8 million, considering a price per share of CHF 9.42 or \$10.00.

May 2023 public offering

On June 5 and 13, 2023, the Company closed the issuance and sale in a public offering of 3,654,234 ordinary shares at a public offering price of CHF 10.45 or \$11.50 per share, for total gross proceeds of CHF 38.2 million, before deducting underwriting discounts, commissions and offering expenses (refer to Note 2). This capital increase was made using the capital band.

Registered Direct Offering

On April 22, 2024, the Company closed its Registered Direct Offering with gross proceeds of CHF 53.5 million or \$58.8 million through the issuance and sale of 5,000,000 of our ordinary shares, at a purchase price of CHF 10.70 or \$11.75 per share to investors. This capital increase was made using the capital band.

ATM program

On May 8, 2024, the Company entered into the ATM Program under which the Company may offer and sell, from time to time at its sole discretion, ordinary shares of the Company having an aggregate offering price of up to \$100.0 million (CHF 90.5 million) through Leerink Partners as its sales agent. Following the execution of the agreement, the Company issued 1,000,000 ordinary shares out of its existing capital band, each with a nominal value of CHF 0.01 to be held as treasury shares.

Reserves from capital contribution

As of December 31, 2024, the reserves from capital contribution amounted to CHF 293.9 million. The Swiss Federal Tax administration has not yet confirmed the amount of reserves from capital contributions for 2024 in the sense of art. 20 para. 3 of the Federal Act on Direct Federal Taxation.

Capital band

As of December 31, 2024, the Company has a capital band between CHF 464,437.00 (lower limit) and CHF 691,655.50 (upper limit). The Company may effect an increase of the Company’s share capital in a maximum amount of CHF 227,218.50 by issuing up to 22,721,850 ordinary shares with a par value of CHF 0.01 each out of the Company’s capital band. The Board of Directors is authorized to increase the share capital up to the upper limit or decrease the share capital up to the lower limit at any time and as often as required until March 2, 2028. In Q2 2024, 6,000,000 shares were issued from this capital band.

Conditional share capital

The conditional capital at December 31, 2024 amounts to a maximum of CHF 209,405.43 split into 20,940,543 ordinary shares, in connection with the potential future issuances of:

- **Conditional share capital for new bonds and similar debt instruments:**

CHF 67,500.00 through the issuance of a maximum of 6,750,000 fully paid up registered shares, each with a par value of CHF 0.01 (ordinary shares), in connection with the exercise of convertible rights and/or option rights or warrants, new bonds and similar debt instruments.

- **Conditional share capital in connection with employee benefit plans:**

CHF 95,663.02 through the issuance of a maximum of 9,566,302 fully paid up registered shares, each with a par value of CHF 0.01 (ordinary shares), in connection with the exercise of option rights or other equity-linked instruments granted to any employee, consultant or member of the Board of Directors of the Group.

During the year ended December 31, 2024, 301,511 stock options were exercised and 9,430 RSUs vested resulting in the associated ordinary shares issued using the conditional share capital for employee benefit plans. These shares have not been registered yet in the commercial register as of December 31, 2024.

- ***Conditional share capital for BCA public and private warrants:***

CHF 42,541.38 through the issuance of a maximum of 4,254,138 fully paid up registered shares, each with a par value of CHF 0.01 (ordinary shares), in connection with the exercise of warrants.

During the year ended December 31, 2024, 279,033 warrants were exercised and the associated ordinary shares have been issued using the conditional share capital for BCA public and private warrants. These shares have not been registered yet in the commercial register as of December 31, 2024.

- ***Conditional share capital for earnout options:***

CHF 3,701.03 through the issuance of a maximum of 370,103 fully paid up registered shares, each with a par value of CHF 0.01 (ordinary shares), in connection with the exercise of option rights or other equity-linked instruments granted to any employee, consultant or member of the Board of Directors of the Group. As of December 31, 2024, 93,277 earnout options were exercisable.

Treasury shares

The Company cancelled 100,000 treasury shares effective March 2, 2023 as a result of the Business Combination. In connection with the ATM Offering Program, the Company issued 1,000,000 ordinary shares out of its existing capital band, each with a nominal value of CHF 0.01 to be held as treasury shares. There were no sales under the ATM Offering Program during the year ended December 31, 2024.

10. DECLARATION OF FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE) EMPLOYEES

The Company had no employees during the periods ended December 31, 2024 and 2023.

11. WARRANTS

Public and Private Warrants

Pursuant to the BCA and the Warrant Assignment and Assumption Agreement executed in connection with the BCA, described in Note 2, the Company has assumed 4,251,595 BCA public warrants and 151,699 BCA private warrants from EBAC, and issued 4,403,294 warrants as of March 2, 2023 with substantially the same terms. Each warrant entitles the registered holder to purchase one ordinary share at a price of CHF 10.52 or \$11.50 per share, subject to certain adjustments, exercisable at any time commencing 30 days after the acquisition closing date, provided that the Company has an effective registration statement under the Securities Act covering the issuance of the ordinary shares issuable upon exercise of the warrants. This registration statement was filed with the SEC and declared effective on May 1, 2023. The warrants will expire on March 2, 2028.

Blackrock Warrants

In conjunction with the Loan Agreement described in Note 2, the Company entered into a warrant agreement (the "Blackrock Warrant") with Kreos Capital VII Aggregator SCSp, an affiliate of the Lender (the "Holder"), under which the Holder can purchase up to 361,011 of the Company's ordinary shares at a price per ordinary share equal to \$12.17 (CHF 11.01). At signing the Blackrock Warrant was immediately exercisable for 43,321 ordinary shares and, following the drawdown of each of Loans 1, 2 and 3, the Blackrock Warrant will become exercisable for additional amounts of ordinary shares ratably based on the amounts of Loans 1, 2 and 3 that are drawn. Each tranche of the Warrant in connection with Loans 1, 2 and 3, is exercisable for a period of up to seven years from the date of eligibility and will terminate at the earliest of (i) December 31, 2032, (ii) such earlier date on which the Warrant is no longer exercisable for any warrant share in accordance with its terms and (iii) the acceptance by the shareholders of the Company of a third-party bona fide offer for all outstanding shares of the Company (subject to any prior exercise by the Holder, if applicable). The Blackrock Warrant had not been exercised in part or in full as of December 31, 2024.

The movement of the number of outstanding warrants is illustrated below:

	Number of outstanding warrants
Balance as of October 31, 2022	-
Issuance of public and private warrants	4,403,294
Exercise of public and private warrants	(149,198)
Balance as of December 31, 2023	4,254,096
Issuance of Blackrock warrants	43,321
Exercise of public and private warrants	(279,033)
Balance as of December 31, 2024	4,018,384

The number of warrants exercised during the year ended December 31, 2023 was 149,198, which included 149,156 BCA warrants exercised in 2023 and an additional number of 42 BCA warrants that are still formally part of the Company's conditional share capital, although they will not become exercisable because of the fractional conversion rate and rounding methodology applied when converting the initial warrants from EBAC into the Company's warrants.

