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Prospectus Supplement No. 2

(to Prospectus dated May 14, 2015)

This Prospectus Supplement No. 2 supplements and amends the prospectus dated May 14, 2015, relating to the offering and resale by the selling stockholders identified in the prospectus of up to 3,051,090 shares of our common stock, par value \$0.01. These shares consist of 1,575,758 shares of our common stock, which were issued pursuant to a subscription agreement, dated as of March 10, 2015, entered into by us and the selling stockholders listed in this prospectus, and 488,484 shares of our common stock underlying warrants, 393,939 of which are underlying warrants that were issued pursuant to the subscription agreement and 94,545 of which are underlying warrants that were issued to the placement agents in connection with the completion of the March 2015 private placement, as well as 480,000 shares previously issued to certain selling stockholders in March 2013 and 506,848 shares previously issued to certain selling stockholders in connection with our acquisition of Special Phage Holdings Pty Ltd in November 2012. All share numbers above reflect an adjustment for our 1-for-50 reverse stock split effected on August 3, 2015.

This prospectus supplement incorporates into our prospectus the information contained in our attached:

Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2016, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 12, 2016;

Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 20, 2016; and

Current Reports on Form 8-K, which were filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 1, 2016 and June 23, 2016.

You should read this prospectus supplement in conjunction with the prospectus, including any supplements and amendments thereto. This prospectus supplement is qualified by reference to the prospectus except to the extent that the information in the prospectus supplement supersedes the information contained in the prospectus.

This prospectus supplement is not complete without, and may not be delivered or utilized except in connection with the prospectus, including any supplements and amendments thereto.
Our common stock is listed on the NYSE MKT under the symbol "APHB." On June 22, 2016, the last reported sale price of our common stock on the NYSE MKT was \$1.71 per share.
Investment in our common stock involves risks. See "Risk Factors" on page 5 of the prospectus, as updated o superseded by the "Risk Factors" section beginning on page 21 of our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for th quarter ended March 31, 2016.
Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus supplement. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.
The date of this prospectus supplement is June 23, 2016.

UNITED STATES	
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE C	OMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549	
FORM 10-Q	
QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUA SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT (	NT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE OF 1934
For the quarterly period ended March 3	31, 2016
OR	
TRANSITION REPORT PURSUA SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT O	NT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE OF 1934
For the transition period from	to
Commission file number: 001-37544	
AMPLIPHI BIOSCIENCES CORPO	
Washington	91-1549568 I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)
(State or other jurisdiction of	

incorporation or organization)		
3579 Valley Centre Drive, Suite 100	92130	
San Diego, California (Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)	
Registrant's telephone number, includin	g area code: <b>(858) 829-0829</b>	
•	the preceding 12 months (or	required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the for such shorter period that the registrant was equirements for the past 90 days.
Yes x No "		
any, every Interactive Data File required	l to be submitted and posted p	ically and posted on its corporate Web site, if pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T ch shorter period that the registrant was required
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Indicate by check mark whether the regi	strant is a shell company (as	defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).
Yes " No x		

The number of shares of the Registrant's Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share, outstanding at May 6, 2016 was 8,242,528.

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# **AmpliPhi Biosciences Corporation**

# **Consolidated Balance Sheets**

	March 31, 2016 (Unaudited)	December 31, 2015
Assets	,	
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$6,173,000	\$ 9,370,000
Accounts receivable	14,000	125,000
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	566,000	521,000
Total current assets	6,753,000	10,016,000
Property and equipment, net	1,170,000	1,131,000
In process research and development	12,446,000	12,446,000
Acquired patents, net	330,000	338,000
Goodwill	7,562,000	7,562,000
Total assets	\$28,261,000	\$ 31,493,000
Total abboto	Ψ 20,201,000	Ψ 31,173,000
Liabilities, Series B redeemable convertible preferred stock and stockholders'		
equity		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other	\$2,003,000	\$ 1,464,000
Deferred revenue	142,000	245,000
Accrued severance	138,000	308,000
Dividends payable	368,000	368,000
Total current liabilities	2,651,000	2,385,000
Series B preferred stock derivative liability	91,000	1,493,000
Warrant liability	2,000	6,000
Deferred tax liability	3,005,000	3,005,000
Total liabilities	5,749,000	6,889,000
Total natifices	3,742,000	0,002,000
Series B redeemable convertible preferred stock \$0.01 par value, 9,357,935 shares authorized at March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, 7,527,853 shares issued and outstanding at March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015 (liquidation preference of \$13,706,000 and \$13,383,000 at March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively)	13,615,000	11,890,000
Stockholders' equity Common stock, \$0.01 par value, 670,000,000 shares authorized at March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, 5,883,503 shares issued and outstanding at March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015 Additional paid-in capital	59,000 374,472,000	59,000 375,177,000
Accumulated deficit	(365,634,000	
Total stockholders' equity	8,897,000	12,714,000
Tour Stockholders equity	\$28,261,000	\$ 31,493,000

Total liabilities, Series B redeemable convertible preferred stock and stockholders' equity

See accompanying condensed notes to consolidated financial statements.

# **AmpliPhi Biosciences Corporation**

# **Consolidated Statements of Operations**

		s Ended March 31,	
	2016	2015	
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)	
Revenue	\$ 106,000	\$ 102,000	
Operating expenses			
Research and development	1,980,000	972,000	
General and administrative	2,644,000	1,397,000	
Total operating expenses	4,624,000	2,369,000	
Loss from operations	(4,518,000	) (2,267,000 )	)
Other income (expense)			
Change in fair value of warrant liability	4,000	(4,690,000)	1
Change in fair value of Series B preferred stock derivative liability	1,402,000	(7,105,000)	ļ
Other expense	-	(431,000)	ļ
Total other income (expense)	1,406,000	(12,226,000)	ļ
Net loss	(3,112,000	) (14,493,000 )	ļ
Accretion of Series B redeemable convertible preferred stock	(1,725,000	) (338,000 )	ļ
Net loss attributable to common stockholders	\$ (4,837,000	) \$(14,831,000 )	ļ
Per share information:			
Net loss per share of common stock - basic	\$ (0.82	) \$ (3.49 )	ļ
Weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding - basic	5,883,503	4,245,816	
Net loss per share of common stock - diluted	\$ (0.82	) \$ (3.49 )	ļ
Weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding - diluted	5,883,503	4,245,816	

See accompanying condensed notes to consolidated financial statements.

# **AmpliPhi Biosciences Corporation**

# Consolidated Statements of Redeemable Convertible Preferred Stock and Stockholders' Equity

	Redeemable Convertible Preferred Stock Series B		Stockholders' Equity Common Stock		Additional		Total	
D 1	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount	Paid- in Capital	Accumulated Deficit	Stockholders' Equity	
Balances, December 31, 2014	8,671,040	\$1,990,000	3,983,182	\$40,000	\$365,403,000	\$(362,006,000)	\$3,437,000	
Net loss	-	-	-	-	-	(516,000)	(516,000 )	
Accretion of dividends on Series B redeemable convertible preferred stock	-	1,307,000	-	-	(1,307,000 )	· -	(1,307,000)	
Accretion to redemption value of Series B redeemable convertible stock Conversion of	-	8,971,000	-	-	(8,971,000)	-	(8,971,000)	
Series B redeemable convertible preferred stock to common stock Common stock	(1,143,187)	(378,000 )	228,637	2,000	1,504,000	-	1,506,000	
issued in March 2015 financing, net of offering	-	-	1,575,758	16,000	8,250,000	-	8,266,000	
costs Warrants exercised Warrants	-	-	56,645	1,000	1,072,000	-	1,073,000	
reclassified from liabilities to equity due to amendment of	-	-	-	-	5,462,000	-	5,462,000	
warrants	-	-	-	-	3,281,000	-	3,281,000	

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Warrants reclassified from liabilities to equity due to							
increase in authorized shares							
Exercise of							
common stock	-	-	39,281	-	-	-	-
options and other							
Stock-based compensation	-	-	-	-	479,000	-	479,000
Stock-based							
compensation -	-	-	-	-	4,000	-	4,000
severance							
Balances,				<b>.</b>		(a.ca. a.a. a.a.)	
December 31, 2015	7,527,853	11,890,000	5,883,503	59,000	375,177,000	(362,522,000)	12,714,000
Net loss	_	_	_	_	_	(3,112,000 )	(3,112,000)
Accretion of						(3,112,000 )	(3,112,000 )
dividends on							
Series B	_	323,000	_	_	(323,000)	_	(323,000)
redeemable		22,000			(020,000)		(525,555)
convertible preferred stock							
Accretion to							
redemption value							
of Series B	-	1,402,000	-	-	(1,402,000 )	-	(1,402,000)
redeemable							
convertible stock Warrants issued							
for Novolytics	_	_	_	_	204,000	_	204,000
assets					_		_
Stock-based	_	_	_	_	816,000	_	816,000
compensation					010,000		010,000
Balances, March	7 577 052	\$12,615,000	5 002 502	¢ 50, 000	\$274 472 000	\$ (265 624 000)	¢ 0 007 000
31, 2016 (Unaudited)	7,527,853	\$13,615,000	5,883,503	\$59,000	\$374,472,000	\$(365,634,000)	\$ 0,09 / ,UUU
(Simulation)							

See accompanying condensed notes to consolidated financial statements.

# **AmpliPhi Biosciences Corporation**

# **Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows**

	Three Months 2016 (Unaudited)		nded March 31, 2015 (Unaudited)	
Operating activities:	ф (2.11 <b>2</b> .000	,	ф (1.4.402.000	`
Net loss	\$ (3,112,000	)	\$ (14,493,000	)
Adjustments required to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operating activities:	(4.000	,	4 600 000	
Change in fair value of warrant liability	(4,000	)	4,690,000	
Change in fair value of Series B preferred stock derivative liability	(1,402,000	)	7,105,000	
Warrants issued	204,000		213,000	
Amortization of patents	8,000		8,000	
Depreciation	73,000		58,000	
Stock-based compensation	816,000		52,000	
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:				
Accounts receivable	111,000		100,000	
Accounts payable, accrued expenses, deferred revenue and other	436,000		158,000	
Accrued severance	(170,000	)	(122,000	)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	(45,000	)	(74,000	)
Net cash used in operating activities	(3,085,000	)	(2,305,000	)
Investing activities:				
Purchases of property and equipment	(112,000	)	(35,000	)
Net cash used in investing activities	(112,000	)	(35,000	)
Financing activities:				
Proceeds from issuance of common stock, net	_		12,384,000	
Net cash provided by financing activities	-		12,384,000	
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(3,197,000	)	10,044,000	
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	9,370,000		6,581,000	
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$6,173,000		\$ 16,625,000	
Supplemental schedule of non-cash financing activities:	+ -,,		+,,	
Accretion of Series B redeemable convertible preferred stock	\$ 1,725,000		\$ 338,000	
Fair value of warrant liability upon issuance	-		4,211,000	
Tan value of warrant habitity upon issuance			.,211,000	

See accompanying condensed notes to consolidated financial statements.

#### **AmpliPhi Biosciences Corporation**

**Condensed Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements** 

March 31, 2016 (Unaudited)

# 1. Organization and Description of the Business

AmpliPhi Biosciences Corporation (the "Company") was incorporated in the state of Washington in 1989 under the name Targeted Genetics Corporation. In February 2011, Targeted Genetics Corporation changed its name to AmpliPhi Biosciences Corporation. The Company is dedicated to developing novel antibacterial therapies called bacteriophage (phage). Phages are naturally occurring viruses that preferentially target and kill their bacterial targets.

#### 2. Liquidity

The Company has prepared these consolidated financial statements on a going concern basis, which assumes that the Company will realize its assets and satisfy its liabilities in the normal course of business. However, the Company has incurred net losses since its inception, has negative operating cash flows and has an accumulated deficit of \$365.6 million as of March 31, 2016, \$50.1 million of which has been accumulated since January of 2011, when the Company began its focus on bacteriophage development. These circumstances raise substantial doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. The accompanying financial statements do not include any adjustments to reflect the possible future effects on the recoverability and classification of assets or the amounts and classifications of liabilities that may result from the outcome of the uncertainty concerning the Company's ability to continue as a going concern.

As of March 31, 2016, the Company had cash and cash equivalents of \$6.2 million. Management believes that our existing resources will be sufficient to fund our planned operations into the third quarter of 2016.

The Company's ability to raise additional funds will depend, in part, on the status of its product development activities and other business operations, as well as factors related to financial, economic, and market conditions, many of which are beyond its control. The Company cannot be certain that sufficient funds will be available to it when required or on acceptable terms, if at all. If adequate funds are not available on a timely basis or on acceptable terms, the Company may be required to significantly reduce or refocus its operations or to obtain funds through additional arrangements that may require the Company to relinquish rights to certain of its products, technologies or potential markets, any of

which could delay or require that it curtail or eliminate some or all of its development programs or otherwise have a material adverse effect on the business, financial condition and results of operations.

# 3. Significant Accounting Policies

The Company's significant accounting policies are described in Note 3 to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015. Since the date of those financial statements, there have been no material changes to the Company's significant accounting policies. The interim consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its wholly owned subsidiaries Biocontrol Limited, Ampliphi d.o.o., and AmpliPhi Australia Pty Ltd. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated.

### **Basis of Presentation**

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of the Company should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements and notes thereto as of and for the year ended December 31, 2015 included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) for interim financial statements and in accordance with the instructions to Form 10-Q. Any reference in these notes to applicable guidance is meant to refer to the authoritative United States generally accepted accounting principles as found in the Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) and Accounting Standards Update (ASU) of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB).

In the opinion of management, the accompanying financial statements reflect all adjustments, which include only normal recurring adjustments, necessary for the fair statement of the Company's financial position as of March 31, 2016 and the results of its operations for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015. Interim results are not necessarily indicative of results for the full year or any future period.

### Reverse Stock Split

On August 3, 2015, the Company filed Articles of Amendment to Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation with the Secretary of State of the State of Washington that effected a 1-for-50 (1:50) reverse stock split of its common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, effective August 7, 2015. On August 3, 2015, the Company increased its authorized common stock, from 445,000,000 to 670,000,000 shares. The par value of its common stock was unchanged at \$0.01 per share, post-split. All warrant, stock option, and per share information in the consolidated financial statements gives retroactive effect to the 1-for-50 reverse stock split that was effected on August 7, 2015.

# Use of Estimates

Management considers many factors in selecting appropriate financial accounting policies and controls, and in developing the estimates and assumptions that are used in the preparation of these financial statements. Management must apply significant judgment in this process. In addition, other factors may affect estimates, including expected business and operational changes, sensitivity and volatility associated with the assumptions used in developing estimates, and whether historical trends are expected to be representative of future trends. The estimation process often may yield a range of potentially reasonable estimates of the ultimate future outcomes and management must select an amount that falls within that range of reasonable estimates. This process may result in actual results differing materially from those estimated amounts used in the preparation of the financial statements if these results differ from historical experience, or other assumptions do not turn out to be substantially accurate, even if such assumptions are reasonable when made. In preparing these financial statements, management used significant estimates in the following areas, among others: the determination of the fair value of stock-based awards, the fair value of liability-classified preferred stock derivatives, the fair value of liability-classified warrants, the valuation of long-lived assets, including in-process research and development (IPR&D), patents and goodwill, accrued expenses and the recoverability of the Company's net deferred tax assets and related valuation allowance.

### Warrant and Preferred Shares Conversion Feature Liability

The Company accounts for both warrants with anti-dilution adjustment provisions and other features and preferred share features with anti-dilution adjustment provisions under the applicable accounting guidance which requires the warrant and the preferred share features to be recorded as liabilities and adjusted to fair value at each reporting period.

# **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standard Update, or ASU, No. 2014-09, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606)*. The ASU creates a single source of revenue guidance for companies in all industries. The new standard provides guidance for all revenue arising from contracts with customers and affects all entities that enter into contracts to provide goods or services to their customers, unless the contracts are within the scope of other accounting standards. It also provides a model for the measurement and recognition of gains and losses on the sale of certain nonfinancial assets. This guidance, as amended, must be adopted using either a full retrospective approach for all periods presented or a modified retrospective approach and will be effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017. The Company has not yet evaluated the potential impact of adopting the guidance on its consolidated financial statements.

In November 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-17, *Balance Sheet Classification of Deferred Taxes*. The ASU is part of a simplification initiative aimed at reducing complexity in accounting standards. Current GAAP requires the deferred taxes for each jurisdiction (or tax-paying component of a jurisdiction) to be presented as a net current asset or liability and net noncurrent asset or liability. To simplify presentation, the new guidance requires that all deferred tax assets and liabilities, along with any related valuation allowance, be classified as noncurrent on the balance sheet. The standard is effective for public entities for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016, and interim periods therein. Early adoption is permitted. The adoption of this guidance is not expected to have a material impact on the Company's results of operations or liquidity.

In February 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02, *Leases (Topic 842)*, which amends the FASB Accounting Standards Codification and creates Topic 842, "Leases." The new topic supersedes Topic 840, "Leases," and increases transparency and comparability among organizations by recognizing lease assets and lease liabilities on the balance sheet and requires disclosures of key information about leasing arrangements. The guidance is effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2018. ASU 2016-02 mandates a modified retrospective transition method. The Company has not yet evaluated the potential impact of adopting the guidance on its consolidated financial statements.

In August 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-15, *Presentation of Financial Statements-Going Concern (Subtopic 205-40): Disclosure of Uncertainties about an Entity's Ability to Continue as a Going Concern*, which defines management's responsibility to assess an entity's ability to continue as a going concern, and to provide related footnote disclosures if there is substantial doubt about its ability to continue as a going concern. The pronouncement is effective for annual reporting periods ending after December 15, 2016 with early adoption permitted. The adoption of this guidance is not expected to have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In March 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-09, *Improvements to Employee Share-Based Payment Accounting*, which amends Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") Topic 718, Compensation – Stock Compensation. ASU 2016-09 simplifies several aspects of the accounting for share-based payment transactions, including the income tax consequences, classification of awards as either equity or liabilities, and classification on the statement of cash flows. ASU 2016-09 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2016, and interim periods within those fiscal years and early adoption is permitted. The Company has not yet evaluated the potential impact of adopting the guidance on its consolidated financial statements.

#### 4. Fair Value of Financial Assets and Liabilities — Derivative Instruments

ASC Topic 820, *Fair Value Measurement* (ASC 820), establishes a fair value hierarchy for instruments measured at fair value that distinguishes between assumptions based on market data (observable inputs) and the Company's own assumptions (unobservable inputs). Observable inputs are inputs that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability based on market data obtained from sources independent of the Company. Unobservable inputs are inputs that reflect the Company's assumptions about the inputs that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability, and are developed based on the best information available in the circumstances.

ASC 820 identifies fair value as the exchange price, or exit price, representing the amount that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants. As a basis for considering market participant assumptions in fair value measurements, ASC Topic 820 establishes a three-tier fair value hierarchy that distinguishes among the following:

- Level 1—Valuations based on unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Company has the ability to access.
- Level 2—Valuations based on quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for ·identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active and models for which all significant inputs are observable, either directly or indirectly.
- ·Level 3—Valuations based on inputs that are unobservable and significant to the overall fair value measurement.

To the extent that the valuation is based on models or inputs that are less observable or unobservable in the market, the determination of fair value requires more judgment. Accordingly, the degree of judgment exercised by the Company in determining fair value is greatest for instruments categorized in Level 3. A financial instrument's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

Items measured at fair value on a recurring basis include common stock warrants and embedded derivatives related to the Company's redeemable convertible preferred stock. During the periods presented, the Company has not changed the manner in which it values liabilities that are measured at fair value using Level 3 inputs. The following fair value hierarchy table presents information about each major category of the Company's financial liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis:

Quoted Prices in

Active Markets Significant Other Significant for Identical Observable Inputs Unobservable

	Items (Level 1)		(Level 2)		Inputs (Level 3)	Total
March 31, 2016						
Liabilities						
Series B preferred stock derivative liability	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 91,000	\$91,000
Warrant liability		-		-	2,000	2,000
Total liabilities	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 93,000	\$93,000
December 31, 2015						
Liabilities						
Series B preferred stock derivative liability	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 1,493,000	\$1,493,000
Warrant liability		-		-	6,000	6,000
Total liabilities	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 1,499,000	\$1,499,000

There were no transfers between Level 1, Level 2 or Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and the year ended December 31, 2015.

The following table sets forth a summary of changes in the fair value of the Company's Series B redeemable convertible preferred stock derivative and warrant liability, which represents a recurring measurement that is classified within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy, wherein fair value is estimated using significant unobservable inputs:

		Series B Preferred	l
	Warrant	Stock Derivative	
	Liability	Liability	
Balance, December 31, 2015	\$6,000	\$ 1,493,000	
Changes in estimated fair value	(4,000)	(1,402,000	)
Balance, March 31, 2016	\$2,000	\$ 91,000	

The fair value of the warrants on the date of issuance and on each re-measurement date for warrants classified as liabilities is estimated using the Monte Carlo valuation model. For this liability, the Company develops its own assumptions that do not have observable inputs or available market data to support the fair value. This method of valuation involves using inputs such as the fair value of the Company's common stock, stock price volatility, the contractual term of the warrants, risk–free interest rates and dividend yields. Due to the nature of these inputs, the valuation of the warrants is considered a Level 3 measurement. The following assumptions were used at March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015:

	March 31, 2016 <b>Series</b> (1)		December 31, 201 Series (1)			
	20	)11		20	11	
Volatility		108.00	%		112.05	%
Expected term (years)		0.73			0.98	
Risk-free interest rate		0.48	%		0.64	%
Dividend yield		0.00	%		0.00	%
Exercise price	\$	23.00		\$	23.00	
Common stock closing price	\$	3.94		\$	3.98	

(1) See *Note 7 – Warrants* below for further description of the respective series of warrants.

The warrant liability is recorded on the accompanying consolidated balance sheets and is marked-to-market at each reporting period, with the change in fair value recorded as a component of change in fair value of warrant liability on the Company's statements of operations.

The fair value of the Series B preferred stock derivative liability on each measurement date is estimated using the Monte Carlo valuation model. For this liability, the Company develops its own assumptions that do not have observable inputs or available market data to support the fair value. This method of valuation involves using inputs such as the fair value of the Company's common stock, stock price volatility, the expected term of the Series B preferred stock, risk–free interest rates and dividend yields. Due to the nature of these inputs, the valuation of the Series B preferred conversion liability is considered a Level 3 measurement. The following assumptions were used at March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015:

	March 31,		December 31,
	2016		2015
Volatility	108	%	108 to 117 %
Expected term (years), weighted average	0.04 to 0.75		0.50 to 2.50
Risk-free interest rate	0.18 to 0.49	%	%

			0.49 to	
			1.19	
Dividend yield	0.00	%	0.00	%
Exercise price	\$7.00	\$	7.00	
Common stock closing price	\$3.94	\$	3.98	

The Series B preferred stock derivative liability is recorded on the accompanying consolidated balance sheet and is marked-to-market each reporting period, with the change in fair value recorded as a component of change in fair value of Series B preferred stock derivative liability on the Company's statements of operations.

# 5. Net Loss per Common Share

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted net loss per share for the periods indicated:

	Three Months Ended		
	March 31,		
	2016	2015	
Basic and diluted net loss per common share calculation:			
Net loss	\$(3,112,000)	\$(14,493,000)	
Accretion of Series B redeemable convertible preferred stock	(1,725,000)	(338,000)	
Net loss attributable to common stockholders	\$(4,837,000)	\$(14,831,000)	
Weighted average common shares outstanding - basic	5,883,503	4,245,816	
Net loss per share of common stock - basic	\$(0.82)	\$(3.49)	
Weighted average common shares outstanding - diluted	5,883,503	4,245,816	
Net loss per share of common stock - diluted	\$(0.82)	\$(3.49)	

The following outstanding securities at March 31, 2016 and 2015 have been excluded from the computation of diluted weighted shares outstanding for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, as they would have been anti-dilutive:

	March 31,	March 31,
	2016	2015
Options	872,977	440,695
Warrants	1,379,649	1,266,293
Series B redeemable convertible preferred stock	7,527,853	8,671,040
Total	9,780,479	10,378,028

#### 6. Redeemable Convertible Preferred Stock

On June 13, 2013, the Company's Board of Directors approved a resolution designating 9,357,935 shares of Preferred Stock as Series B redeemable convertible preferred stock (Series B) with an initial stated value of \$1.40 and par value of \$0.01. As of March 31, 2016, each Series B share was convertible into 0.20 shares of common stock and was entitled to the number of votes equal to the number of shares of common stock into which such Series B share could be converted. The Series B shares were convertible into common stock by the holder of the shares at any time. The Series B shares were subject to automatic conversion into common stock upon the election of the holders of at least two-thirds of the outstanding Series B shares. In addition, pursuant to the Company's Articles of Incorporation, the Series B shares were automatically convertible into common stock upon the occurrence of an underwritten initial public offering by the Company that satisfied certain conditions.

Holders of the Series B shares were entitled to receive cumulative, cash dividends at the rate of 10% of the Series B stated value. Such dividends accrue from day-to-day commencing on the original issue date, whether or not earned or declared by the Board of Directors, and were compounded annually. No dividends had been declared or paid on the Series B shares through March 31, 2016.

The Series B shares were redeemable by the Company at any time on or after June 26, 2018, upon the election of the holders of at least two-thirds of the outstanding Series B shares for an amount equal to the original issue price per share plus any accrued and unpaid dividends.

Holders of the Series B shares were entitled to a liquidation preference in an amount equal to the Series B stated value of \$1.40 per share plus all accrued and unpaid dividends in the event of a liquidation, dissolution, or winding-up of the Company, or in the event of a merger or acquisition of the Company.

In connection with the private placement of Series B shares, the Company recorded a liability for an embedded derivative that required bifurcation under the applicable accounting guidance. The embedded derivative includes a redemption feature, multiple dividend features, as well as multiple conversion features with specified anti-dilution adjustments for certain financing transactions involving the issuance of securities at a price below a minimum non-diluting issuance price of \$7.00 per share.

The Company re-measured the fair value of the derivative feature and recorded a gain of \$1,402,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2016 to adjust the liability associated with the conversion feature to its estimated fair value of \$91,000 as of March 31, 2016. For the three months ended March 31, 2015, the Company recorded a loss of \$7,105,000 to adjust the liability associated with the conversion feature to its estimated fair value of \$19,425,000 as of March 31, 2015.

At March 31, 2016, the Company accreted \$1,402,000 from additional paid-in capital to Series B redeemable convertible preferred stock to adjust the redemption value of the Series B to actual at that date.

The March 31, 2016 balance sheet reflects dividends payable of \$368,000 to former holders of preferred stock, which are classified as current liabilities.

On April 8, 2016, the Series B redeemable convertible preferred stock was automatically converted into common stock pursuant to the election of the holders of over two-thirds of the then-outstanding Series B shares. See *Note 13 – Subsequent Events*.

#### 7. Warrants

On January 4, 2016, the Company entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement with Novolytics Limited (the "Purchase Agreement"), to purchase certain preclinical materials and intangible assets, including patent rights, from Novolytics, an unrelated third party. In consideration for the assets acquired, the Company paid cash consideration of approximately \$205,000 and issued warrants to purchase an aggregate of 170,000 shares of the Company's common stock. The warrants have an exercise price of \$12.00 per share and contain certain registration rights. The fair value of the warrants issued was \$204,000, based on a Monte Carlo valuation model and are classified as equity within the consolidated balance sheet. The Company expensed the total value provided for the acquired assets of \$409,000 as in-process research and development as of the acquisition date given there was no alternative future use of the acquired assets due to the early stage nature of the technology and pre-clinical materials.

The following table provides a summary of warrants outstanding, issued or exercised for the three months ended March 31, 2016. Also included is the average exercise price per share and the aggregate proceeds to the Company if exercised as of March 31, 2016.

Series										
Novolytics		March 2015		2013	•	December	2013	2013 Conv	vertible	N20dsl
	Exercise	e	Exercise	2	Exerci	se	Exerci	se	Exerci	se
Shares	Price	Shares	Price	Shares	Price	Shares	Price	Shares	Price	Shares
-	\$-	488,484	\$10.75	467,046	\$7.00	86,408	\$8.25	140,608	\$7.00	27,103
170,000	12.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
170,000	\$12.00	488,484	\$10.75	467,046	\$7.00	86,408	\$8.25	140,608	\$7.00	27,103
\$2,040,000		\$5,251,203		\$3,269,322		\$712,866		\$984,256		\$623,369
	Novolytics Shares - 170,000 - 170,000	Exercise Shares Price - \$- 170,000 12.00 170,000 \$12.00	Exercise Shares Price Shares  - \$- 488,484  170,000 12.00  170,000 \$12.00 488,484	Exercise Price         Exercise Price           -         \$-         488,484         \$10.75           170,000         12.00         -         -           -         -         -         -           170,000         \$12.00         -         -           170,000         \$12.00         488,484         \$10.75	June 2013 at 2013 Novolytics March 2015 Series B Wa  Exercise Exercise Price Shares  - \$- 488,484 \$10.75 467,046  170,000 12.00	June 2013 and July 2013 Novolytics March 2015 Series B Warrants  Exercise Exercise Frice Shares Price Shares Price  - \$- 488,484 \$10.75 467,046 \$7.00  170,000 12.00	June 2013 and July 2013   Series B Warrants   December	June 2013 and July 2013  Novolytics March 2015 Series B Warrants December 2013  Exercise Exercise Exercise Frice Shares Price Shares Price Shares Price Shares Price 170,000 12.00	Shares   Exercise   Exercise   Exercise   Exercise   Exercise   Shares   Price   Price   Shares   Price   Price	Shares   Heat   Shares   Hea

#### 8. Stockholders' Equity

On March 16, 2015, the Company issued and sold 1,575,758 shares of common stock in a private placement at a price of \$8.25 per share, for aggregate proceeds of \$13.0 million. In conjunction with this private placement, the Company issued warrants to purchase an aggregate of 393,939 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$10.75 per share to the purchasers of the common stock. The Company paid \$833,000 in fees to its placement agents, along with the issuance of warrants to purchase an aggregate of 94,545 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$10.75 per share. The Company valued these warrants as liability instruments and recorded a liability of \$4,210,000 as of March 16, 2015. In the first quarter of 2015, the Company recorded \$213,000 of other expenses representing the portion of the initial warrant value of the placement agent warrants related to the initial fair value of the warrants issued to the purchasers of the common stock. The remainder of the initial fair value of the warrants of \$3,996,000 was treated as a reduction of additional paid-in-capital. In addition, \$218,000 of the fees paid to its placement agent were expensed as other expenses in the three months ended March 31, 2015 as they also represented issuance costs related to the initial fair value of the warrants issued to the purchasers of the common stock.

#### 9. Stock-Based Compensation

The Company's 2013 Stock Incentive Plan (Stock Incentive Plan) provides for the issuance of incentive awards in the form of non-qualified and incentive stock options, stock appreciation rights, stock grants and restricted stock units. The awards may be granted by the Company's Board of Directors to its employees, directors and officers and to consultants, agents, advisors and independent contractors who provide services to the Company or to a subsidiary of the Company. The exercise price for stock options must not be less than the fair market value of the underlying shares on the date of grant. Stock options expire no later than ten years from the date of grant and generally vest and typically become exercisable over a four-year period following the date of grant. Upon the exercise of stock options, the Company issues the resulting shares from shares reserved for issuance under the Stock Incentive Plan.

The Company accounts for stock options and restricted stock units related to its stock incentive plans under the provisions of ASC 718, which requires the recognition of the fair value of stock-based compensation. The fair value of stock options was estimated using a Black-Scholes option valuation model. This model requires the input of subjective assumptions in implementing ASC 718, including expected dividend, expected life, expected volatility and forfeiture rate of each award, as well as the prevailing risk-free interest rate and the fair value of the underlying common stock on the date of grant. The fair value of equity-based awards is amortized over the vesting period of the award, and the Company has elected to use the straight-line method of amortization. The assumptions used in the Black-Scholes option valuation model for the three months ended March 31, 2016 are set forth below.

· Expected Dividend: The Company does not anticipate paying any dividends on its common stock.

Expected Life: The expected life represents the period that the Company expects its stock-based awards to be outstanding. The Company's expected life assumption was based on the simplified method set forth in the SEC Staff Accounting Bulletin 110. The Company's estimation of the expected life for stock options granted to parties other than employees or directors is the contractual term of the option award.

Expected Volatility: Expected volatility is the measure by which the Company's stock price is expected to fluctuate during the expected term of an option. The Company's expected volatility represents the weighted average historical volatility of the shares of its common stock.

*Risk-Free Interest Rate*: The Company bases the risk-free interest rate used on the implied yield currently available on U.S. Treasury zero-coupon issues with an equivalent remaining term. Where the expected term of its stock-based awards does not correspond with the terms for which interest rates are quoted, the Company performs a straight-line interpolation to determine the rate from the available term maturities.

Forfeiture Rate: The Company applies an estimated forfeiture rate that is derived from historical forfeited shares. If the actual number of forfeitures differs from our estimates, the Company may record additional adjustments to compensation expense in future periods.

The weighted-average assumptions used in the Black-Scholes option pricing model to determine the fair value of the stock option grants were as follows:

	March 31, 2016	
Risk-free interest rate	1.58 to 1.63	%
Expected volatility	113.0	%
Expected term (in years)	6.0	
Expected dividend yield	0.0	%

Stock-based compensation expense is reduced by an estimated forfeiture rate derived from historical employee termination behavior. If the actual number of forfeitures differs from the Company's estimates, the Company may record adjustments to increase or decrease compensation expense in future periods.

The estimated grant-date fair value of the Company's stock-based awards is amortized ratably over the awards' service periods. Stock-based compensation expense recognized was as follows:

	Three Months Ended March 3			
	2016	2015		
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)		
Research and development	\$ 26,000	\$ 29,000		
General and administrative	790,000	23,000		
Total stock-based compensation	\$ 816,000	\$ 52,000		

The following table summarizes stock option activity for the three months ended March 31, 2016:

# Options Outstanding

				Average	
			Weighted	Remaining	
	Shares		Average	Contractual	
	Available		Exercise	Term	Intrinsic
	For Grant	Shares	Price	(Years)	Value
Balance, December 31, 2015	723,431	669,769	\$ 8.68	9.29	\$-
Granted	(207,208)	207,208	2.83	-	-
Exercised	-	-	-	-	-
Forfeited	-	-	-	-	-
Expired	-	(4,000)	10.00	-	-
Balance, March 31, 2016	516,223	872,977	\$ 7.29	9.26	\$229,076
Vested or expected to vest at March 31, 2016		704,778	\$ 7.63	9.18	\$141,846
Exercisable at March 31, 2016		99,394	\$ 9.19	7.69	\$-

The intrinsic value of options exercisable as of March 31, 2016 was \$0.0, based on the Company's closing stock price of \$3.94 per share and a weighted average exercise price of \$9.19 per share.