12. SHARES AND OPTIONS ON SHARES GRANTED TO EXECUTIVE OFFICERS, DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES

The following table presents information on the allocation of shares and equity awards to executive officers, directors and employees in accordance with Article 959c, paragraph 2, number 11 of the Swiss Code of Obligations (CO) during the periods October 31, 2022 through December 31, 2023 and January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

Shares and earnout shares values are based on the Company's closing share price of USD 17.00 (CHF 15.38) and USD 11.23 (CHF 9.45) as of December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023, respectively. Options, restricted stock units ("RSUs"), stock appreciation rights ("SARs") and earnout options are recognized at fair value at grant date. The fair value of the Company's options, SARs and earnout options is determined using the Black-Scholes Model. The fair value of RSUs is equal to the closing share price on the date of grant.

The following table summarizes equity award activity during the period from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024:

	Options / RSUs	
	Number	Fair value in CHF
Issued to executive officers and directors	799,721	6,694
Issued to employees	1,349,309	10,444
Issued to consultants of the Company	139,000	1,146
Total other equity compensation	2,288,030	18,284

The following table summarizes equity award activity during the period from October 31, 2022 through December 31, 2023:

	Shares / Earnout shares		Options / Earnout options / SARs	
	Number	Fair value in CHF	Number	Fair value in CHF
Issued to executive officers and directors	270,828	2,559	109,802	1,027
Issued to employees	—	—	242,001	2,264
Issued to consultants of the Company	—	—	17,934	168
Total earnout consideration	270,828	2,559	369,737	3,459
Issued to executive officers and directors	—	—	1,029,765	4,737
Issued to employees	—	—	647,000	4,091
Issued to consultants of the Company	—	—	72,000	331
Total other equity compensation	—	—	1,748,765	9,159
Total	270,828	2,559	2,118,502	12,618

13. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Company has no contingent liabilities as of December 31, 2024.

14. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS AFTER THE BALANCE SHEET DATE

In February 2025, the Company closed an underwritten follow-on offering of 5,000,000 ordinary shares, CHF 0.01 nominal value per share, at a price of \$20.00 (CHF 18.01) per share, for total gross proceeds of \$100.0 million (CHF 90.1 million). New shares were issued out of the Company's existing capital band.

Appropriation of available earnings and reserves of Oculis Holding AG

(in CHF thousands)

	For the year ended December 31, 2024	For the year ended December 31, 2023
Retained earnings carried forward		
Balance at the beginning of the period	(41,398)	—
Loss of the year	(5,179)	(41,398)
Loss available to the ordinary general meeting	(46,577)	(41,398)
Motion of the Board of Directors on the proposed carry forward of the accumulated losses		
Loss available to the ordinary general meeting	(46,577)	(41,398)
Balance to be carried forward	(46,577)	(41,398)



Report of the Statutory Auditor to the General Meeting on the
Compensation Report 2024

Report of the statutory auditor to the General Meeting of Oculis Holding AG, Zug

Opinion

We have audited the compensation report of Oculis Holding AG (the Company) for the year ended December 31, 2024. The audit was limited to the information pursuant to article 734a-734f of the Swiss Code of Obligations (CO) in the tables 2.c., 3.c., 4 and 5 and the information in sections 2.b. and 4 of the compensation report.

In our opinion, the information pursuant to article 734a-734f CO in the compensation report (pages 136-147) complies with Swiss law and the Company's articles of incorporation.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Swiss law and Swiss Standards on Auditing (SA-CH). Our responsibilities under those provisions and standards are further described in the 'Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the compensation report' section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the provisions of Swiss law and the requirements of the Swiss audit profession, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other information

The Board of Directors is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, but does not include the tables 2.c., 3.c., 4 and 5 and the information in sections 2.b. and 4 in the compensation report, the consolidated financial statements, the financial statements and our auditor's reports thereon.

Our opinion on the compensation report does not cover the other information and we do not and will not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the compensation report, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the audited financial information in the compensation report or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed on the other information that we obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Board of Directors' responsibilities for the compensation report

The Board of Directors is responsible for the preparation of a compensation report in accordance with the provisions of Swiss law and the Company's articles of incorporation, and for such internal control as the Board of Directors determines is necessary to enable the preparation of a compensation report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. It is also charged with structuring the remuneration principles and specifying the individual remuneration components.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the compensation report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the information pursuant to article 734a-734f CO is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Swiss law and SA-CH will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this compensation report.

As part of an audit in accordance with Swiss law and SA-CH, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- o Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement in the compensation report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting

from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

- o Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.
- o Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made.

We communicate with the Board of Directors or its relevant committee regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide the Board of Directors or its relevant committee with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, actions taken to eliminate threats or safeguards applied.

PricewaterhouseCoopers SA

/s/ Alex Fuhrer
Licensed audit expert
Auditor in charge

/s/ Timothy Kay

Pully, May 9, 2025



Compensation Report 2024 of Oculus Holding AG

Compensation Report 2024 to the Shareholders' Meeting of Oculis Holding AG

This compensation report (the “*Compensation Report*”) of OCULIS HOLDING AG (the “*Company*”) has been prepared in accordance with the Swiss Code of Obligations (“*SCO*”). Unless otherwise indicated or the context otherwise requires, all references in the Compensation Report to the “*Company*”, “*we*”, “*our*”, “*us*” or similar terms refer to the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries.

1. Compensation Philosophy, Principles and Governance

Principles of the Compensation of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee

Pursuant to Swiss law, the aggregate amount of compensation of the board of directors of the Company (the “*Board of Directors*”) and the persons whom the Board of Directors has entrusted with the management of the Company (the “*Executive Committee*”) shall be submitted to the annual general meeting of shareholders of the Company (the “*AGM*”) for a binding vote.

In the Compensation Report, the aggregate amounts of compensation, loans, and other forms of indebtedness to the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee respectively are disclosed, as well as the specific amount for each member of the Board of Directors and for the highest-paid member of the Executive Committee, specifying the name and function of each of these persons.

As a Swiss company listed on United States Nasdaq Global Market and Nasdaq Iceland Main Market, we are prohibited from granting certain forms of compensation to members of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee, such as:

- o severance payments that are contractually agreed or provided for in the articles of association of the Company (the “*Articles*”) (compensation that is due until the termination of a contractual relationship does not qualify as severance payment);
- o compensation related to a ban on competition that exceeds the average remuneration for the last three financial years, or compensation related to a ban on competition that is not justified on business grounds;
- o remuneration paid under terms that differ from customary market conditions in connection with a prior activity as a corporate body of the Company;
- o joining bonuses that do not compensate for a verifiable financial disadvantage;
- o advance compensation that does not compensate for a verifiable financial disadvantage;
- o incentive fees for the acquisition or transfer of entities, or parts thereof, by the Company or by entities, directly or indirectly, controlled and as such consolidated by the Company (“*Subsidiaries*”);
- o loans, credit facilities, pension benefits other than occupational pensions and performance-based compensation not provided for in the Articles; and
- o the allocation of equity securities, conversion and option rights not provided for in the Articles.

Compensation to members of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee for activities in Subsidiaries is prohibited, if (i) the compensation would be prohibited if it was paid directly by the Company, (ii) the Articles do not provide for it, or (iii) the compensation has not been approved by the AGM.