During the first quarter of 2016, the Company issued 207,208 common stock options to its employees and an executive with an average exercise price \$2.83 per share. Included in this amount were 99,919 stock options, with an exercise price of \$2.85, to its Chief Financial Officer, pursuant to his employment agreement dated January 18, 2016. There were no grants of stock options to employees or directors during the three months ended March 31, 2015.

As of March 31, 2016, there was \$2.8 million of total unrecognized compensation expense related to unvested stock options, which the Company expects to recognize over the weighted average remaining period of 2.72 years.

### Shares Reserved For Further Issuance

As of March 31, 2016, the Company had reserved shares of its common stock for future issuance as follows:

Shares Reserved
Stock options outstanding
Available for future grants under the Stock Incentive Plan
Warrants
Total shares reserved
Shares Reserved
872,977
516,223
1,379,649
2,768,849

#### 10. Collaborative and Other Agreements

In June 2013, the Company entered into a Collaborative Research and Development Agreement with the United States Army Medical Research and Materiel Command and the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research. The Collaborative Research and Development Agreement is focused on developing and commercializing bacteriophage therapeutics to treat *S. aureus* infections. During the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, the Company recorded no payments to Walter Reed Army Institute of Research under the Collaborative Research and Development Agreement.

In March 2013, the Company entered into an Exclusive Channel Collaboration Agreement with Intrexon Corporation (the ECC Agreement"). This agreement allows the Company to utilize Intrexon's synthetic biology platform for the identification, development and production of bacteriophage-containing human therapeutics. The Company paid a

one-time technology access fee in 2013 to Intrexon of \$3,000,000 in common stock. Pursuant to the agreement, the Company is required to pay Intrexon, in cash or stock, milestone fees of \$2,500,000 for the initiation and commencement of the first Phase 2 trial and \$5,000,000 upon the first regulatory approval of any product in any major market country. With regard to each product sold by the Company, the Company is required to pay, in cash, tiered royalties on a quarterly basis based on net sales of AmpliPhi Products, calculated on a product-by-product basis. No milestones have been met and no milestone payments have been paid to Intrexon through March 31, 2016. During the three months ended March 31, 2016, the Company recorded \$54,000 in expenses under the Exclusive Channel Collaboration Agreement, with cash payments totaling \$56,000. During the three months ended March 31, 2015, the Company recorded \$22,000 in expenses under the Exclusive Channel Collaboration Agreement, with cash payments totaling \$3,000. On April 13, 2016, the Company provided written notice to Intrexon of its election to voluntarily terminate the ECC Agreement. As of March 31, 2016, the Company had a liability of \$54,000 recorded for amounts due to Intrexon. See *Note 13 – Subsequent Events*.

In April 2013, the Company entered into a collaboration agreement with the University of Leicester to develop a phage therapy that targets and kills all toxin types of C. difficile. In August 2013, the Company entered into a collaboration agreement with both the University of Leicester and the University of Glasgow to carry out certain animal model development work. Under these agreements, which are referred to collectively as the Leicester Development Agreements, the Company provides payments to the University of Leicester to carry out *in vitro* and to the University of Glasgow to carry out animal model development work on the University of Leicester's development of a bacteriophage therapeutic to resolve C. difficile infections, The Company licensed related patents, materials and know-how from the University of Leicester. Under the Leicester Development Agreements, the University of Leicester will provide the bacteriophage and act as overall project coordinator for the development work. All rights, title and interest to any intellectual property developed under the Leicester Development Agreements belong to the Company. Under the Leicester License Agreement, the Company has exclusive rights to certain background intellectual property of the University of Leicester, for which it will pay the University of Leicester royalties based on product sales and make certain milestone payments based on product development. In November 2015, the Company renewed this collaboration, effective as of November 12, 2015. This agreement expires November 12, 2018. During the three months ended March 31, 2016, the Company recorded \$43,000 in expenses to the University of Leicester under the Leicester Development Agreements, with cash payments totaling \$46,000. During the three months ended March 31, 2015, the Company recorded \$35,000 in expenses to the University of Leicester under the Leicester Development Agreements, with cash payments totaling \$50,000. During the three months ended March 31, 2016, the Company recognized no expense and made no payments to the University of Glasgow under the Leicester Development Agreements, During the three months ended March 31, 2015, the Company paid \$61,000 and expensed amounts to the University of Glasgow under the Leicester Development Agreements of \$13,000.

In September 2015, the Company entered into a non-exclusive patent license agreement with Takara Bio Inc. (the Takara Agreement). Under this agreement Takara licensed certain patents from the Company related to AAV1 Vector gene delivery systems, for which the Company is an exclusive licensor with the University of Pennsylvania. The Company received a \$40,000 non-refundable, up-front licensing payment and is entitled to receive royalties from Takara of 12.0% of net license product sales and 6.0% of service revenues associated with the licensed products. The agreement calls for minimum annual royalties of \$15,000 commencing on February 28, 2016. In addition, the Takara Agreement provides milestone fees to the Company of \$30,000 of the first \$1,000,000 of licensed product revenues by Takara and an additional \$40,000 when cumulative net sales of the licensed product by Takara exceed \$2,000,000. During the three months ended March 31, 2016, the Company recognized revenue of \$4,000 under the Takara Agreement.

#### 11. Severance Charge

In September of 2014 and 2015 two executives separated from the Company. The Company recorded severance expenses in the respective periods and accrued severance related to the cash portion due over time.

The severance accrual as of December 31, 2015 and March 31, 2016 is as follows:

Accrued severance, December 31, 2015 \$308,000 Cash payments in 2016 (170,000) Accrued severance, March 31, 2016 \$138,000

# 12. Legal Proceedings

The Company determines whether it should accrue an estimated loss for a contingency in a particular legal proceeding by assessing whether a loss is deemed probable and whether the amount can be reasonably estimated. Claim estimates that are probable and can be reasonably estimated are reflected as liabilities. Legal proceedings are inherently unpredictable and the matters in which the Company may be involved often will present complex legal and factual issues. Because of the uncertainties related to the Company's pending litigation, investigations, inquiries or claims, management is currently unable to predict the ultimate outcome of any litigation, investigation, inquiry or claim, determine whether a liability has been incurred, or make an estimate regarding the possible loss or range of loss that could result from an unfavorable outcome. It is reasonably possible that some of the matters which may be asserted could be decided unfavorably to the Company. An adverse ruling or outcome in any lawsuit involving the Company could materially affect its business, liquidity, consolidated financial position or results of operations. In view of the unpredictable nature of such matters, the Company cannot provide any assurances regarding the outcome of any litigation, investigation, inquiry or claim to which it is a party of the impact on the Company of an adverse ruling on

such matters.

On April 14, 2016, a complaint was filed against the Company and certain of its board members. See *Note 13 – Subsequent Events*.

#### 13. Subsequent Events

#### Series B Convertible Preferred Stock Conversion

On April 8, 2016, certain holders (the "Holders") of over two-thirds of the Company's then-outstanding shares of Series B redeemable convertible preferred stock ("Series B Preferred") elected to automatically convert all outstanding shares of Series B Preferred into shares of Common Stock in accordance with Section 4.4.4(b)(ii) of the Company's Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation (the "Conversion"). As a result of the Conversion, the 7,527,853 shares of Series B Preferred outstanding as of immediately prior to the Conversion have been converted into an aggregate of 1,505,560 shares of Common Stock.

On April 8, 2016, the Company entered into a Common Stock Issuance Agreement (the "Agreement") with the Holders pursuant to which the Company agreed to issue the Holders an aggregate of 853,465 shares of the Company's Common Stock (the "Shares"). Pursuant to the Agreement, the Company and the Holders also agreed to amend the Common Stock warrants issued to the Holders pursuant to that certain Subscription Agreement, dated June 25, 2013, in order to reduce the exercise price of such warrants from \$7.00 per share to \$4.05 per share and extend the expiration date thereof from June 26, 2018 to March 31, 2021 (the "Warrant Amendments"). As consideration for the Shares and the Warrant Amendments, the Holders waived their right to receive approximately \$2.2 million in aggregate cash payments to which they were entitled upon the Conversion in respect of accrued dividends on their former shares of Series B Preferred. The Holders also waived their registration rights with respect to certain future registration statements that may be filed, and certain future public offerings that may be conducted, by the Company.

Pursuant to the Agreement, if in the future the Company conducts one or more bona fide equity financings in which it sells shares of Common Stock or Preferred Stock at a price less than \$4.05 per share (each, a "dilutive financing"), the Company will be required to issue to the Holders additional shares of Common Stock based on a specified formula. The obligation to issue additional shares in the event of any such dilutive financing (i) only applies to the lowest priced financing conducted after the date of the Agreement, (ii) is subject to limitations under applicable NYSE MKT rules relating to the issuance of additional shares in a private placement at a price less than the greater of book or market value and (iii) will expire at such time the Company has raised \$10.0 million in gross proceeds from the sale of Common Stock and/or Preferred Stock in a bona fide financing or financings or June 30, 2018, whichever occurs first. The Company has agreed to seek shareholder approval of the issuance of up to 1,037,053 shares of Common Stock to the Holders in the future as required by the Agreement in connection with one or more dilutive financings. To the extent the Company is not permitted by applicable NYSE MKT rules to issue any additional shares of Common Stock that would otherwise be required to be issued pursuant to the terms of the Agreement as a result of a dilutive financing, the Company has agreed to pay the Holders a cash payment equal to the difference between the price per share in such dilutive financing and \$4.05 for each share issued to the Holders pursuant to the Conversion.

### Litigation

On April 14, 2016, NRM VII Holdings I, LLC ("NRM"), an affiliate of Third Security, LLC ("Third Security"), filed a complaint against the Company and certain members of the Company's Board in the Superior Court of California, County of San Diego. Third Security is one of the principal shareholders of the Company. The complaint alleges that the Company breached the implied covenant of good faith by entering into a scheme to force NRM to convert its Series B Shares into Common Shares. The complaint further alleges that the members of the Board who were named as defendants breached their fiduciary duty of good faith owed to NRM, as one of the Company's shareholders, by participating in this transaction. The complaint seeks unspecified monetary damages and other relief. The Company plans to vigorously defend against the claims advanced.

#### **Collaboration Agreement**

On April 13, 2016, the Company provided written notice to Intrexon Corporation of its election to voluntarily terminate its ECC Agreement dated March 29, 2013 (see Note 10). The effective date of the termination will be 90 days following delivery of the termination notice. The Company will not incur any early termination penalties as a result of the termination of the ECC Agreement.

# Item 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with our unaudited consolidated financial statements and related notes included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, and the audited financial statements and notes thereto as of and for the year ended December 31, 2015 included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC.

Statements contained in this report that are not statements of historical fact are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such forward-looking statements include, without limitation, statements concerning product development plans, the use of bacteriophages to kill bacterial pathogens, having resources sufficient to fund our operations into the third quarter of 2016, future revenue sources, selling and marketing expenses, general and administrative expenses, clinical trial and other research and development expenses, capital resources, capital expenditures, tax credits and carry-forwards, and additional financings and litigation-related matters. Words such as "believe," "anticipate," "plan," "expect," "intend," "will," "goal," "potential" and sim expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements, though not all forward-looking statements necessarily contain these identifying words. These statements are subject to risks and uncertainties. Our actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of various factors, including those set forth below under Part II, Item 1A, "Risk Factors" and elsewhere in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date on which they were made, and we undertake no obligation to update any forward-looking statements.

#### Overview

We are a biotechnology company focused on the discovery, development and commercialization of novel phage therapeutics. Phage therapeutics use bacteriophages, a family of viruses, to kill pathogenic bacteria. Phages have powerful and highly selective mechanisms of action that permit them to target and kill specific bacteria. We believe that phages represent a promising means to treat bacterial infections, especially those that have developed resistance to current therapies including the so-called multi-drug-resistant or "superbug" strains of bacteria.

Our goal is to be the leading developer of phage therapeutics. We are combining our expertise in the manufacture of drug-quality bacteriophages and our proprietary approach and expertise in identifying, characterizing and developing naturally occurring bacteriophages with that of our collaboration partners in bacteriophage biology, synthetic biology and manufacturing, to develop second-generation bacteriophage products.

Our lead product candidate is AB-SA01 for the treatment of *S. aureus* infections, including methicillin-resistant *S. aureus*, or MRSA. We also have AB-PA01 for the treatment of *P. aeruginosa* infections in development, and AB-CD01 for the treatment of *C. difficile* infections in preclinical development.

We have generally incurred net losses since our inception and our operations to date have been primarily limited to research and development and raising capital. We have raised approximately \$43.6 million in capital to support our operations since the shift in our focus to novel phage therapeutics in February 2011.

To date, we have not generated any product revenue and have primarily financed our operations through the sale and issuance of our equity securities and convertible notes. As of March 31, 2016, we had a cumulative deficit of \$365.6 million. We anticipate that a substantial portion of our capital resources and efforts in the foreseeable future will be focused on completing the development and obtaining regulatory approval of our product candidates.

We currently expect to use our existing cash and cash equivalents for the continued research and development of our product candidates and for working capital and other general corporate purposes.

We expect our research and development expenses to increase for the foreseeable future as we continue development of our product candidates. We also expect to incur additional expenses associated with operating as a public company. As a result, we expect to continue to incur significant and increasing operating losses at least for the next several years. We do not expect to generate product revenue unless and until we successfully complete development and obtain marketing approval for at least one of our product candidates.

We may also use a portion of our existing cash and cash equivalents for the potential acquisition of, or investment in, product candidates, technologies, formulations or companies that complement our business, although we have no current understandings, commitments or agreements to do so. Our existing cash and cash equivalents will not be sufficient to enable us to complete all necessary development of any potential product candidates. Accordingly, we will be required to obtain further funding through one or more other public or private equity offerings, debt financings, collaboration or licensing arrangements or other sources. Adequate additional funding may not be available to us on acceptable terms, or at all. If we are unable to raise capital when needed or on attractive terms, we would be forced to delay, reduce or eliminate our research and development programs.

#### **Recent Events**

#### Series B Redeemable Convertible Preferred Stock Conversion

On April 8, 2016, certain holders (the "Holders") of over two-thirds of our then-outstanding shares of Series B redeemable convertible preferred stock ("Series B Preferred") elected to automatically convert all outstanding shares of Series B Preferred into shares of Common Stock in accordance with Section 4.4.4(b)(ii) of our Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation (the "Conversion"). As a result of the Conversion, the 7,527,853 shares of Series B Preferred outstanding as of immediately prior to the Conversion have been converted into an aggregate of 1,505,560 shares of Common Stock.

On April 8, 2016, we entered into a Common Stock Issuance Agreement (the "Agreement") with the Holders pursuant to which we agreed to issue the Holders an aggregate of 853,465 shares of our Common Stock (the "Shares"). Pursuant to the Agreement, the Company and the Holders also agreed to amend the Common Stock warrants issued to the Holders pursuant to that certain Subscription Agreement, dated June 25, 2013, in order to reduce the exercise price of such warrants from \$7.00 per share to \$4.05 per share and extend the expiration date thereof from June 26, 2018 to March 31, 2021 (the "Warrant Amendments"). As consideration for the Shares and the Warrant Amendments, the Holders waived their right to receive approximately \$2.2 million in aggregate cash payments to which they were entitled upon the Conversion in respect of accrued dividends on their former shares of Series B Preferred. The Holders also waived their registration rights with respect to certain future registration statements that may be filed, and certain future public offerings that may be conducted, by us.

Pursuant to the Agreement, if in the future we conduct one or more bona fide equity financings in which it sell shares of Common Stock or Preferred Stock at a price less than \$4.05 per share (each, a "dilutive financing"), we will be required to issue to the Holders additional shares of Common Stock based on a specified formula. The obligation to issue additional shares in the event of any such dilutive financing (i) only applies to the lowest priced financing conducted after the date of the Agreement, (ii) is subject to limitations under applicable NYSE MKT rules relating to the issuance of additional shares in a private placement at a price less than the greater of book or market value and (iii) will expire at such time we have raised \$10.0 million in gross proceeds from the sale of Common Stock and/or Preferred stock in a bona fide financing or financings or June 30, 2018, whichever occurs first. We have agreed to seek shareholder approval of the issuance of up to 1,037,053 shares of Common Stock to the Holders in the future as required by the Agreement in connection with one or more dilutive financings. To the extent we are not permitted by applicable NYSE MKT rules to issue any additional shares of Common Stock that would otherwise be required to be issued pursuant to the terms of the Agreement as a result of a dilutive financing, we have agreed to pay the Holders a cash payment equal to the difference between the price per share in such dilutive financing and \$4.05 for each share issued to the Holders pursuant to the Conversion.

#### **Collaboration Agreement**

On April 13, 2016, we provided written notice to Intrexon Corporation ("Intrexon") of our election to voluntarily terminate that certain Exclusive Channel Collaboration Agreement, dated as of March 29, 2013, by and between us and Intrexon (the "ECC Agreement"). The effective date of termination (the "Termination Date") will be 90 days following delivery of the termination notice. We will not incur any early termination penalties as a result of the termination of the ECC Agreement.

The ECC Agreement is directed towards the research, development and commercialization of new bacteriophage-based therapies for the treatment of bacterial infections caused by *P. aeruginosa* and *C. difficile*. A summary of the material terms of the ECC Agreement is contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") on March 30, 2016, under Item 1. Business—*Exclusive Channel Collaboration with Intrexon*, and is incorporated herein by reference.

### **Results of Operations**

#### Comparison of three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015

#### Revenue

For each of the quarters ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, we recognized \$0.1 million in revenue primarily related to sublicensing agreements from our former gene therapy program.

#### Research and Development Expenses

Research and development expenses for the quarter ended March 31, 2016 totaled \$2.0 million compared to \$1.0 million incurred in the same period of 2015. This increase of \$1.0 million was primarily related to higher compensation costs of \$0.2 million, \$0.1 million of professional recruiting fees, and \$0.4 million for the expense recorded related to the assets acquired from Novolytics.

We anticipate that research and development spending in future periods will continue to increase as we initiate non-clinical research studies, hire additional research and development staff, advance our clinical trials, and continue our discovery efforts.

# General and Administrative Expenses

General and administrative expenses for the quarter ended March 31, 2016 were \$2.6 million compared to \$1.4 million for the same period of 2015. The \$1.2 million increase was primarily attributable to \$0.9 million of compensation, including \$0.8 million of non-cash stock-based compensation, related to two new executives, and \$0.3 million for professional fees for legal, accounting and recruitment.

### Other Income (Expense)

We recorded a gain of \$4,000 for the quarter ended March 31, 2016 related to the change in fair value of our warrant liability, which was primarily attributable to a decrease in the value of our common stock price during the period.

We recorded a gain of \$1.4 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2016 related to the change in fair value of our Series B preferred stock derivative liability. This gain was primarily attributable to a decrease in the estimated term of the derivative liability associated with the Series B preferred stock at March 31, 2016.

We will continue to adjust the liability related to our outstanding Series 2011 warrants to fair value until the earlier of exercise or expiration of the warrants or until terms of the warrants no longer require them to be accounted for as liability instruments. We continued to adjust the liability related to our Series B preferred stock derivative feature until the conversion of our Series B preferred stock into common stock in April 2016.

We also recorded expenses of \$0.4 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015 consisting of placement agent costs from our March 2015 private placement of common stock, which related to placement agent fees and the initial fair value of warrants issued to the placement agents. We had no comparable costs during the three months ended March 31, 2016.

### Liquidity and Capital Resources

We have incurred net losses since inception through March 31, 2016 of \$365.6 million, of which \$315.5 million was incurred as a result of our prior focus on gene therapy in fiscal years 2010 and earlier. We have not generated any product revenues and do not expect to generate revenue from product candidates in the near term.

We had cash and cash equivalents of \$6.2 million and \$9.4 million at March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively.

Net cash used in operating activities for the three months ended March 31, 2016 was \$3.1 million, as compared to \$2.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015. Net loss recorded during the three months ended March 31, 2016 was \$3.1 million, inclusive of a \$1.4 million non-cash gain on derivative liability. Net loss recorded during the three months ended March 31, 2015 was \$14.5 million, inclusive of a \$11.8 million non-cash loss on derivative liability. The net increase in cash used in operating activities of \$0.8 million, in addition to the effect of the non-cash derivative liability effects noted above, are primarily related to an increase in research and development efforts, payroll and non-cash stock based compensation, as well as an increase in professional services.

Net cash used in investing activities was \$0.1 million and \$0.0 million for three months ended March 31, 2016 and March 31, 2015, respectively. Net cash used in investing activities for the three months ended March 31, 2016 was primarily attributable to purchases of property and equipment.

Cash provided by financing activities for the three months ended March 31, 2015 was comprised of the gross proceeds of \$13.0 million from the March 2015 private placement of common stock and warrants to purchase common stock, less commissions and other cash expenses related to the issuance of approximately \$0.6 million. There were no financing activities for the three months ended March 31, 2016.

We will need to raise additional capital or incur indebtedness to continue to fund our future operations. Our future funding requirements will depend on many factors, including:

- ·the costs and timing of our research and development activities;
- ·the progress and cost of our clinical trials and other research and development activities;
- the cost and timing of securing manufacturing capabilities for our clinical product candidates and commercial products, if any;
- ·the terms and timing of any collaborative, licensing, acquisition or other arrangements that we may establish;
- ·the costs and timing of seeking regulatory approvals;
- the costs of filing, prosecuting and enforcing any patent applications, claims, patents and other intellectual property rights; and
- ·the costs of lawsuits involving us or our product candidates.

We may seek to raise capital through a variety of sources, including:

·the public equity market;

- private equity financings;collaborative arrangements;

- ·licensing arrangements; and/or
- ·public or private debt.

We believe our existing resources are sufficient to fund our planned operations into the third quarter of 2016. This estimate is based on our current product development calendar, projected staffing expenses, working capital requirements, and capital expenditure plans.

Our ability to raise additional funds will depend on our clinical and regulatory events, our ability to identify promising in-licensing opportunities and factors related to financial, economic and market conditions, many of which are beyond our control. We cannot be certain that sufficient funds will be available to us when required or on satisfactory terms. If adequate funds are not available, we may be required to significantly reduce or refocus our operations or to obtain funds through arrangements that may require us to relinquish rights to certain of our products, technologies or potential markets, any of which could delay or require that we curtail our development programs or otherwise have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. To the extent that additional capital is raised through the sale of equity or convertible debt securities, the issuance of such securities would result in ownership dilution to our existing stockholders.

If we are unable to secure additional financing on a timely basis or on terms favorable to us, we may be required to significantly reduce or refocus our operations or to obtain funds through additional arrangements that may require us to relinquish rights to certain of our products, technologies or potential markets, any of which could delay or require that we curtail or eliminate some or all of our development programs or otherwise have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. This uncertainty around our ability to secure additional financing creates substantial doubt about our ability to continue as a going concern.

# **Contractual Obligations and Commitments**

As of March 31, 2016, there have been no material changes, outside of the ordinary course of business, in our outstanding contractual obligations from those disclosed within "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations", as contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015.

# Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

As of March 31, 2016, we did not have off-balance sheet arrangements.

### **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

Refer to Note 3 of the Condensed Consolidated Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements contained elsewhere in this report.

### Item 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

We are a smaller reporting company as defined by Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act and are not required to provide the information required under this item.

### **Item 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

#### Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Our management, with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, has evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act), as of the end of the period covered by this report. Disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the reports we file or submit under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. In designing and evaluating the disclosure controls and procedures, management recognizes that any controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable and not absolute assurance of achieving the desired control objectives. In reaching a reasonable level of assurance, management is required to apply its judgment in evaluating the cost-benefit relationship of possible controls and procedures. In addition, the design of any system of controls also is based in part upon certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events, and there can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions; over time, controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or the degree of compliance with policies or procedures may deteriorate. Because of the inherent limitations in a cost-effective disclosure controls system, misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected.

Based on this evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, have concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were not effective at the reasonable assurance level during the period covered by this report.

# Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

An evaluation was also performed under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer, of any change in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during our last fiscal quarter and that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting. That evaluation did not identify any change in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during our latest fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting, other than the following:

- the appointment of an experienced Chief Financial Officer in January 2016 with significant experience in public company reporting and complex transactions; and
- the engagement of consultants with experience in the review of unique and complex accounting topics, who consulted with management on complex transactions and reporting.

# Remediation of Material Weakness

We continue to review, document and test our internal control over financial reporting. We also continue to take steps to remediate certain identified deficiencies in our internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2015 in the area of complex and non-routine transactions. Although efforts remain in process, steps taken during the last fiscal quarter that resulted in improvements to our internal control over financial reporting included the following:

- commenced designing additional training programs for relevant personnel and development of specific review procedures regarding the review of complex and non-routine transactions; and
- · implemented standardized financial control and reporting processes.

The remediation actions will be monitored by the Audit Committee of our Board of Directors.

# PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

### **Item 1. Legal Proceedings**

On April 14, 2016, NRM VII Holdings I, LLC ("NRM"), an affiliate of Third Security, LLC ("Third Security"), filed a complaint against us and certain members of our Board in the Superior Court of California, County of San Diego. Third Security is one of our principal shareholders. The complaint alleges that we breached the implied covenant of good faith by entering into a scheme to force NRM to convert its shares of Series B redeemable convertible preferred stock into shares of our common stock. The complaint further alleges that the members of the Board who were named as defendants breached their fiduciary duty of good faith owed to NRM, as one of our shareholders, by participating in this transaction. The complaint seeks unspecified monetary damages and other relief. We plan to vigorously defend against the claims advanced.

Claim estimates that are probable and can be reasonably estimated are reflected as liabilities. Because of the uncertainties related to our pending litigation, investigations, inquiries or claims, management is currently unable to predict the ultimate outcome of any litigation, investigation, inquiry or claim, determine whether a liability has been incurred, or make an estimate regarding the possible loss or range of loss that could result from an unfavorable outcome. It is reasonably possible that some of the matters, which are pending or may be asserted, could be decided unfavorably to us. Although we maintain liability insurance coverage to protect our assets from losses arising out of or involving activities associated with ongoing and normal business operations, our insurance may not cover, or may not adequately cover, any liabilities that we incur. An adverse ruling or outcome in any lawsuit involving us could materially affect our business, liquidity, consolidated financial position or results of operations. In view of the unpredictable nature of such matters, we cannot provide any assurances regarding the outcome of any litigation, investigation, inquiry or claim to which we are a party or the impact on us of an adverse ruling of such matters.

### Item 1A. Risk Factors

You should consider carefully the following information about the risks described below, together with the other information contained in this Quarterly Report and in our other public filings in evaluating our business. The risk factors set forth below that are marked with an asterisk (\*) did not appear as separate risk factors in, or contain changes to the similarly titled risk factors included in, Item 1A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015. If any of the following risks actually occur, our business, financial condition, results of operations, and future growth prospects would likely be materially and adversely affected. In these circumstances, the market price of our common stock would likely decline.

### Risks Related to Our Financial Condition and Need for Additional Capital

We have incurred losses since our inception and anticipate that we will continue to incur significant losses for the foreseeable future, and our future profitability is uncertain.\*

We have incurred losses in each year since our inception in 1992. Prior to our merger with Biocontrol in January 2011, our accumulated deficit was \$315.5 million. Since January 2011 through March 31, 2016, we have incurred a cumulative deficit of \$50.1 million, and we expect to incur losses for the foreseeable future. We have devoted, and

will continue to devote for the foreseeable future, substantially all of our resources to research and development of our product candidates. For the three months ended March 31, 2016 we had an operating loss of \$3.1 million. Additional information regarding our results of operations may be found in our consolidated financial statements and in "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" included elsewhere in this report.

Clinical trials and activities associated with discovery research are costly. We do not expect to generate any revenue from the commercial sales of our product candidates in the near term, and we expect to continue to have significant losses for the foreseeable future.

To attain ongoing profitability, we will need to develop products successfully and market and sell them effectively, or rely on other parties to do so. We cannot predict when we will achieve ongoing profitability, if at all. We have never generated revenue from the commercial sales of our product candidates, and there is no guarantee that we will be able to do so in the future. If we fail to become profitable, or if we are unable to fund our continuing losses, we would be unable to continue our research and development programs.

We have never generated any revenue from product sales and may never be profitable.

Our ability to generate meaningful revenue and achieve profitability depends on our ability, and the ability of any third party with which we may partner, to successfully complete the development of, and obtain the regulatory approvals necessary to, commercialize our product candidates. We do not anticipate generating revenues from product sales for the foreseeable future, if ever. If any of our product candidates fail in clinical trials or if any of our product candidates do not gain regulatory approval, or if any of our product candidates, if approved, fail to achieve market acceptance, we may never become profitable. Even if we achieve profitability in the future, we may not be able to sustain profitability in subsequent periods. Our ability to generate future revenues from product sales depends heavily on our success in:

- completing research and preclinical and clinical development of our product candidates;
   seeking and obtaining regulatory and marketing approvals for product candidates for which we complete clinical trials;
- ·developing a sustainable, scalable, reproducible, and transferable manufacturing process for our product candidates; launching and commercializing product candidates for which we obtain regulatory and marketing approval, either by establishing a sales force, marketing and distribution infrastructure, or by collaborating with a partner;
- · obtaining market acceptance of any approved products;
- ·addressing any competing technological and market developments;
- ·implementing additional internal systems and infrastructure, as needed;
- ·identifying and validating new product candidates;
- •negotiating favorable terms in any collaboration, licensing or other arrangements into which we may enter; maintaining, protecting and expanding our portfolio of intellectual property rights, including patents, trade secrets and know-how; and
- ·attracting, hiring and retaining qualified personnel.

Even if one or more of the product candidates that we develop is approved for commercial sale, we anticipate incurring significant costs associated with commercializing any approved product. Our expenses could increase

beyond expectations if we are required by the FDA, the EMA, or other foreign regulatory authorities to perform clinical trials and other studies in addition to those that we currently anticipate. Even if we are able to generate revenues from the sale of any approved products, we may not become profitable and may need to obtain additional funding to continue operations.

We will need to raise additional capital to continue operations.\*

Our consolidated financial statements for the quarter ended March 31, 2016 were prepared under the assumption that we would continue our operations as a going concern. However, we have had recurring losses from operations, negative operating cash flow and an accumulated deficit.

We do not generate any cash from operations and must raise additional funds in order to continue operating our business. We expect to continue to fund our operations primarily through equity and debt financings in the future. If additional capital is not available to us when needed or on acceptable terms, we may not be able to continue to operate our business pursuant to our business plan or we may have to discontinue our operations entirely. As of March 31, 2016, we had cash and cash equivalents of \$6.2 million. We believe that our existing resources will be sufficient to fund our planned operations into the third quarter of 2016.

Developing drugs and conducting clinical trials is expensive. Our future funding requirements will depend on many factors, including:

- ·the costs and timing of our research and development activities;
- ·the progress and cost of our clinical trials and other research and development activities;
- the cost and timing of securing manufacturing capabilities for our clinical product candidates and commercial products, if any;
- ·the terms and timing of any collaborative, licensing, acquisition or other arrangements that we may establish;
- ·the costs and timing of seeking regulatory approvals;
- the costs of filing, prosecuting, defending and enforcing any patent applications, claims, patents and other intellectual property rights; and
- ·the costs of lawsuits involving us or our product candidates.

We will need to raise additional capital to support our product development activities in 2016 and beyond. We may seek funds through arrangements with collaborators or others that may require us to relinquish rights to the products candidates that we might otherwise seek to develop or commercialize independently. We cannot be certain that we will be able to enter into any such arrangements on reasonable terms, if at all.

We may seek to raise capital through a variety of sources, including:

- ·the public equity market;
- ·private equity financings;
- ·collaborative arrangements;
- ·licensing arrangements; and/or
- ·public or private debt.

Any additional fundraising efforts may divert our management from their day-to-day activities, which may adversely affect our ability to develop and commercialize our product candidates. Our ability to raise additional funds will depend, in part, on the status of our product development activities and other business operations, as well as factors related to financial, economic, and market conditions, many of which are beyond our control. We cannot be certain that sufficient funds will be available to us when required or on acceptable terms, if at all. Raising additional capital through the sale of securities could cause significant dilution to our stockholders. If adequate funds are not available, we may be required to significantly reduce or refocus our operations or to obtain funds through additional arrangements that may require us to relinquish rights to certain of our products, technologies or potential markets, any of which could delay or require that we curtail or eliminate some or all of our development programs or otherwise have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. In addition, we may have to delay, reduce the scope of or eliminate some of our research and development, which could delay the time to market for any of our product candidates, if adequate funds are not available.

If we are unable to secure additional financing on a timely basis or on terms acceptable to us, we may be required to cease or reduce certain research and development projects, to sell some or all of our technology or assets or to merge all or a portion of our business with another entity. Insufficient funds may require us to delay, scale back, or eliminate some or all of our activities, and if we are unable to obtain additional funding, there is uncertainty regarding our continued existence.

A complaint has been filed against us and the members of our Board of Directors by one of our principal shareholders.\*

On April 8, 2016, certain holders (the "Holders") of over two-thirds of our then-outstanding shares of Series B redeemable convertible preferred stock ("Series B Preferred") elected to automatically convert all outstanding shares of Series B Preferred into shares of Common Stock in accordance with Section 4.4.4(b)(ii) of our Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation, as amended (the "Conversion"). As a result of the Conversion, the 7,527,853 shares of Series B Preferred outstanding as of immediately prior to the Conversion were automatically converted into an aggregate of 1,505,560 shares of our common stock. On April 8, 2016, we entered into a Common Stock Issuance Agreement (the "CSIA") with the Holders pursuant to which we issued to the Holders an aggregate of 853,465 shares of our Common Stock (the "Shares") and amended the common stock warrants issued to the Holders pursuant to that certain Subscription Agreement, dated June 25, 2013, in order to reduce the exercise price of such warrants from \$7.00 per share to \$4.05 per share and extend the expiration date thereof from June 26, 2018 to March 31, 2021 (the "Warrant Amendments"). As consideration for the Shares and the Warrant Amendments, the Holders waived their right to receive approximately \$2.2 million in aggregate cash payments to which they were entitled upon the Conversion in respect of accrued dividends on their former shares of Series B Preferred.

On April 14, 2016, NRM VII Holdings I, LLC ("NRM"), who was not a party to the CSIA, filed a complaint against us and each of the current members of our board of directors in the Superior Court of California, County of San Diego. Prior to the Conversion, NRM held approximately 28.5% of our outstanding shares of Series B Preferred. The complaint alleges that we breached the implied covenant of good faith by entering into a scheme to force NRM to convert its Series B Preferred into common stock. The complaint further alleges that the current members of our board of directors breached their fiduciary duty of good faith owed to NRM, as one of our shareholders, by participating in this transaction. The complaint seeks unspecified monetary damages and other relief. We plan to vigorously defend against the claims advanced.

Litigation is subject to inherent uncertainties, and an adverse result in the matter described above or other matters that may arise from time to time could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition. Any litigation to which we are subject may be costly and, further, could require significant involvement of our senior management and may divert management's attention from our business and operations. In addition, our share price may be negatively impacted due to the negative publicity, expenses incurred in connection with our defense, management distraction, and/or other factors related to this litigation. In addition, litigation of this nature may negatively impact our ability to attract and retain strategic partners, as well as qualified board members and management personnel.

There is substantial doubt about our ability to continue as a going concern, which may affect our ability to obtain future financing and may require us to curtail our operations.\*

Our financial statements as of March 31, 2016 were prepared under the assumption that we will continue as a going concern. Our financial statements do not include any adjustments that might result from the outcome of this uncertainty. At March 31, 2016, we had cash and cash equivalents of \$6.2 million. Our ability to continue as a going concern depends on our ability to raise substantial additional funds through public or private equity offerings, collaborative or licensing arrangements and/or debt financing.

Taxing authorities could reallocate our taxable income among our subsidiaries, which could increase our overall tax liability.

We are organized in the United States, and we currently have subsidiaries in the United Kingdom, Australia and Slovenia. If we succeed in growing our business, we expect to conduct increased operations through our subsidiaries in various tax jurisdictions pursuant to transfer pricing arrangements between us and our subsidiaries. If two or more affiliated companies are located in different countries, the tax laws or regulations of each country generally will require that transfer prices be the same as those between unrelated companies dealing at arms' length and that appropriate documentation is maintained to support the transfer prices. While we believe that we operate in compliance with applicable transfer pricing laws and intend to continue to do so, our transfer pricing procedures are not binding on applicable tax authorities.

If tax authorities in any of these countries were to successfully challenge our transfer prices as not reflecting arms' length transactions, they could require us to adjust our transfer prices and thereby reallocate our income to reflect these revised transfer prices, which could result in a higher tax liability to us. In addition, if the country from which the income is reallocated does not agree with the reallocation, both countries could tax the same income, resulting in double taxation. If tax authorities were to allocate income to a higher tax jurisdiction, subject our income to double taxation or assess interest and penalties, it would increase our consolidated tax liability, which could adversely affect our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

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

Our ability to utilize our net operating loss carryforwards and certain other tax attributes may be limited under Sections 382 and 383 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). These limitations apply if an "ownership change," as defined by Section 382 of the Code, occurs. If we have experienced an "ownership change" at any time since our formation, we may already be subject to limitations on our ability to utilize our existing net operating

losses and other tax attributes to offset taxable income. In addition, future changes in our stock ownership (including in connection with future private or public offerings, as well as changes that may be outside of our control), may trigger an "ownership change" and, consequently, limitations under Sections 382 and 383 of the Code. As a result, if we earn net taxable income, our ability to use our pre-change net operating loss carryforwards and other pre-change tax attributes to offset U.S. federal taxable income may be subject to limitations, which could potentially result in increased future tax liability to us. In addition, at the state level, there may be periods during which the use of NOLs is suspended or otherwise limited, which could accelerate or permanently increase state taxes owed. We have not completed a study to assess whether an "ownership change" has occurred or whether there have been multiple "ownership changes" since our formation, due to the complexity and cost associated with such a study, and the fact that there may be additional ownership changes in the future.

If we fail to maintain proper and effective internal control over financial reporting, our ability to produce accurate financial statements on a timely basis could be impaired and our public reporting may be unreliable.\*

We are required to maintain internal control over financial reporting adequate to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of our consolidated financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. In connection with the restatement of our consolidated financial statements for the second quarter of 2015 and for the quarterly and annual periods of 2014, we determined that we had a material weakness as of December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2015, namely that our internal control over financial reporting, including control over the evaluation and review of complex and non-routine transactions, were not effective. A material weakness means a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over financial reporting such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the registrant's annual or interim financial statements will not be prevented or detected on a timely basis.

We do not expect that our internal control over financial reporting will prevent all errors and all fraud. A control system, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the control system's objectives will be met. Further, the design of a control system must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints, and the benefits of controls must be considered relative to their costs. Controls can be circumvented by the individual acts of some persons, by collusion of two or more people, or by management override of the controls. Over time, controls may become inadequate because changes in conditions or deterioration in the degree of compliance with policies or procedures may occur. Because of the inherent limitations in a cost-effective control system, misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected. As a result, we cannot assure you that significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in our internal control over financial reporting will not be identified in the future.

We are taking steps to remediate the material weakness in our internal control over financial reporting, including designing additional training programs for relevant personnel and developing specific review procedures regarding the review of complex and non-routine transactions. However, we cannot assure you that these efforts will remediate our material weakness in a timely manner, or at all. If we are unable to successfully remediate our material weakness, or identify any future material weaknesses, the accuracy and timing of our financial reporting may be adversely affected, we may be unable to maintain compliance with securities law requirements regarding timely filing of periodic reports and we may experience a loss of public confidence, which could have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition and the market price of our common stock and other securities.

We incur significant costs as a result of operating as a public company, and our management is required to devote substantial time to compliance initiatives.

As a public company, we incur significant legal, accounting and other expenses. We are subject to the reporting requirements of the Exchange Act, which require, among other things, that we file with the SEC annual, quarterly and current reports with respect to our business and financial condition. In addition, the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, as well as rules subsequently adopted by the SEC and the NYSE MKT to implement provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, imposes significant requirements on public companies, including requiring establishment and maintenance of effective disclosure and financial controls and changes in corporate governance practices. Further, in July 2010, the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, or the Dodd-Frank Act, was enacted. There are significant corporate governance and executive compensation related provisions in the Dodd-Frank Act that require the SEC to adopt additional rules and regulations in these areas such as "say on pay" and proxy access. Recent legislation permits emerging growth companies to implement many of these requirements over a longer period and up to five years following their initial public offering. We intend to take advantage of this new legislation but cannot guarantee that we will not be required to implement these requirements sooner than expected and thereby incur unexpected expenses.

We expect the rules and regulations applicable to public companies to result in us continuing to incur substantial legal and financial compliance costs. These costs will decrease our net income or increase our net loss, and may require us to reduce costs in other areas of our business.

### **Risks Related to Our Business**

We are seeking to develop antibacterial agents using bacteriophage technology, a novel approach, which makes it difficult to predict the time and cost of development. No bacteriophage products have been approved in the United States or elsewhere.

We are developing our product candidates with bacteriophage technology. We have not, nor to our knowledge has any other company, received regulatory approval from the FDA or equivalent foreign agencies for a pharmaceutical drug based on this approach. While *in vitro* studies have characterized the behavior of bacteriophages in cell cultures and there exists a body of literature regarding the use of phage therapy in humans, the safety and efficacy of phage therapy in humans has not been extensively studied in well-controlled modern clinical trials. Most of the prior research on phage-based therapy was conducted in the former Soviet Union prior to and immediately after World War II and lacked appropriate control group design or lacked control groups at all. Furthermore, the standard of care has changed substantially during the ensuing decades since those studies were performed, diminishing the relevance of prior claims of improved cure rates. We cannot be certain that our approach will lead to the development of approvable or marketable drugs.

Developing phage-based therapies on a commercial scale will also require developing new manufacturing processes and techniques. We and our third-party collaborators may experience delays in developing manufacturing capabilities for our product candidates, and may not be able to do so at the scale required to efficiently conduct the clinical trials required to obtain regulatory approval of our product candidates, or to manufacture commercial quantities of our products, if approved.

In addition, the FDA or other regulatory agencies may lack experience in evaluating the safety and efficacy of drugs based on these approaches, which could lengthen the regulatory review process, increase our development costs and delay or prevent commercialization of our product candidates.

Delays in our clinical trials could result in us not achieving anticipated developmental milestones when expected, increased costs and delay our ability to obtain regulatory approval for and commercialize our product candidates.

Delays in our ability to commence or enroll patients for our clinical trials could result in us not meeting anticipated clinical milestones and could materially impact our product development costs and delay regulatory approval of our product candidates. Planned clinical trials may not be commenced or completed on schedule, or at all. Clinical trials can be delayed for a variety of reasons, including:

- delays in the development of manufacturing capabilities for our product candidates to enable their consistent production at clinical trial scale;
- failures in our internal manufacturing operations that result in our inability to consistently and timely produce bacteriophages in sufficient quantities to support our clinical trials;
- ·the availability of financial resources to commence and complete our planned clinical trials;
- ·delays in reaching a consensus with clinical investigators on study design;
- delays in reaching a consensus with regulatory agencies on trial design or in obtaining regulatory approval to commence a trial;
- ·delays in obtaining clinical materials;
- ·slower than expected patient recruitment for participation in clinical trials;

- ·failure by clinical trial sites, other third parties, or us to adhere to clinical trial agreements; delays in reaching agreement on acceptable clinical trial agreement terms with prospective sites or obtaining
- institutional review board approval; and
- ·adverse safety events experienced during our clinical trials.

If we do not successfully commence or complete our clinical trials on schedule, the price of our common stock may decline.

Completion of clinical trials depends, among other things, on our ability to enroll a sufficient number of patients, which is a function of many factors, including:

- ·the therapeutic endpoints chosen for evaluation;
- ·the eligibility criteria defined in the protocol;
- ·the perceived benefit of the product candidate under study;
- ·the size of the patient population required for analysis of the clinical trial's therapeutic endpoints;
- ·our ability to recruit clinical trial investigators and sites with the appropriate competencies and experience;
- ·our ability to obtain and maintain patient consents; and
- ·competition for patients from clinical trials for other treatments.

We may experience difficulties in enrolling patients in our clinical trials, which could increase the costs or affect the timing or outcome of these clinical trials. This is particularly true with respect to diseases with relatively small patient populations.

We have not completed formulation development of any of our product candidates.

The development of our bacteriophage product candidates requires that we isolate, select and combine a number of bacteriophages that target the desired bacteria for that product candidate. The selection of bacteriophages for any of our product candidates is based on a variety of factors, including without limitation the ability of the selected phages, in combination, to successfully kill the targeted bacteria, the degree of cross-reactivity of the individual phages with the same part of the bacterial targets, the ability of the combined phages to satisfy regulatory requirements, our ability to manufacture sufficient quantities of the phages, intellectual property rights of third parties, and other factors. While we have selected an initial formulation of AB-SA01 for the treatment of *S. aureus* infections, there can be no assurance that this will be the final formulation of AB-SA01 for commercialization. In addition, we have initiated final phage selection for AB-PA01, our *P. aeruginosa* product. AB-CD01, which is our *C. difficile* product, is at an earlier stage. If we are unable to complete formulation development of our product candidates in the time frame that we have anticipated, then our product development timelines, and the regulatory approval of our product candidates, could be delayed.

Our product candidates must undergo rigorous clinical testing, such clinical testing may fail to demonstrate safety and efficacy and any of our product candidates could cause undesirable side effects, which would substantially delay or prevent regulatory approval or commercialization.

Before we can obtain regulatory approval for a product candidate, we must undertake extensive clinical testing in humans to demonstrate safety and efficacy to the satisfaction of the FDA or other regulatory agencies. Clinical trials of new drug candidates sufficient to obtain regulatory marketing approval are expensive and take years to complete.

We cannot be certain of successfully completing clinical testing within the time frame we have planned, or at all. We may experience numerous unforeseen events during, or as a result of, the clinical trial process that could delay or prevent us from receiving regulatory approval or commercializing our product candidates, including the following:

- our clinical trials may produce negative or inconclusive results, and we may decide, or regulators may require us, to conduct additional clinical and/or preclinical testing or to abandon programs;
- •the results obtained in earlier stage clinical testing may not be indicative of results in future clinical trials; clinical trial results may not meet the level of statistical significance required by the FDA or other regulatory agencies;
- we, or regulators, may suspend or terminate our clinical trials if the participating patients are being exposed to unacceptable health risks; and
- our product candidates may have unintended or undesirable effects on patients that may delay or preclude regulatory approval of our product candidates or limit their commercial use, if approved.

Results from preclinical studies and Phase 1 or 2 clinical trials of our product candidates may not be predictive of the results of later stage human clinical trials.

Preclinical studies, including studies of our product candidates in animal disease models, may not accurately predict the result of human clinical trials of those product candidates. In particular, promising animal studies suggesting the efficacy of prototype phage products in the treatment of bacterial infections, such as *P. aeruginosa* and *S. aureus*, may not predict the ability of these products to treat similar infections in humans. Our phage technology may be found not to be efficacious in treating bacterial infections alone or in combination with other agents, when studied in human clinical trials.

To satisfy FDA or foreign regulatory approval standards for the commercial sale of our product candidates, we must demonstrate in adequate and controlled clinical trials that our product candidates are safe and effective. Success in early clinical trials, including Phase 2 trials, does not ensure that later clinical trials will be successful. Our initial results from early stage clinical trials also may not be confirmed by later analysis or subsequent larger clinical trials. A number of companies in the pharmaceutical industry have suffered significant setbacks in advanced clinical trials, even after obtaining promising results in earlier clinical trials and most product candidates that commence clinical trials are never approved for commercial sale.

We must continue to develop manufacturing processes for our product candidates and any delay in or our inability to do so would result in delays in our clinical trials.

We are developing novel manufacturing processes for our product candidates at our facility in Ljubljana, Slovenia. The manufacturing processes for our product candidates, and the scale up of such processes for clinical trials, is novel, and there can be no assurance that we will be able to complete this work in a timely manner, if at all. Any delay in the development or scale up of these manufacturing processes could delay the start of clinical trials and harm our business. Our facility in Slovenia must also undergo ongoing inspections by JAZMP, the Slovenian agency that regulates and supervises pharmaceutical products in Slovenia, for compliance with their and the European Medicines Agency's, or EMA's, current good manufacturing practice regulations, or cGMP regulations, before the respective product candidates can be approved for use in clinical trials or commercialization. In the event these facilities do not receive a satisfactory cGMP inspection for the manufacture of our product candidates, we may need to fund additional modifications to our manufacturing process, conduct additional validation studies, or find alternative manufacturing facilities, any of which would result in significant cost to us as well as a delay of up to several years in obtaining approval for such product candidate.

Our manufacturing facility will be subject to ongoing periodic inspection by the European regulatory authorities, including JAZMP, and the FDA for compliance with European and FDA cGMP regulations. Compliance with these regulations and standards is complex and costly, and there can be no assurance that we will be able to comply. Any failure to comply with applicable regulations could result in sanctions being imposed (including fines, injunctions and civil penalties), failure of regulatory authorities to grant marketing approval of our product candidates, delays, suspension or withdrawal of approvals, license revocation, seizures or recalls of product candidates or products, operating restrictions and criminal prosecution.

We may conduct clinical trials for our products or product candidates outside the United States and the FDA may not accept data from such trials.

We are currently conducting an investigator-sponsored clinical trial of AB-SA01 at the University of Adelaide in Australia for chronic rhinosinusitis, and may seek to conduct one or more other clinical trials in the future outside the

United States. Although the FDA may accept data from clinical trials conducted outside the United States, acceptance of such study data by the FDA is subject to certain conditions. For example, the study must be well designed and conducted and performed by qualified investigators in accordance with ethical principles. The study population must also adequately represent the U.S. population, and the data must be applicable to the U.S. population and U.S. medical practice in ways that the FDA deems clinically meaningful. Generally, the patient population for any clinical studies conducted outside of the United States must be representative of the population for whom we intend to label the product in the United States. In addition, such studies would be subject to the applicable local laws and FDA acceptance of the data would be dependent upon its determination that the studies also complied with all applicable U.S. laws and regulations. There can be no assurance the FDA will accept data from trials conducted outside of the United States. If the FDA does not accept any such data, it would likely result in the need for additional trials, which would be costly and time consuming and delay aspects of our business plan.

# We may need to license additional intellectual property rights.

The development and commercialization of phage-based antibacterial agents may require us to obtain rights to intellectual property from third parties. For example, pursuant to our Collaborative Research and Development Agreement with the United States Army Medical Research and Materiel Command and the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, we are currently focusing on developing bacteriophage therapeutics to treat *S. aureus* infections. To the extent the intellectual property is generated from the United States Army Medical Research and Materiel Command or Walter Reed Army Institute of Research that is used in a commercial product, we may be obligated to make payments such as royalties, licensing fees and milestone payments. We may also determine that it is necessary or advisable to license other intellectual property from third parties. There can be no assurance that such intellectual property rights would be available on commercially reasonable terms, if at all.

We are conducting an investigator-sponsored clinical trial of AB-SA01 at the University of Adelaide. To the extent that intellectual property is generated as a result of the study that is used in a commercial product, we may be obligated to make payments, such as royalties, licensing fees, and milestone payments. There can be no assurance that such intellectual property rights would be available on commercially reasonable terms, if at all.

We are subject to significant regulatory approval requirements, which could delay, prevent or limit our ability to market our product candidates.

Our research and development activities, preclinical studies, clinical trials and the anticipated manufacturing and marketing of our product candidates are subject to extensive regulation by the FDA and other regulatory agencies in the United States and by comparable authorities in Europe and elsewhere. There can be no assurance that our manufacturing facilities will satisfy the requirements of the FDA or comparable foreign authorities. We require the approval of the relevant regulatory authorities before we may commence commercial sales of our product candidates in a given market. The regulatory approval process is expensive and time-consuming, and the timing of receipt of regulatory approval is difficult to predict. Our product candidates could require a significantly longer time to gain regulatory approval than expected, or may never gain approval. We cannot be certain that, even after expending substantial time and financial resources, we will obtain regulatory approval for any of our product candidates. A delay or denial of regulatory approval could delay or prevent our ability to generate product revenues and to achieve profitability.

Changes in regulatory approval policies during the development period of any of our product candidates, changes in, or the enactment of, additional regulations or statutes, or changes in regulatory review practices for a submitted product application may cause a delay in obtaining approval or result in the rejection of an application for regulatory approval.

Regulatory approval, if obtained, may be made subject to limitations on the indicated uses for which we may market a product. These limitations could adversely affect our potential product revenues. Regulatory approval may also require costly post-marketing follow-up studies. In addition, the labeling, packaging, adverse event reporting, storage, advertising, promotion and record-keeping related to the product will be subject to extensive ongoing regulatory requirements. Furthermore, for any marketed product, its manufacturer and its manufacturing facilities will be subject to continual review and periodic inspections by the FDA or other regulatory authorities. Failure to comply with applicable regulatory requirements may, among other things, result in fines, suspensions of regulatory approvals, product recalls, product seizures, operating restrictions and criminal prosecution.

A variety of risks associated with our international operations could materially adversely affect our business.

In addition to our U.S. operations, we have operations and subsidiaries in the United Kingdom, Australia and Slovenia. We face risks associated with our international operations, including possible unfavorable regulatory, pricing and reimbursement, political, tax and labor conditions, which could harm our business. We are subject to numerous risks associated with international business activities, including:

- compliance with differing or unexpected regulatory requirements for the development, manufacture and, if approved, commercialization of our product candidates;
- ·difficulties in staffing and managing foreign operations;
- ·foreign government taxes, regulations and permit requirements;
- U.S. and foreign government tariffs, trade restrictions, price and exchange controls and other regulatory requirements;
- ·anti-corruption laws, including the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, or the FCPA;
- economic weakness, including inflation, natural disasters, war, events of terrorism or political instability in particular foreign countries;
- fluctuations in currency exchange rates, which could result in increased operating expenses and reduced revenues, and other obligations related to doing business in another country;
- compliance with tax, employment, immigration and labor laws, regulations and restrictions for employees living or traveling abroad;
- ·workforce uncertainty in countries where labor unrest is more common than in the United States;
- ·production shortages resulting from any events affecting raw material supply or manufacturing capabilities abroad;
- ·changes in diplomatic and trade relationships; and
- challenges in enforcing our contractual and intellectual property rights, especially in those foreign countries that do not respect and protect intellectual property rights to the same extent as the United States.

These and other risks associated with our international operations may materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations.

We do not have a sales force and do not currently have plans to develop one.

The commercial success of any of our product candidates will depend upon the strength of sales and marketing efforts for them. We do not have a sales force and have no experience in sales, marketing or distribution. To successfully commercialize our product candidates, we will need to develop such a capability ourselves or seek assistance from a third party with a large distribution system and a large direct sales force. We may be unable to put such a plan in place. In addition, if we arrange for others to market and sell our products, our revenues will depend upon the efforts of those parties. Such arrangements may not succeed. Even if one or more of our product candidates is approved for marketing, if we fail to establish adequate sales, marketing and distribution capabilities, independently or with others, our business will be materially harmed.

### Our success depends in part on attracting, retaining and motivating our personnel.\*

Our success depends on our continued ability to attract, retain and motivate highly qualified management, clinical and scientific personnel and on our ability to develop and maintain important relationships with leading academic institutions, clinicians and scientists. As of May 6, 2016, we had 30 employees. Our success will depend on our ability to retain and motivate personnel and hire additional qualified personnel when required. Competition for qualified personnel in the biotechnology field is intense. We face competition for personnel from other biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies, universities, public and private research institutions and other organizations. We also face competition from other more well-funded and well-established businesses and we may also be viewed as a riskier choice from a job stability perspective due to our relative newer status than longer existing biotech and pharmaceutical companies. We may not be able to attract and retain qualified personnel on acceptable terms given the competition for such personnel. If we are unsuccessful in our retention, motivation and recruitment efforts, we may be unable to execute our business strategy.

### We must manage a geographically dispersed organization.

While we are a small company, we currently have operations in the United States, United Kingdom, Australia and Slovenia. In the future, we may also locate facilities in other locations based on proximity to personnel with the expertise needed to research, develop and manufacture phage-based therapeutics, costs of operations or other factors. Managing our organization across multiple locations and multiple time zones may reduce our efficiency, increase our expenses and increase the risk of operational difficulties in the execution of our plans.

#### Risks Related to Our Reliance on Third Parties

### We rely on third parties for aspects of product development.

We rely on third parties such as the University of Leicester and the U.S. Army for certain aspects of product development. We are working with the University of Leicester for research and development of product candidates to treat *C. difficile* infections. We are working with the U.S. Army for research and development of product candidates to treat *S. aureus* infections. Because we rely on third parties to conduct these activities, we have less control over the success of these programs than we would if we were conducting them on our own. Factors beyond our control that could impact the success of these programs include the amount of resources devoted to the programs by the applicable third party, the staffing of those projects by third-party personnel, and the amount of time such personnel devote to our programs compared to other programs. Failure of our third-party collaborators to successfully complete the projects that we are working on with them could result in delays in product development and the need to expend additional

resources, increasing our expenses beyond current expectations.

We will rely on third parties to conduct our clinical trials, and their failure to perform their obligations in a timely or competent manner may delay development and commercialization of our product candidates.

We expect to use third parties, such as clinical research organizations or the U.S. Army, to assist in conducting our clinical trials. However, we may face delays outside of our control if these parties do not perform their obligations in a timely or competent fashion or if we are forced to change service providers. This risk is heightened for clinical trials conducted outside of the United States, where it may be more difficult to ensure that clinical trials are conducted in compliance with FDA requirements. Any third party that we hire to conduct clinical trials may also provide services to our competitors, which could compromise the performance of their obligations to us. If we experience significant delays in the progress of our clinical trials and in our plans to submit Biologics License Applications, the commercial prospects for product candidates could be harmed and our ability to generate product revenue would be delayed or prevented.

### **Risks Related to Our Intellectual Property**

We are dependent on patents and proprietary technology. If we fail to adequately protect this intellectual property or if we otherwise do not have exclusivity for the marketing of our products, our ability to commercialize products could suffer.

Our commercial success will depend in part on our ability to obtain and maintain patent protection sufficient to prevent others from marketing our product candidates, as well as to defend and enforce these patents against infringement and to operate without infringing the proprietary rights of others. Protection of our product candidates from unauthorized use by third parties will depend on having valid and enforceable patents cover our product candidates or their manufacture or use, or having effective trade secret protection. If our patent applications do not result in issued patents, or if our patents are found to be invalid, we will lose the ability to exclude others from making, using or selling the inventions claimed therein. We have a limited number of patents and pending patent applications.

The patent positions of biotechnology companies can be uncertain and involve complex legal and factual questions. This is due to inconsistent application of policy and changes in policy relating to examination and enforcement of biotechnology patents to date on a global scale. The laws of some countries may not protect intellectual property rights to the same extent as the laws of countries having well-established patent systems, and those countries may lack adequate rules and procedures for defending our intellectual property rights. Also, changes in either patent laws or in interpretations of patent laws may diminish the value of our intellectual property. We are not able to guarantee that all of our patent applications will result in the issuance of patents and we cannot predict the breadth of claims that may be allowed in our patent applications or in the patent applications we may license from others.

Central provisions of The Leahy-Smith America Invents Act, or the America Invents Act went into effect on September 16, 2012 and on March 16, 2013. The America Invents Act includes a number of significant changes to U.S. patent law. These changes include provisions that affect the way patent applications are being filed, prosecuted and litigated. For example, the America Invents Act enacted proceedings involving post-issuance patent review procedures, such as inter partes review, or IPR, and post-grant review, that allow third parties to challenge the validity of an issued patent in front of the United States PTO Patent Trial and Appeal Board. Each proceeding has different eligibility criteria and different patentability challenges that can be raised. IPRs permit any person (except a party who has been litigating the patent for more than a year) to challenge the validity of the patent on the grounds that it was anticipated or made obvious by prior art. Patents covering pharmaceutical products have been subject to attack in IPRs from generic drug companies and from hedge funds. If it is within nine months of the issuance of the challenged patent, a third party can petition the United States PTO for post-grant review, which can be based on any invalidity grounds and is not limited to prior art patents or printed publications.

In post-issuance proceedings, United States PTO rules and regulations generally tend to favor patent challengers over patent owners. For example, unlike in district court litigation, claims challenged in post-issuance proceedings are given their broadest reasonable meaning, which increases the chance a claim might be invalidated by prior art or lack support in the patent specification. The United States Supreme Court is currently reviewing whether it is proper for the United States PTO to give claims their broadest reasonable meaning in post-issuance proceedings. As another example, unlike in district court litigation, there is no presumption of validity for an issued patent, and thus, a challenger's burden to prove invalidity is by a preponderance of the evidence, as opposed to the heightened clear and convincing evidence standard. As a result of these rules and others, statistics released by the United States PTO show a high percentage of claims being invalidated in post-issuance proceedings. Moreover, with few exceptions, there is no standing requirement to petition the United States PTO for inter partes review or post-grant review. In other words, companies that have not been charged with infringement or that lack commercial interest in the patented subject matter can still petition the United States PTO for review of an issued patent. Thus, even where we have issued patents, our rights under those patents may be challenged and ultimately not provide us with sufficient protection against competitive products or processes.

The degree of future protection for our proprietary rights is uncertain because legal means afford only limited protection and may not adequately protect our rights or permit us to gain or keep our competitive advantage. For example:

- · we might not be the first to file patent applications for our inventions;
- others may independently develop similar or alternative product candidates to any of our product candidates that fall outside the scope of our patents;
- ·our pending patent applications may not result in issued patents;
- our issued patents may not provide a basis for commercially viable products or may not provide us with any competitive advantages or may be challenged by third parties;
- others may design around our patent claims to produce competitive products that fall outside the scope of our patents;
- ·we may not develop additional patentable proprietary technologies related to our product candidates; and

we are dependent upon the diligence of our appointed agents in national jurisdictions, acting for and on our behalf, which control the prosecution of pending domestic and foreign patent applications and maintain granted domestic and foreign patents.

An issued patent does not guarantee us the right to practice the patented technology or commercialize the patented product. Third parties may have blocking patents that could be used to prevent us from commercializing our patented products and practicing our patented technology. Our issued patents and those that may be issued in the future may be challenged, invalidated or circumvented, which could limit our ability to prevent competitors from marketing the same or related product candidates or could limit the length of the term of patent protection of our product candidates. Moreover, because of the extensive time required for development, testing and regulatory review of a potential product, it is possible that, before any of our product candidates can be commercialized, any related patent may expire or remain in force for only a short period following commercialization, thereby reducing any advantage of the patent. Patent term extensions may not be available for these patents.

We rely on trade secrets and other forms of non-patent intellectual property protection. If we are unable to protect our trade secrets, other companies may be able to compete more effectively against us.

We rely on trade secrets to protect certain aspects of our technology, including our proprietary processes for manufacturing and purifying bacteriophages. Trade secrets are difficult to protect, especially in the pharmaceutical industry, where much of the information about a product must be made public during the regulatory approval process. Although we use reasonable efforts to protect our trade secrets, our employees, consultants, contractors, outside scientific collaborators and other advisors may unintentionally or willfully disclose our information to competitors. Enforcing a claim that a third party illegally obtained and is using our trade secret information is expensive and time-consuming, and the outcome is unpredictable. In addition, courts outside the United States may be less willing to or may not protect trade secrets. Moreover, our competitors may independently develop equivalent knowledge, methods and know-how.

If we are sued for infringing intellectual property rights of third parties or if we are forced to engage in an interference proceeding, it will be costly and time-consuming, and an unfavorable outcome in that litigation or interference would have a material adverse effect on our business.

Our ability to commercialize our product candidates depends on our ability to develop, manufacture, market and sell our product candidates without infringing the proprietary rights of third parties. Numerous United States and foreign patents and patent applications, which are owned by third parties, exist in the general field of anti-infective products or in fields that otherwise may relate to our product candidates. If we are shown to infringe, we could be enjoined from use or sale of the claimed invention if we are unable to prove that the patent is invalid. In addition, because patent applications can take many years to issue, there may be currently pending patent applications, unknown to us, which may later result in issued patents that our product candidates may infringe, or which may trigger an interference proceeding regarding one of our owned or licensed patents or applications. There could also be existing patents of which we are not aware that our product candidates may inadvertently infringe or which may become involved in an interference proceeding.

The biotechnology and pharmaceutical industries are characterized by the existence of a large number of patents and frequent litigation based on allegations of patent infringement. For so long as our product candidates are in clinical trials, we believe our clinical activities fall within the scope of the exemptions provided by 35 U.S.C. Section 271(e) in the United States, which exempts from patent infringement liability activities reasonably related to the development and submission of information to the FDA. As our clinical investigational drug product candidates progress toward commercialization, the possibility of a patent infringement claim against us increases. While we attempt to ensure that our active clinical investigational drugs and the methods we employ to manufacture them, as well as the methods for their use we intend to promote, do not infringe other parties' patents and other proprietary rights, we cannot be certain they do not, and competitors or other parties may assert that we infringe their proprietary rights in any event.

We may be exposed to future litigation based on claims that our product candidates, or the methods we employ to manufacture them, or the uses for which we intend to promote them, infringe the intellectual property rights of others. Our ability to manufacture and commercialize our product candidates may depend on our ability to demonstrate that the manufacturing processes we employ and the use of our product candidates do not infringe third-party patents. If third-party patents were found to cover our product candidates or their use or manufacture, we could be required to pay damages or be enjoined and therefore unable to commercialize our product candidates, unless we obtained a license. A license may not be available to us on acceptable terms, if at all.

### **Risks Related to Our Industry**

If our competitors are able to develop and market products that are more effective, safer or more affordable than ours, or obtain marketing approval before we do, our commercial opportunities may be limited.

Competition in the biotechnology and pharmaceutical industries is intense and continues to increase. Some companies that are larger and have significantly more resources than we do are aggressively pursuing antibacterial development programs, including traditional therapies and therapies with novel mechanisms of action. In addition, other companies are developing phage-based products for non-therapeutic uses, and may elect to use their expertise in phage development and manufacturing to try to develop products that would compete with ours.

We also face potential competition from academic institutions, government agencies and private and public research institutions engaged in the discovery and development of drugs and therapies. Many of our competitors have significantly greater financial resources and expertise in research and development, preclinical testing, conducting clinical trials, obtaining regulatory approvals, manufacturing, sales and marketing than we do. Smaller or early-stage companies may also prove to be significant competitors, particularly through collaborative arrangements with large and established pharmaceutical companies.

Our competitors may succeed in developing products that are more effective, have fewer side effects and are safer or more affordable than our product candidates, which would render our product candidates less competitive or noncompetitive. These competitors also compete with us to recruit and retain qualified scientific and management personnel, establish clinical trial sites and patient registration for clinical trials, as well as to acquire technologies and technology licenses complementary to our programs or advantageous to our business. Moreover, competitors that are able to achieve patent protection, obtain regulatory approvals and commence commercial sales of their products before we do, and competitors that have already done so, may enjoy a significant competitive advantage.

The Generating Antibiotics Incentives Now Act, or the GAIN Act, is intended to provide incentives for the development of new, qualified infectious disease products. These incentives may result in more competition in the market for new antibiotics, and may cause pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies with more resources than we have to shift their efforts towards the development of products that could be competitive with our product candidates.

There is a substantial risk of product liability claims in our business. If we do not obtain sufficient liability insurance, a product liability claim could result in substantial liabilities.

Our business exposes us to significant potential product liability risks that are inherent in the development, manufacturing and marketing of human therapeutic products. Regardless of merit or eventual outcome, product liability claims may result in:

- ·delay or failure to complete our clinical trials;
- · withdrawal of clinical trial participants;
- ·decreased demand for our product candidates;
- ·injury to our reputation;
- ·litigation costs;
- ·substantial monetary awards against us; and

· diversion of management or other resources from key aspects of our operations.

If we succeed in marketing products, product liability claims could result in an FDA investigation of the safety or efficacy of our products, our manufacturing processes and facilities or our marketing programs. An FDA investigation could also potentially lead to a recall of our products or more serious enforcement actions, or limitations on the indications, for which they may be used, or suspension or withdrawal of approval.

We have product liability insurance that covers our clinical trials up to a \$10.0 million annual per claim and aggregate limit. We intend to expand our insurance coverage to include the sale of commercial products if marketing approval is obtained for our product candidates or any other compound that we may develop. However, insurance coverage is expensive and we may not be able to maintain insurance coverage at a reasonable cost or at all, and the insurance coverage that we obtain may not be adequate to cover potential claims or losses.

Even if we receive regulatory approval to market our product candidates, the market may not be receptive to our product candidates upon their commercial introduction, which would negatively affect our ability to achieve profitability.