Each year, at the AGM, shareholders will vote on the proposals of the Board of Directors with respect to:

- o the maximum aggregate amount of compensation of the Board of Directors for the term of office until the next AGM;
- o the maximum aggregate amount of fixed compensation of the Executive Committee for the following financial year; and
- o the maximum aggregate amount of variable compensation of the Executive Committee for the current financial year.

The Board of Directors may submit for approval to the AGM deviating, additional or conditional proposals relating to the maximum aggregate amount or maximum partial amounts for the same or different periods or specific compensation components.

If the AGM does not approve a proposal of the Board of Directors, the Board of Directors shall determine, considering all relevant factors, the respective (maximum) aggregate amount or (maximum) partial amounts, and submit the amount(s) so determined for approval to a new AGM or an extraordinary general meeting of shareholders of the Company for a binding vote.

The Company or Subsidiaries, on a go-forward basis, may pay or grant compensation prior to approval by the AGM, subject to subsequent approval.

Members of the Board of Directors may be paid in fixed basic remuneration, fixed committee fee for work in committee(s) of the Board of Directors and in equity instruments of the Company. Members of the Executive Committee may be paid fixed remuneration payable in cash and equity compensation in the form of a performance-related remuneration payable in cash and shares or equity-linked instruments in the Company, depending on the continued service to the Company and performance of the Company as well as the individual. Performance is measured based on the achievement of pre-determined targets in a given year. The Board of Directors determines annually at the beginning of each calendar year the decisive targets and their weighting upon proposal by the remuneration committee of the Board of Directors (the “*Remuneration Committee*”).

Compensation may be paid or granted in the form of cash, shares, options, or other equity-linked instruments. The Board of Directors, upon proposal of the Remuneration Committee, allocates the members of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors a fixed number of shares, options or other equity-linked instruments and the Board of Directors or, to the extent delegated to it, the Remuneration Committee shall determine grant, vesting, exercise, and forfeiture conditions. Granting equity to non-executive directors, although less common in Switzerland, is in line with practice for companies listed on Nasdaq and such awards are not granted subject to performance conditions.

Method of Determining Compensation

Role and Powers of the Remuneration Committee

The Remuneration Committee consists of more than two members, who will be elected/re-elected at the AGM for a period until the following ordinary AGM. The Board of Directors appoints the chair of the Remuneration Committee and fills any vacancies until the following ordinary AGM.

The Remuneration Committee supports our Board of Directors in establishing and reviewing the compensation and benefits strategy and guidelines as well as in preparing the proposals to the AGM regarding the compensation of the members of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee. The Remuneration Committee may submit proposals to the Board of Directors on other compensation-related matters.

The Remuneration Committee has the responsibility to, among other things:

- o evaluate annually the performance of the Chief Executive Officer and submit such evaluation proposal for review and discussion by the Board of Directors;
- o review and recommend for approval by the Board of Directors the annual base salary, incentive compensation and equity compensation of the Chief Executive Officer and, in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer, of the Executive Committee, and the overall compensation of the Chief Executive Officer and Executive Committee;
- o review and approve any employment contracts, severance contracts, or other agreements that the Company proposes to enter into with any present, future or former members of the Executive Committee; provided that the key terms of such contracts shall be submitted for approval by the Board of Directors or the general assembly, if required;
- o establish an incentive compensation plan providing for variable compensation of the members of the Executive Committee and other key leaders based on the achievement of the Company’s corporate goals and the individuals’ performance, and approve any changes to such plan as may be proposed by the Chief Executive Officer from time to time;
- o approve any incentive compensation plans providing for variable compensation of employees of the Company (excluding any member of the Executive Committee) and any changes thereto, as may be proposed by the Chief Executive Officer from time to time;
- o develop and periodically review the Company’s equity compensation plan, and submit such plan and any changes to such plan to the Board of Directors for approval;

- o review and approve any perquisite benefits plans proposed by the Chief Executive Officer for the members of the Executive Committee and other key leaders;
- o review the annual corporate goals proposed by the Chief Executive Officer, and recommend such goals as approved by the Committee for approval by the Board of Directors. The Remuneration Committee shall determine the level of achievement of the corporate goals as approved by the Board of Directors upon completion of each calendar year, and apply such achievement level to the determination of the variable compensation of the members of the Executive Committee and other key leaders;
- o evaluate its own performance on a periodic basis as part of the Board of Directors' performance assessment process;
- o supervise the preparation of the annual compensation report and submit it to the Board of Directors for approval;
- o prepare and recommend to the Board of Directors for approval (i) a compensation philosophy for the Board and (ii) a compensation philosophy for the Executive Committee, and (iii) a compensation philosophy for other key leaders of the Company. The Committee shall thereafter annually review such policies and recommend changes, if any, for approval by the Board; and
- o review the Committee charter annually and submit any recommended changes to the Board of Directors for approval.

Compensation of the Board of Directors

As per the Articles, the compensation of the non-executive members of the Board of Directors is comprised of the following elements: a fixed basic remuneration, a fixed committee fee for service in a committee of the Board of Directors and a number of options, shares or other equity-linked instruments in the Company. The total compensation shall take into account the position and level of responsibility of the relevant member of the Board of Directors. The Company deducts from the payments the applicable withholding tax.

As per the Articles, compensation may be paid in the form of cash, shares, options or other equity-linked instruments. The Board of Directors or, to the extent delegated to it, the Remuneration Committee, shall determine grant, vesting, exercise and forfeiture conditions. In particular, they may provide for continuation, acceleration, or removal of vesting, exercise and forfeiture conditions, for payment or grant of compensation based upon assumed target achievement, or for forfeiture, in each case in the event of pre-determined events such as a change-of-control or termination of an employment or mandate agreement.

Compensation of the Members of the Executive Committee

As per the Articles, the compensation of the members of the Executive Committee may consist of fixed and variable compensation elements. Fixed compensation comprises a fixed remuneration payable in cash. Variable compensation comprises a performance-related remuneration which depends on the Company's business success and Executive Committee individual's performance or achievement of pre-determined targets during a calendar or fiscal year. Total compensation takes into account the position and level of responsibility of the recipient.

As per the Articles, compensation may be paid in the form of cash, shares, options, or other equity-linked instruments. Short-term compensation is in the form of base salary and target bonus, which are cash based, whereas long-term compensation are equity based. The Board of Directors or, to the extent delegated to it, the Remuneration Committee, shall determine grant, vesting, exercise, and forfeiture conditions. In particular, they may provide for continuation, acceleration, or removal of vesting, exercise, restriction and forfeiture conditions, for payment or grant of compensation based upon assumed target achievement, or for forfeiture, in each case in the event of pre-determined events such as a change-of- control or termination of an employment or mandate agreement.

Share Ownership Guidelines

Our Board of Directors adopted share ownership guidelines in April 2025 that are designed to promote the ongoing alignment of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee with the interests of our shareholders and to further promote our commitment to sound corporate governance. These guidelines require non-employee directors and members of the Executive Committee to own a certain amount of our shares by the end of a five-year compliance period and then annually thereafter. Pursuant to the guidelines, each non-employee director must own an amount of ordinary shares equal in value to three times the amount of their annual Board of Directors membership fee (exclusive of committee or chair fees), and each member of the Executive Committee must own an amount of ordinary shares

equal in value to three times the amount of their annual base salary. For our Chief Executive Officer, this amount is five times the amount of his annual base salary.

Elements of Compensation for 2024

We believe that our overall compensation packages for members of the Executive Committee are market-competitive, given the importance of attracting, motivating, and retaining persons with the necessary skills, expertise and character. For 2024, the overall compensation consisted of base salary, cash bonus and equity incentive awards under the Company's 2023 stock option and incentive plan regulation.

Base Salary

We believe that our base salaries are in line with market practice. The base salary levels are based on the experience, skills, knowledge and responsibilities required for the relevant positions. Base salary and cash bonus are reviewed annually by the Remuneration Committee, taking into account individual responsibilities, performance and experience, as well as the results of the external benchmarking. The Remuneration Committee reviews and recommends for approval by the Board of Directors the annual base salary of the Chief Executive Officer, and, in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer, of the other members of the Executive Committee.

Bonus

The members of the Executive Committee are entitled to annual cash bonuses for their performance over the fiscal year, based on goals established by our Board of Directors. Annual cash bonuses may be earned by members of our Executive Committee based on achievement of individual performance objectives, and Company performance objectives which are approved by the Board of Directors each year. The bonus program is intended to strengthen the connection between individual compensation and Company success, reinforce our pay-for-performance philosophy by awarding higher bonuses to higher performing executives and help ensure that our compensation is competitive. Under the terms of the performance bonus program, the Remuneration Committee reviews and recommends for approval by the Board of Directors the annual cash bonus of the Chief Executive Officer, and, in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer, of the other members of the Executive Committee based on the achieved objectives. The objectives reflect a robust set of qualitative and quantitative measures designed to drive Company strategy and secure the future of the Company (including consideration of share price performance against the NASDAQ NBI Index and performance against the Company financing plan), develop the Company portfolio and ensure that the Company is positioned for sustained growth.

Each member of the Executive Committee is eligible to receive an annual cash bonus under the program calculated by multiplying its base salary by a target percentage value assigned to it or to its position by the Remuneration Committee and the Board of Directors. The target percentage is a blended percentage based on individual and business performance. The business target percentage value is capped at 120%. The Remuneration Committee recommends for approval by the Board of Directors, and, in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer, of the other members of the Executive Committee if the annual cash bonus is to be paid at target, under target or above target. Under certain circumstances, new members of the Executive Committee may receive replacement awards to compensate them for amounts forgone in connection with their change of employment.

Stock Option and Incentive Plan Regulation

In connection with the Company's United States Nasdaq listing in March 2023, the Company adopted the Stock Option and Incentive Plan Regulation 2023 which was amended in May 2024 (the "*Stock Option and Incentive Plan Regulation 2023*" or "*2023 Plan*"). The 2023 Plan provides for the grant of options, restricted stock awards or units or stock appreciation rights to acquire shares of the Company. The purpose of the 2023 Plan is to attract and retain highly qualified personnel and to provide employees, non-employee directors and consultants with long-term incentive to perform at the highest level on behalf of and in the best interest of the Company and its Subsidiaries. The 2023 Plan is the sole means for the Company to grant new equity incentive awards.

Plan Administration. The Plan is administered by a plan administrator (one or several persons) elected by our Board of Directors from time to time. The plan administrator acts within the guidelines set and approved by our Board of Directors and is authorized to, among others, (i) determine the eligible persons who may receive equity awards under the 2023 Plan, (ii) determine the allocation of awards to all eligible participants, (iii) determine the exercise price and the term of each equity award, and (iv) establish such rules and regulations deemed to be appropriate and proper for

the administration of the 2023 Plan, in each case, subject to the guidelines set and approved by our Board of Directors or the Remuneration Committee.

Eligible Participants. Persons eligible to participate in our 2023 Plan are members of our Board of Directors, and employees and consultants of the Company and its subsidiaries. The plan administrator determines within the guidelines set and approved by our Board of Directors or Remuneration Committee which eligible persons are to receive rights to acquire shares under the 2023 Plan.

Awards. Equity incentive awards under the 2023 Plan may be granted in the form of options, restricted stock awards or rights, either in the form of restricted stock units (RSU) or in the form of stock appreciation rights (SAR) (“Award(s)”). Awards reserved and available for grant and issuance pursuant to the 2023 Plan allow for the issuance of up to 9,566,302 registered shares. Awards, if granted, have an exercise price determined by the plan administrator within the guidelines set and approved by the Board of Directors or the Remuneration Committee. For options, the exercise price becomes immediately due upon exercise of the option and shall be payable to the Company. For SARs, the exercise price shall be deducted from the contractual claim of the eligible participant. Awards are not subject to individual limits but are granted at market appropriate levels.

Vesting. The vesting conditions for Awards pursuant the 2023 Plan are set forth in the applicable grant notices. Unless otherwise determined by our Board of Directors at the grant date or set forth in the grant notice, excluding grants to non-employee Directors, Awards granted under the 2023 Plan generally vest as to 25% of the Award at the end of the first year following the vesting start date, with the remaining 75% of the Award vesting monthly (in the case of options) or quarterly (in the case of RSUs) ratably over the 3 years after the first year following the vesting start date. The exercise price for options granted is set equal to the fair market value on the date of grant. Initial awards granted to newly appointed members of the Board of Directors generally vest monthly (in the case of options) or quarterly (in the case of RSUs) ratably over the 3 years following the grant date. Annual awards granted to members of the Board of Directors generally vest over 1 year, becoming fully vested on the date of the following year's AGM.

Earnout consideration. On March 2, 2023, the Company consummated a business combination (“*Business Combination*”) pursuant to the Business Combination Agreement (“*BCA*”) between Legacy Oculis and EBAC dated as of October 17, 2022. As a result of the BCA, Legacy Oculis preferred, ordinary and option holders received consideration in the form of 3,793,995 earnout shares and 369,737 earnout options with an exercise price of CHF 0.01.

The earnout consideration is subject to forfeiture in the event of a failure to achieve the price targets during the earnout period defined as follows: (i) 1,500,000, (ii) 1,500,000 and (iii) 1,000,000 earned based on the achievement of volume-weighted average share price (VWAP) targets of Oculis of \$15.00, \$20.00 and \$25.00, respectively, in each case, for any 20 trading days within any consecutive 30 trading day period commencing after the acquisition closing date and ending on or prior to March 2, 2028 (the “*Earnout Period*”). A given share price target described above will also be deemed to be achieved if there is a change of control, as defined in the BCA, transaction of Oculis during the Earnout Period. In November 2024 and February 2025, the \$15.00 and \$20.00 VWAP earnout price targets, respectively, were met.

In relation to the shares and equity awards disclosed below, any earn-out options and earnout shares have not been included in Section 2.c. (Board Compensation Amounts) and Section 3.c. (Executive Committee Compensation Amounts). Earn-out options and earnout shares are specifically tied to the Business Combination and are thus excluded from consideration as compensation. However, earnout options have been included in Section 4. (Equity and Equity-Linked Instruments Held by Members of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee).