Our product candidates may not gain market acceptance among physicians, patients, healthcare payors and the medical community. The degree of market acceptance of any approved products will depend on a number of factors, including:

- the effectiveness of the product;
- the prevalence and severity of any side effects;
- · potential advantages or disadvantages over alternative treatments;
- · relative convenience and ease of administration;
- the strength of marketing and distribution support;
- the price of the product, both in absolute terms and relative to alternative
  - treatments; and
- · sufficient third-party coverage or reimbursement.

If our product candidates receive regulatory approval but do not achieve an adequate level of acceptance by physicians, healthcare payors and patients, we may not generate product revenues sufficient to attain profitability.

Foreign governments tend to impose strict price controls, which may adversely affect our future profitability.

In some foreign countries, particularly in the European Union, prescription drug pricing is subject to governmental control. In these countries, pricing negotiations with governmental authorities can take considerable time after the receipt of marketing approval for a product. To obtain reimbursement or pricing approval in some countries, we may be required to conduct a clinical trial that compares the cost-effectiveness of our product candidate to other available therapies. If reimbursement of our products is unavailable or limited in scope or amount, or if pricing is set at unsatisfactory levels, our profitability will be negatively affected.

We may incur significant costs complying with environmental laws and regulations, and failure to comply with these laws and regulations could expose us to significant liabilities.

Our research and development activities use biological and hazardous materials that are dangerous to human health and safety or the environment. We are subject to a variety of federal, state and local laws and regulations governing the use, generation, manufacture, storage, handling and disposal of these materials and wastes resulting from these materials. We are also subject to regulation by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, or OSHA, state and federal environmental protection agencies and to regulation under the Toxic Substances Control Act. OSHA, state governments or federal Environmental Protection Agency, or EPA, may adopt regulations that may affect our research and development programs. We are unable to predict whether any agency will adopt any regulations that could have a material adverse effect on our operations. We have incurred, and will continue to incur, capital and operating expenditures and other costs in the ordinary course of our business in complying with these laws and regulations.

Although we believe our safety procedures for handling and disposing of these materials comply with federal, state and local laws and regulations, we cannot entirely eliminate the risk of accidental injury or contamination from the use, storage, handling or disposal of hazardous materials. In the event of contamination or injury, we could be held liable for any resulting damages, and any liability could significantly exceed our insurance coverage.

#### Risks Related to Our Common Stock

The price of our common stock has been and may continue to be volatile.

The stock markets in general, the markets for biotechnology stocks and, in particular, the stock price of our common stock, have experienced extreme volatility. The market for our common stock is characterized by significant price volatility when compared to the shares of larger, more established companies that trade on a national securities exchange and have large public floats, and we expect that our share price will continue to be more volatile than the shares of such larger, more established companies for the indefinite future. The volatility in our share price is attributable to a number of factors. Our common shares are, compared to the shares of such larger, more established companies, sporadically and thinly traded. As a consequence of this limited liquidity, the trading of relatively small quantities of shares by our stockholders may disproportionately influence the price of those shares in either direction. The price for our shares could, for example, decline precipitously in the event that a large number of shares of our common stock are sold on the market without commensurate demand. We are also a speculative or "risky" investment due to the early stage of our drug development programs and our lack of profits to date, and uncertainty of future market acceptance for our potential products. As a consequence of this enhanced risk, more risk-adverse investors may, under the fear of losing all or most of their investment in the event of negative news or lack of progress, be more inclined to sell their shares on the market more quickly and at greater discounts than would be the case with the stock of a larger, more established company that has a large public float and broader stockholder base. Many of these factors are beyond our control and may decrease the market price of our common stock, regardless of our operating performance. We cannot make any predictions or projections as to what the prevailing market price for our common shares will be at any time, including as to whether our common stock will sustain their current market prices, or as to what effect that the sale of shares or the availability of common stock for sale at any time will have on the prevailing market price.

Price declines in our common stock could also result from general market and economic conditions and a variety of other factors, including:

- ·adverse results or delays in our clinical trials;
- adverse actions taken by regulatory agencies with respect to our product candidates, clinical trials or the manufacturing processes of our product candidates;
- ·announcements of technological innovations, patents or new products by our competitors;
- ·regulatory developments in the United States and foreign countries;
- ·any lawsuit involving us or our product candidates;
- announcements concerning our competitors, or the biotechnology or pharmaceutical industries in general;
- ·developments concerning any strategic alliances or acquisitions we may enter into;
- ·actual or anticipated variations in our operating results;
- ·changes in recommendations by securities analysts or lack of analyst coverage;
- ·deviations in our operating results from the estimates of analysts;

- sales of our common stock by our executive officers, directors and principal stockholders or sales of substantial amounts of common stock; and
- ·loss of any of our key scientific or management personnel.

In the past, following periods of volatility in the market price of a particular company's securities, litigation has often been brought against that company. Any such lawsuit could consume resources and management time and attention, which could adversely affect our business.

We may be required to issue a significant number of additional shares of common stock for no additional consideration and/or make cash make-whole payments to certain of our stockholders.\*

We may be required to issue a significant number of additional shares of common stock for no additional consideration and/or make cash make-whole payments to the Holders. Pursuant to the CSIA, we agreed that if in the future we conduct one or more bona fide equity financings in which we sell shares of our common stock or preferred stock at a price of less than \$4.05 per share (each, a "Dilutive Financing"), we will issue to the Holders, for no additional consideration, a number of additional shares of common stock ("Additional Shares") based on a specified formula (such rights of the Holders to receive Additional Shares, the "Additional Issuance Rights"). Specifically, in the event we conduct a Dilutive Financing, the Holders will be entitled to receive (absent consideration of any applicable restrictions on the number of shares that can be issued in a non-public offering under NYSE MKT rules and interpretations without shareholder approval) in the aggregate a number of Additional Shares equal to (A) the product of (x) 1,037,053 multiplied by (y) a fraction, the numerator of which is \$4.05 and the denominator of which is the lowest price per share paid by investors in such Dilutive Financing (the "Effective Price") less (B) 1,037,053 and all Additional Shares issued previously to the Holders pursuant to the Additional Issuance Rights. The CSIA includes a provision intended to limit our obligation to issue Additional Shares to the extent such Additional Shares would exceed the 20% limit on the number of shares that can be issued without shareholder approval pursuant to Section 713(a) of the NYSE MKT Company Guide.

Pursuant to Section 713(a) of the NYSE MKT Company Guide, shareholder approval is generally required prior to the issuance of common stock or common stock equivalents in connection with a transaction other than a public offering involving the sale, issuance, or potential issuance by the issuer of common stock or common stock equivalents equal to 20% or more of the outstanding shares of common stock as of immediately prior to the transaction for less than the greater of book or market value of the stock (the "NYSE 20% Cap").

Any Additional Shares that we issue pursuant to the Additional Issuance Rights would be aggregated with the 853,465 shares of common stock issued to the Holders on April 8, 2016 pursuant to the CSIA for purposes of determining whether the total number of Additional Shares to be issued would equal or exceed the NSYE 20% Cap. Accordingly, absent shareholder approval, the maximum number of Additional Shares that we can issue pursuant to Section 713(a) of the NYSE MKT Company Guide without shareholder approval is 323,235 shares. We agreed to seek shareholder approval at our 2016 Annual Meeting of Shareholders (the "annual meeting") of the issuance by us to the Holders of up to an aggregate of 1,037,053 shares of common stock as and to the extent required pursuant to the CSIA (the "Proposal"). If the shareholders do not approve the Proposal at the annual meeting, then in lieu of issuing any Additional Shares that would have been required to be issued to a Holder pursuant to the operation of the Additional Issuance

Rights but for the limitations imposed by NYSE 20% Cap (the "Excess Shares"), we will, to the extent legally permitted, pay to such Holder a cash amount per Excess Share equal to the difference between the lowest price per share paid by investors in such Dilutive Financing and \$4.05, less any cash payment per share previously made to such Holder pursuant to the CSIA (the "Cash Make-Whole").

Shareholders will incur dilution of their percentage ownership interest in our common stock to the extent we issue Additional Shares to the Holders pursuant to the Additional Issuance Rights. Shareholders will incur greater ownership interest dilution to the extent the Proposal is approved and we become required to issue some or all of the 1,037,053 Additional Shares. In addition, because the Additional Shares will be issued for no additional consideration, any such issuance would reduce our net tangible book value per share. However, to the extent Additional Shares are not issued when otherwise required by the CSIA due to the NYSE 20% Cap, any payments by us in satisfaction of the Cash Make-Whole would also reduce our net tangible book value per share of as well as our overall net tangible book value.

If the Cash Make-Whole would be triggered by a proposed Dilutive Financing, the potential payment obligations could make such Dilutive Financing less feasible and financially viable for us, particularly if the proceeds to be received by us in such financing would not significantly exceed the Cash Make-Whole payments, and thereby jeopardize our ability to raise capital in a Dilutive Financing that could otherwise provide us with needed cash resources. Even if we are able to complete a Dilutive Financing, any Cash Make-Whole payments would deplete our cash resources at a time when our cash resources are limited.

There can be no assurance of whether the Proposal will be approved at the annual meeting. Any issuance or potential issuance of Additional Shares and/or payment or potential payment of Cash Make-Whole payments could adversely affect our stock price, make it more difficult for us to raise capital, and have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

A significant number of shares of our common stock are subject to issuance upon exercise or conversion of outstanding warrants, options and convertible securities, which upon such exercise or conversion may result in dilution to our security holders.\*

As of March 31, 2016, we had outstanding warrants to purchase 1,379,649 shares of our common stock at an average exercise price of \$9.34 per share, and outstanding options to purchase 872,977 shares of our common stock at an average exercise price of \$7.29 per share. The exercise price and/or the number of shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of the warrants may be adjusted in certain circumstances, including certain issuances of securities at a price equal to or less than the then current exercise price, subdivisions and stock splits, stock dividends, combinations, reorganizations, reclassifications, consolidations, mergers or sales of properties and assets and upon the issuance of certain assets or securities to holders of our common stock, as applicable. Although we cannot determine when these warrants or options will ultimately be exercised, it is reasonable to assume that such warrants and options will be exercised only if the exercise price is below the market price of our common stock. To the extent any of our outstanding warrants or options are exercised, additional shares of our common stock will be issued that will generally be eligible for resale in the public market (subject to limitations under Rule 144 under the Securities Act with respect to shares held by our affiliates), which will result in dilution to our security holders. The issuance of additional securities could also have an adverse effect on the market price of our common stock.

Our principal stockholders and management beneficially own a majority of our stock and will be able to exert significant control over matters subject to stockholder approval. \*

As of March 31, 2016, our executive officers, directors, principal stockholders and their affiliates beneficially owned a majority of our outstanding voting stock. Therefore, these stockholders will have the ability to influence us through this ownership position. These stockholders may be able to determine all matters requiring stockholder approval. For example, these stockholders, acting together, may be able to control elections of directors, amendments of our organizational documents, or approval of any merger, sale of assets, or other major corporate transaction. This may prevent or discourage unsolicited acquisition proposals or offers for our common stock that you may believe are in your best interest as one of our stockholders.

Provisions of Washington law and our current articles of incorporation and bylaws may discourage another company from acquiring us and may prevent attempts by our stockholders to replace or remove our current management.\*

Provisions of Washington law and our current articles of incorporation and bylaws may discourage, delay or prevent a merger or acquisition that stockholders may consider favorable, including transactions in which you might otherwise receive a premium for your shares. In addition, these provisions may frustrate or prevent any attempts by our stockholders to replace or remove our current management by making it more difficult for stockholders to replace or remove our board of directors. These provisions include:

- ·authorizing the issuance of "blank check" preferred stock without any need for action by stockholders;
- ·providing for a classified board of directors with staggered terms;
- requiring supermajority stockholder voting to effect certain amendments to our articles of incorporation and bylaws; and
- establishing advance notice requirements for nominations for election to our board of directors or for proposing matters that can be acted on by stockholders at stockholder meetings.

In addition, because we are incorporated in Washington, we are governed by the provisions of Chapter 23B.19 of the Washington Business Corporation Act, which, among other things, restricts the ability of stockholders owning 10% or more of our outstanding voting stock from merging or combining with us. These provisions could discourage potential acquisition attempts and could reduce the price that investors might be willing to pay for shares of our common stock in the future and result in the market price being lower than it would without these provisions.

Although we believe these provisions collectively provide for an opportunity to receive higher bids by requiring potential acquirors to negotiate with our board of directors, they would apply even if an offer may be considered beneficial by some stockholders. In addition, these provisions may frustrate or prevent any attempts by our stockholders to replace or remove our current management by making it difficult for stockholders to replace members of our board of directors, which is responsible for appointing the members of our management.

We have never paid dividends on our common stock, and we do not anticipate paying any cash dividends on our common stock in the foreseeable future.\*

We have never declared or paid cash dividends on our common stock. We do not anticipate paying any cash dividends on our common stock in the foreseeable future. We currently intend to retain all available funds and any future earnings to fund the development and growth of our business. As a result, capital appreciation, if any, of our common stock will be our stockholders' sole source of gain for the foreseeable future.

Maintaining and improving our financial controls and the requirements of being a public company may strain our resources, divert management's attention and affect our ability to attract and retain qualified board members.

As a public company, we are subject to the reporting requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act, the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and the rules of the NYSE MKT. The requirements of these rules and regulations increase our legal and financial compliance costs, make some activities more difficult, time-consuming or costly and place strain on our personnel, systems and resources. The Exchange Act requires, among other things, that we file annual, quarterly and current reports with respect to our business and financial condition.

The Sarbanes-Oxley Act requires, among other things, that we maintain effective disclosure controls and procedures and internal control over financial reporting. Ensuring that we have adequate internal financial and accounting controls and procedures in place is a costly and time-consuming effort that needs to be re-evaluated frequently.

We currently do not have an internal audit group, and we may need to hire additional accounting and financial staff with appropriate public company experience and technical accounting knowledge. Implementing any appropriate changes to our internal controls may require specific compliance training for our directors, officers and employees, entail substantial costs to modify our existing accounting systems, and take a significant period of time to complete. Such changes may not, however, be effective in maintaining the adequacy of our internal controls, and any failure to maintain that adequacy, or consequent inability to produce accurate financial statements on a timely basis, could increase our operating costs and could materially impair our ability to operate our business. Moreover, effective internal controls are necessary for us to produce reliable financial reports and are important to help prevent fraud.

In accordance with NYSE MKT rules, we are required to maintain a majority independent board of directors. The various rules and regulations applicable to public companies make it more difficult and more expensive for us to maintain directors' and officers' liability insurance, and we may be required to accept reduced coverage or incur substantially higher costs to maintain coverage. If we are unable to maintain adequate directors' and officers' insurance, our ability to recruit and retain qualified officers and directors will be significantly curtailed.

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

The trading market for our common stock will depend in part on the research and reports that securities or industry analysts publish about us or our business. We currently have three securities analysts and may never obtain additional research coverage by other securities and industry analysts. If no additional securities or industry analysts commence coverage of our company, the trading price for our stock could be negatively impacted. If we obtain additional securities or industry analyst coverage and if one or more of the analysts who covers us downgrades our stock or publishes inaccurate or unfavorable research about our business, our stock price would likely decline. If one or more of these analysts ceases coverage of us or fails to publish reports on us regularly, demand for our stock could decrease, which could cause our stock price and trading volume to decline.

We are an "emerging growth company" and we cannot be certain if the reduced disclosure requirements applicable to "emerging growth companies" will make our common stock less attractive to investors.

We are an "emerging growth company," as defined under the JOBS Act. For so long as we are an "emerging growth company," we intend to take advantage of certain exemptions from reporting requirements that are applicable to other public companies that are not "emerging growth companies" including, but not limited to, compliance with the auditor attestation requirements of Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, reduced disclosure obligations regarding executive compensation in our periodic reports and proxy statements, and exemptions from the requirements of holding a nonbinding advisory vote on executive compensation and stockholder approval of any golden parachute payments not previously approved.

We could be an "emerging growth company" for up to five years, although we may lose such status earlier, depending on the occurrence of certain events. We will remain an "emerging growth company" until the earliest to occur of (i) the last day of the fiscal year (a) following the fifth anniversary of our initial public offering conducted after we became a reporting company under the Exchange Act pursuant to our registration statement on Form 10 (File No. 000-23930), (b) in which we have total annual gross revenue of at least \$1.0 billion or (c) in which we are deemed to be a "large accelerated filer" under the Exchange Act, which means that the market value of our common stock that is held by non-affiliates exceeds \$700 million as of June 30<sup>th</sup> of the prior year, and (ii) the date on which we have issued more than \$1.0 billion in non-convertible debt securities during the prior three-year period.

We cannot predict if investors will find our common stock less attractive or our company less comparable to certain other public companies because we will rely on these exemptions. If some investors find our common stock less attractive as a result, there may be a less active trading market for our common stock and our stock price may be more volatile.

Under the JOBS Act, "emerging growth companies" can delay adopting new or revised accounting standards issued subsequent to the enactment of the JOBS Act until such time as those standards apply to private companies. We have irrevocably elected not to avail ourselves of this exemption from new or revised accounting standards, and, therefore, will be subject to the same new or revised accounting standards as other public companies that are not "emerging growth companies."

Sales of a substantial number of shares of our common stock in the public market by our existing stockholders could cause our stock price to decline.\*

Sales of a substantial number of shares of our common stock in the public market or the perception that these sales might occur, could depress the market price of our common stock and could impair our ability to raise capital through the sale of additional equity securities. We are unable to predict the effect that sales may have on the prevailing market price of our common stock.

Certain holders of our common stock are entitled to rights with respect to the registration of their shares under the Securities Act. Registration of these shares under the Securities Act would result in the shares becoming freely tradable without restriction under the Securities Act, except for shares held by our affiliates as defined in Rule 144 under the Securities Act. Any sales of securities by these stockholders could have a material adverse effect on the trading price of our common stock.

In Amendment No. 1 to Schedule 13D filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission by Third Security on April 15, 2016, Third Security and its affiliates, including NRM and Intrexon Corporation, declared their intention to liquidate their holdings in our equity securities. The timing and actual liquidation of securities by such persons is subject to compliance with applicable law. Furthermore, such declaration is not binding upon Third Security and its affiliates and thus such liquidation may never occur.

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

We expect that significant additional capital will be needed in the future to continue our planned operations, including conducting clinical trials, commercialization efforts, expanded research and development activities and costs associated with operating as a public company. To the extent we raise additional capital by issuing equity or convertible securities, our stockholders may experience substantial dilution. We may sell common stock, convertible securities or other equity securities in one or more transactions at prices and in a manner we determine from time to time. If we sell common stock, convertible securities or other equity securities in more than one transaction, investors may be materially diluted by subsequent sales. Such sales may also result in material dilution to our existing stockholders, and new investors could gain rights superior to our existing stockholders.

stockholders, and new investors could gain rights superior to our existing stockholders.
Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds
None.
Item 3. Defaults upon Senior Securities
None.
Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures
Not applicable.

Item 5. Other Information
None.
Item 6. Exhibits
See the Exhibit Index following the signature page of this report, which is incorporated herein by reference.
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# **SIGNATURES**

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

# AMPLIPHI BIOSCIENCES CORPORATION

Date: May 12, 2016 By/s/ Michael Scott Salka

Name: Michael Scott Salka Title: Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)

By/s/ Steve R. Martin Name: Steve R. Martin Title: Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)

#### **EXHIBIT INDEX**

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# Number Description Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Registrant, as amended (incorporated by reference 3.1 to Exhibit 3.1 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-O, filed on November 16, 2015). Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Registrant, as amended (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to 3.2 the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, filed on November 16, 2015). 4.1 Reference is made to Exhibits 3.1 and 3.2. Form of Common Stock Certificate (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Registration Statement 4.2 on Form 10 (File No. 000-23930), filed December 16, 2013, as amended). Form of Warrant to Purchase Shares of Common Stock issued to purchasers in June 2013, July 2013 and 4.3 December 2013 in connection with private placements (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Registration Statement on Form 10 (File No. 000-23930), filed December 16, 2013, as amended). Subscription Agreement to Purchase Series B Preferred Stock and Common Stock Warrants, dated June 26, 4.4 2013 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to the Registration Statement on Form 10 (File No. 000-23930), filed December 16, 2013, as amended). Registration Rights Agreement, dated December 16, 2013, by and among the Registrant and certain 4.5 purchasers of the Registrant's Common Stock (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.4 to the Registration Statement on Form 10 (File No. 000-23930), filed December 16, 2013, as amended). Subscription Agreement to Purchase Common Stock and Warrants, dated December 16, 2013 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.5 to the Registration Statement on Form 10 (File No. 000-23930), filed December 4.6 16, 2013, as amended). Subscription Agreement to Purchase Common Stock and Warrants, dated March 10, 2015 (incorporated by 4.7 reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K, filed March 19, 2015). Form of Common Stock Warrant issued to purchasers in March 2015 private placement (incorporated by 4.8 reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Current Report on Form 8-K, filed March 19, 2015). Registration Rights Agreement, dated March 10, 2015, by and among the Registrant and certain purchasers 4.9 of the Registrant's Common Stock (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the Current Report on Form 8-K, filed March 19, 2015). Form of Amendment to Warrants to Purchase Shares of Common Stock issued to purchasers in June 2013,

July 2013 and December 2013 in connection with private placements (incorporated by reference to Exhibit

10.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on May 15, 2015).

- Form of Warrant to Purchase Shares of Common Stock issued in connection with the Registrant's acquisition of Biocontrol Ltd in December 2011 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.11 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K, filed on March 30, 2016).
- Form of Warrant to Purchase Shares of Common Stock issued in connection with the issuance of convertible notes of the Registrant in February 2013, March 2013, April 2013 and May 2013 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.12 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K, filed on March 30, 2016).
- Form of Warrant to Purchase Shares of Common Stock issued in connection with the Registrant's acquisition of certain assets of Novolytics Limited in February 2016 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.13 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K, filed on March 30, 2016).
- Common Stock Issuance Agreement, dated April 8, 2016, by and among the Registrant and the persons and entities listed on Exhibit A thereto (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on April 8, 2016).
- Asset Purchase Agreement, dated as of January 4, 2016, by and between the Registrant and Novolytics

  Limited (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.26 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K, filed on March 30, 2016).
- Offer Letter, dated as of January 18, 2016, by and between the Registrant and Steve R. Martin (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on January 19, 2016).
- 31.1 Certification of the Principal Executive Officer required by Rule 13a-14(a) or Rule 15d-14(a).
- 31.2 Certification of Principal Financial Officer required by Rule 13a-14(a) or Rule 15d-14(a).
- Certification of the Principal Executive Officer Required by Rule 13a-14(b) or Rule 15d-14(b) and 18 U.S.C. 1350.
- Certification of the Principal Financial Officer Required by Rule 13a-14(b) or Rule 15d-14(b) and 18 U.S.C. 1350.
- 101.INS XBRL Instance Document.
- 101.SCH XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document.
- 101.CAL XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document.

101.DEF XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document.

101.PRE XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document.

101.LAB XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document.

+ Indicates management contract or compensatory plan.

#### Exhibit 31.1

# CERTIFICATION OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER PURSUANT TO SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

- I, Michael Scott Salka, certify that:
  - 1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of AmpliPhi Biosciences Corporation;

Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a 2 material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;

Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly 3. present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;

The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and 4. procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:

designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;

designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;

evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and

disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and

The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control 5. over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):

all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial a)reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and

b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: May 12, 2016

/s/ Michael Scott Salka Michael Scott Salka Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)

#### Exhibit 31.2

# CERTIFICATION OF PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER PURSUANT TO SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

- I, Steve R. Martin, certify that:
  - 1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of AmpliPhi Biosciences Corporation;

Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a 2 material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;

Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly 3. present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;

The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and 4. procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) for the registrant and have:

- designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
- designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;

evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our c)conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and

disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and

The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control 5. over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):

all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial a)reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and

b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: May 12, 2016

/s/ Steve R. Martin Steve R. Martin Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)

#### Exhibit 32.1

#### **CERTIFICATION OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,

AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO

SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

In connection with the quarterly report of AmpliPhi Biosciences Corporation (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2016 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Report"), I, Michael Scott Salka, Chief Executive Officer of the Company, hereby certify as of the date hereof, solely for purposes of Title 18, Chapter 63, Section 1350 of the United States Code, that to the best of my knowledge:

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

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906, or other document authenticating, acknowledging, or otherwise adopting the signature that appears in typed form within the electronic version of this written statement required by Section 906, has been provided to the Company and will be retained by the Company and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

This Certification has not been, and shall not be deemed, "filed" with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Date: May 12, 2016

/s/ Michael Scott Salka Michael Scott Salka Chief Executive Officer

(Principal Executive Officer)

#### Exhibit 32.2

#### **CERTIFICATION OF PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER**

#### PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,

#### AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO

#### SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

In connection with the quarterly report of AmpliPhi Biosciences Corporation (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2016 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Report"), I, Steve R. Martin, Chief Financial Officer of the Company, hereby certify as of the date hereof, solely for purposes of Title 18, Chapter 63, Section 1350 of the United States Code, that to the best of my knowledge:

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

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906, or other document authenticating, acknowledging, or otherwise adopting the signature that appears in typed form within the electronic version of this written statement required by Section 906, has been provided to the Company and will be retained by the Company and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

This Certification has not been, and shall not be deemed, "filed" with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Date: May 12, 2016

/s/ Steve R. Martin Steve R. Martin Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Financial Officer)

# **SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION**

Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. )

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Check the appropriate box:

o Preliminary Proxy Statement

Confidential, for Use of the Commission Only (as permitted by Rule 14a-6(e)(2))

x Definitive Proxy Statement

o Definitive Additional Materials

o Soliciting Material Pursuant to §240.14a-12

Filed by the Registrant

Filed by a Party other than the Registrant

# **AMPLIPHI BIOSCIENCES CORPORATION**

(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

(Name of Person(s) Filing Proxy Statement if Other Than the Registrant)

Payment of Filing Fee (Check the appropriate box)

x No fee required.
o Fee computed on table below per Exchange Act Rules 14a-6(i)(1) and 0-11.
Title of each class of securities to which transaction applies:

Aggregate number of securities to which transaction applies:

Per unit price or other underlying value of transaction computed pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 0-11 (Set forth the amount on which the filing fee is calculated and state how it was determined):

Proposed maximum aggregate value of transaction:

#### Total fee paid:

o Fee paid previously with preliminary materials.
oCheck box if any part of the fee is offset as provided by Exchange Act Rule 0-11(a)(2) and identify the filing for which the offsetting fee was paid previously. Identify the previous filing by registration statement number, or the

Form or Schedule and the date of its filing.  Amount Previously Paid:					
Form, Schedule or Registration Statement No.:					
Filing Party:					
Date Filed:					

# **AMPLIPHI BIOSCIENCES CORPORATION**

3579 Valley Centre Drive, Suite 100 San Diego, California 92130

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS TO BE HELD ON JUNE 20, 2016

#### Dear Shareholder:

You are cordially invited to attend the 2016 Annual Meeting of Shareholders of AmpliPhi Biosciences Corporation, a Washington corporation ( AmpliPhi or the Company ). The meeting will be held on Monday, June 20, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. local time at the offices of Cooley LLP located at 4401 Eastgate Mall, San Diego, California 92121 for the following purposes:

1. To elect two Class I Directors of the Company, one Class II Director of the Company and one Class III Director of the Company.

- **2.** Approval of the AmpliPhi 2016 Equity Incentive Plan.
- **3.** Approval of the AmpliPhi 2016 Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- 4. Approval of the Company s reincorporation in the State of Delaware, to be effected through a merger with and into a newly formed and wholly owned Delaware subsidiary.
- Approval of the issuance by the Company of up to an aggregate of 1,037,053 shares of common stock as and to the extent required to be issued pursuant to the terms and conditions of that certain Common Stock Issuance
- Agreement, dated April 8, 2016, by and among the Company and certain former holders of the Company s Series B Convertible Preferred Stock.
  - Approval of the issuance by the Company of up to an aggregate of 4,706,000 shares of common stock and/or warrants to purchase common stock in a financing that does not constitute a public offering under NYSE MKT rules, for gross sale proceeds of up to \$12,000,000 and at a discount to the then-current market value of the Company s Common Stock not to exceed 15%.
- 7. Ratification of the Audit Committee's selection of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016.
  - **8.** To conduct any other business properly brought before the meeting. These items of business are more fully described in the Proxy Statement accompanying this Notice.

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The record date for the meeting is May 20, 2016. Only shareholders of record at the close of business on that date may vote at the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the 2016 Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held on June 20, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. local time at the offices of Cooley LLP located at 4401 Eastgate Mall, San Diego, California 92121

The proxy statement and annual report to shareholders are available at www.ampliphibio.com/investor-relations.html.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

Jeremy Curnock Cook
Chairman of the Board of Directors

San Diego, California May 20, 2016

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

# AMPLIPHI BIOSCIENCES CORPORATION

3579 Valley Centre Drive, Suite 100 San Diego, California 92130

# PROXY STATEMENT FOR THE 2016 ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS TO BE HELD ON JUNE 20, 2016

# QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THESE PROXY MATERIALS AND VOTING

# Why am I receiving these materials?

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

We intend to mail these proxy materials on or about May 23, 2016 to all shareholders of record entitled to vote at the annual meeting.

# How do I attend the annual meeting?

The meeting will be held on Monday, June 20, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. local time at the offices of Cooley LLP located at 4401 Eastgate Mall, San Diego, California 92121. Directions to the annual meeting may be found at <a href="https://www.ampliphibio.com/investor-relations.html">www.ampliphibio.com/investor-relations.html</a>. Information on how to vote in person at the annual meeting is discussed below.

# Who can vote at the annual meeting?

Only shareholders of record at the close of business on May 20, 2016 will be entitled to vote at the annual meeting. On this record date, there were 8,242,528 shares of common stock outstanding and entitled to vote.

## Shareholder of Record: Shares Registered in Your Name

If on May 20, 2016 your shares were registered directly in your name with AmpliPhi s transfer agent, Computershare, Inc., then you are a shareholder of record. As a shareholder of record, you may vote in person at the meeting or vote by proxy. Whether or not you plan to attend the meeting, we urge you to fill out and return the enclosed proxy card or vote by proxy over the telephone or on the internet as instructed below to ensure your vote is counted.

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

If on May 20, 2016 your shares were held, not in your name, but rather in an account at a brokerage firm, bank, dealer or other similar organization, then you are the beneficial owner of shares held in street name and these proxy materials are being forwarded to you by that organization. The organization holding your account is considered to be the shareholder of record for purposes of voting at the annual meeting. As a beneficial owner, you have the right to direct your broker or other agent regarding how to vote the shares in your account. You are also invited to attend the annual meeting. However, since you are not the shareholder of record, you may not vote your shares in person at the meeting unless you request and obtain a valid proxy from your broker or other agent.

# What am I voting on?

There are seven matters scheduled for a vote:

Election of the four nominees for director named in this proxy statement, consisting of two Class I directors, one Class II director and one Class III director, to hold office until our 2019 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, 2017 Annual Meeting of Shareholders and 2018 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, respectively;

Approval of the AmpliPhi 2016 Equity Incentive Plan; Approval of the AmpliPhi 2016 Employee Stock Purchase Plan;

Approval of the Company s reincorporation in the State of Delaware, to be effected through a merger with and into a newly formed and wholly owned Delaware subsidiary;

Approval of the issuance by the Company of up to an aggregate of 1,037,053 shares of common stock as and to the extent required to be issued pursuant to the terms and conditions of that certain Common Stock Issuance Agreement, dated April 8, 2016, by and among the Company and certain former holders of the Company s Series B Convertible Preferred Stock;

Approval of the issuance by the Company of up to an aggregate of 4,706,000 shares of common stock and/or warrants to purchase common stock in a financing that does not constitute a public offering under NYSE MKT rules, for gross sale proceeds of up to \$12,000,000 and at a discount to the then-current market value of the Company s Common Stock not to exceed 15%; and

Ratification of the Audit Committee s selection of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company s independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016.

# What if another matter is properly brought before the meeting?

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

# How do I vote?

You may either vote For all the nominees to the Board of Directors or you may Withhold your vote for any nominee you specify. For each of the other matters to be voted on, you may vote For or Against or abstain from voting.

The procedures for voting are fairly simple:

#### Shareholder of Record: Shares Registered in Your Name

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

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

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

To vote over the telephone, dial toll-free 1-800-652-8683 using a touch-tone phone and follow the recorded instructions. You will be asked to provide the company number and control number from the enclosed proxy card. Your vote must be received by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on June 19, 2016 to be counted.

To vote through the internet, go to *www.envisionreports.com/APHB* to complete an electronic proxy card. You will be asked to provide the company number and control number from the enclosed proxy card. Your vote must be received by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on June 19, 2016 to be counted.

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

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

person at the annual meeting, you must obtain a valid proxy from your broker, bank or other agent. Follow the instructions from your broker or bank included with these proxy materials, or contact your broker or bank to request a proxy form.

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

# How many votes do I have?

On each matter to be voted upon, you have one vote for each share of common stock you owned as of the close of business on May 20, 2016.

# What happens if I do not vote?

Shareholder of Record: Shares Registered in Your Name

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

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

If you are a beneficial owner and do not instruct your broker, bank, or other agent how to vote your shares, the question of whether your broker or nominee will still be able to vote your shares depends on whether the New York Stock Exchange deems the particular proposal to be a routine matter. Brokers and nominees can use their discretion to vote uninstructed shares with respect to matters that are considered to be routine, but not with respect to non-routine matters. Under the rules and interpretations of the New York Stock Exchange, non-routine matters are matters that may substantially affect the rights or privileges of shareholders, such as mergers, shareholder proposals, elections of directors (even if not contested), and certain corporate governance proposals, even if management-supported.

Accordingly, your broker or nominee may not vote your shares on Proposals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 without your instructions, but may vote your shares on Proposal 7 even in the absence of your instruction.