Termination of Service and Corporate Transaction

Generally, in the event of a participant’s termination of service, any Award not vested upon receipt of a notice of termination of the relevant legal relationship shall immediately lapse. Any option exercisable at the time a notice of termination has been received (regardless of which party gives notice) and outstanding at the time the legal relationship forming the basis of the service ends shall remain exercisable within three months post-termination of the service relationship unless the plan administrator provides for an exemption, provided that such period shall in no event end later than the original expiry date of the option. Should the participant's service be terminated for cause, then all outstanding Awards (whether vested or not), held by the participant shall terminate immediately and cease to be outstanding.

If indicated in the grant notice or otherwise resolved by the Board of Directors, in the event of any Corporate Transaction (as defined in the 2023 Plan), all Awards (i) shall fully vest and (ii) in the case of options and SARs must be immediately exercised, except if such Awards are repurchased by the Company or a third party designated by the Company for a cash consideration equivalent to the economic value applicable to such Award under the 2023 Plan. If indicated in the grant notice, in the event of any Corporate Transaction, the repurchase right for any restricted stock shall expire and such restricted stock shall become unrestricted shares. At the consummation of the Corporate Transaction, all vested Awards shall be exercised and/or settled and shall cease to be outstanding. The Company shall be entitled to terminate any unvested Awards and thereby shall compensate a participant for the economic value of such Awards.

Amendment. The Board of Directors shall have complete and exclusive power and authority to amend or modify the 2023 Plan in any or all respects. Unless such change is required to comply with applicable law, listing requirements, accounting rules or tax requirements, no such amendment or modification shall, without the consent of the concerned participant, adversely affect its rights and obligations under the 2023 Plan.

Pensions and other post-employment benefit plans

We maintain post-employment benefit plans that provide our employees with an opportunity to save for retirement on a tax advantaged basis. The Company's Swiss entity is affiliated to a collective foundation administrating the pension plans of various unrelated employers. In addition, a customary Swiss pension plan is in place for eligible employees, in compliance with the requirements of applicable laws. The Company's Icelandic entity makes contributions to pension funds selected by our employees according to applicable laws. For the Company's U.S. entity, we have adopted a 401(k) defined contribution plan.

Social Charges

The Company pays social security contributions as required by applicable law. The Company also pays certain non-mandatory benefits under local social security plans.

Employment Agreements

We have entered into employment agreements with all the members of our Executive Committee. Each of these agreements provides for a base salary and annual cash bonus opportunity, equity eligibility participation, as well as participation in certain pension and welfare benefit plans. These agreements generally require advance notice of termination, and in some cases provide for garden leave (paid leave). Members of our Executive Committee have agreed to covenants not to compete against us or solicit our employees or customers during and post-employment for a specified period following termination. We may be required to pay some members of our Executive Committee compensation for their covenant not to compete with us following termination for some period.

2. Compensation of the Board of Directors

a. Board Composition

Our Board of Directors is composed of eight members (each a "Director"). Each Director is elected for a one-year term. The current Directors were elected at our AGM on May 29, 2024 to serve until our 2025 AGM.

As a foreign private issuer, the Company is subject to the rules of the SEC for its listing on United States Nasdaq Global Market and to the regulations of the Financial Supervisory Authority of the Central Bank of Iceland (FME) for its listing on Nasdaq Iceland Main Market. We rely on Swiss home country governance requirements and certain exemptions thereunder rather than on the Nasdaq corporate governance requirements. The majority of our Directors are independent directors. There are no family relationships among any members of our Board of Directors or the Executive Committee.

Board of Directors

Name	Role(s)	Year Appointed
Christina Ackermann	Director	2023
Lionel Carnot	Director	2023
Pravin Dugel, M.D. ⁽¹⁾	Director	2023
Arshad M. Khanani, M.D. ⁽²⁾	Director	2024
Martijn Kleijwegt	Director	2023
Geraldine O'Keefe	Director	2023
Anthony Rosenberg	Chairman of the Board of Directors	2023
Riad Sherif, M.D.	Director and Chief Executive Officer	2022
Robert K. Warner ⁽³⁾	Director	2024

⁽¹⁾ Pravin Dugel, M.D. retired from the Board of Directors on May 29, 2024.

⁽²⁾ Arshad M. Khanani, M.D. was elected to the Board of Directors on May 29, 2024.

⁽³⁾ Robert K. Warner was elected to the Board of Directors on May 29, 2024.

Board Committees

The composition of Board sub-committees of the Board of Directors (“Board Committee(s)”) from May 29, 2024 and as of December 31, 2024 is as follows:

Name	Audit Committee	Remuneration Committee	Nomination and Governance Committee
Christina Ackermann	Member	Chairperson	-
Lionel Carnot	Chairperson	Member	-
Martijn Kleijwegt	-	-	Member
Geraldine O'Keefe	Member	-	Member
Robert K. Warner	-	Member	Chairperson

The composition of Board Committees as of December 31, 2023 and through May 28, 2024 is as follows:

Name	Audit Committee	Remuneration Committee	Nomination and Governance Committee
Christina Ackermann	Member	Chairperson	-
Lionel Carnot	Chairperson	Member	-
Pravin Dugel, M.D.	-	Member	Chairperson
Martijn Kleijwegt	-	-	Member
Geraldine O'Keefe	Member	-	Member

b. Board Compensation Structure

Members of the Board of Directors who are not employees of the Company (including any of its affiliates) (“Eligible Director”) are paid an annual retainer reflecting the specific role and responsibility as well as the expected average time involved with the function. Such annual retainers have been established in line with market practice and represent the fee paid for being a member of the Board of Directors or Board Committee and the additional fee paid to the chair of the Board of Directors or Board Committee.

The following amounts were approved in USD by the board of directors and are within the maximum compensation amounts approved by shareholders at the 2024 Annual General Meeting. Amounts were converted to CHF at the average USD/CHF rate in 2024 of 0.88056:

(amounts in thousands)	Chair	Member
Board of Directors	USD 88.99 (CHF 78.36)	USD 47.46 (CHF 41.79)
Audit Committee	USD 23.73 (CHF 20.89)	USD 11.87 (CHF 10.45)
Remuneration Committee	USD 14.24 (CHF 12.54)	USD 7.12 (CHF 6.27)
Nomination and Governance Committee	USD 10.68 (CHF 9.40)	USD 5.34 (CHF 4.70)

In addition to the fixed compensation described above, each Eligible Director is eligible to participate in the 2023 Plan, subject to its terms and conditions as approved and amended by the Board of Directors from time to time. Upon election, the Company issues to Eligible Directors a one-time equity incentive Award under the 2023 Plan or other equity incentive plans then in effect, at an estimated equity value of USD 270,000 (CHF 237,751). The one-time equity incentive Award of Eligible Directors upon election is typically subject to a quarterly vesting of three years.

The exact number of Awards to be granted is determined by the Company in the grant notice in its free discretion and only such grant notice has legal effect. The Company will also issue to Eligible Directors for any subsequent year an annual equity incentive award in the form of stock option or similar awards under the 2023 Plan or other equity incentive plans then in effect, at an estimated equity value of USD 135,000 (CHF 118,876) subject to a quarterly vesting of one year (generally the next AGM). Above amounts exclude any applicable social charges.