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

If you return a signed and dated proxy card or otherwise vote without marking voting selections, your shares will be voted, as applicable: For Proposal 1, the election of all four nominees for director; For Proposal 2, approval of the AmpliPhi 2016 Equity Incentive Plan; For Proposal 3, approval of the AmpliPhi 2016 Employee Stock Purchase Plan; For Proposal 4, approval of the Company s reincorporation in the State of Delaware; For Proposal 5, approval of the issuance by the Company of up to an aggregate of 1,037,053 shares of common stock, as and to the extent required to be issued pursuant to a certain Common Stock Issuance Agreement; For Proposal 6, approval of the issuance by the Company of up to an aggregate of 4,706,000 shares of common stock and/or warrants to purchase common stock in a non-public financing for gross sale proceeds of up to \$12,000,000 and at a discount to the then-current market value of the common stock not to exceed 15%; and For Proposal 7, ratification of the selection of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company s independent registered public accounting firm. If any other matter is properly presented at the meeting, your proxyholder (one of the individuals named on your proxy card) will vote your shares using his or her best

# Who is paying for this proxy solicitation?

We will pay for the entire cost of soliciting proxies. In addition to these proxy materials, our directors and employees and Georgeson LLC may also solicit proxies in person, by telephone, or by other means of communication. Directors and employees will not be paid any additional compensation for soliciting proxies, Georgeson LLC will be paid its customary fee of approximately \$10,000, plus out-of-pocket expenses if it solicits proxies. We may also reimburse brokerage firms, banks and other agents for the cost of forwarding proxy materials to beneficial owners.

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

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

# Can I change my vote after submitting my proxy?

#### Shareholder of Record: Shares Registered in Your Name

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

You may submit another properly completed proxy card with a later date.

You may grant a subsequent proxy by telephone or through the internet.

You may send a timely written notice that you are revoking your proxy to our Secretary at AmpliPhi Biosciences Corporation, 3579 Valley Centre Drive, Suite 100, San Diego, California 92130.

You may attend the annual meeting and vote in person. Simply attending the meeting will not, by itself, revoke your proxy.

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

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

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

# When are shareholder proposals and director nominations due for next year s annual meeting?

To be considered for inclusion in next year s proxy materials, your proposal must be submitted in writing by January 23, 2017, to our Secretary at AmpliPhi Biosciences Corporation, 3579 Valley Centre Drive, Suite 100, San Diego, California 92130.

If Proposal 4 is approved at the annual meeting and we reincorporate in the State of Delaware, and if you wish to submit a proposal (including a director nomination) that is not to be included in next year s proxy materials, your proposal generally must be submitted in writing to the same address no later than March 22, 2017 but no earlier than February 20, 2017. Please review our bylaws to be adopted if Proposal 4 is approved at the annual meeting, attached as Appendix E to this proxy statement, which contain additional requirements regarding advance notice of shareholder proposals and nominations.

If Proposal 4 is not approved at the annual meeting, and you wish to submit a proposal (including a director nomination) that is not to be included in next year s proxy materials, your proposal generally must be submitted in writing to the same address not fewer than 60 nor more than 90 days prior to the date approved by the Board of Directors to hold the 2017 Annual Meeting of Shareholders; provided, that if we provide less than 60 days notice of such date, your proposal (including a director nomination) must be received by our Secretary not later than the tenth

day following the day on which the notice of the date of the 2017 Annual Meeting of Shareholders is mailed or publicly disclosed. Please review our current bylaws, which contain additional requirements regarding advance notice of shareholder proposals and nominations.

# How are votes counted?

Votes will be counted by the inspector of election appointed for the meeting, who will separately count, for the proposal to elect directors, votes For, Withhold and broker non-votes; and, with respect to other proposals, votes For and Against, abstentions and, if applicable, broker non-votes. Under the rules of the NYSE MKT, abstentions are considered to be votes cast and will have the same effect as Against votes for each of Proposals 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7. Broker non-votes will not be counted towards the vote total for any proposal, except Proposal 4, for which broker non-votes will have the same effect as Against votes.

# What are broker non-votes ?

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

# How many votes are needed to approve each proposal?

The following table summarizes the minimum vote needed to approve each proposal and the effect of abstentions and broker non-votes.

Proposal Number	Proposal Description	Vote Required for Approval	Effect of Abstentions	Effect of Broker Non-Votes
1	Election of Directors	The four nominees receiving the most For votes will be elected to the Board of Directors.	None	None
2	Approval of the AmpliPhi 2016 Equity Incentive Plan	The number of shares that vote For the proposal must exceed the number of shares that vote Against the proposal.	Against	None
3	Approval of the AmpliPhi 2016 Employee Stock Purchase Plan	The number of shares that vote For the proposal must exceed the number of shares that vote Against the proposal.	Against	None
4	Approval of the Company s reincorporation in the State of Delaware, to be effected through a merger with and into a newly formed and wholly owned Delaware subsidiary	For votes from the holders of least 51% of the shares outstanding on the record date.	at Against	Against
5	Approval of the issuance by the Company of up to an aggregate of 1,037,053 shares of common stock as and to the extent required to be issued pursuant to the terms of that certain Common Stock Issuance Agreement, dated April 8, 2016, by and among the Company and certain former holders of the Company s Series B convertible preferred stock	The number of shares that vote For the proposal must exceed the number of shares that vote Against the proposal.	Against	None

How are votes counted?

Proposal Number	Proposal Description	Vote Required for Approval	Effect of Abstentions	Effect of Broker Non-Votes
6	Approval of the issuance by the Company of up to an aggregate of 4,706,000 shares of common stock and/or warrants to purchase common stock in a financing that does not constitute a public offering under NYSE MKT rules, for gross sale proceeds of up to \$12,000,000 and at a discount to the then-current market value of the Company s Common Stock no	The number of shares that vote For the proposal must exceed the number of shares that vote Against the proposal.	Against	None
7	to exceed 15% Ratification of the Audit Committee s selection of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company s independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016	The number of shares that cast a vote For the proposal must exceed the number of shares that cast a vote Against the proposal.	Against	None

# What is the quorum requirement?

A quorum of shareholders is necessary to hold a valid meeting. A quorum will be present if shareholders holding at least a majority of the outstanding shares entitled to vote on a matter and be counted collectively upon such matter are present at the meeting in person or represented by proxy. On the record date, there were 8,242,528 shares outstanding and entitled to vote. Thus, the holders of 4,121,265 shares must be present in person or represented by proxy at the meeting to have a quorum.

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

# How can I find out the results of the voting at the annual meeting?

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

# What proxy materials are available on the internet?

The proxy statement, Form 10-K and annual report to shareholders are available at <a href="https://www.ampliphibio.com/investor-relations.html">www.ampliphibio.com/investor-relations.html</a>.

## **Proposal 1**

### **Election Of Directors**

AmpliPhi s Board of Directors is divided into three classes. Each class consists, as nearly as possible, of one-third of the total number of directors, and each class has a three-year term. Under our current bylaws, any vacancy occurring on the Board (other than a director removed for cause by the shareholders) may be filled by the shareholders, the Board or, if the directors in office constitute fewer than a quorum, by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining directors. A vacancy occurring as a result of the removal of a director for cause may be filled only by a vote of the holders of two-thirds of the shares then entitled to elect the director removed.

The Board of Directors presently has seven members. There are two directors in Class I, whose term of office expires in 2016. The two nominees for Class I director are Louis Drapeau and Michael S. Perry, Ph.D. Each of the Class I director nominees is currently a director of the Company who was previously elected by the shareholders. If elected at the annual meeting, each of these Class I director nominees would serve until the 2019 Annual Meeting of Shareholders and until his successor has been duly elected and qualified, or, if sooner, until the director s death, resignation or removal.

Pursuant to Washington law and our current bylaws, the term of a director elected by the Board to fill a vacancy expires at the next shareholders' meeting at which directors are elected, regardless of whether the term of any other directors in the same class expire at a later date. Vijay Samant and Paul C. Grint, M.D. were elected by the Board in November 2015 to serve as a Class II director and a Class III director, respectively. Consequently, Mr. Samant s and Dr. Grint s term of office will expire at the annual meeting.

If elected at the annual meeting, Mr. Samant will serve as a director until the 2017 Annual Meeting of Shareholders and until his successor has been duly elected and qualified, or until his earlier death, resignation or removal.

If elected at the annual meeting, Dr. Grint will serve as a director until the 2018 Annual Meeting of Shareholders and until his successor has been duly elected and qualified, or until his earlier death, resignation or removal.

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

## The Board of Directors Recommends a Vote for Each Named Nominee

The following table sets forth information for our current directors:

Name Age Position

	M. Scott Salka	54	Chief Executive Officer, Director					
	Wendy S. Johnson	64	Interim Chief Operating Officer, Director					
	Jeremy Curnock Cook <sup>(2)(3)</sup>	66	Chairman of the Board					
	Louis Drapeau <sup>(1)(3)</sup>	72	Director					
	Michael S. Perry, Ph.D. <sup>(1)(2)(3)</sup>	56	Director					
	Vijay B. Samant <sup>(1)</sup>	63	Director					
	Paul C. Grint, M.D. <sup>(2)</sup>	58	Director					
	(1)	Meml	ber of the Audit Committee.					
	(2)	Member of	the Compensation Committee.					
	(3) Member of th	Member of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee.						
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The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee seeks to assemble a Board of Directors that, as a whole, possesses the appropriate balance of professional and industry knowledge, financial expertise and high-level management experience necessary to oversee and direct the Company's business. To that end, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee has identified and evaluated nominees in the broader context of the Board of Directors overall composition, with the goal of recruiting members who complement and strengthen the skills of other members and who also exhibit integrity, collegiality, sound business judgment and other qualities that the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee views as critical to effective functioning of the Board of Directors. The brief biographies below include information regarding the specific and particular experience, qualifications, attributes or skills of each nominee that led the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee to recommend that person as a nominee. However, each of the members of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee may have a variety of reasons why he believes a particular person would be an appropriate nominee for the Board of Directors, and these views may differ from the views of other members.

## Nominees for Election for a Three-year Term Expiring at the 2019 Annual Meeting

Louis Drapeau has served as a member of our Board of Directors since March 2011. Since October 2007 through February 2016, Mr. Drapeau has served in various management positions of InSite Vision, a traded ophthalmology drug development company that was acquired in October 2015, including Vice President and Chief Financial Officer and Chief Executive Officer from November 2008 to December 2010. Prior to InSite Vision, he served as Chief Financial Officer, Senior Vice President, Finance, at Nektar Therapeutics, a biopharmaceutical company, from January 2006 to August 2007. Prior to Nektar, he served as Acting Chief Executive Officer from August 2004 to May 2005 and as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer from August 2002 to August 2005 for BioMarin Pharmaceutical Inc. Previously, Mr. Drapeau spent 30 years at Arthur Andersen, including 19 years as an Audit Partner in Arthur Andersen s Northern California Audit and Business Consulting practice, which included 12 years as Managing Partner. Since February 2007, Mr. Drapeau has served as a member of the board of Bio-Rad Laboratories, Inc., a publicly traded pharmaceutical company. Mr. Drapeau received a B.S. in mechanical engineering and an M.B.A. from Stanford University. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and the Board of Directors believe that Mr. Drapeau s experience with respect to accounting and financial matters qualifies him to serve on our Board of Directors.

Michael S. Perry, D.V.M., Ph.D. has served as a member of our Board of Directors since November 2005. Since January of 2016 Dr. Perry has served as Senior Vice President and Chief Scientific Officer of Business Development and Licensing for Novartis AG. From September 2014 to January 2016 he served as Chief Scientific Officer for the Cell and Gene Therapy Unit of Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation and from October 2012 to September 2014, he served as Global Head of Stem Cell Therapy and Vice President of the Integrated Hospital Care Franchise for Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation. Prior to rejoining Novartis in October 2012, he was a Venture Partner with Bay City Capital, a venture capital firm, from 2005 to September 2012. While serving in this capacity, he concurrently served as President and Chief Medical Officer at Poniard Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a publicly held drug development company, from 2009 to 2011. Dr. Perry also previously served as Chief Development Officer of VIA Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a publicly held biotechnology company, from 2005 to 2009. Dr. Perry served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Extropy Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a privately held pediatric specialty pharmaceutical company, from 2003 to 2005. From 2002 to 2003, Dr. Perry served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Pharsight Corporation, a publicly held software and consulting services firm. From 2000 to 2002, Dr. Perry served as Global Head of Research and Development for Baxter Healthcare s BioScience Division (now Baxalta). From 1997 to 2000, Dr. Perry served as President and Chief Executive Officer of SyStemix Inc. and Genetic Therapy Inc., two wholly-owned subsidiaries of Novartis Pharma. Dr. Perry served as Vice President of Regulatory Affairs for Novartis from 1994 to 1997. Prior to 1994, Dr. Perry held various management positions with Syntex Corporation (now

Roche), Schering-Plough Corporation (now Merck) and BioResearch Laboratories, Inc. Dr. Perry received a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM), a Ph.D. in biomedical science-pharmacology specialty and an Honours B.Sc. in physics from the University of Guelph in Ontario, Canada. He is also a graduate of the Harvard Business School International Management Forum. Dr. Perry has served as Adjunct Professor in the Gates Center for Regenerative Medicine at the University of Colorado School of Medicine, Anschutz Medical Campus since November 2013. He has served as a member of the board of directors of

Arrowhead Research Corporation since December 2011 and as a member of the board of directors of Avita Medical Ltd since February 2013. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and the Board of Directors believe that Dr. Perry s substantial scientific and medical knowledge, as well as his operational and investing experience, qualifies him to serve on our Board of Directors.

## Nominee for Election for a One-year Term Expiring at the 2017 Annual Meeting

Vijay B. Samant has served as a member of our Board of Directors since November 2015. Since November 2000, Mr. Samant has served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Vical, Inc., a developer of biopharmaceutical products for the prevention and treatment of chronic life-threatening infectious diseases. Prior to joining Vical, he had 23 years of diverse U.S. and international sales, marketing, operations, and business development experience with Merck. From 1998 to 2000, he was Chief Operating Officer of the Merck Vaccine Division. From 1990 to 1998, he served in the Merck Manufacturing Division as Vice President of Vaccine Operations, Vice President of Business Affairs and Executive Director of Materials Management. Mr. Samant holds a master s degree in management studies from the Sloan School of Management at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, a master s degree in chemical engineering from Columbia University, and a bachelor s degree in chemical engineering from the University of Bombay, University Department of Chemical Technology. Mr. Samant has been a member of the board of directors of Vical since 2000, and was a member of the board of directors of Raptor Pharmaceutical Corporation from 2011 to 2014, and was a member of the board of directors for BioMarin Pharmaceutical Inc. from 2002 to 2004. Mr. Samant was a Director of the Aeras Global TB Vaccine Foundation from 2001 to 2010, a member of the Board of Trustees for the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases from 2003 to 2012, and a member of the Board of Trustees for the International Vaccine Institute in Seoul, Korea from 2008 to 2012. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and the Board of Directors believe that Mr. Samant s significant experience leading biopharmaceutical product development companies, as well his significant sales, marketing, operations, and business development expertise within the biotechnology and pharmaceutical industries, qualifies him to serve on our Board of Directors.

## Nominee for Election for a Two-year Term Expiring at the 2018 Annual Meeting

Paul C. Grint, M.D. has served as a member of our Board of Directors since November 2015. Since June 2015, Dr. Grint has served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Regulus Therapeutics Inc., a company focused on the discovery and development of microRNA therapeutics. From June 2014 until his appointment as President and Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Grint served as Regulus Therapeutics Chief Medical Officer. From February 2011 to June 2014, Dr. Grint served as the President of Cerexa, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Forest Laboratories, Inc., a pharmaceutical company, where he was responsible for the oversight of anti-infective product development. Before that, Dr. Grint served as Senior Vice President of Research at Forest Research Institute, Inc., the scientific development subsidiary of Forest Laboratories, Inc., from January 2009 to February 2011, as Chief Medical Officer of Kalypsys, Inc., a biopharmaceutical company, from 2006 to 2008, and as Senior Vice President and Chief Medical Officer of Zephyr Sciences, Inc., a biopharmaceutical company, during 2006. Dr. Grint also previously served in similar executive level positions at Pfizer Inc., IDEC Pharmaceuticals Corporation, and Schering-Plough Corporation. Dr. Grint has served on the board of directors of Synedgen, a privately-held bio-pharmaceutical company, since December 2014. Dr. Grint also served on the board of directors of Illumina Inc. from April 2005 to May 2013. Dr. Grint received a B.S. in Medical Science from St. Mary s Hospital in London and his medical degree from St. Bartholomew s Hospital Medical College at the University of London. Dr. Grint is a Fellow of the Royal College of Pathologists, a member of numerous professional and medical societies, and the author or co-author of over 50 scientific publications. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and the Board of Directors believe that

Dr. Grint s significant experience in leading biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies, as well his significant experience in drug development and in the biotechnology industry, qualifies him to serve on our Board of Directors.

The following is a brief biography, and a discussion of the specific experience, qualifications, attributes or skills of each director whose term will continue after the 2016 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

## Class II Directors Continuing in Office Until the 2017 Annual Meeting

Wendy S. Johnson has served as our Interim Chief Operating Officer since September 2014 and has served as a member of our Board of Directors since May 2014. From 2005 to January 2014, Ms. Johnson served as a venture partner at ProQuest Investments, a venture capital firm. From 2006 to January 2014, Ms. Johnson served as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Aires Pharmaceuticals, a ProQuest portfolio company. Prior to joining ProQuest, she served as Senior Vice President, Corporate Development, at Salmedix Inc., and she held senior business and corporate development positions at WomenFirst Healthcare, Prizm Pharmaceuticals (Selective Genetics Inc.), Cytel Corp., Synbiotics Corp., and Murex Corp. (Cambridge U.K.). Additionally, Ms. Johnson served as Assistant Director with the Center for Devices and Radiological Health at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Ms. Johnson received an M.B.A. from Loyola University, an M.S. in clinical microbiology from the Hahnemann Medical School and a B.S. in microbiology from the University of Maryland. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and the Board of Directors believe that Ms. Johnson significant experience in pharmaceutical drug development and business development, as well her strong background in microbiology, qualifies her to serve on our Board of Directors.

## Class III Directors Continuing in Office Until the 2018 Annual Meeting

M. Scott Salka has served as our Chief Executive Officer and a member of our Board of Directors since May 18, 2015. Mr. Salka served as the Chief Executive Officer of Aspyrian Therapeutics Inc., a company focused on developing near-infrared photoimmunotherapy therapies, from March 2010 to May 2015. Prior to that, Mr. Salka served as the Chief Executive Officer of Ambit Biosciences Corporation, a publicly traded company that developed a novel platform for discovering small molecule drugs for oncology, autoimmune and inflammatory diseases, that was acquired by Daiichi Sankyo in 2014. During Mr. Salka s tenure at Ambit, he was responsible for transforming the company from a service contract business to a fully-capable drug discovery and development enterprise. Prior to joining Ambit in 2001, Mr. Salka served as the President and Chief executive officer of two privately-held genomics companies, Arcaris, Inc. and 454 Corporation that was sold to Roche in 2007. He also previously co-founded one of the first commercial genomics companies, Sequana Therapeutics, Inc., a pioneer in the effort to commercialize the international Human Genome Project. From February 2012 to March 2014, Mr. Salka served on the board of directors of Sorrento Therapeutics, Inc. and since 2009, Mr. Salka has served on the board of directors of San Diego State University College of Business Administration. He received his M.B.A. from Carnegie Mellon University and his B.S. in finance from San Diego State University. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and the Board of Directors believe that Mr. Salka s significant experience leading drug development companies, as well as his service as our Chief Executive Officer, qualifies him to serve on our Board of Directors.

Jeremy Curnock Cook has served as a member of our Board of Directors since July 1995 and as Chairman of the board of directors since February 1998. From September 2014 to May 2015, he served as our Interim Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Curnock Cook has served as Chairman of International Bioscience Managers Limited, a corporate and investment advisory firm, since 2000, and also currently serves as Managing Director of Bioscience Managers Pty Ltd, a medical sciences fund manager. From 1987 to 2000, Mr. Curnock Cook was a director of Rothschild Asset Management Limited, a corporate and investment advisory company, and was responsible for the Rothschild Bioscience Unit. Mr. Curnock Cook founded the International Biochemicals Group in 1975, which was sold in 1985 to Royal Dutch Shell, where he served as Managing Director until 1987. He also serves as a member of the board of directors of Avita Medical Ltd, Nexus6 Ltd and SeaDragon Ltd, all private companies. Mr. Curnock Cook received an M.A. in natural sciences from Trinity College, Dublin. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and

the Board of Directors believe that Mr. Curnock Cook s significant experience as a board member of multiple biotechnology companies qualifies him to serve on our Board of Directors.

## INFORMATION REGARDING THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

## Independence of The Board of Directors

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

Consistent with these considerations, after review of all relevant identified transactions or relationships between each director, or any of his or her family members, and the Company, its senior management and its independent auditors, the Board has affirmatively determined that all of our directors are independent directors within the meaning of the applicable NYSE MKT listing standards, other than Mr. Salka and Ms. Johnson. In making this determination, the Board found that none of these directors or nominees for director had a material or other disqualifying relationship with the Company. The Board concluded that Mr. Salka and Ms. Johnson are not independent directors within the meaning of the applicable NYSE MKT listing standards rules given their roles as Chief Executive Officer and Interim Chief Operating Officer, respectively.

### **Board Leadership Structure**

Our Board of Directors has a Chairman, Jeremy Curnock Cook, who has authority, among other things, to call and preside over board meetings, to set meeting agendas and to determine materials to be distributed to the Board. Accordingly, the Chairman has substantial ability to shape the work of the Board of Directors. We have a separate chair for each committee of the Board. As a general policy, the Board believes that separation of the positions of Chairman and Chief Executive Officer reinforces the independence of the Board of Directors from management, creates an environment that encourages objective oversight of management s performance and enhances the effectiveness of the Board of Directors as a whole. As such, Mr. Salka serves as our Chief Executive Officer while Mr. Cook serves as our Chairman of the Board of Directors but is not an officer. We expect and intend the positions of Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer to continue to be held by separate individuals in the future.

## Role of the Board in Risk Oversight

The Audit Committee of our Board of Directors is primarily responsible for overseeing our financial risk management processes on behalf of the Board. Going forward, we expect that the Audit Committee will receive reports from management at least quarterly regarding our assessment of risks. In addition, the audit Committee reports regularly to the full Board, which also considers our risk profile. The Audit Committee and the Board focus on the most significant risks we face and our general risk management strategies. While the Board oversees our risk management, our management is responsible for day-to-day risk management processes. The Board expects management to consider risk and risk management in each business decision, to proactively develop and monitor risk management strategies and processes for day-to-day activities and to effectively implement risk management strategies adopted by the Audit Committee and the Board. We believe this division of responsibilities is the most effective approach for addressing the risks we face and that our board of directors leadership structure, which also emphasizes the

independence of our board of directors in its oversight of its business and affairs, supports this approach.

## **Meetings of The Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors met eight times during the last fiscal year. Each Board member attended 75% or more of the total number of meetings of the Board and of the committees on which he or she served, held during the portion of the last fiscal year for which he or she was a director or committee member.

As required under applicable NYSE MKT listing standards, during 2015, the Company s independent directors met on a regular basis in executive session without the presence of non-independent directors and management.

### Information Regarding Committees of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors has an Audit Committee, a Compensation Committee and a Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. The following table provides membership and meeting information during 2015 for each of the Board committees:

Name	Audit	Compensation	Nominating and Corporate Governance
Jeremy Curnock Cook <sup>(1)</sup>	X	X	X*
Louis Drapeau <sup>(2)</sup>	$X^*$	X	X
Michael S. Perry, Ph.D.	X	$X^*$	X
Julian P. Kirk <sup>(3)</sup>			
Vijay B. Samant <sup>(4)</sup>	X		
Paul C. Grint, M.D. <sup>(5)</sup>		X	
M. Scott Salka			
Wendy S. Johnson			
Total meetings during 2015	5	2	0

Committee Chairperson

- (1) Mr. Curnock Cook resigned from the Audit Committee in January 2016.
- Mr. Drapeau resigned from the Compensation Committee in January 2016.
   Mr. Kirk resigned from the Board in April 2016.
- (4) Mr. Samant was appointed to the Audit Committee in November 2015.
- (5) Dr. Grint was appointed to the Compensation Committee in November 2015.

Below is a description of each committee of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors has determined that each member of each committee meets the applicable NYSE MKT rules and regulations regarding independence and each member is free of any relationship that would impair his or her individual exercise of independent judgment with regard to the Company.

### **Audit Committee**

The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors was established by the Board in accordance with Section 3(a)(58)(A) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act, to oversee the Company s corporate accounting and financial reporting processes and audits of its financial statements. The functions of this Audit Committee include, among other things:

evaluating the performance, independence and qualifications of our independent auditors and determining whether to retain our existing independent auditors or engage new independent auditors and to present the committee s conclusion to our Board of Directors;

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

monitoring the rotation of partners of our independent auditors on our audit engagement team as required by law; prior to engagement of any independent auditor, and at least annually thereafter, reviewing relationships that may reasonably be thought to bear on their independence, and assessing and otherwise taking the appropriate action to oversee the independence of our independent auditor;

reviewing our annual and quarterly financial statements and reports, including the disclosures contained under the caption Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, and discussing the statements and reports with our independent auditors and management;

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

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

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

preparing the report that the SEC requires in our annual proxy statement; reviewing and providing oversight of any related-person transactions in accordance with our related-person transactions policy and reviewing and monitoring compliance with legal and regulatory responsibilities, including our code of business conduct and ethics:

reviewing on a periodic basis our investment policy; and reviewing and evaluating on an annual basis its own performance, including its compliance with its charter. Our Audit Committee consists of Louis Drapeau, Michael S. Perry and Vijay Samant. The Board of Directors reviews the NYSE MKT listing standards definition of independence for Audit Committee members on an annual basis and has determined that each of the members of our Audit Committee satisfies the NYSE MKT listing requirements and SEC independence requirements. Mr. Drapeau serves as the chair of our Audit Committee.

Our Board of Directors has determined that Mr. Drapeau qualifies as an Audit Committee financial expert within the meaning of SEC regulations. In making this determination, our Board of Directors has considered Mr. Drapeau s formal education and previous and current experience in financial roles. Both our independent registered public accounting firm and management periodically meet privately with our Audit Committee.

The Audit Committee charter can be found on our website at www.ampliphibio.com/corporate-governance.htm.

## Report of the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors

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

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

Mr. Louis Drapeau Dr. Michael S. Perry Mr. Vijay Samant

## **Compensation Committee**

Our Compensation Committee consists of Jeremy Curnock Cook, Paul C. Grint and Michael S. Perry. Dr. Perry serves as the chair of our Compensation Committee. Our Board of Directors has determined that each of the members of our Compensation Committee is a non-employee director, as defined in Rule 16b-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act, as defined pursuant to Section 162(m) of the Code, and satisfies the NYSE MKT listing independence requirements.

The functions of this committee include, among other things:

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

reviewing and approving (or if it deems appropriate, making recommendations to the full Board of Directors regarding) the compensation and other terms of employment of our executive officers;

reviewing and approving (or if it deems appropriate, making recommendations to the full Board of Directors regarding) performance goals and objectives relevant to the compensation of our executive officers and assessing their performance against these goals and objectives;

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

evaluating risks associated with our compensation policies and practices and assessing whether risks arising from our compensation policies and practices for our employees are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on us; reviewing making recommendations to the full Board of Directors regarding the type and amount of compensation to be paid or awarded to our non-employee board members;

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

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

administering our equity incentive plans;

establishing policies with respect to equity compensation arrangements;

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

reviewing and approving (or if it deems appropriate, making recommendations to the full Board of Directors regarding) the terms of any employment agreements, severance arrangements, change-of-control protections and any other compensatory arrangements for our executive officers;

reviewing the adequacy of its charter on a periodic basis;

reviewing with management and approving our disclosures, if any, under the caption Compensation Discussion and Analysis and related tables in our periodic reports or proxy statements to be filed with the SEC;

preparing the report that the SEC requires in our annual proxy statement; and reviewing and assessing on an annual basis its own performance.

#### **Compensation Committee Processes and Procedures**

Typically, the Compensation Committee meets quarterly and with greater frequency if necessary. The agenda for each meeting is usually developed by the Chair of the Compensation Committee, in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer. The Compensation Committee meets regularly in executive session. However, from time to time, various members of management and other employees as well as outside advisors or consultants may be invited by the Compensation Committee to make presentations, to provide financial or other

background information or advice or to otherwise participate in Compensation Committee meetings. The Chief Executive Officer and Interim Chief Operating Officer may not participate in, or be present during, any deliberations or determinations of the Compensation Committee regarding his or her compensation or individual performance objectives. The charter of the Compensation Committee grants the Compensation Committee full access to all books, records, facilities and personnel of the Company. In addition, under the charter, the Compensation Committee has the authority to obtain, at the expense of the Company, advice and assistance from compensation consultants and internal and external legal, accounting or other advisors and other external resources that the Compensation Committee considers necessary or appropriate in the performance of its duties. The Compensation Committee has direct responsibility for the oversight of the work of any consultants or advisers engaged for the purpose of advising the Committee. In particular, the Compensation Committee has the sole authority to retain, in its sole discretion, compensation consultants to assist in its evaluation of executive and director compensation, including the authority to approve the consultant s reasonable fees and other retention terms. Under the charter, the Compensation Committee may select, or receive advice from, a compensation consultant, legal counsel or other adviser to the compensation committee, other than in-house legal counsel and certain other types of advisers, only after taking into consideration six factors, prescribed by the SEC and NYSE MKT, that bear upon the adviser s independence; however, there is no requirement that any adviser be independent.

Historically, the Compensation Committee has made most of the significant adjustments to annual compensation, determined bonus and equity awards and established new performance objectives at one or more meetings held during the first quarter of the year. However, the Compensation Committee also considers matters related to individual compensation, such as compensation for new executive hires, as well as high-level strategic issues, such as the efficacy of the Company s compensation strategy, potential modifications to that strategy and new trends, plans or approaches to compensation, at various meetings throughout the year. Generally, the Compensation Committee s process comprises two related elements: the determination of compensation levels and the establishment of performance objectives for the current year. For executives other than the Chief Executive Officer, the Compensation Committee solicits and considers evaluations and recommendations submitted to the Committee by the Chief Executive Officer. In the case of the Chief Executive Officer, the evaluation of his performance is conducted by the Compensation Committee, which determines any adjustments to his compensation as well as awards to be granted. For all executives and directors as part of its deliberations, the Compensation Committee may review and consider, as appropriate, materials such as financial reports and projections, operational data, tax and accounting information, tally sheets that set forth the total compensation that may become payable to executives in various hypothetical scenarios, executive and director stock ownership information, company stock performance data, analyses of historical executive compensation levels and current Company-wide compensation levels and recommendations of the Compensation Committee s compensation consultant, if any, including analyses of executive and director compensation paid at other companies identified by the consultant.

The Compensation Committee charter can be found on our website at <a href="https://www.ampliphibio.com/corporate-governance.htm">www.ampliphibio.com/corporate-governance.htm</a>.

## Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee of the Board of Directors is responsible for, among other things:

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

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

evaluating, nominating and recommending individuals for membership on our Board of Directors; evaluating nominations by shareholders of candidates for election to our Board of Directors; considering and assessing the independence of members of our Board of Directors;

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

reviewing the adequacy of its charter on an annual basis; and annually evaluating the performance of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee.

Our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee consists of Jeremy Curnock Cook, Louis Drapeau and Michael S. Perry. Our Board of Directors has determined that each of the members of this committee satisfies the NYSE MKT listing independence requirements. Mr. Curnock Cook serves as the chair of our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee believes that candidates for director should, both individually and collectively, have the integrity, experience, judgment, commitment (including having sufficient time to devote to us and a sufficient level of participation), skills, diversity and expertise appropriate for our company. In assessing the directors, both individually and collectively, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee may consider our current needs and the needs of our Board of Directors, to maintain a balance of knowledge, experience and capability in various areas. However, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee retains the right to modify these qualifications from time to time. In the case of new director candidates, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee also determines whether the nominee is independent for NYSE MKT purposes, which determination is based upon applicable NYSE MKT listing standards, applicable SEC rules and regulations and the advice of counsel, if necessary. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee then uses its network of contacts to compile a list of potential candidates, but may also engage, if it deems appropriate, a professional search firm. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee conducts any appropriate and necessary inquiries into the backgrounds and qualifications of possible candidates after considering the function and needs of the Board of Directors. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee meets to discuss and consider the candidates—qualifications and then selects a nominee for recommendation to the Board of Directors by majority vote.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee will consider director candidates recommended by shareholders. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee does not intend to alter the manner in which it evaluates candidates, including the criteria set forth above, based on whether or not the candidate was recommended by a shareholder. Shareholders who wish to recommend individuals for consideration by the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee to become nominees for election to the Board may do so by delivering a written recommendation to the Secretary of the Company at 3579 Valley Centre Drive, San Diego, California 92130, no later than the close of business on the 90th day and no earlier than the 120th day prior to the one year anniversary of the preceding year s annual meeting of shareholders. Submissions must include the full name of the proposed nominee, a description of the proposed nominee s business experience for at least the previous five years, complete biographical information, a description of the proposed nominee s qualifications as a director and the number of shares of the Company s stock that are owned beneficially by such nominating shareholder as of the date the submission is made. Any such submission must be accompanied by the written consent of the proposed nominee to be named as a nominee and to serve as a director if elected.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee charter can be found on our website at <a href="https://www.ampliphibio.com/corporate-governance.html">www.ampliphibio.com/corporate-governance.html</a>.

### **Shareholder Communications With The Board Of Directors**

The Company s Board has adopted a formal process by which shareholders may communicate with the Board or any of its directors. Shareholders who wish to communicate with the Board may do so by sending written communications addressed to the Secretary of the Company at AmpliPhi Biosciences Corporation, 3579 Valley Centre Drive, Suite

100, San Diego, California 92130. All communications will be compiled by the Secretary of the Company and submitted to the Board of Directors or the individual directors on a periodic basis. These communications will be reviewed by the Company s Secretary, who will determine whether the communication should be presented to the Board. The purpose of this screening is to allow the Board to avoid having to consider irrelevant or inappropriate communications (such as advertisements, solicitations and

hostile communications). All communications directed to the Audit Committee in accordance with the Company s
Open Door Policy for Reporting Complaints Regarding Accounting and Auditing Matters, discussed below, will be
treated in accordance with that policy.

Any interested person may, however, communicate directly with the presiding director or the independent directors as a group. Persons interested in communicating directly with the independent directors regarding their concerns or issues may do so by addressing correspondence to a particular director, or to the independent directors generally, in care of AmpliPhi Biosciences Corporation at 3579 Valley Centre Drive, Suite 100, San Diego, California 92130. If no particular director is named, letters will be forwarded, depending upon the subject matter, to the Chair of the Audit, Compensation, or Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee.