The Eligible Directors are not eligible to any benefits other than those set out in the Board of Directors Compensation Policy of the Company, unless our Board of Directors decides otherwise. The Company reimburses all reasonable expenses in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Company's travel and expense policy then in effect.

c. Board Compensation Amounts

From January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, the compensation of the members of the Board of Directors for their service on the Board was as follows (converted from other currencies as applicable at the average prevailing exchange rate over the reporting period):

Amounts in CHF⁽¹⁾

Name	Role	Gross cash compensation	Employer social contributions ⁽²⁾	Total cash	Equity FMV ⁽³⁾	Total compensation
Christina Ackermann ⁽⁴⁾	Director	67,730	6,051	73,781	114,333	188,114
Lionel Carnot ⁽⁵⁾	Director	-	-	-	-	-
Pravin Dugel, M.D.	Director	24,690	2,206	26,896	-	26,896
Arshad Khanani, M.D. ⁽⁴⁾	Director	78,855	2,300	81,155	507,237	588,391
Martijn Kleijwegt ⁽⁵⁾	Director	-	-	-	-	-
Geraldine O'Keeffe ⁽⁵⁾	Director	-	-	-	-	-
Anthony Rosenberg	Chairman of the Board of Directors	80,341	4,217	84,558	118,871	203,429
Riad Sherif, M.D. ⁽⁶⁾	Director and Chief Executive Officer	-	-	-	-	-
Robert Warner ⁽⁴⁾	Director	35,394	3,162	38,556	227,856	266,412
Total		287,010	17,936	304,945	968,297	1,273,242

⁽¹⁾ The Equity FMV amounts in USD were converted to CHF at the USD/CHF rate at grant date.

⁽²⁾ Includes social security contributions as required by applicable laws for the year ended December 31, 2024.

⁽³⁾ Amounts represent the aggregate grant date fair value of stock options granted to our non-employee Directors during 2024 at the date of grant, computed in accordance with IFRS 2. Assumptions used in the calculation of these amounts are included in Note 13 to our financial statements included in our Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2024. These amounts do not necessarily correspond to the actual value recognized or that may be recognized by the non-employee Directors. This equity FMV excludes social contributions that will be reported at the time when equity awards are exercised or vested.

⁽⁴⁾ Robert Warner and Arshad Khanani, M.D. received a one-time equity incentive award upon joining the Board in May 2024.

⁽⁵⁾ Lionel Carnot, Martijn Kleijwegt and Geraldine O'Keeffe did not receive any compensation for their services on the Board of Directors due to policy requirements of their employers which are investors in the Company.

⁽⁶⁾ As a member of the Executive Committee, Riad Sherif, M.D. does not receive any compensation for service on the Board of Directors. Compensation for Riad Sherif, M.D. is included in Section 3.c below.

From March 2, 2023 through December 31, 2023, the compensation of the members of the Board of Directors for their service on the Board was as follows (converted from other currencies as applicable at the average prevailing exchange rate over the reporting period):

Amounts in CHF⁽¹⁾

Name	Role	Gross cash compensation	Employer social contributions ⁽²⁾	Total cash	Equity FMV ⁽³⁾	Total compensation
Christina Ackermann ⁽⁴⁾	Director	55,460	5,097	60,556	249,945	310,501
Lionel Carnot ⁽⁵⁾	Director	-	-	-	-	0
Pravin Dugel, M.D. ⁽⁴⁾	Director	49,464	4,546	54,010	249,945	303,955
Martijn Kleijwegt ⁽⁵⁾	Director	-	-	-	-	-
Geraldine O'Keeffe ⁽⁵⁾	Director	-	-	-	-	-
Anthony Rosenberg	Chairman of the Board of Directors	66,199	5,739	71,938	138,861	210,799
Riad Sherif, M.D. ⁽⁶⁾	Director and Chief Executive Officer	-	-	-	-	0
Total		171,123	15,382	186,504	638,751	825,255

⁽¹⁾ The Equity FMV amounts in USD were converted to CHF at the average USD/CHF rate at grant date.

⁽²⁾ Includes social security contributions as required by applicable laws for the period March 2023 through December 2023.

⁽³⁾ Amounts represent the aggregate grant date fair value of stock options granted to our non-employee Directors during 2023 at the date of grant, computed in accordance with IFRS 2. Assumptions used in the calculation of these amounts are included in Note 13 to our financial statements included in our Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2023. These amounts do not necessarily correspond to the actual value recognized or that may be recognized by the non-employee Directors. This equity FMV excludes social contributions that will be reported at the time when equity awards are exercised.

⁽⁴⁾ Christina Ackermann and Pravin Dugel, M.D. received a one-time equity incentive award upon joining the Board in March 2023.

⁽⁵⁾ Lionel Carnot, Martijn Kleijwegt and Geraldine O’Keeffe did not receive any compensation for their services on the Board of Directors due to policy requirements of their employers which are investors in the Company.

⁽⁶⁾ As a member of the Executive Committee, Riad Sherif, M.D. does not receive any compensation for service on the Board of Directors. Compensation for Riad Sherif, M.D. is included in Section 3.c below.

d. Loans to members of the Board of Directors, payments to former members of the Board of Directors and payments to Related Parties of Members of the Board of Directors

No loans were extended to members of the Board of Directors or outstanding during the period from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 and during the period from March 2, 2023 through December 31, 2023. No payments to former members of the Board of Directors in connection with their former role or that are not at arm’s length were made during and with respect to such period, and no severance payments to any member or former member of the Board of Directors were made during and with respect to such period in accordance with the SCO. No payments to related parties of members of the Board of Directors were made during such period.

3. Compensation of the Members of the Executive Committee

a. Executive Committee Composition

As of December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023, our Executive Committee consisted of the following three members:

Name	Position
Riad Sherif, M.D.	Chief Executive Officer and Director
Sylvia Cheung	Chief Financial Officer
Páll Ragnar Jóhannesson	Chief Business Officer

b. Executive Committee Compensation Structure

Members of the Executive Committee receive compensation consisting of a base salary, annual cash bonus, social benefits and equity incentive awards granted under the 2023 Plan, as well as certain other benefits.

c. Executive Committee Compensation Amounts

From January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, the fixed and variable compensation earned by the members of the Executive Committee was as follows (amounts in CHF converted from other currencies as applicable at the average prevailing exchange rate over the reporting period):

Name and Position	Salary	Bonus⁽¹⁾	Post-retirement benefit plans (employer)⁽²⁾	Employer social contributions⁽³⁾	Total cash	Equity FMV⁽⁴⁾
Riad Sherif, M.D. Chief Executive Officer and Director	537,500	330,000	145,545	89,232	1,102,277	3,868,083
Total Executive Committee Compensation	1,260,096	628,681	215,806	216,729	2,321,312	5,995,529

⁽¹⁾ Includes the earned or accrued bonus included in our financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2024, payable in 2025. The quantum of the accrued bonus reflects anticipated achievement of the robust set of qualitative and quantitative measures designed to drive Company strategy and secure the future of the Company (including consideration of share price performance against the NASDAQ NBI Index and performance against the Company financing plan), develop the Company portfolio and ensure that the Company is positioned for sustained growth.

⁽²⁾ Includes Company contributions to benefit plans and life insurance premiums for the year ended December 31, 2024.

⁽³⁾ Includes social security contributions as required by applicable laws for the year ended December 31, 2024.

⁽⁴⁾ Amounts represent the aggregate grant date fair value of stock options granted to our Executive Committee members during 2024 at the date of grant, computed in accordance with IFRS 2. Assumptions used in the calculation of these amounts are included in Note 13 to our financial statements included in our Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2024. These amounts do not necessarily correspond to the actual value recognized or that may be recognized by the Executive Committee members. This equity FMV excludes social contributions that will be reported at the time when equity awards are exercised.

From March 2, 2023 through December 31, 2023, the fixed and variable compensation earned by the members of the Executive Committee was as follows (amounts in CHF converted from other currencies as applicable at the average prevailing exchange rate over the reporting period):

Name and Position	Salary	Bonus ⁽¹⁾	Post-retirement benefit plans (employer) ⁽²⁾	Employer social contributions ⁽³⁾	Total cash	Equity FMV ⁽⁴⁾
Riad Sherif, M.D. Chief Executive Officer and Director	410,474	225,761	116,178	62,179	814,592	2,938,637
Total Executive Committee Compensation	994,971	446,064	176,331	123,956	1,741,322	4,242,064

⁽¹⁾ Includes the earned or accrued bonus included in our financial statements for the period March 2023 through December 2023 payable in 2024.

⁽²⁾ Includes Company contributions to benefit plans and life insurance premiums for the period March 2023 through December 2023.

⁽³⁾ Includes social security contributions as required by applicable laws for the period March 2023 through December 2023.

⁽⁴⁾ Amounts represent the aggregate grant date fair value of stock options granted to our Executive Committee members during 2023 at the date of grant, computed in accordance with IFRS 2. Assumptions used in the calculation of these amounts are included in Note 12 to our financial statements included in our Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2023. These amounts do not necessarily correspond to the actual value recognized or that may be recognized by the Executive Committee members. This equity FMV excludes social contributions that will be reported at the time when equity awards are exercised.

d. Loans, Severance or other Compensation Paid to Members or Former Members of the Executive Committee

No loans were extended to members of the Executive Committee or were outstanding during the period from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 and during the period from March 2, 2023 through December 31, 2023. No payments to former members of the Executive Committee in connection with their former role or that are not at arm's length were made during and with respect to such period, and no severance payments to members of the Executive Committee or former members of the Executive Committee were made during and with respect to such period in accordance with the SCO. No payments to related parties of members of the Executive Committee were made during such period.

4. Equity and Equity-Linked Instruments Held by Members of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee

Equity and Equity-Linked Instruments Held by Members of the Board of Directors

The members of the Board of Directors and their related parties, if any, held the following equity and equity-linked instruments as of December 31, 2024:

Name ⁽¹⁾	Role	Ordinary shares ⁽²⁾	Earnout shares ⁽³⁾	Option / SARs shares ⁽⁴⁾	Earnout options shares ⁽⁵⁾	Restricted stock units	Vested awards shares ⁽⁶⁾
Christina Ackermann	Director	-	-	67,656	-	-	40,663
Lionel Carnot	Director	58,253	-	-	-	-	-
Arshad M. Khanani, M.D.	Director	3,772	-	38,574	1,798	28,860	10,746
Martijn Kleijwegt	Director	470,969	-	-	-	-	-
Geraldine O'Keeffe	Director	20,593	-	-	-	-	-
Anthony Rosenberg	Chairman of the Board of Directors	109,931	12,673	33,491	879	5,658	32,510
Robert K. Warner	Director	-	-	29,043	-	-	4,841
Total		663,518	12,673	168,764	2,677	34,518	88,760

⁽¹⁾ Excludes Riad Sherif, M.D. whose holdings are listed in the Executive Committee table.

⁽²⁾ Aggregate number of share ownership at December 31, 2024.

⁽³⁾ Aggregate number of earnout share awards outstanding at December 31, 2024.

⁽⁴⁾ Aggregate number of option/SARs awards outstanding at December 31, 2024.

⁽⁵⁾ Aggregate number of earnout option awards outstanding at December 31, 2024.

⁽⁶⁾ Equity securities this Director will have the right to acquire, or to acquire "voting power" and/or "investment power" as of December 31, 2024.

The members of the Board of Directors and their related parties, if any, held the following equity and equity-linked instruments as of December 31, 2023:

Name ⁽¹⁾	Role	Ordinary shares ⁽²⁾	Earnout shares ⁽³⁾	Option / SARs shares ⁽⁴⁾	Earnout options shares ⁽⁵⁾	Vested awards shares ⁽⁶⁾
Christina Ackermann	Director	-	-	52,734	-	11,718
Lionel Carnot	Director	-	-	-	-	-
Pravin Dugel, M.D.	Director	-	-	64,874	2,545	23,742
Martijn Kleijwegt	Director	1,997,302	-	-	-	-
Geraldine O'Keeffe	Director	-	-	-	-	-
Anthony Rosenberg	Chairman of the Board of Directors	96,670	20,276	33,491	879	19,412
Total		2,093,972	20,276	151,099	3,424	54,872

⁽¹⁾ Excludes Riad Sherif, M.D. whose holdings are listed in the Executive Committee table.

⁽²⁾ Aggregate number of share ownership at December 31, 2023.

⁽³⁾ Aggregate number of earnout share awards outstanding at December 31, 2023.

⁽⁴⁾ Aggregate number of option/SARs awards outstanding at December 31, 2023.

⁽⁵⁾ Aggregate number of earnout option awards outstanding at December 31, 2023.

⁽⁶⁾ Equity securities this Director will have the right to acquire, or to acquire "voting power" and/or "investment power" as of December 31, 2023.

Equity and Equity-Linked Instruments Held by Members of the Executive Committee

The members of the Executive Committee and their related parties, if any, held the following equity and equity-linked instruments as of December 31, 2024:

Name	Role	Ordinary shares ⁽¹⁾	Earnout shares ⁽²⁾	Option awards shares ⁽³⁾	Earnout options ⁽⁴⁾	Restricted stock units	Vested awards shares ⁽⁵⁾
Riad Sherif, M.D.	Chief Executive Officer	947,585	115,165	877,116	1,492	196,808	276,701
Sylvia Cheung	Chief Financial Officer	72,062	8,759	555,356	38,878	-	260,817
Páll Ragnar Jóhannesson	Chief Business Officer	268,827	32,672	494,701	66,008	-	358,665
Total		1,288,474	156,596	1,927,173	106,378	196,808	896,183

⁽¹⁾ Aggregate number of share ownership outstanding at December 31, 2024.

⁽²⁾ Aggregate number of earnout share awards outstanding at December 31, 2024.

⁽³⁾ Aggregate number of option awards outstanding at December 31, 2024.

⁽⁴⁾ Aggregate number of earnout option awards outstanding at December 31, 2024.

⁽⁵⁾ Equity securities this executive officer will have the right to acquire, or to acquire "voting power" and/or "investment power" as of December 31, 2024.