#### Code of Ethics

We have adopted a code of ethics for directors, officers (including our principal executive officer, principal financial officer and principal accounting officer) and employees, known as the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics. The Code of Business Conduct and Ethics is available on our website at <a href="http://www.ampliphibio.com">http://www.ampliphibio.com</a> under the Corporate Governance section of our Investor Relations page. We will promptly disclose on our website (i) the nature of any amendment to the policy that applies to our principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller, or persons performing similar functions and (ii) the nature of any waiver, including an implicit waiver, from a provision of the policy that is granted to one of these specified individuals that is required to be disclosed pursuant to SEC rules and regulations, the name of such person who is granted the waiver and the date of the waiver.

## Open Door Policy for Reporting Complaints Regarding Accounting and Auditing Matters

We have adopted an Open Door Policy for Reporting Complaints Regarding Accounting and Auditing Matters to facilitate the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters, as well as the confidential, anonymous submission by our employees of concerns regarding these matters. The Open Door Policy is available on our website at <a href="http://www.ampliphibio.com/corporate-governance.html">http://www.ampliphibio.com/corporate-governance.html</a>.

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## **Proposal 2**

## Approval of the AmpliPhi Biosciences Corporation 2016 Equity Incentive Plan

#### **Overview**

On April 21, 2016, our Board of Directors approved our AmpliPhi Bioscience Corporation 2016 Equity Incentive Plan, or the 2016 Plan, subject to approval by our shareholders at the Annual Meeting. The 2016 Plan is intended as the successor plan to our 2013 Stock Incentive Plan, or 2013 Plan. If this Proposal 2 is approved, no additional equity grants may be made under the 2013 Plan.

## **Requested Shares**

Subject to adjustment for certain changes in our capitalization, the aggregate number of shares of our common stock that may be issued under the 2016 Plan will not exceed the sum of (i) the number of unallocated shares remaining available for the grant of new awards under the 2013 Plan as of the effective date of the 2016 Plan (which is equal to 514,340 shares as of May 20, 2016), (ii) 1,000,000 new shares, and (iii) any Prior Plans Returning Shares (as defined below in Description of the 2016 Plan Share Reserve ), as such shares become available from time to time.

Approval of the 2016 Plan by our shareholders will allow us to grant stock options and other equity awards at levels determined appropriate by our Board of Directors or Compensation Committee. The 2016 Plan will also allow us to utilize a broad array of equity incentives and performance cash incentives in order to secure and retain the services of our employees, directors and consultants, and to provide long-term incentives that align the interests of our employees, directors and consultants with the interests of our shareholders.

## Why You Should Vote For the 2016 Plan

### **Key Plan Features**

The 2016 Plan includes provisions that are designed to protect our shareholders interests including:

*No single trigger accelerated vesting upon change in control.* The 2016 Plan does not provide for any automatic mandatory vesting of awards upon a change in control.

Awards subject to forfeiture/clawback. Awards granted under the 2016 Plan will be subject to recoupment in accordance with any clawback policy that we are required to adopt pursuant to the listing standards of any national securities exchange or association on which our securities are listed or as is otherwise required by the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act or other applicable law. In addition, we may impose other clawback, recovery or recoupment provisions in an award agreement, including a reacquisition right in respect of previously acquired shares or other cash or property upon the occurrence of cause.

No discounted stock options or stock appreciation rights. All stock options and stock appreciation rights granted under the 2016 Plan must have an exercise or strike price equal to or greater than the fair market value of our common

stock on the date the stock option or stock appreciation right is granted.

Administration by independent committee. The 2016 Plan will be administered by the members of our Compensation Committee, all of whom are non-employee directors within the meaning of Rule 16b-3 under the Exchange Act and outside directors within the meaning of Section 162(m) of the Code.

*Material amendments require shareholder approval*. The 2016 Plan requires shareholder approval of any material revisions to the 2016 Plan.

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Limit on non-employee director awards and other awards. As further described below, except in extraordinary circumstances, the maximum number of shares subject to stock awards granted during any calendar year to any of our non-employee directors, taken together with any cash fees paid by the Company to such non-employee director during such calendar year, may not generally exceed \$375,000 in total value (calculating the value of any such stock awards based on the grant date fair value of such stock awards for financial reporting purposes), or with respect to the calendar year in which the non-employee director is first appointed or elected, \$783,000 in total value. The 2016 Plan also contains other annual per-participant limits on stock options, stock appreciation rights and performance-based stock and cash awards.

# We Intend to Recruit Additional Personnel to Facilitate the Growth of Our Business and Equity Awards Are an Important Part of Our Compensation Philosophy

The Board of Directors believes that the future success of the Company depends, in large part, upon the ability of the Company to implement our plans for future expansion and growth in light of our anticipated recruiting and retention needs and is necessary to maintain a competitive position in recruiting, retaining and motivating key personnel, consultants and advisors. The Board of Directors believes that the issuance of equity awards is a key element underlying our ability to recruit, retain and motivate key personnel, consultants and advisors, better aligns the interests of such persons with those of our shareholders, and is a substantial contributing factor to our success and the future growth of our business. Therefore, the Board of Directors believes that the approval of the 2016 Plan is in the best interests of the Company and its shareholders and recommends a vote in favor of this proposal.

If this Proposal 2 is adopted by our shareholders, the 2016 Plan will become effective upon the date of the Annual Meeting and no additional equity grants maybe made under our 2013 Plan. In the event that our shareholders do not approve this Proposal 2, the 2016 Plan will not become effective and our 2013 Plan will continue in its current form. However, we believe that the shares available for grant under the 2013 Plan will be insufficient to meet our anticipated recruiting and retention needs.

### We Manage Our Equity Award Use Carefully and Our Dilution Is Reasonable

We manage our long-term shareholder dilution by limiting the number of equity awards granted annually. The Compensation Committee monitors our annual burn rate, dilution, and equity expense to ensure that we maximize shareholders—value by granting only the appropriate number of equity awards necessary to recruit, reward, and retain key personnel, consultants and advisors.

The following table provides certain additional information regarding our equity award program.

	As of
	December 31,
	2015
Total shares subject to outstanding stock options	669,769
Total shares subject to full value awards	
Weighted-average exercise price per share of outstanding stock options	\$ 8.68
Weighted-average remaining term of outstanding stock options	9.29 yrs
Total shares available for grant under the 2013 Plan	723,431
Total shares available for grant under other equity plans	

As of May 20, 2016 (Record Date) 8,242,528 \$ 1.57

Total common stock outstanding

Closing price of common stock as reported on The NYSE MKT

Common measures of an equity incentive plan s cost include burn rate, dilution and overhang. The burn rate, or run rate, refers to how fast a company uses the supply of shares authorized for issuance under its equity incentive plan. Over the last three years, the Company has maintained an average equity run rate of 5.6% of shares of common stock outstanding per year, including shares of preferred stock on an as-converted basis. Our run rate in 2015 was unusually high due primarily to the equity grant that we made to Mr. Salka in

connection with his commencement of our Chief Executive Officer, which the Compensation Committee believed was consistent with the level of options granted to chief executive officers in our industry. Excluding the special hiring grant we made to our Chief Executive Officer, in 2015 our three-year average equity run rate was 3.7%. Dilution measures the degree to which our stockholders' ownership has been diluted by stock-based compensation awarded under our equity incentive plans and also includes shares that may be awarded under our equity incentive plans in the future (overhang).

The following table shows how our key equity metrics have changed over the past three years:

Key Equity Metrics	2013		2014		$2015^{(4)}$	
Equity Run Rate <sup>(1)</sup>	7.9	%	0.3	%	8.5	%
Overhang <sup>(2)</sup>	24.0	%	21.6	%	18.9	%
Dilution <sup>(3)</sup>	9.2	%	7.7	%	9.1	%

- (1) Equity run rate is calculated by dividing the number of shares subject to equity awards granted during the year by the weighted-average number of common shares and as-converted preferred shares outstanding during the year. Overhang is calculated by dividing (a) the sum of (x) the number of shares subject to equity awards outstanding at (2) the end of the year and (y) the number of shares available for future grants, by (b) the number of common shares and as-converted preferred shares outstanding at the end of the year.
- (3) Dilution is calculated by dividing the number of shares subject to equity awards outstanding at the end of the fiscal year by the number of common shares and as-converted preferred shares outstanding at the end of the fiscal year.
- (4) Excluding the special stock option grant we made to Mr. Salka in connection with his commencement of employment with us, the 2015 Equity Run Rate was 2.8%, Overhang was 13.4% and Dilution was 3.7%. In evaluating whether to approve the 2016 Plan our Board of Directors and Compensation Committee reviewed our historical issuances under our 2013 Plan and considered our future needs for equity awards under the 2016 Plan, based on our plans for future expansion and growth in light of our anticipated recruiting and retention needs and potential changes in company capitalization and dilution. We intend to grant future equity awards under the 2016 Plan in amounts that are reasonable and based on market data prepared by the independent compensation consultant to the Compensation Committee. If this Proposal 2 is approved by our shareholders, we expect the initial share reserve to last for approximately 2 to 3 years of awards. While we believe this is a reasonable estimate of how long the share reserve could last, because there are a number of uncertain factors that could impact our future share usage, we are not able to presently forecast the share amounts and rate at which we will utilize equity as a tool for attracting and retaining talent.

### **Continued Ability to Grant Performance-Based Awards**

Approval of the 2016 Plan by our shareholders will also constitute approval of terms and conditions set forth therein that will permit us to grant stock options, stock appreciation rights and performance-based stock and cash awards under the 2016 Plan that may qualify as performance-based compensation within the meaning of Section 162(m) of the Code. Section 162(m) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the Code, disallows a deduction to any publicly held corporation and its affiliates for certain compensation paid to covered employees in a taxable year to the extent that compensation to a covered employee exceeds \$1 million. However, some kinds of compensation, including qualified performance-based compensation, are not subject to this deduction limitation. For compensation awarded under a plan to qualify as performance-based compensation under Section 162(m) of the Code, among other things, the following terms must be disclosed to and approved by the shareholders before the compensation is paid: (i) a description of the employees eligible to receive such awards; (ii) a per-person limit on the number of shares subject to stock options, stock appreciation rights and performance-based stock awards, and the amount of cash subject to

performance-based cash awards, that may be granted to any employee under the plan in any year; and (iii) a description of the business criteria upon which the performance goals for performance-based awards may be granted (or become vested or exercisable). Accordingly, we are requesting that our shareholders approve the 2016 Plan, which includes terms and conditions regarding eligibility for awards, annual

per-person limits on awards and the business criteria for performance-based awards granted under the 2016 Plan (as described in the summary below).

We believe it is in the best interests of our Company and our shareholders to preserve the ability to grant performance-based compensation under Section 162(m) of the Code. However, in certain circumstances, we may determine to grant compensation to covered employees that is not intended to qualify as performance-based compensation for purposes of Section 162(m) of the Code. Moreover, even if we grant compensation that is intended to qualify as performance-based compensation for purposes of Section 162(m) of the Code, we cannot guarantee that such compensation ultimately will be deductible by us.

#### **Description of 2016 Plan**

The material features of the 2016 Plan are outlined below. This summary is qualified in its entirety by reference to the complete text of the 2016 Plan. Shareholders are encouraged to read the actual text of the 2016 Plan, which is appended to this proxy statement as Appendix A and may be accessed from the SEC s website at www.sec.gov.

*Purpose*. The 2016 Plan is critical to our ongoing effort to build shareholder value through recruiting, retaining and motivating employees, directors and consultants. We are seeking to approval of the 2016 Plan to provide for the shares necessary so that we can ensure that we have the most qualified, motivated employees possible to help us move the Company s programs forward and implement our recruiting plans to facilitate the future growth of our business.

Awards. The 2016 Plan provides for the grant of incentive stock options, or ISOs, nonstatutory stock options, or NSOs, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock awards, restricted stock unit awards, performance-based stock awards, and other forms of equity compensation, or collectively, stock awards, all of which may be granted to employees, including officers, non-employee directors and consultants of us and our affiliates. Additionally, the 2016 Plan provides for the grant of performance cash awards.

Eligibility. As of May 20, 2016, all of our approximately 30 employees, six non-employee directors and one consultant are eligible to participate in the 2016 Plan and may receive all types of awards other than ISOs. ISOs may be granted only to our employees (including officers) and employees of our affiliates.

Share Reserve. The aggregate number of shares of our common stock that initially may be issued pursuant to stock awards under the 2016 Plan will not exceed 2,373,000 shares, which is the sum of (i) 1,000,000 shares, plus (ii) the number of shares reserved for issuance under our 2013 Plan at the time our 2016 Plan became effective, plus (iii) any shares subject to stock options or other stock awards granted under our Prior Plans that would have otherwise returned to the share reserve of our Prior Plans (such as upon the expiration or termination of an option prior to exercise), such shares are referred to as our Prior Plans Returning Shares. Collectively, our 2013 Plan, 2009 Targeted Genetics Stock Incentive Plan and the AmpliPhi Biosciences Corporation 2012 Stock Incentive Plan are our Prior Plans.

Additionally, the number of shares of our common stock reserved for issuance under our 2016 Plan automatically increases on January 1 of each year, beginning on January 1, 2017 and continuing through and including January 1, 2026, by 5% of the total number of shares of our capital stock outstanding on December 31 of the preceding calendar year, or a lesser number of shares determined by our Board of Directors. The maximum number of shares that may be issued upon the exercise of ISOs under our 2016 Plan is 4,746,000 shares.

If a stock award granted under the 2016 Plan expires or otherwise terminates without being exercised in full, or is settled in cash, the shares of our common stock not acquired pursuant to the stock award again will become available for subsequent issuance under the 2016 Plan. In addition, the following types of shares under the 2016 Plan may

become available for the grant of new stock awards under the 2016 Plan: (1) shares that are forfeited to or repurchased by us prior to becoming fully vested; (2) shares withheld to satisfy income or employment withholding taxes; or (3) shares used to pay the exercise or purchase price of a stock award. Shares issued under the 2016 Plan may be previously unissued shares or reacquired shares bought by us on the open market.

Section 162(m) Limits. No person may be granted stock awards covering more than 1,000,000 shares of our common stock under our 2016 Plan during any calendar year pursuant to stock options, stock appreciation rights and other stock awards whose value is determined by reference to an increase over an exercise or strike price of at least 100% of the fair market value on the date the stock award is granted. Additionally, no person may be granted in a calendar year a performance stock award covering more than 1,000,000 shares or a performance cash award having a maximum value in excess of \$2,000,000. Such limitations are designed to help assure that any deductions to which we would otherwise be entitled with respect to such awards will not be subject to the \$1,000,000 limitation on the income tax deductibility of compensation paid to any covered executive officer imposed by Section 162(m) of the Code.

Non-Employee Director Compensation Limit. The aggregate value of all compensation paid or granted, as applicable, to any individual for service as a non-employee director of our Board of Directors with respect to any calendar year commencing with the 2016 calendar year, including awards granted under the 2016 Plan and cash fees paid by us to such non-employee director, will not exceed (i) \$375,000 in total value or (ii) in the event such non-employee director is first appointed or elected to our Board of Directors during such calendar year, \$783,000 in total value, in each case calculating the value of any awards granted under the 2016 Plan based on the grant date fair value of such awards for financial reporting purposes. However, the Board of Directors may make exceptions to the applicable limit for individual non-employee directors in extraordinary circumstances (for example, to compensate such individual for interim service in the capacity of an officer of the Company), as the Board of Directors may determine in its discretion, provided that the non-employee director receiving such additional compensation may not participate in the decision to award such compensation.

Administration. Our Board of Directors, or a duly authorized committee thereof, has the authority to administer the 2016 Plan. Our Board of Directors has delegated authority to administer the 2016 Plan to our Compensation Committee. Subject to the terms of the 2016 Plan, the Compensation Committee, referred to herein as the plan administrator, determines recipients, dates of grant, the numbers and types of stock awards to be granted and the terms and conditions of the stock awards, including the period of their exercisability and vesting schedule applicable to a stock award. Subject to the limitations set forth below, the plan administrator will also determine the exercise price, strike price or purchase price of awards granted and the types of consideration to be paid for the award.

The plan administrator has the authority to modify outstanding awards under our 2016 Plan. Subject to the terms of our 2016 Plan, the plan administrator has the authority to reduce the exercise, purchase or strike price of any outstanding stock award, cancel any outstanding stock award in exchange for new stock awards, cash or other consideration, or take any other action that is treated as a repricing under generally accepted accounting principles, with the consent of any adversely affected participant.

Stock Options. ISOs and NSOs are granted pursuant to stock option agreements adopted by the plan administrator. The plan administrator determines the exercise price for a stock option, within the terms and conditions of the 2016 Plan, provided that the exercise price of a stock option generally cannot be less than 100% of the fair market value of our common stock on the date of grant. Options granted under the 2016 Plan vest at the rate specified by the plan administrator.

The plan administrator determines the term of stock options granted under the 2016 Plan, up to a maximum of 10 years. Unless the terms of an option holder s stock option agreement provide otherwise, if an option holder s service relationship with us, or any of our affiliates, ceases for any reason other than disability, death or cause, the option holder may generally exercise any vested options for a period of three months following the cessation of service. The option term may be extended in the event that exercise of the option following such a termination of service is prohibited by applicable securities laws or our insider trading policy. If an optionholder s service relationship with us or any of our affiliates ceases due to disability or death, or an optionholder dies within a certain period following cessation of service, the optionholder or a beneficiary may generally exercise any vested options for a period of 12

months in the event of disability and 18 months in the event of death. In the event of a termination for cause, options generally terminate immediately upon the termination of the individual for cause. In no event may an option be exercised beyond the expiration of its term.

Acceptable consideration for the purchase of common stock issued upon the exercise of a stock option will be determined by the plan administrator and may include (1) cash, check, bank draft or money order, (2) a broker-assisted cashless exercise, (3) the tender of shares of our common stock previously owned by the optionholder, (4) a net exercise of the option if it is an NSO, and (5) other legal consideration approved by the plan administrator.

Unless the plan administrator provides otherwise, options generally are not transferable except by will, the laws of descent and distribution, or pursuant to a domestic relations order. An optionholder may designate a beneficiary, however, who may exercise the option following the optionholder s death.

Tax Limitations on Incentive Stock Options. The aggregate fair market value, determined at the time of grant, of our common stock with respect to ISOs that are exercisable for the first time by an optionholder during any calendar year under all of our stock plans may not exceed \$100,000. Options or portions thereof that exceed such limit will generally be treated as NSOs. No ISO may be granted to any person who, at the time of the grant, owns or is deemed to own stock possessing more than 10% of our total combined voting power or that of any of our affiliates unless (1) the option exercise price is at least 110% of the fair market value of the stock subject to the option on the date of grant, and (2) the term of the ISO does not exceed five years from the date of grant.

Restricted Stock Awards. Restricted stock awards are granted pursuant to restricted stock award agreements adopted by the plan administrator. Restricted stock awards may be granted in consideration for (1) cash, check, bank draft or money order, (2) services rendered to us or our affiliates, or (3) any other form of legal consideration. Common stock acquired under a restricted stock award may, but need not, be subject to a share repurchase option in our favor in accordance with a vesting schedule to be determined by the plan administrator. Rights to acquire shares under a restricted stock award may be transferred only upon such terms and conditions as set by the plan administrator. Except as otherwise provided in the applicable award agreement, restricted stock unit awards that have not vested will be forfeited upon the participant s cessation of continuous service for any reason.

Restricted Stock Unit Awards. Restricted stock unit awards are granted pursuant to restricted stock unit award agreements adopted by the plan administrator. Restricted stock unit awards may be granted in consideration for any form of legal consideration. A restricted stock unit award may be settled by cash, delivery of stock, a combination of cash and stock as deemed appropriate by the plan administrator, or in any other form of consideration set forth in the restricted stock unit award agreement. Additionally, dividend equivalents may be credited in respect of shares covered by a restricted stock unit award. Except as otherwise provided in the applicable award agreement, restricted stock units that have not vested will be forfeited upon the participant s cessation of continuous service for any reason.

Stock Appreciation Rights. Stock appreciation rights are granted pursuant to stock appreciation grant agreements adopted by the plan administrator. The plan administrator determines the strike price for a stock appreciation unit, which generally cannot be less than 100% of the fair market value of our common stock on the date of grant. Upon the exercise of a stock appreciation unit, we will pay the participant an amount equal to the product of (1) the excess of the per share fair market value of our common stock on the date of exercise over the strike price, multiplied by (2) the number of shares of common stock with respect to which the stock appreciation unit is exercised. A stock appreciation unit granted under the 2016 Plan vests at the rate specified in the stock appreciation grant agreement as determined by the plan administrator.

The plan administrator determines the term of stock appreciation rights granted under the 2016 Plan, up to a maximum of ten years. Unless the terms of a participant s stock appreciation right agreement provides otherwise, if a participant s service relationship with us or any of our affiliates ceases for any reason other than cause, disability or death, the participant may generally exercise any vested stock appreciation right for a period of three months following the cessation of service. The stock appreciation right term may be further extended in the event that exercise of the stock appreciation right following such a termination of service is prohibited by applicable securities laws. If a participant s

service relationship with us, or any of our affiliates, ceases due to disability or death, or a participant dies within a certain period following cessation of service, the participant or a beneficiary may generally exercise any vested stock appreciation right for a period of 12 months in the event of disability and 18 months in the event of death. In the event of a termination for

cause, stock appreciation rights generally terminate immediately upon the occurrence of the event giving rise to the termination of the individual for cause. In no event may a stock appreciation right be exercised beyond the expiration of its term.

Performance Awards. The 2016 Plan permits the grant of performance-based stock and cash awards that may qualify as performance-based compensation that is not subject to the \$1,000,000 limitation on the income tax deductibility of compensation paid to a covered executive officer imposed by Section 162(m) of the Code. To help assure that the compensation attributable to performance-based awards will so qualify, our Compensation Committee can structure such awards so that stock or cash will be issued or paid pursuant to such award only after the achievement of certain pre-established performance goals during a designated performance period.

A performance stock award is a stock award that is payable (including that may be granted, may vest, or may be exercised) contingent upon the achievement of pre-determined performance goals during a performance period. A performance stock award may require the completion of a specified period of continuous service. The length of any performance period, the performance goals to be achieved during the performance period, and the measure of whether and to what degree such performance goals have been attained will generally be determined by our Compensation Committee, except that the plan administrator also may make any such determinations to the extent that the award is not intended to comply with Section 162(m) of the Code. In addition, to the extent permitted by applicable law and the performance stock award agreement, the plan administrator may determine that cash may be used in payment of performance stock awards.

A performance cash award is a cash award that is payable contingent upon the achievement of pre-determined performance goals during a performance period. A performance cash award may require the completion of a specified period of continuous service. The length of any performance period, the performance goals to be achieved during the performance period, and the measure of whether and to what degree such performance goals have been attained will generally be determined by our Compensation Committee, except that the plan administrator also may make any such determinations to the extent that the award is not intended to comply with Section 162(m) of the Code. The plan administrator may specify the form of payment of performance cash awards, which may be cash or other property, or may provide for a participant to have the option for his or her performance cash award, or such portion thereof as the plan administrator may specify, to be paid in whole or in part in cash or other property.

In granting a performance award intended to qualify as performance-based compensation under Section 162(m) of the Code, our Compensation Committee will set a period of time, or a performance period, over which the attainment of one or more goals, or performance goals, will be measured. Within the time period prescribed by Section 162(m) of the Code (no later than the earlier of the 90<sup>th</sup> day of a performance period and the date on which 25% of the performance period has elapsed, and in any event at a time when the achievement of the performance goals remains substantially uncertain), our Compensation Committee will establish the performance goals, based upon one or more criteria, or performance criteria, enumerated in the 2016 Plan and described below. As soon as administratively practicable following the end of the performance period, our Compensation Committee will certify in writing whether the performance goals have been satisfied.

Performance goals under the 2016 Plan will be based on any one or more of the following performance criteria: (1) earnings (including earnings per share and net earnings); (2) earnings before interest, taxes and depreciation; (3) earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization; (4) earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, amortization, legal settlements and other income (expense); (6) earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, amortization, legal settlements, other income (expense) and stock-based compensation; (7) earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, amortization, legal settlements, other income (expense), stock-based compensation and changes in deferred revenue; (8) earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, amortization, legal settlements, other income (expense), stock-based compensation, other

non-cash expenses and changes in deferred revenue; (9) total shareholder return; (10) return on equity or average shareholder s equity; (11) return on assets, investment, or capital employed; (12) stock price; (13) margin (including gross margin); (14) income (before or after taxes); (15) operating income; (16) operating income after taxes; (17) pre-tax profit; (18) operating cash flow; (19) sales or revenue targets; (20) increases in revenue or product revenue;

(21) expenses and cost reduction goals; (22) improvement in or attainment of working capital levels; (23) economic value added (or an equivalent metric); (24) market share; (25) cash flow; (26) cash flow per share; (27) cash balance; (28) cash burn; (29) cash collections; (30) share price performance; (31) debt reduction; (32) implementation or completion of projects or processes (including, without limitation, clinical trial initiation, clinical trial enrollment and dates, clinical trial results, regulatory filing submissions, regulatory filing acceptances, regulatory or advisory committee interactions, regulatory approvals, and product supply); (33) shareholders equity; (34) capital expenditures; (35) debt levels; (36) operating profit or net operating profit; (37) workforce diversity; (38) growth of net income or operating income; (39) billings; (40) bookings; (41) employee retention; (42) initiation of studies by specific dates; (43) budget management; (44) submission to, or approval by, a regulatory body (including, but not limited to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration) of an applicable filing or a product; (45) regulatory milestones; (46) progress of internal research or development programs; (47) acquisition of new customers; (48) customer retention and/or repeat order rate; (49) improvements in sample and test processing times; (50) progress of partnered programs; (51) partner satisfaction; (52) timely completion of clinical trials; (53) submission of 510(k)s or pre-market approvals and other regulatory achievements; (54) milestones related to research development (including, but not limited to, preclinical and clinical studies), product development and manufacturing; (55) expansion of sales in additional geographies or markets; (56) research progress, including the development of programs; (57) strategic partnerships or transactions (including in-licensing and out-licensing of intellectual property; and (58) and to the extent that an award is not intended to comply with Section 162(m) of the Code, other measures of performance selected by the plan administrator.

Performance goals may be based on a company-wide basis, with respect to one or more business units, divisions, affiliates or business segments, and in either absolute terms or relative to the performance of one or more comparable companies or the performance of one or more relevant indices. Under the 2016 Plan, unless specified otherwise by our Compensation Committee (or, if not required for compliance with Section 162(m) of the Code, the plan administrator) (i) in the award agreement at the time the award is granted or (ii) in such other document setting forth the performance goals at the time the performance goals are established, our compensation committee (or, if not required for compliance with Section 162(m) of the Code, the plan administrator) will appropriately make adjustments in the method of calculating the attainment of performance goals for a performance period: (1) to exclude restructuring and/or other nonrecurring charges; (2) to exclude exchange rate effects; (3) to exclude the effects of changes to generally accepted accounting principles; (4) to exclude the effects of any statutory adjustments to corporate tax rates; (5) to exclude the effects of any items that are unusual in nature or occur infrequently as determined under generally accepted accounting principles; (6) to exclude the dilutive effects of acquisitions or joint ventures; (7) to assume that any business divested by the Company achieved performance objectives at targeted levels during the balance of a performance period following such divestiture; (8) to exclude the effect of any change in the outstanding shares of common stock of the Company by reason of any stock dividend or split, stock repurchase, reorganization, recapitalization, merger, consolidation, spin-off, combination or exchange of shares or other similar corporate change, or any distributions to common shareholders other than regular cash dividends; (9) to exclude the effects of stock based compensation and the award of bonuses under the Company s bonus plans; (10) to exclude costs incurred in connection with potential acquisitions or divestitures that are required to be expensed under generally accepted accounting principles; (11) to exclude the goodwill and intangible asset impairment charges that are required to be recorded under generally accepted accounting principles; and (12) to exclude the effects of the timing of acceptance for review and/or approval of submissions to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration or any other regulatory body. In addition, our Compensation Committee (or, if not required for compliance with Section 162(m) of the Code, the plan administrator) retains the discretion to reduce or eliminate the compensation or economic benefit due upon the attainment of any performance goals and to define the manner of calculating the performance criteria it selects to use for a performance period.

*Other Stock Awards*. The plan administrator may grant other awards based in whole or in part by reference to our common stock. The plan administrator will set the number of shares under the stock award and all other terms and

Changes to Capital Structure. In the event that there is a specified type of change in our capital structure, such as a stock split or recapitalization, appropriate adjustments will be made to (a) the class and maximum number of shares reserved for issuance under the 2016 Plan, (b) the class and maximum number of shares by which the share reserve may increase automatically each year, (c) the class and maximum number of shares that may be issued upon the exercise of ISOs, (d) the class and maximum number of shares subject to stock awards that can be granted in a calendar year (as established under the 2016 Plan pursuant to Section 162(m) of the Code) and (e) the class and number of shares and exercise price, strike price, or purchase price, if applicable, of all outstanding stock awards.

Corporate Transactions. In the event of certain specified significant corporate transactions, the plan administrator has the discretion to take any of the following actions with respect to stock awards:

arrange for the assumption, continuation or substitution of a stock award by a surviving or acquiring entity or parent company;

arrange for the assignment of any reacquisition or repurchase rights held by us to the surviving or acquiring entity or parent company;

accelerate the vesting of the stock award and provide for its termination prior to the effective time of the corporate transaction:

arrange for the lapse of any reacquisition or repurchase right held by us;

cancel or arrange for the cancellation of the stock award in exchange for such cash consideration, if any, as our plan administrator may deem appropriate; or

make a payment equal to the excess of (a) the value of the property the participant would have received upon exercise of the stock award over (b) the exercise price otherwise payable in connection with the stock award.

Our plan administrator is not obligated to treat all stock awards, even those that are of the same type, in the same manner.

Under the 2016 Plan, a corporate transaction is generally the consummation of (i) a sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of our consolidated assets, (ii) a sale or other disposition of at least 50% of our outstanding securities, (iii) a merger, consolidation or similar transaction following which we are not the surviving corporation, or (iv) a merger, consolidation or similar transaction following which we are the surviving corporation but the shares of our common stock outstanding immediately prior to such transaction are converted or exchanged into other property by virtue of the transaction.

Change of Control. The plan administrator may provide, in an individual award agreement or in any other written agreement between a participant and us that the stock award will be subject to additional acceleration of vesting and exercisability in the event of a change of control. Under the 2016 Plan, a change of control is generally (i) the acquisition by a person or entity of more than 50% of our combined voting power other than by merger, consolidation or similar transaction; (ii) a consummated merger, consolidation or similar transaction immediately after which our shareholders cease to own more than 50% of the combined voting power of the surviving entity; (iii) a consummated sale, lease or exclusive license or other disposition of all or substantially of our consolidated assets; (iv) a complete dissolution or liquidation; or (v) when a majority of the Board of Directors becomes comprised of individuals whose nomination, appointment, or election was not approved by a majority of the Board of Directors members or their approved successors.

Amendment and Termination. Our Board of Directors has the authority to amend, suspend, or terminate our 2016 Plan, provided that such action does not materially impair the existing rights of any participant without such participant s written consent. No ISOs may be granted after the tenth anniversary of the date our Board of Directors adopted our 2016 Plan.

# **U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences**

The following is a summary of the principal United States federal income tax consequences to participants and us with respect to participation in the 2016 Plan. This summary is not intended to be exhaustive and does not discuss the income tax laws of any local, state or foreign jurisdiction in which a participant may reside.

The information is based upon current federal income tax rules and therefore is subject to change when those rules change. Because the tax consequences to any participant may depend on his or her particular situation, each participant should consult the participant stax adviser regarding the federal, state, local and other tax consequences of the grant or exercise of an award or the disposition of stock acquired the 2016 Plan. The 2016 Plan is not qualified under the provisions of Section 401(a) of the Code and is not subject to any of the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. Our ability to realize the benefit of any tax deductions described below depends on our generation of taxable income as well as the requirement of reasonableness, the provisions of Section 162(m) of the Code and the satisfaction of our tax reporting obligations.

#### **Nonstatutory Stock Options**

Generally, there is no taxation upon the grant of an NSO if the stock option is granted with an exercise price equal to the fair market value of the underlying stock on the grant date. Upon exercise, a participant will recognize ordinary income equal to the excess, if any, of the fair market value of the underlying stock on the date of exercise of the stock option over the exercise price. If the participant is employed by us or one of our affiliates, that income will be subject to withholding taxes. The participant s tax basis in those shares will be equal to their fair market value on the date of exercise of the stock option, and the participant s capital gain holding period for those shares will begin on that date. Subject to the requirement of reasonableness, the provisions of Section 162(m) of the Code and the satisfaction of a tax reporting obligation, we will generally be entitled to a tax deduction equal to the taxable ordinary income realized by the participant.

#### **Incentive Stock Options**

The 2016 Plan provides for the grant of stock options that are intended to qualify as incentive stock options, as defined in Section 422 of the Code. Under the Code, a participant generally is not subject to ordinary income tax upon the grant or exercise of an ISO. If the participant holds a share received upon exercise of an ISO for more than two years from the date the stock option was granted and more than one year from the date the stock option was exercised, which is referred to as the required holding period, the difference, if any, between the amount realized on a sale or other taxable disposition of that share and the participant s tax basis in that share will be long-term capital gain or loss. If, however, a participant disposes of a share acquired upon exercise of an ISO before the end of the required holding period, which is referred to as a disqualifying disposition, the participant generally will recognize ordinary income in the year of the disqualifying disposition equal to the excess, if any, of the fair market value of the share on the date of exercise of the stock option over the exercise price. However, if the sales proceeds are less than the fair market value of the share on the date of exercise of the stock option, the amount of ordinary income recognized by the participant will not exceed the gain, if any, realized on the sale. If the amount realized on a disqualifying disposition exceeds the fair market value of the share on the date of exercise of the stock option, that excess will be short-term or long-term capital gain, depending on whether the holding period for the share exceeds one year.

For purposes of the alternative minimum tax, the amount by which the fair market value of a share of stock acquired upon exercise of an ISO exceeds the exercise price of the stock option generally will be an adjustment included in the participant s alternative minimum taxable income for the year in which the stock option is exercised. If, however, there is a disqualifying disposition of the share in the year in which the stock option is exercised, there will be no adjustment for alternative minimum tax purposes with respect to that share. In computing alternative minimum taxable income, the tax basis of a share acquired upon exercise of an ISO is increased by the amount of the adjustment taken into account with respect to that share for alternative minimum tax purposes in the year the stock option is exercised.

We are not allowed an income tax deduction with respect to the grant or exercise of an ISO or the disposition of a share acquired upon exercise of an ISO after the required holding period. If there is a disqualifying disposition of a

share, however, we will generally be entitled to a tax deduction equal to the taxable ordinary income realized by the participant, subject to the requirement of reasonableness and the provisions of Section 162(m) of the Code, and provided that either the employee includes that amount in income or we timely satisfy our reporting requirements with respect to that amount.