The members of the Executive Committee and their related parties, if any, held the following equity and equity-linked instruments as of December 31, 2023:

Name	Role	Ordinary shares ⁽¹⁾	Earnout shares ⁽²⁾	Option awards shares ⁽³⁾	Earnout options ⁽⁴⁾	Vested awards shares ⁽⁵⁾
Riad Sherif, M.D.	Chief Executive Officer	878,486	184,264	627,116	1,492	3,113
Sylvia Cheung	Chief Financial Officer	66,808	14,013	370,356	38,878	126,536
Páll Ragnar Jóhannesson	Chief Business Officer	249,224	52,275	404,701	66,008	276,120
Total		1,194,518	250,552	1,402,173	106,378	405,769

⁽¹⁾ Aggregate number of share ownership outstanding at December 31, 2023.

⁽²⁾ Aggregate number of earnout share awards outstanding at December 31, 2023.

⁽³⁾ Aggregate number of option awards outstanding at December 31, 2023.

⁽⁴⁾ Aggregate number of earnout option awards outstanding at December 31, 2023.

⁽⁵⁾ Equity securities this executive officer will have the right to acquire, or to acquire "voting power" and/or "investment power" as of December 31, 2023.

5. Mandates outside the Company

According to article 39 of the Articles, limitations apply to mandates outside the Company for members of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee. The following external mandates are subject to these limitations and are therefore presented in the Compensation Report.

Members of the Board of Directors⁽¹⁾			
	Organization	Position as of December 31, 2023	Position as of December 31, 2024
Anthony Rosenberg	Cullinan Therapeutics Inc., US ⁽²⁾	Board Chair, Compensation Committee Member and Audit Committee Member	Board Chair, Compensation Committee Member and Audit Committee Member
	Argenx BV, Belgium ⁽²⁾	Board Member and Audit Committee Member	Board Member, Audit Committee Member and Commercial Committee Member
	Nuclidium AG, Switzerland		Board Chair
Christina Ackermann	Verona Pharma plc, UK ⁽²⁾	Board Member and Audit Committee Member	Board Member, Audit Committee Member and Commercial Committee Member
	Virometix AG, Switzerland		Board Chair, Compensation Committee Chair and Audit Committee Member
Lionel Carnot	iSTAR Medical SA, Belgium	Board Member and Audit Committee Member	Board Member, Audit Committee Chair and Compensation Committee Member
	Priothera Ltd., Ireland	Board Member and Audit Committee Member	Board Member and Audit Committee Chair
	iQone Healthcare Switzerland SA, Switzerland	Board Member	
Pravin Dugel			
Arshad M. Khanani, M.D.			
Martijn Kleijwegt	VICO Therapeutics International B.V., Belgium	Board Member	Board Member
	AM-Pharma Holding B.V., Netherlands	Board Member	Board Member
	Vicentra B.V., Netherlands		Board Member
	Avidicure Holding B.V., Netherlands		Board Member
	Pantera NV, Belgium		Board Member
	LSP Advisory B.V., Netherlands		Board Member
Geraldine O'Keefe	T-Knife Therapeutics, Inc., U.S.	Board Member and Audit Committee Member	Board Member and Audit Committee Member
Robert K. Warner	RxSight Inc., U.S. ⁽²⁾		Board Member, Nominating Committee Chair, Corporate Governance Committee Chair and Compensation Committee Member
	EyeYon Medical Ltd., Israel		Board Chair
	i-Lumen Scientific Inc., US		Board Member and Compensation Committee Member
Members of the Executive Committee			
Riad Sherif, M.D.	Revenio Group Oyi, Finland ⁽²⁾	Board Member	Board Member and Compensation Committee Member
	NexMed Plus SA, Switzerland		Board Chair
Sylvia Cheung			
Páll Ragnar Jóhannesson	Sjónarhóll fjárfestingar ehf., Iceland	Board Chair	Board Chair
	Tæknisetur ehf., Iceland		Board Member

- Excludes Riad Sherif, M.D. whose mandates are listed in the Executive Committee table.
- Publicly listed companies.



Forward Looking Statements

SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Annual Report contains or may contain forward-looking statements as defined in Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “*Securities Act*”), and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “*Exchange Act*”), that involve significant risks and uncertainties. All statements other than statements of historical facts are forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements include information about our possible or assumed future results of operations or our performance. Words such as “may,” “might,” “will,” “could,” “would,” “should,” “expects,” “intends,” “plans,” “believes,” “anticipates,” “estimates,” “potential,” “continue,” “ongoing,” “targets”, “possible,” “project,” and “predict” and variations of such words and similar expressions are intended to identify the forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements in this Annual Report may include, for example, statements about:

- our financial performance;
- the ability to maintain the listing of our Ordinary Shares and Public Warrants on the Nasdaq Global Market in the United States;
- timing and expected outcomes of clinical trials, preclinical studies, regulatory submissions and approvals, as well as commercial outcomes;
- expected benefits of our business and scientific approach and technology;
- the potential safety and efficacy of our product candidates;
- our ability to successfully develop, advance and commercialize our pipeline of product candidates;
- our ability to establish and maintain arrangements for the manufacture of our product candidates;
- the effectiveness and profitability of our collaborations and partnerships, our ability to maintain current collaborations and partnerships and enter into new collaborations and partnerships;
- expectations related to future milestone and royalty payments and other economic terms under our collaborations and partnerships;
- estimates regarding future revenue, expenses, capital requirements, financial condition, cash runway and need for additional financing;
- estimates of market opportunity for our product candidates;
- the effects of increased competition as well as innovations by new and existing competitors in our industry;
- our strategic advantages and the impact those advantages may have on future financial and operational results;
- our expansion plans and opportunities;
- our ability to operate and grow our business in a cost-effective manner;
- our expectations regarding our ability to obtain and maintain intellectual property protection and not infringe on the rights of others;
- the impact of macroeconomic factors and other global events on our business;
- changes in applicable governmental policies, laws or regulations and their impact on us; and
- the outcome of any known and unknown litigation and regulatory proceedings.

These forward-looking statements are based on information available as of the date of this Annual Report, and current expectations, forecasts and assumptions, and involve a number of judgments, risks and uncertainties. Accordingly, forward-looking statements should not be relied upon as representing our views as of any subsequent date, and we do not undertake any obligation to update forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date they were made, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as may be required under applicable securities laws. Accordingly, you should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements in deciding to invest in our

securities. As a result of a number of known and unknown risks and uncertainties, our actual results or performance may be materially different from those expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements. You should refer to the section titled “*Item 3.D. Risk Factors*” of the Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2024 filed with the SEC on March 11, 2025 for a discussion of important factors that may cause our actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by our forward-looking statements. As a result of these factors, we cannot assure you that the forward-looking statements in this Annual Report will prove to be accurate. Furthermore, if our forward-looking statements prove to be inaccurate, the inaccuracy may be material. In light of the significant uncertainties in these forward-looking statements, you should not regard these statements as a representation or warranty by us or any other person that we will achieve our objectives and plans in any specified time frame, or at all. We undertake no obligation to publicly update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by law. You should, therefore, not rely on these forward-looking statements as representing our views as of any date subsequent to the date of this Annual Report.