#### **Restricted Stock Awards**

Generally, the recipient of a restricted stock award will recognize ordinary income at the time the stock is received equal to the excess, if any, of the fair market value of the stock received over any amount paid by the recipient in exchange for the stock. If, however, the stock is not vested when it is received (for example, if the employee is required to work for a period of time in order to have the right to sell the stock), the recipient generally will not recognize income until the stock becomes vested, at which time the recipient will recognize ordinary income equal to the excess, if any, of the fair market value of the stock on the date it becomes vested over any amount paid by the recipient in exchange for the stock. A recipient may, however, file an election with the Internal Revenue Service, within 30 days following his or her receipt of the stock award, to recognize ordinary income, as of the date the recipient receives the award, equal to the excess, if any, of the fair market value of the stock on the date the award is granted over any amount paid by the recipient for the stock.

The recipient s basis for the determination of gain or loss upon the subsequent disposition of shares acquired from a restricted stock award will be the amount paid for such shares plus any ordinary income recognized either when the stock is received or when the stock becomes vested.

Subject to the requirement of reasonableness, the provisions of Section 162(m) of the Code and the satisfaction of a tax reporting obligation, we will generally be entitled to a tax deduction equal to the taxable ordinary income realized by the recipient of the stock award.

#### **Restricted Stock Unit Awards**

Generally, the recipient of a restricted stock unit award structured to conform to the requirements of Section 409A of the Code or an exception to Section 409A of the Code will recognize ordinary income at the time the stock is delivered equal to the excess, if any, of the fair market value of the stock received over any amount paid by the recipient in exchange for the stock. To conform to the requirements of Section 409A of the Code, the stock subject to a restricted stock unit award may generally only be delivered upon one of the following events: a fixed calendar date (or dates), separation from service, death, disability or a change in control. If delivery occurs on another date, unless the restricted stock unit award otherwise complies with or qualifies for an exception to the requirements of Section 409A of the Code, in addition to the tax treatment described above, the recipient will owe an additional 20% federal tax and interest on any taxes owed.

The recipient s basis for the determination of gain or loss upon the subsequent disposition of shares acquired from a restricted stock unit award will be the amount paid for such shares plus any ordinary income recognized when the stock is delivered.

Subject to the requirement of reasonableness, the provisions of Section 162(m) of the Code and the satisfaction of a tax reporting obligation, we will generally be entitled to a tax deduction equal to the taxable ordinary income realized by the recipient of the restricted stock unit award.

#### **Stock Appreciation Rights**

Generally, if a stock appreciation right is granted with an exercise price equal to the fair market value of the underlying stock on the grant date, the recipient will recognize ordinary income equal to the fair market value of the stock or cash received upon such exercise. Subject to the requirement of reasonableness, the provisions of Section 162(m) of the Code, and the satisfaction of a tax reporting obligation, we will generally be entitled to a tax deduction equal to the taxable ordinary income realized by the recipient of the stock appreciation right.

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Name and position	Dollar value	Number of shares
M. Scott Salka, Chief Executive Officer	(1)	(1)
Steve R. Martin, Chief Financial Officer	(1)	(1)
Wendy S. Johnson, Interim Chief Operating Officer	(1)	(1)
All current executive officers as a group	(1)	(1)
All current directors who are not executive officers as a group	(2)	(2)
All employees, including all current officers who are not executive officers, as a group	(1)	(1)

Awards granted under the 2016 Plan to our executive officers and other employees are discretionary and are not subject to set benefits or amounts under the terms of the 2016 Plan, and our Board of Directors and our Compensation Committee have not granted any awards under the 2016 Plan subject to shareholder approval of this (1) Proposal 2. Accordingly, the benefits or amounts that will be received by or allocated to our executive officers and other employees under the 2016 Plan, as well as the benefits or amounts which would have been received by or allocated to our executive officers and other employees for fiscal year 2015 if the 2016 Plan had been in effect, are

Awards granted under the 2016 Plan to our non-employee directors are currently discretionary and not subject to set benefits or amounts under the terms of the 2016 Plan.

# Vote Required; Recommendation of the Board of Directors

In order for Proposal 2 to be approved, the number of shares that vote For the proposal must exceed the number of shares that vote Against the proposal. Abstentions will be counted towards the vote total for Proposal 2 and will have the same effect as Against votes. Broker non-votes are counted towards a quorum, but are not counted for any purpose in determining whether this matter has been approved.

# The Board of Directors Recommends a Vote For Proposal 2.

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# **Proposal 3**

# Approval of the AmpliPhi Biosciences Corporation 2016 Employee Stock Purchase Plan

#### **Overview**

On April 21, 2016, the Board of Directors adopted the AmpliPhi Bioscience Corporation 2016 Employee Stock Purchase Plan, or the ESPP, subject to shareholder approval at the annual meeting. There are 120,000 shares of common stock initially reserved for issuance under the ESPP. In this Proposal 3, we are requesting approval by our shareholders of the ESPP.

The material features of the ESPP are outlined below. This summary is qualified in its entirety by reference to the complete text of the ESPP. Shareholders are encouraged to read the actual text of the ESPP, which is appended to this proxy statement as Appendix B and may be accessed from the SEC s website at <a href="https://www.sec.gov">www.sec.gov</a>.

If this Proposal 3 is approved by our shareholders, the ESPP will become effective as of the date of the annual meeting. In the event that our shareholders do not approve this Proposal 3, the ESPP will not become effective.

## **Forecasted Utilization Rates and Dilution**

We manage our long-term shareholder dilution by limiting the number of equity incentive awards granted annually. The Compensation Committee carefully monitors our annual burn rate, dilution, and equity expense to ensure that we maximize shareholders value by granting only the appropriate number of equity incentive awards necessary to attract, reward, and retain employees.

We cannot determine at this time the participants who will be granted options to purchase shares under the ESPP, the amount of any such options or purchases, or the potential value of such options or purchases to participants as the election to participate and the amount of any purchases under the ESPP will be determined by the individual employees in their sole discretion and the purchase price has not yet been determined; however, all participants are subject to the purchase limitations set forth in the ESPP. Under the terms of the proposed ESPP and the anticipated terms of the offerings, the number of shares of our common stock which a participant could purchase during any six month purchase period is limited to 7,000 shares, and the number of shares of our common stock which all participants could purchase during any six month purchase period is limited to 45,000 shares. In addition, the fair market value of shares purchased by an individual participant in the ESPP may not exceed \$25,000 in any calendar year.

# **Purpose**; General

The purpose of the ESPP is to provide a means by which our employees may be given an opportunity to purchase shares of our common stock through payroll deductions, to assist us in retaining the services of our employees, to secure and retain the services of new employees, and to provide incentives for such persons to exert maximum efforts

for our success. If the ESPP is approved by our shareholders, approximately eight of our employees will initially be eligible to participate in the ESPP.

The rights to purchase common stock granted under the ESPP are intended to qualify as options issued under an employee stock purchase plan, as that term is defined in Section 423(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the Code.

#### **Administration**

The Board of Directors administers the ESPP and has the final power to construe and interpret both the ESPP and the rights granted under it. The Board of Directors has the power, subject to the provisions of the ESPP, to determine when and how rights to purchase common stock will be granted, the provisions of each offering of such rights (which need not be identical), and whether employees of any subsidiary of AmpliPhi will be eligible to participate in the ESPP.

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The Board of Directors has the power to delegate administration of the ESPP to a committee comprised of one or more members of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors has delegated administration of the ESPP to the Compensation Committee. As used herein with respect to the ESPP, the Board of Directors refers both to the Board of Directors and to any committee the Board of Directors appoints, including the Compensation Committee.

# **Stock Subject to ESPP**

Subject to approval of this Proposal 3, an aggregate of 120,000 shares of our common stock has been initially reserved for issuance under the ESPP. Additionally, the number of shares of our common stock reserved for issuance under the ESPP will automatically increase on January 1 of each year, beginning on January 1, 2017 and including January 1, 2026, by the lesser of (i) 1% of the total number of shares of our common stock outstanding on December 31 of the preceding calendar year, (ii) 300,000 shares of common stock, or (iii) such lesser number of shares of common stock as determined by the Board of Directors. If purchase rights granted under the ESPP terminate without being exercised, the shares of common stock not purchased under such rights again become available for purchase under the ESPP. The shares of common stock purchasable under the ESPP will be shares of authorized but unissued or reacquired common stock, including shares that may be repurchased by us on the open market. The closing price of our common stock as reported on The NYSE MKT on May 20, 2016 was \$1.57 per share.

# **Offerings**

The ESPP is implemented by offerings of rights to all eligible employees from time to time. The Board of Directors determines the terms and conditions of offerings The maximum length for an offering under the ESPP is twenty-seven (27) months. The provisions of separate offerings need not be identical. When an eligible employee elects to join an offering period, he or she is granted a purchase right to acquire shares of common stock on each purchase date within the offering period. On the purchase date, all payroll deductions collected from the participant during the purchase period are automatically applied to the purchase of common stock, subject to certain limitations (which are described further below under Eligibility).

The Board of Directors currently anticipates that each offering under the ESPP will be 24 months long, consisting of four separate six month purchase periods. The first day of an offering is referred to as an offering date, and the last day of an offering and purchase period is referred to as a purchase date. Subsequent 24 month offerings will commence following the expiration of each offering, unless longer or shorter offerings and/or purchase periods are established and approved by the Board of Directors. If any offering date is not a trading day (*i.e.*, a day on which the NYSE MKT, or any other exchange or market on which shares of our common stock are listed, is not open for trading), then the offering date will fall on the next subsequent trading day, and if the last day of an offering and purchase period falls on a day that is not a trading day, then the purchase date for that offering and purchase period will instead fall on the immediately preceding trading day.

# **Eligibility**

The Board of Directors has the power to exclude certain part-time employees and certain highly compensated employees under applicable tax laws. No employee is eligible to participate in the ESPP if, immediately after the grant of purchase rights, the employee would own, directly or indirectly, stock possessing 5% or more of the total combined voting power or value of all classes of stock or of any parent or subsidiary of AmpliPhi. In addition, no employee may purchase more than \$25,000 worth of common stock (determined based on the fair market value of the shares at the time such rights are granted) under all employee stock purchase plans of AmpliPhi and our subsidiary corporations in any calendar year; provided, that any unused limit in one year may be carried over to a future year to the extent

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# Participation in the ESPP

Eligible employees will generally enroll in the ESPP by delivering to us, prior to the date selected by the Board of Directors as the offering date for the applicable offering, an agreement authorizing payroll deductions. However, for the initial offering under the ESPP which will commence on the date of the annual meeting, we anticipate that each eligible employee will be automatically enrolled in such offering and will

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have a two week period after the date of the annual meeting to elect to either authorize payroll deductions or withdraw from such offering. Currently, such payroll deductions are limited to 15% of an employee s base salary or base wages earned during the offering and other compensation, such as overtime pay, bonuses and commissions, and the spread on the exercise of an option, is excluded from such calculation.

### **Purchase Price**

The purchase price per share at which shares of common stock are sold in an offering under the ESPP may not be less than the lower of (i) 85% of the fair market value of a share of common stock on the first day of the offering period and (ii) 85% of the fair market value of a share of common stock on the purchase date (*i.e.*, the last day of the applicable purchase period). If the scheduled purchase date is not a trading day, the purchase will occur on the immediately preceding trading day.

# Payment of Purchase Price; Payroll Deductions

The purchase price of the shares is funded by accumulated payroll deductions during the offering. All payroll deductions made on behalf of a participant are credited to his or her account under the ESPP and deposited with our general funds.

### **Purchase of Shares**

In connection with offerings made under the ESPP, the Board of Directors may specify a maximum number of shares of common stock an employee may be granted the right to purchase and the maximum aggregate number of shares of common stock that may be purchased pursuant to such offering by all participants. The Board of Directors currently anticipates that the terms of offerings will provide maximum number of shares that may be purchased during any six month purchase period by any single eligible employee will be 7,000 shares and the number purchasable during such six month period by all eligible employees will be 45,000 shares.

If the aggregate number of shares to be purchased upon exercise of all outstanding purchase rights would exceed the number of shares of common stock remaining available under the ESPP, or the maximum number of shares that may be purchased on a single purchase date across all offerings, the Board of Directors would make a pro rata allocation (based on each participant s accumulated payroll deductions) of available shares. Unless the employee s participation is discontinued, his or her right to purchase shares is exercised automatically at the end of the purchase period at the applicable price. See Withdrawal below.

## Withdrawal

Although each participant in the ESPP is required to sign an agreement authorizing payroll deductions, the participant may withdraw from a given offering by terminating his or her payroll deductions and by delivering to us a notice of withdrawal from the ESPP. Such withdrawal may be elected at any time prior to the end of the applicable offering, except as otherwise provided in the offering document.

Upon any withdrawal from an offering by an employee, we will distribute to the employee his or her accumulated payroll deductions without interest (unless otherwise required by applicable local law) and such employee s rights in the offering will be automatically terminated. The employee is not entitled to again participate in that offering. However, an employee s withdrawal from an offering will not prevent such employee from participating in subsequent offerings under the ESPP.

### **Reset Feature**

The Board of Directors has the authority to provide that if the fair market value of a share of our common stock on the first day of any purchase period within a particular offering period is less than or equal to the fair market value on the start date of that offering period, then the participants in that offering period will automatically be transferred and enrolled in a new offering period which will begin on the first day of that purchase period and the participants purchase rights in the original offering period will terminate. The Board of Directors currently anticipates that the terms of offering periods will include such a reset feature.

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# **Termination of Employment**

Unless otherwise specified by the Board of Directors, a participant s rights under any offering under the ESPP terminate immediately upon cessation of an employee s employment for any reason (subject to any post-employment participation period required by law), and we will distribute to such employee all of his or her accumulated payroll deductions, without interest (unless otherwise required by applicable law).

# **Capitalization Adjustment Provisions**

Upon certain transactions by AmpliPhi, such as a merger, consolidation, reorganization, recapitalization, reincorporation, stock dividend, dividend in property other than cash, stock split, liquidating dividend, combination of shares, exchange of shares, change in corporate structure or other similar transaction, the ESPP share reserve, the number and class of shares by which the ESPP share reserve may increase each year pursuant to the evergreen provision, the outstanding purchase rights thereunder, and any purchase limits will be appropriately adjusted as to the type, class, maximum number of shares and purchase price subject thereto.

# **Effect of Certain Corporate Transactions**

In the event of a corporate transaction (as defined in the ESPP and described below), then any surviving or acquiring corporation may assume or continue outstanding purchase rights under the ESPP or may substitute similar rights for outstanding purchase rights. If any surviving or acquiring corporation does not assume or continue such rights or substitute similar rights, then the participants accumulated payroll deductions will be used to purchase shares of common stock within ten business days prior to the corporate transaction under the ongoing offering and the participants rights under the ongoing offering will terminate immediately after such purchase.

A corporate transaction generally means the occurrence, in a single transaction or in a series of related transactions, of any one or more of the following events:

the consummation of a sale or other disposition of all or substantially all, as determined by the Board of Directors in its sole discretion, of the consolidated assets of the Company and its subsidiaries;

the consummation of a sale or other disposition of at least 50% of our outstanding securities; or the consummation of certain specified types of mergers, consolidations or similar transactions.

# **Duration, Amendment and Termination**

The Board of Directors may amend, suspend or terminate the ESPP at any time. However, except in regard to capitalization adjustments (as described above), to the extent shareholder approval is required by applicable law or listing requirements, then any amendment to the ESPP must be approved by our shareholders if the amendment would:

materially increase the number of shares of common stock available for issuance under the ESPP;
materially expand the class of individuals eligible to participate under the ESPP;
materially increase the benefits accruing to participants under the ESPP or materially reduce the price at which shares of common stock may be purchased under the ESPP;

materially extend the term of the ESPP; or expand the types of awards available for issuance under the ESPP.

The Board of Directors may amend outstanding purchase rights without a participant s consent if such amendment is necessary to ensure that the purchase right complies with the requirements of Section 423 of the Code.

Rights granted before amendment or termination of the ESPP will not be impaired by any amendment or termination of the ESPP without the consent of the participant to whom such rights were granted, except as necessary to comply with applicable laws, or as necessary to obtain or maintain favorable tax, listing or regulatory treatment.

### U.S. Federal Income Tax Information

The following is a summary of the principal United States federal income taxation consequences to participants and us with respect to participation in the ESPP. This summary is not intended to be exhaustive and does not discuss the income tax laws of any local, state or foreign jurisdiction in which a participant may reside. The information is based upon current federal income tax rules and therefore is subject to change when those rules change. Because the tax consequences to any participant may depend on his or her particular situation, each participant should consult the participant s tax adviser regarding the federal, state, local, and other tax consequences of the grant or exercise of an option or the disposition of common stock acquired under the ESPP. The ESPP is not qualified under the provisions of Section 401(a) of the Code and is not subject to any of the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security

Act of 1974, as amended.

Purchase rights granted under the ESPP are intended to qualify for favorable federal income tax treatment associated with rights granted under an employee stock purchase plan that qualifies under provisions of Section 423 of the Code.

A participant will be taxed on amounts withheld for the purchase of shares of common stock as if such amounts were actually received. Otherwise, no income will be taxable to a participant as a result of the granting or exercise of a purchase right until disposition of the acquired shares. The taxation upon disposition will depend upon the holding period of the acquired shares.

If the stock is disposed of more than two years after the beginning of the offering period and more than one year after the stock is transferred to the participant, then the lesser of:

(1) the excess of the fair market value of the stock at the time of such disposition over the purchase price, or

(2) the excess of the fair market value of the stock as of the beginning of the offering period over the purchase price (determined as of the beginning of the offering period) will be treated as ordinary income.

Any further gain or any loss will be taxed as a long-term capital gain or loss. At present, such capital gains generally are subject to lower tax rates than ordinary income.

If the stock is sold or disposed of before the expiration of either of the holding periods described above, then the excess of the fair market value of the stock on the purchase date over the purchase price will be treated as ordinary income at the time of such disposition. The balance of any gain will be treated as capital gain. Even if the stock is later disposed of for less than its fair market value on the purchase date, the same amount of ordinary income is attributed to the participant, and a capital loss is recognized equal to the difference between the sales price and the fair market value of the stock on such purchase date. Any capital gain or loss will be short-term or long-term, depending on how long the stock has been held.

There are no federal income tax consequences to us by reason of the grant or exercise of rights under the ESPP. We are entitled to a deduction to the extent amounts are taxed as ordinary income to a participant (subject to the requirement of reasonableness and the satisfaction of tax reporting obligations).

# **New Plan Benefits**

Participation in the ESPP is voluntary and each eligible employee will make his or her own decision regarding whether and to what extent to participate in the ESPP. It is, therefore, not possible to determine the benefits or amounts that will be received in the future by individual employees or groups of employees under the ESPP.

# Vote Required; Recommendation of the Board of Directors

In order for Proposal 3 to be approved, the number of shares that vote For the proposal must exceed the number of shares that vote Against the proposal. Abstentions will be counted towards the vote total for Proposal 3 and will have the same effect as Against votes. Broker non-votes are counted towards a quorum, but are not counted for any purpose in determining whether this matter has been approved.

# The Board of Directors Recommends a Vote For Proposal 3.

# **Proposal 4**

# Approval of the reincorporation of the Company in the State of Delaware, to be effected through a merger with and into a newly formed and wholly owned Delaware subsidiary

# What is the Reincorporation Proposal?

On April 21, 2016, the Board of Directors, which we refer to, for purposes of this Proposal 4, as the Board or the AmpliPhi Board, of AmpliPhi Biosciences Corporation, which we refer to, for the purposes of this Proposal 4, as the Company, AmpliPhi or AmpliPhi Washington, approved a proposal, or the Reincorporation Proposal, to change the state of incorporation of AmpliPhi from Washington to Delaware, or the Reincorporation. The Board believes that the Reincorporation can improve corporate governance, reduce administrative costs, and enhance long-term shareholder value.

The choice of state of domicile is important because state corporate law governs the internal affairs of a corporation. Management and boards of directors of corporations look to state law and judicial interpretations of state law to guide their decision-making on many key issues, including determining appropriate governance policies and procedures, ensuring that boards satisfy their fiduciary obligations to shareholders, and evaluating key strategic alternatives for the corporation, including mergers, acquisitions, and divestitures. After careful consideration of these and other factors as discussed more fully below, the AmpliPhi Board believed that it is in the best interest of AmpliPhi and its shareholders to complete the Reincorporation.

# Where can I find information on the Reincorporation Proposal?

Shareholders are urged to read this proxy statement carefully for information regarding the Reincorporation Proposal, including the related appendices referenced below and attached to this proxy statement, before voting on the Reincorporation. The following discussion summarizes material provisions of the Reincorporation. This summary is subject to and qualified in its entirety by the following reincorporation documents attached as appendices to this proxy statement: the Agreement and Plan of Merger to be executed in connection with the Reincorporation in substantially the form attached hereto as Appendix C, the Delaware Certificate of Incorporation to be effective after the Reincorporation, in the form attached hereto as Appendix D (the Delaware Charter ) and the Delaware Bylaws to be effective after the Reincorporation, in the form attached hereto as Appendix E (the Delaware Bylaws ). Copies of our Amended and Restated Washington Articles of Incorporation, as amended (Washington Charter ) and our Washington Amended and Restated Bylaws (the Washington Bylaws ) are filed publicly as exhibits to our periodic reports and are also available for inspection at our principal office. Copies will be sent to shareholders free of charge upon written request to our Secretary at AmpliPhi Biosciences Corporation at 3579 Valley Centre Drive, Suite 100, San Diego, California 92130.

# Why did our Board of Directors choose Delaware over other jurisdictions?

It is well established that the State of Delaware has been a leader in adopting a comprehensive and coherent set of corporate laws that are responsive to the evolving legal and business needs of corporations. Our Board of Directors believes that the most important criterion in comparing jurisdictions is the existence of a highly developed and predictable corporate law that will guide management and our Board of Directors in addressing the complex and varied decisions faced by public companies. We believe that no other jurisdiction in the United States satisfies this criterion to the same extent as Delaware. In particular, relative to our current domicile in Washington or a domicile in any other state, we believe Delaware will offer us greater predictability and clarity due to characteristics that are unique to the state, which are further discussed below.

#### Predictability, Flexibility and Responsiveness of Delaware Law

Delaware courts have established a jurisprudence that is significantly more thorough and broadly applied with respect to principles of corporate governance than any other state s courts, including the courts in Washington. As a result, corporations domiciled in Delaware have an advantage over companies organized under the laws of other states, because Delaware corporations can draw upon these firmly established and consistently interpreted principles when making business and legal decisions.

We believe that Delaware is the preferred domicile for most major American corporations. According to the Delaware Secretary of State, over 50 percent of all public companies and approximately 64 percent of all Fortune 500 corporations are incorporated in Delaware.

Because of the large number of major corporations domiciled in Delaware, Delaware courts often take the lead in reviewing and deciding important new issues relating to corporate governance and rights and obligations of shareholders and corporations. As Delaware courts were among the first and most influential to address these issues, many corporations in Washington and other states have looked to Delaware laws for guidance on these issues. The Board believes that the clarity provided on these issues is ultimately beneficial to AmpliPhi and our shareholders because it establishes more reliable guidance for corporate governance decisions.

Delaware s court system also provides swift and efficient resolutions in corporate litigation. Delaware has a specialized Court of Chancery that reviews and decides corporate law cases, and appeals to Delaware s Supreme Court can be decided quickly. In addition, Delaware passed the Delaware Rapid Arbitration Act, which became effective on May 4, 2015, and which provides a streamlined arbitration process that will allow for prompt, cost-effective resolution of business disputes.

We have identified the following key benefits of Delaware s corporate legal framework that are available to AmpliPhi after the Reincorporation:

The Delaware General Corporate Law, as amended (the DGCL ), is generally acknowledged to be the most advanced and flexible state corporate statute in the United States;

The Delaware Court of Chancery routinely handles cases involving complex corporate issues with a level of experience and a degree of sophistication and understanding unmatched by other courts in the country; The Delaware Supreme Court is well regarded and is timely and highly responsive in cases involving complex corporate issues;

The well-established body of case law construing Delaware law has developed over the last century and provides businesses with a greater predictability on numerous issues than the case law of most, if not all, other jurisdictions, including, but not limited to, Washington;

The Delaware legislature each year considers and adopts statutory amendments in an effort to ensure that the Delaware corporate statute continues to be responsive to the changing needs of businesses;

Delaware has a user-friendly Office of Secretary of State that facilitates filings and interactions and reduces (as compared to other states) complications and delays that can arise in time sensitive transactions.

# Ability to Have the Delaware Courts Serve as the Exclusive Forum for the Adjudication of Certain Legal Matters

To ensure that we get the full benefits of Delaware s corporate legal framework, the Board has decided to include in the Delaware Charter a provision providing that the Delaware Courts are the exclusive forum for the adjudication of certain legal actions.

Under the exclusive forum provision contained in the Delaware Charter, the state courts of the State of Delaware (or if no state court has jurisdiction, the federal district court for the District of Delaware) will be the exclusive forum for certain actions involving AmpliPhi, unless AmpliPhi consents to an alternative forum. Based on the proposed language in the Delaware Charter, the Delaware courts would be the exclusive forum for (i) derivative actions or proceedings brought on behalf of AmpliPhi; (ii) any action asserting a claim of breach of a fiduciary duty owed by any director, officer or other employee to AmpliPhi or its stockholders; (3) any action asserting a claim against AmpliPhi or any director or officer or other employee arising pursuant to any provision of the DGCL, the Delaware Charter or the Delaware Bylaws; and (4) any action asserting a claim against AmpliPhi or any director or officer or other employee governed by the internal affairs doctrine.

The exclusive forum provision contained in the Delaware Charter is intended to assist AmpliPhi in avoiding multiple lawsuits in multiple jurisdictions on matters relating to the corporate law of Delaware, which will be our state of

incorporation if the Reincorporation Proposal is approved. AmpliPhi believes that the exclusive forum provision in the Delaware Charter will reduce the risk that AmpliPhi could become subject to duplicative litigation in multiple forums, as well as the risk that the outcome of cases in multiple forums

could be inconsistent, even though each forum purports to follow Delaware law. Any of these could expose AmpliPhi to increased expenses or losses.

The exclusive forum provision contained in the Delaware Charter would only regulate the forum where our shareholders may file claims relating to the specified intra-corporate disputes. The exclusive forum provision does not contain any restrictions on the ability of our shareholders to bring such claims, nor the remedies available if such claims are ultimately successful; rather it attempts to prevent AmpliPhi from being forced to waste corporate assets defending against duplicative suits.

Although the Board of Directors believes that the designation of the Delaware Court of Chancery as the exclusive forum for intra-corporate disputes serves the best interests of AmpliPhi and our shareholders as a whole, the Board of Directors also believes that we should retain the ability to consent to an alternative forum on a case-by-case basis. Specifically, where the Board of Directors determines that AmpliPhi s interests and those of our shareholders are best served by permitting a dispute to proceed in a forum other than the Delaware Court of Chancery, the exclusive forum provision in the Delaware Charter permits AmpliPhi to consent to the selection of such alternative forum.

The Board of Directors believes that our shareholders will benefit from having intra-corporate disputes litigated in the Delaware Court of Chancery. Although some plaintiffs might prefer to litigate such matters in a forum outside of Delaware because they perceive another court as more convenient or more favorable to their claims (among other reasons), the Board of Directors believes that the substantial benefits to us and our shareholders as a whole from designating the Delaware Court of Chancery as the exclusive forum for intra-corporate disputes outweigh these concerns. The Delaware Court of Chancery is widely regarded as the preeminent court for the determination of disputes involving a corporation s internal affairs in terms of precedent, experience and focus. The Court s considerable expertise has led to the development of a substantial and influential body of case law interpreting Delaware s corporate law. This provides us and our shareholders with more predictability regarding the outcome of intra-corporate disputes. In addition, the Delaware Court of Chancery has developed streamlined procedures and processes that help provide decisions for litigating parties on a relatively expedited basis. This accelerated schedule can limit the time, cost, and uncertainty of litigation for all parties. Furthermore, there is a significant risk that allowing shareholders to bring such highly sophisticated matters in forums with little familiarity or experience in corporate governance leaves shareholders at risk that foreign jurisdictions may misapply Delaware law.

Without the exclusive forum provision in the Delaware Charter, AmpliPhi remains exposed to the possibility of plaintiffs using AmpliPhi s more diverse operational base to bring claims against AmpliPhi in multiple jurisdictions or choosing a forum state for litigation that may not apply Delaware law to AmpliPhi s internal affairs in the same manner as the Delaware courts would be expected to do so.

# What are the consequences of the Reincorporation?

At the effective time of the Reincorporation, we will be governed by the Delaware Charter, the Delaware Bylaws and the DGCL. Although the Delaware Charter and the Delaware Bylaws contain many similar provisions from our existing Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation, as amended, or the Washington Articles, and Amended and Restated Bylaws, or the Washington Bylaws, there are important differences that are discussed below. See What are the differences between the charters and bylaws of AmpliPhi Washington and AmpliPhi Delaware? What are the material differences between Delaware law and Washington law? below.

After the Reincorporation, our name will remain AmpliPhi Biosciences Corporation. Other than the change in corporate domicile (and certain related changes of a legal nature in our organizational documents, which are described in this proxy statement), the Reincorporation will not result in any change in our name, business operations,

management, board composition, fiscal year, assets, liabilities or net worth, or physical location, nor will it result in any change in location of our current employees, including management. Upon consummation of the Reincorporation, our daily business operations will continue as they are presently conducted. In addition, the Reincorporation will not, we believe, significantly affect any of our material contracts with any third parties and our rights and obligations under these contractual arrangements will continue and be assumed by AmpliPhi Delaware. In addition, upon the effectiveness of the Merger, the directors who are elected at the annual meeting as directors of AmpliPhi will become directors of AmpliPhi

Delaware, and the individuals serving as executive officers of AmpliPhi immediately prior to the Reincorporation will continue to serve as executive officers of AmpliPhi Delaware, without a change in title or responsibilities.

Upon consummation of the Reincorporation, our daily business operations will continue as they are presently conducted at our current principal executive office located at 3579 Valley Centre Drive, Suite 100, San Diego, California 92130.

# What are the differences between the charters and bylaws of AmpliPhi Washington and AmpliPhi Delaware? What are the material differences between Delaware law and Washington law?

Because of differences between the Revised Code of Washington (the RCW) and the DGCL, as well as differences between the Company s charter and bylaws before and after the Reincorporation, the Reincorporation will effect some changes to the rights of the Company s shareholders. Summarized below are the most significant differences between the rights of the shareholders of the Company before and after the Reincorporation, as a result of the differences among the RCW and the DGCL, the Washington Charter and the Delaware Charter, and the Washington Bylaws and the Delaware Bylaws.

The summary below is not intended to be relied upon as an exhaustive list of all differences or a complete description of the differences between the DGCL and the Delaware Charter and Bylaws, on the one hand, and the RCW and the Washington Charter and Bylaws on the other hand. The summary below is qualified in its entirety by reference to the RCW, the Washington Charter, the Washington Bylaws, the DGCL, the Delaware Charter and the Delaware Bylaws.

#### **Authorized Capital Stock**

#### **Delaware Provisions**

AmpliPhi Delaware s authorized capital stock will consist of 150,000,000 authorized shares of common stock, \$0.01 par value, and 10,000,000 authorized shares of preferred stock, \$0.01 par value. All of the shares of AmpliPhi Delaware common stock issued in connection with the Reincorporation will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.

The holders of AmpliPhi Delaware common stock will be entitled to one vote for each share on all matters voted on by shareholders, including the election of directors. The holders of AmpliPhi Delaware common stock will not have any cumulative voting, conversion, redemption or preemptive rights. The holders of AmpliPhi Delaware common stock will be entitled to such dividends as may be declared from time to time by the AmpliPhi Delaware Board of Directors from funds available therefor, and upon liquidation will be entitled to receive pro rata all assets of AmpliPhi Delaware available for distribution to such holders.

#### **Washington Provisions**

The holders of the Company s common stock are entitled to one vote for each share on all matters voted on by shareholders, including the election of directors. The Company s authorized capital stock consists of (i) 670,000,000 authorized shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, and (ii) 10,000,000 authorized shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share. The holders of the Company s common stock do not have any cumulative voting, conversion, redemption or preemptive rights.

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#### Number of Directors: Election; Removal; Filling Vacancies; Independent Directors

#### **Delaware Provisions**

The Delaware Charter and Delaware Bylaws will provide that the number of directors will be fixed from time to time by action of the Board of Directors. Delaware law permits corporations to classify their board of directors so that less than all of the directors are elected each year to overlapping terms. The Delaware Charter will provide for directors to be divided into three classes designated as Class I, Class II and Class III, respectively. The classes correspond to the current classification of the Board. Accordingly, if this proposal is approved at the annual meeting, the term of office of the Class I directors will expire at our 2019 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, the term of office of the Class III directors will expire at our 2017 Annual Meeting of Shareholders and the term of office of the Class III directors will expire at our 2018 annual meeting of shareholders. The term of each class will be three years, beginning on the date of the annual meeting at which

such directors are elected and ending on the date of the third annual meeting thereafter. At the second annual meeting of stockholders following such initial classification, the term of office of the Class II directors shall expire and Class II directors shall be elected for a full term of three years. At the third annual meeting of stockholders following such initial classification, the term of office of the Class III directors shall expire and Class III directors shall be elected for a full term of three years. At each succeeding annual meeting of stockholders, directors shall be elected for a full term of three years to succeed the directors of the class whose terms expire at such annual meeting.

The Delaware Charter and Bylaws provide that the stockholders may remove one or more directors with cause at a special meeting called for the purpose of removing the director, or at an annual meeting, upon the affirmative vote of the holders of at least 66 2/3% of the voting power of all then outstanding shares of capital stock of the corporation entitled to vote generally at an election of the directors. A vacancy on the Board of Directors, whether created as a result of the removal of a director or resulting from an enlargement of the Board of Directors, may only be filled by the affirmative vote of a majority of the directors then in office.

#### **Washington Provisions**

The Washington Bylaws provide that the number of directors shall not be less than one nor more than nine. Under the Washington Charter and Bylaws, the specific number of directors must be set by a resolution of the Board of Directors or the shareholders. The Board is divided into three classes. At each annual meeting of shareholders, the number of directors equal to the number of directors in the class whose term expires at the time of such meeting shall be elected to serve until the third ensuing annual meeting of shareholders. Directors shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified or until their earlier death, resignation or removal from office or until there is a decrease in the number of directors.

The Washington Charter and Bylaws provide that the shareholders may remove one or more directors for cause at a special meeting called for the purpose of removing the director upon the affirmative vote of the holders of at least two-thirds of the shares entitled to elect the director or directors whose removal is sought. A vacancy on the Board of Directors created by the removal of a director shall be filled only by a vote of the holders of at least two-thirds of the shares then entitled to elect the director removed. Any other vacancy may be filled by the shareholders or by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining directors.

Under the RCW, shareholders may remove one or more directors with or without cause unless the articles of incorporation provide that directors may be removed only for cause. A director may be removed by the shareholders only at a special meeting called for that purpose. If a vacancy occurs on the Board of Directors either the shareholders or the directors shall fill the vacancy.

#### **Cumulative Voting for Directors**

#### **Delaware Provisions**

Delaware law permits cumulative voting if provided in the certificate of incorporation. The Delaware Charter does not provide for cumulative voting.

#### **Washington Provisions**

Under Washington law, unless the articles of incorporation provide otherwise, shareholders are entitled to use cumulative voting in the election of directors. The Washington Charter expressly prohibits cumulative voting.

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#### **Business Combinations: Interested Transactions**

#### **Delaware Provisions**

Section 203 of the DGCL provides that, subject to certain exceptions specified therein, a corporation shall not engage in any business combination with any interested stockholder for a three-year period following the date that such stockholder becomes an interested stockholder unless (i) prior to such date, the board of directors of the corporation approved either the business combination or the transaction which resulted in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder, (ii) upon consummation of the transaction which resulted in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder, the interested stockholder owned at least 85% of the voting stock of the corporation outstanding at the time the transaction commenced (excluding shares held by directors who are also officers and employee stock purchase plans in which employee participants do not have

the right to determine confidentially whether plan shares will be tendered in a tender or exchange offer), or (iii) on or subsequent to such date, the business combination is approved by the board of directors of the corporation and by the affirmative vote at an annual or special meeting, and not by written consent, of at least 66- 2/3% of the outstanding voting stock which is not owned by the interested stockholder. Except as specified in Section 203 of the DGCL, an interested stockholder is defined to include (a) any person that is the owner of 15% or more of the outstanding voting stock of the corporation or is an affiliate or associate of the corporation and was the owner of 15% or more of the outstanding voting stock of the corporation, at any time within three years immediately prior to the relevant date, and (b) the affiliates and associates of any such person.

Under certain circumstances, Section 203 of the DGCL may make it more difficult for a person who would be an interested stockholder to effect various business combinations with a corporation for a three-year period, although the corporation s certificate of incorporation or stockholders may elect to exclude a corporation from the restrictions imposed thereunder. The Delaware Charter does not exclude AmpliPhi Delaware from the restrictions imposed under Section 203 of the DGCL. It is anticipated that the provisions of Section 203 of the DGCL may encourage companies interested in acquiring AmpliPhi Delaware to negotiate in advance with AmpliPhi Delaware s Board of Directors, since the stockholder approval requirement would be avoided if a majority of the directors then in office approve either the business combination or the transaction which results in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder.

#### **Washington Provisions**

Section 23B.19.040 of the RCW provides that a Washington public company may not, for a period of five years following the date on which a shareholder becomes the beneficial owner of ten percent or more of the corporation s outstanding shares, without the prior approval of the corporation s board of directors of the transaction or of the acquisition by the shareholder resulting in the shareholder s ownership of ten percent or more of the corporation s outstanding shares, engage in (i) a merger, share exchange, or consolidation with such shareholder or an affiliate of such shareholder, (ii) a sale or other disposition to such shareholder of assets with a value equal to five percent or more of the aggregate market value of all the corporation s assets, or having an aggregate value equal to five percent or more of the aggregate market value of all the outstanding shares of the corporation, or representing five percent or more of the earning power of the corporation, (iii) a termination, as a result of such shareholder s acquisition of ten percent or more of the shares of the corporation, of five percent or more of the employees of the corporation employed in Washington whether at one time or over the five-year period following the date that the shareholder acquires ten percent of the corporation s voting securities, (iv) an issuance, transfer or redemption by the corporation of shares, options or warrants to such shareholder, (v) a liquidation or dissolution proposed by or pursuant to an agreement with such shareholder, (vi) a reclassification of securities, including any share splits, share dividend or other distribution of shares in respect of stock, proposed by or pursuant to any agreement with such shareholder that has the effect of increasing the proportionate share of the outstanding shares of a class of shares owned by such shareholder, or (vii) a transaction with such shareholder in which the corporation makes any loans or advances to such shareholder or provides other financial assistance or tax credits or other tax advantages to such shareholder through the target corporation.

The Company is not aware of any specific effort by any party to assume control of the Company. Because the RCW includes provisions affecting acquisitions and business combinations, the possibility that Section 203 of the DGCL may impede the accomplishment of mergers with, or the assumption of control of, the Company is not among the principal reasons for the Reincorporation.

#### **Limitation of Liability of Directors**

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#### **Delaware Provisions**

The DGCL permits a corporation to include a provision in its certificate of incorporation eliminating or limiting the personal liability of a director to the corporation or its stockholders for damages for certain breaches of the director's fiduciary duty. However, no such provision may eliminate or limit the liability of a director: (i) for any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the corporation or its stockholders; (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law; (iii) for declaration of unlawful dividends or illegal redemptions or stock repurchases; or (iv) for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit.

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The Delaware Charter provides that the liability of the directors for monetary damages shall be eliminated to the fullest extent allowed under applicable law. While these provisions provide directors with protection from awards for monetary damages for breaches of their duty of care, they do not eliminate such duty. Accordingly, these provisions will have no effect on the availability of equitable remedies such as an injunction or rescission based on a director s breach of his or her duty of care.

#### **Washington Provisions**

The RCW permits a corporation to include in its articles of incorporation provisions that eliminate or limit the personal liability of a director to the corporation or its shareholders for monetary damages for conduct as a director, provided that such provisions may not eliminate or limit the liability of a director for acts or omissions that involve (i) intentional misconduct by the director or a knowing violation of law by a director, (ii) liability for unlawful distributions, or (iii) for any transaction from which the director will personally receive a benefit in money, property or services to which the director is not legally entitled.

The Washington Charter provides that a director of the Company will not be liable to the corporation or its shareholders for monetary damages for any conduct as a director to the fullest extent permitted by the RCW.

#### **Indemnification of Officers and Directors**

Both the RCW and the DGCL permit a corporation to indemnify officers, directors, employees and agents for actions taken in good faith and in a manner they reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the corporation, and with respect to any criminal action, which they had no reasonable cause to believe was unlawful. Both states laws provide that a corporation may advance expenses of defense (upon receipt of a written undertaking to reimburse the corporation if indemnification is not appropriate), and both states permit a corporation to purchase and maintain liability insurance for its directors and officers.

#### **Delaware Provisions**

The DGCL provides that indemnification may not be made for any matter as to which a person has been adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be liable to the corporation, unless and only to the extent a court determines that the person is entitled to indemnity for such expenses as the court deems proper.

The Delaware Bylaws provide that AmpliPhi Delaware shall indemnify directors, officers and agents to the fullest extent permitted by the DGCL or other applicable law and that AmpliPhi Delaware may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was serving as a director, officer, employee or agent of the Company. The Delaware Charter provides that AmpliPhi Delaware is authorized to indemnify its directors, officers and agents to the maximum extent permitted by applicable law through bylaw provisions or agreements with such persons.

#### **Washington Provisions**

The RCW provides that a corporation may not indemnify a director in connection with a proceeding in which the director was adjudged liable to the corporation or in connection with any other proceeding charging improper personal benefit to the director in which the director was adjudged liable on the basis that personal benefit was improperly received by the director.

The Washington Bylaws provide that each person who was, is or is threatened to be made a named party to or is otherwise involved (including, without limitation, as a witness) in any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative and whether formal or informal, by reason of the

fact that he or she is or was a director or officer of the corporation or, that being or having been such a director or officer or an employee of the corporation, he or she is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee or agent of another corporation or of a partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise, whether the basis of a proceeding is alleged action in an official capacity as such a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee or agent or in any other capacity while serving as such a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee or agent, shall be indemnified and held harmless by the corporation against all expense, liability and loss actually and reasonably incurred or suffered by such indemnitee in connection therewith, and such indemnification shall continue as to an indemnitee who has ceased to be a director, officer, partner, trustee, employee or agent and shall inure to the benefit of the indemnitee's heirs, executors and administrators.

#### **Special Meetings of Shareholders**

#### **Delaware Provisions**

Under the DGCL, a special meeting of stockholders may be called by the corporation s board of directors or by such persons as may be authorized by the corporation s certificate of incorporation or bylaws. The Delaware Bylaws provide that a special meeting may be called at any time by (i) the Chairman of the Board, (ii) the Chief Executive Officer, or (iii) the Board of Directors pursuant to a resolution adopted by a majority of the total number of authorized directors.

#### **Washington Provisions**

Under the RCW, a corporation must hold a special meeting of shareholders upon request by the board of directors or by such persons authorized to do so by the articles of incorporation or bylaws. A corporation must also hold a special meeting of shareholders if the holders of at least ten percent of all votes entitled to be cast at a special meeting deliver to the corporation a demand for a special meeting. However, a corporation that is a public company may in its articles of incorporation limit or deny the right of shareholders to call a special meeting. A corporation other than a public company may require that shareholders who hold a greater amount than ten percent of the outstanding shares may call a special meeting of shareholders provided that the amount is not greater than twenty-five percent.

The Washington Charter and Bylaws provide that special meetings of shareholders may be called by (i) the Board, (ii) the Chairman of the Board, (iii) the President of the Company or (iv) upon written demand by the holders of at least 30% of all the votes entitled to be cast on any issue proposed to be considered at such meeting.

#### Amendment or Repeal of the Certificate of Incorporation

#### **Delaware Provisions**

Under the DGCL, unless the certificate of incorporation otherwise provides, amendments to the certificate of incorporation generally require the approval of the holders of a majority of the outstanding stock entitled to vote thereon, and if the amendment would increase or decrease the number of authorized shares of any class or series or the par value of such shares, or would adversely affect the rights, powers or preferences of such class or series, a majority of the outstanding stock of such class or series also would have to approve the amendment. The Delaware Charter provides that the affirmative vote of the holders of at least 66 2/3% of the voting power of all of the then-outstanding shares of capital stock of the Company entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, voting as a single class, is required to amend certain provisions of the Delaware Charter, including those related to the Board, indemnification of directors and officers, forum selection, and amendment of the Delaware Charter.

#### **Washington Provisions**

Under the RCW, the board of directors may amend the Company's articles of incorporation without shareholder approval (i) to change any provisions with respect to the par value of any class of shares, (ii) to delete the names and addresses of the initial directors, (iii) to delete the name and address of the initial registered agent or registered officer, (iv) if the corporation has only one class of shares outstanding, solely to effect a forward or reverse stock split, or (v) to change the corporate name. Other amendments to the articles of incorporation must be approved, in the case of a public company, by a majority of the votes entitled to be cast on the proposed amendment. The Washington Charter provides that the Company reserves the right to amend or repeal any provision by the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares, except that certain provisions relating to the bylaws, the board of directors, amendments of the charter, special meetings of shareholders and special voting requirements may only be amended by

the affirmative vote of the holders of two-thirds of the outstanding shares.

#### Amendment to Bylaws

#### **Delaware Provisions**

Under the DGCL, directors may amend the bylaws of a corporation only if such right is expressly conferred upon the directors in its certificate of incorporation. The Delaware Bylaws provide that the Delaware Bylaws may be amended by the Board of Directors or upon the affirmative vote of the holders of at least 66 2/3% of

the voting power of all of the then-outstanding shares of the capital stock of the corporation entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, voting together as a single class.

#### **Washington Provisions**

The RCW provides that the board of directors may amend or repeal the corporation s bylaws unless the articles of incorporation reserve this power exclusively to the shareholders or the shareholders, in amending or repealing a particular bylaw, provide expressly that the board of directors may not amend or repeal that bylaw. The shareholders may also amend or repeal the corporation s bylaws, or adopt new bylaws, even though the bylaws may also be amended or repealed by the board of directors. The Washington Charter and Bylaws provide that the Board of Directors has the power to adopt, amend or repeal the bylaws of the Company subject to approval by a majority of the Continuing Directors (defined as any member of the Board of Directors who was a member of the Board of Directors on January 1, 1994 or who is elected to the Board of Directors after January 1, 1994 upon the recommendation of a majority of the Continuing Directors voting separately and as a subclass of Directors on such recommendation), other than any bylaw that the shareholders have expressly provided may not be amended or repealed by the Board. The Washington Bylaws may also be amended by the affirmative vote of the holders of at least two-thirds of the outstanding shares.

#### Merger with Subsidiary

#### **Delaware Provisions**

The DGCL provides that a parent corporation may merge into a subsidiary and a subsidiary may merge into its parent, without stockholder approval, where such parent corporation owns at least 90% of the outstanding shares of each class of capital stock of its subsidiary.

#### **Washington Provisions**

The RCW provides that a parent corporation may merge a subsidiary into itself without shareholder approval if the parent corporation owns at least 90% of the outstanding shares of each class of capital stock of its subsidiary.

#### **Committees of the Board of Directors**

#### **Delaware Provisions**

The DGCL provides that the board of directors may delegate certain of its duties to one or more committees elected by a majority of the board of directors. A Delaware corporation can delegate to a committee of the board of directors, among other things, the responsibility of nominating candidates for election to the office of director, to fill vacancies on the board of directors, to reduce earned or capital surplus, and to authorize the acquisition of the corporation s own stock. Moreover, if the corporation s certificate of incorporation or bylaws, or the resolution of the board of directors creating the committee so permits, a committee of the board of directors may declare dividends and authorize the issuance of stock.

#### **Washington Provisions**

The RCW also provides that the board of directors may delegate certain of its duties to one or more committees elected by a majority of the board of directors. Under the RCW, each committee may exercise such powers of the board of directors specified by the board of directors; however, a committee may not (i) authorize or approve a distribution except in accordance with a general formula or method prescribed by the board of directors, (ii) approve

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or propose to shareholders any action that the RCW requires be approved by shareholders, (iii) fill vacancies on the board of directors or on any of its committees, (iv) amend the articles of incorporation, (v) adopt, amend or repeal bylaws, (vi) approve a plan of merger not requiring shareholder approval, or (vii) approve the issuance or sale of shares or determine the designation and relative rights, preferences and limitations of a class or series of shares.

#### Mergers, Acquisitions and Transactions with Controlling Shareholder

#### **Delaware Provisions**

Under the DGCL, a merger, consolidation, sale of all or substantially all of a corporation s assets other than in the regular course of business or dissolution of a corporation must be approved by a majority of the outstanding shares entitled to vote. No vote of stockholders of a constituent corporation surviving a merger,

however, is required (unless the corporation provides otherwise in its certificate of incorporation) if (i) the merger agreement does not amend the certificate of incorporation of the surviving corporation; (ii) each share of stock of the surviving corporation outstanding before the merger is an identical outstanding or treasury share after the merger; and (iii) the number of shares to be issued by the surviving corporation in the merger does not exceed twenty percent (20%) of the shares outstanding immediately prior to the merger. The Delaware Charter does not make any provision with respect to such mergers.

#### **Washington Provisions**

Under the RCW, a merger, share exchange, consolidation, sale of substantially all of a corporation s assets other than in the regular course of business, or dissolution of a public corporation must be approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of directors when a quorum is present, and by two-thirds of all votes entitled to be cast by each voting group entitled to vote as a separate group, unless a higher or lower proportion is specified in the articles of incorporation.

The Washington Charter provides that if a merger is approved by a majority of the Continuing Directors (as defined in the Washington Charter), and is otherwise required to be approved by the Company s shareholders, such merger shall require the affirmative vote of not less than fifty-one percent (51%) of the outstanding shares entitled to vote thereon.

The RCW also provides that certain mergers need not be approved by the shareholders of the surviving corporation if (i) the articles of incorporation will not change in the merger, except for specified permitted amendments; (ii) no change occurs in the number, designations, preferences, limitations and relative rights of shares held by those shareholders who were shareholders prior to the merger; (iii) the number of voting shares outstanding immediately after the merger, plus the voting shares issuable as a result of the merger, will not exceed the authorized voting shares specified in the surviving corporation s articles of incorporation immediately prior to the merger; and (iv) the number of participating shares outstanding immediately after the merger, plus the number of participating shares issuable as a result of the merger, will not exceed the authorized participating shares specified in the corporation s articles of incorporation immediately prior to the merger.

#### **Class Voting**

#### **Delaware Provisions**

The DGCL requires voting by separate classes only with respect to amendments to the certificate of incorporation that adversely affect the holders of those classes or that increase or decrease the aggregate number of authorized shares or the par value of the shares of any of those classes.

#### **Washington Provisions**

Under the RCW, a corporation s articles of incorporation may authorize one or more classes of shares that have special, conditional or limited voting rights, including the right to vote on certain matters as a group. Under the RCW, a corporation s articles of incorporation may not limit the rights of holders of a class to vote as a group with respect to certain amendments to the articles of incorporation and certain mergers that adversely affect the rights of holders of that class.

#### **Preemptive Rights**

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#### **Delaware Provisions**

Under Delaware law, a stockholder does not have preemptive rights unless such rights are specifically granted in the certificate of incorporation. The Delaware Charter does not specifically grant any preemptive rights.

#### **Washington Provisions**

Under Washington law, a shareholder has preemptive rights unless such rights are specifically denied in the articles of incorporation. The Washington Charter states that shareholders do not have any preemptive rights.

#### **Transactions with Officers and Directors**

#### **Delaware Provisions**

The DGCL provides that contracts or transactions between a corporation and one or more of its officers or directors or an entity in which they have an interest are not void or voidable solely because of such interest or

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the participation of the director or officer in a meeting of the board of directors or a committee which authorizes the contract or transaction if (i) the material facts as to the relationship or interest and as to the contract or transaction are disclosed or are known to the board of directors or the committee, and the board of directors or committee in good faith authorizes the contract or transaction by the affirmative votes of a majority of disinterested directors, even though the disinterested directors are less than a quorum; (ii) the material facts as to the relationship or interest and as to the contract or transaction are disclosed or are known to the stockholders entitled to vote thereon, and the contract or transaction is specifically approved in good faith by vote of the stockholders; or (iii) the contract or transaction is fair as to the corporation as of the time it is authorized, approved or ratified by the board of directors, a committee thereof or the stockholders.

#### **Washington Provisions**

The RCW sets forth a safe harbor for transactions between a corporation and one or more of its directors. A conflicting interest transaction may not be enjoined, set aside or give rise to damages if (i) it is approved by a majority of the qualified directors on the board of directors or an authorized committee, but in either case no fewer than two qualified directors; (ii) it is approved by a majority of all qualified shares; or (iii) at the time of commitment, the transaction was fair to the corporation. For purposes of this provision, qualified director is one who does not have (a) a conflicting interest respecting the transaction; or (b) a familial, financial, professional or employment relationship with a non-qualified director which relationship would reasonably be expected to exert an influence on the qualified director s judgment when voting on the transaction. Qualified shares are defined generally as shares other than those beneficially owned, or the voting of which is controlled, by a director who has a conflicting interest respecting the transaction.

#### **Stock Redemptions and Repurchases**

#### **Delaware Provisions**

Under the DGCL, a Delaware corporation may purchase or redeem its own shares of capital stock, except when the capital of the corporation is impaired or when such purchase or redemption would cause any impairment of the capital of the corporation.

#### **Washington Provisions**

A Washington corporation may acquire its own shares.

#### **Proxies**

#### **Delaware Provisions**

Under the DGCL, a proxy executed by a stockholder will remain valid for a period of three years unless the proxy provides for a longer period.

#### **Washington Provisions**

Under the RCW, a proxy executed by a shareholder will remain valid for eleven months unless a longer period is expressly provided in the appointment.

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#### **Consideration for Stock**

#### **Delaware Provisions**

Under the DGCL, a corporation may accept as consideration for its stock a combination of cash, property or past services in an amount not less than the par value of the shares being issued, and a secured promissory note or other binding obligation executed by the subscriber for any balance, the total of which must equal at least the par value of the issued stock, as determined by the board of directors.

#### **Washington Provisions**

Under the RCW, a corporation may issue its capital stock in return for consideration consisting of any tangible or intangible property or benefit to the corporation, including cash, promissory notes, services performed, contracts for services to be performed, or other securities of the corporation.

#### **Shareholders Rights to Examine Books and Records**

#### **Delaware Provisions**

The DGCL provides that any stockholder of record may demand to examine the corporation s books and records for any proper purpose. If management of the corporation refuses, the stockholder can compel release of the books by court order.

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#### **Washington Provisions**

The RCW provides that upon five business days notice to the corporation a shareholder is entitled to inspect and copy, during regular business hours at the corporation sprincipal office, the corporation sarticles of incorporation, bylaws, minutes of all shareholders meetings for the past three years, certain financial statements for the past three years, communications to shareholders within the past three years, list of the names and business addresses of the current directors and officers and the corporation smost recent annual report delivered to the secretary of state. Upon five business days notice, so long as the shareholder s demand is made in good faith and for a proper purpose, the shareholder describes with reasonable particularity the shareholder s purpose and the records the shareholder desires to inspect, and the records are directly connected with the shareholder s purpose, a shareholder may inspect and copy excerpts from minutes of any meeting of the board of directors or other records of actions of the board of directors, accounting records of the corporation and the record of shareholders.

#### Appraisal and Dissenters Rights

Under the DGCL and the RCW, shareholders have appraisal or dissenter s rights, respectively, in the event of certain corporate actions such as a merger. These rights include the right to dissent from voting to approve such corporate action, and demand fair value for the shares of the dissenting shareholder. If a proposed corporate action creating dissenters rights is submitted to a vote at a shareholders meeting, a shareholder who wishes to assert dissenters rights must (i) deliver to the corporation, before the vote is taken, written notice of his intent to demand payment for his shares if the proposed action is effected, and (ii) not vote his shares in favor of the proposed action. If fair value is unsettled, the DGCL and the RCW provide for the dissenter and the company to petition the Court of Chancery or a superior court of the county in Washington where a corporation s principal office or registered office is located, respectively. Although appraisal or dissenter s rights are substantially similar in Delaware and Washington, this discussion is qualified in its entirety by reference to the DGCL and the RCW, which provide more specific provisions and requirements for dissenting shareholders.

#### **Dividends**

#### **Delaware Provisions**

The DGCL provides that the corporation may pay dividends out of surplus, out of the corporation s net profits for the preceding fiscal year, or both, provided that there remains in the stated capital account an amount equal to the par value represented by all shares of the corporation s stock having a distribution preference.

#### **Washington Provisions**

The RCW provides that shares may be issued pro rata and without consideration to the corporation s shareholders as a share dividend. The board of directors may authorize distributions to its shareholders provided that no distribution may be made if after giving it effect, the corporation would not be able to pay its liabilities as they become due in the usual course of business or the corporation s total assets would be less than the sum of its total liabilities plus the amount that would be needed if the corporation were to be dissolved at the time of the distribution, to satisfy the preferential rights upon dissolution of shareholders whose preferential rights are superior to those receiving the distribution.

#### **Corporate Action Without a Shareholder Meeting**

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#### **Delaware Provisions**

The DGCL permits corporate action without a meeting of stockholders upon the written consent of the holders of that number of shares necessary to authorize the proposed corporate action being taken, unless the certificate of incorporation or articles of incorporation expressly provide otherwise. The Delaware Charter provides that no action may be taken by the stockholders of the Company except at an annual or special meeting.

#### **Washington Provisions**

If the corporation is a public company, the RCW only permits action by shareholders without a meeting if the action is taken by all shareholders entitled to vote on the action. The Washington Bylaws provide that any action which could be taken at a meeting of the shareholders may be taken without a meeting if one or more written consents setting forth the action so taken are signed by all shareholders entitled to vote.

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## Will I have dissenters rights as a result of the Reincorporation?

Under the RCW, shareholders of the Company are or may be entitled to assert dissenters—rights as a result of the proposed Reincorporation. Shareholders who oppose the Reincorporation may be entitled to assert the right to receive payment for the value of their shares as set forth in Chapter 23B.13 of the RCW. A copy of this section is attached hereto as Appendix C to this Proxy Statement. These provisions are very technical in nature and should be carefully reviewed by any shareholder wishing to assert such rights.

A shareholder who wishes to assert dissenters—rights must (a) deliver to the Company before the vote is taken written notice of the shareholder—s intent to demand payment for the shareholder—s shares if the Reincorporation is effected, and (b) not vote such shares in favor of the Reincorporation. The Company will not treat a vote against this proposal as a notice sufficient to meet such requirements. A vote for this proposal will serve as a waiver of dissenters—rights—pursuant to Chapter 23B.13 of the RCW.

### How will the Reincorporation be implemented?

Subject to shareholder approval at the annual meeting and certain other conditions, the Reincorporation will be effected by means of a merger pursuant to the terms of the Agreement and Plan of Merger, or the Merger Agreement, between AmpliPhi and AmpliPhi Biosciences Corporation, a Delaware corporation, or AmpliPhi Delaware, recently formed solely for the purpose of effecting the Reincorporation. Under the Merger Agreement, AmpliPhi will merge with and into AmpliPhi Delaware and, following the effectiveness of the merger, which we refer to as the Merger, AmpliPhi will cease to exist and AmpliPhi Delaware will become the surviving entity. Upon effectiveness of the Reincorporation, AmpliPhi Delaware will be the successor in interest to AmpliPhi and the shareholders of AmpliPhi will become stockholders of AmpliPhi Delaware.

### What is the timing of the Reincorporation?

If shareholders approve the Reincorporation at the annual meeting, we intend to cause the Reincorporation to become effective as soon as practicable, subject to the completion of certain legal formalities, including obtaining certain consents and approval by third parties. The Reincorporation will become effective upon the filing of a Certificate of Merger or similar document with the Secretary of State of Delaware.

### Does AmpliPhi have the right to abandon the Reincorporation?

Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, AmpliPhi and AmpliPhi Delaware agree to take all actions that Delaware law and Washington law require for AmpliPhi and AmpliPhi Delaware to effect the Reincorporation, subject to the approval of the Reincorporation by the shareholders of AmpliPhi and the sole shareholder of AmpliPhi Delaware.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Merger Agreement provides that the Board of Directors may abandon the Reincorporation at any time prior to its consummation if the Board of Directors determines that the Reincorporation is inadvisable for any reason. For example, Delaware or Washington law may be changed to reduce the benefits that we hope to achieve through the Reincorporation, or the costs of operating as a Delaware corporation may be increased, although we do not know of any such changes under consideration. The Merger Agreement may be amended at any time prior to its consummation, either before or after the shareholders have voted to adopt the proposal, subject to applicable law. We will re-solicit shareholder approval of the Reincorporation if the terms of the Merger Agreement are changed in any material respect.

## What will happen to my shares of common stock as a result of the Reincorporation?

On the effective date of the Merger, each outstanding share of common stock of AmpliPhi will be automatically converted into one share of common stock of AmpliPhi Delaware. Any stock certificate representing issued and outstanding shares of common stock of AmpliPhi will continue to represent the same number of shares of common stock of AmpliPhi Delaware.

ANY SHARE CERTIFICATES CURRENTLY ISSUED FOR OUR SHARES WILL AUTOMATICALLY REPRESENT SHARES IN AMPLIPHI DELAWARE UPON COMPLETION OF THE MERGER, AND SHAREHOLDERS WILL NOT BE REQUIRED TO SURRENDER OR EXCHANGE ANY SHARE CERTIFICATES AS A RESULT OF THE REINCORPORATION.

## Will the common stock continue to be listed for trading after the Reincorporation?

Our common stock is listed for trading on the NYSE MKT under the ticker symbol APHB. After the Reincorporation, AmpliPhi Delaware s common stock would continue to be traded on the NYSE MKT without interruption, under the same symbol.

## Will the reincorporation impact AmpliPhi Washington s registration statements with the SEC?

No. The registration statements of AmpliPhi Washington on file with the SEC immediately prior to the Reincorporation will be assumed by AmpliPhi Delaware.

## What will be the impact of the Reincorporation on AmpliPhi s Employee Benefit and Incentive Compensation Plans?

Each outstanding option and restricted stock unit to purchase or receive shares of our common stock will be converted into an option and restricted stock unit, respectively, to purchase or receive the same number of shares of AmpliPhi Delaware common stock with no other changes in the terms and conditions of such award. Shareholders should note that approval of this proposal would also constitute approval of the assumption by AmpliPhi Delaware of the 2009 Stock Incentive Plan, 2012 Stock Incentive Plan, 2013 Stock Incentive Plan, and, if approved by shareholders at the annual meeting, the 2016 Equity Incentive Plan and the 2016 Employee Stock Purchase Plan. Up to 723,431 shares of common stock remain available for issuance under the 2013 Stock Incentive Plan, and, if approved by shareholders at the annual meeting, up to 2,373,000 shares of common stock may be issued under the 2016 Equity Incentive Plan and up to 120,000 shares of common stock may be issued under the 2016 Employee Stock Purchase Plan. AmpliPhi s other employee benefit arrangements would also be continued by AmpliPhi Delaware upon the terms and subject to the conditions in effect prior to the Reincorporation.

## Interest of AmpliPhi s Directors and Executive Officers in the Reincorporation

Our shareholders should be aware that certain of our directors and executive officers may have interests in the transaction that are different from, or in addition to, the interests of the shareholders generally. For example, the Reincorporation may be of benefit to our directors and officers by reducing their potential personal liability and increasing the scope of permitted indemnification, by strengthening directors—ability to resist a takeover bid, and in other respects. The Board of Directors was aware of these interests and considered them, among other matters, in reaching its decision to approve the Reincorporation and to recommend that our shareholders vote in favor of this proposal.

### **Accounting Consequences Associated with the Reincorporation**

The consolidated financial condition and results of operations of AmpliPhi Delaware immediately after consummation of the Reincorporation will be substantially identical as those of AmpliPhi immediately prior to the consummation of the Reincorporation. We believe that there will be no material accounting impact as a result of the Reincorporation.

## **Certain U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences**

The following discussion summarizes certain U.S. federal income tax consequences of the Reincorporation to holders of our common stock. The discussion is based on the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the Code, regulations promulgated under the Code by the U.S. Treasury Department (including proposed and temporary regulations), rulings, current administrative interpretations and official pronouncements of the Internal Revenue Service, or the IRS, and judicial decisions, all as currently in effect and all of which are subject to differing interpretations or to change, possibly with retroactive effect. Such change could materially and adversely affect the tax consequences described below. No assurance can be given that the IRS would not assert, or that a court would not sustain, a position contrary to any of the tax consequences described herein. No ruling from the IRS has been or will be sought with respect to any aspect of the transactions described herein.

This discussion is for general information only, and does not purport to discuss all potential tax effects of the Reincorporation. For example, it does not consider the effect of any applicable state, local, or non-U.S. tax laws, or any non-income tax laws (such as estate and gift tax laws). In addition, it does not address all aspects

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of U.S. federal income taxation that may affect particular holders in light of their particular investment or tax circumstances, including, without limitation, holders subject to special tax rules, such as partnerships, subchapter S corporations or other entities that are fiscally transparent for U.S. federal income tax purposes, banks, financial institutions, tax-exempt entities, insurance companies, regulated investment companies, real estate investment trusts, trusts and estates, dealers in stocks, securities or currencies, traders in securities that have elected to use the mark-to-market method of accounting for their securities, persons holding our common stock as part of an integrated transaction, including a straddle, hedge, constructive sale, or conversion transaction, persons whose functional currency for tax purposes is not the U.S. dollar, persons who acquired our common stock pursuant to the exercise of stock options or otherwise as compensation, persons whose common stock constitutes qualified business stock with the meaning of Section 1202 of the Code, and persons who are not U.S. persons as defined below. This summary also does not consider any alternative minimum or Medicare net investment income tax considerations. Furthermore, this discussion does not address the tax consequences of transactions occurring prior to or after the Reincorporation (whether or not such transactions are in connection with the Reincorporation).

This discussion is directed solely to holders that hold our common stock as capital assets within the meaning of Section 1221 of the Code, which generally means as property held for investment. In addition, the following discussion only addresses U.S. persons for U.S. federal income tax purposes, generally defined as beneficial owners of our common stock who are:

Individuals who are citizens or residents of the United States for U.S. federal income tax purposes; Corporations (including an entity treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes) created or organized in or under the laws of the United States or of any state of the United States or the District of Columbia;

Estates the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income taxation regardless of its source; Trusts if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of any such trust and one or more U.S. persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of such trust; or Trusts in existence on August 20, 1996 that have valid elections in effect under applicable Treasury regulations to be treated as U.S. persons.

Holders of our common stock who are not covered by this summary, including partners of partnerships and owners of other pass-through entities holding our capital stock, should consult their own tax advisors.

This discussion does not purport to be a complete analysis of all of the Reincorporation s tax consequences that may be relevant to holders. We urge you to consult your own tax advisor regarding your particular circumstances and the U.S. federal income and other federal tax consequences to you of the Reincorporation, as well as any tax consequences arising under the laws of any state, local, foreign or other tax jurisdiction and the possible effects of changes in U.S. federal or other tax laws.

Subject to the caveats and qualifications noted above, we believe:

The Reincorporation will constitute a tax-free reorganization under Section 368(a) of the Code; No gain or loss will be recognized by holders on the exchange of their AmpliPhi Washington common stock on receipt of AmpliPhi Delaware common stock pursuant to the Reincorporation;

The aggregate tax basis of AmpliPhi Delaware common stock received by each holder will equal the aggregate tax basis of the AmpliPhi Washington common stock surrendered by such holder in exchange therefor; and

The holding period of the AmpliPhi Delaware common stock received by each holder will include the period during which such holder held the AmpliPhi Washington common stock surrendered in exchange therefor.

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## **Vote Required**

Votes For the proposal by at least 51% of the outstanding shares of common stock on the record date is required to approve the Reincorporation Proposal. Approval of this Reincorporation Proposal will constitute approval of the Merger Agreement and therefore the Reincorporation itself. A vote in favor of the Reincorporation Proposal is also effectively a vote to approve the form of the Delaware Charter and the Delaware Bylaws. If the shareholders approve the Merger Agreement and the Reincorporation is effected, the Delaware Charter and the Delaware Bylaws will become the certificate of incorporation and bylaws of the surviving corporation.

# The Board of Directors Recommends a Vote For Proposal 4.

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