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FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2016
or

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____
Commission File Number 001-36845
Bellerophon Therapeutics, Inc.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)
Delaware 47-3116175
(State or other jurisdiction of (I.R.S. Employer
incorporation or organization) Identification No.)
184 Liberty Corner Road, Suite 302 07059
Warren, New Jersey (Zip Code)
(Address of principal executive offices)
(908) 574-4770
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes ☒ No ☐

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

Large accelerated filer ☐ Accelerated filer ☐
Non-accelerated filer ☐ (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company ☒

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

The number of shares outstanding of the registrant's common stock as of May 5, 2016: 13,475,196

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REFERENCES TO BELLEROPHON

In this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, unless otherwise stated or the context otherwise requires:

- references to the “Company,” “Bellerophon,” “we,” “us” and “our” following the date of the Corporate Conversion refer to Bellerophon Therapeutics, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries;
- references to the “Company,” “Bellerophon,” “we,” “us” and “our” prior to the date of the Corporate Conversion refer to Bellerophon Therapeutics LLC and its consolidated subsidiaries; and
- references to the “Corporate Conversion” or “corporate conversion” refer to all of the transactions related to the conversion of Bellerophon Therapeutics LLC into Bellerophon Therapeutics, Inc., including the conversion of all of the outstanding units of Bellerophon Therapeutics LLC into shares of common stock of Bellerophon Therapeutics, Inc.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q contains forward-looking statements that involve substantial risks and uncertainties. All statements, other than statements of historical facts, contained in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, including statements regarding our future results of operations and financial position, business strategy and plans and objectives of management for future operations, are forward-looking statements. The words “may,” “will,” “should,” “expects,” “plans,” “anticipates,” “could,” “intends,” “target,” “projects,” “contemplates,” “believes,” “estimates,” “potential” or “continue” or the negative of these terms or other similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements, although not all forward-looking statements contain these identifying words.

The forward-looking statements in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q include, among other things, statements about:

- the timing of the ongoing and expected clinical trials of our product candidates, including statements regarding the timing of completion of the trials and the respective periods during which the results of the trials will become available;
- the timing of and our ability to obtain marketing approval of our product candidates, and the ability of our product candidates to meet existing or future regulatory standards;
- our ability to comply with government laws and regulations;
- our commercialization, marketing and manufacturing capabilities and strategy;
- our estimates regarding the potential market opportunity for our product candidates;
- the timing of or our ability to enter into partnerships to market and commercialize our product candidates;
- the rate and degree of market acceptance of any product candidate for which we receive marketing approval;
- our intellectual property position;
- our estimates regarding expenses, future revenues, capital requirements and needs for additional funding and our ability to obtain additional funding;
- the success of competing treatments;
- our competitive position; and
- our expectations regarding the time during which we will be an “emerging growth company” under the Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act of 2012.

We may not actually achieve the plans, intentions or expectations disclosed in our forward-looking statements, and you should not place undue reliance on our forward-looking statements. Actual results or events could differ materially from the plans, intentions and expectations disclosed in the forward-looking statements we make. We have included important factors in the cautionary statements included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015, particularly in the “Risk Factors” section, that could cause actual results or events to differ materially from the forward-looking statements that we make. Our forward-looking statements do not reflect the potential impact of any future acquisitions, mergers, dispositions, joint ventures or investments we may make.

You should read this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and the documents that we have filed as exhibits to this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q completely and with the understanding that our actual future results may be materially different from what we expect. We do not assume any obligation to update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by applicable law.

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q includes statistical and other industry and market data that we obtained from industry publications and research, surveys and studies conducted by third parties. Industry publications and third-party research, surveys and studies generally indicate that their information has been obtained from sources believed to be reliable, although they do not guarantee the accuracy or completeness of such information.

PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements.

BELLEROPHON THERAPEUTICS, INC.
 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (UNAUDITED)
 (in thousands except share and per share data)

	As of March 31, 2016	As of December 31, 2015
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$1,270	\$6,260
Marketable securities	16,088	17,807
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	5,727	5,385
Total current assets	23,085	29,452
Restricted cash, non-current	457	457
Other non-current assets	5,985	6,701
Property and equipment, net	1,695	1,799
Total assets	\$31,222	\$38,409
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$641	\$1,613
Accrued research and development	3,487	2,825
Accrued expenses	3,036	3,487
Due to Ikaria, Inc.	159	148
Total current liabilities	7,323	8,073
Total liabilities	7,323	8,073
Commitments and contingencies		
Stockholders' equity:		
Common stock, \$0.01 par value per share; 125,000,000 shares authorized, 13,475,196 and 13,130,800 shares issued and outstanding at March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively	135	131
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value per share; 5,000,000 share authorized, zero shares issued and outstanding at March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015	—	—
Additional paid-in capital	131,499	130,902
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	2	(19)
Accumulated deficit	(107,737)	(100,678)
Total stockholders' equity	23,899	30,336
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$31,222	\$38,409

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

BELLEROPHON THERAPEUTICS, INC.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (UNAUDITED)
(in thousands except share and per share data)

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2016	2015
Operating expenses:		
Research and development	\$5,113	\$9,520
General and administrative	1,976	4,573
Total operating expenses	7,089	14,093
Other operating income	—	1,166
Loss from operations	(7,089)	(12,927)
Interest income	30	19
Pre-tax loss	(7,059)	(12,908)
Income tax benefit (expense)	—	—
Net loss	\$(7,059)	\$(12,908)
Weighted average shares outstanding:		
Basic and diluted	13,053,007	10,152,487
Net loss per share:		
Basic and diluted	\$(0.54)	\$(1.27)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

BELLEROPHON THERAPEUTICS, INC.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE LOSS (UNAUDITED)
(in thousands)

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2016	2015
Net loss	\$(7,059)	\$(12,908)
Other comprehensive income		
Unrealized gains on available-for-sale marketable securities	21	—
Total other comprehensive income	21	—
Comprehensive loss	\$(7,038)	\$(12,908)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

BELLEROPHON THERAPEUTICS, INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY (UNAUDITED)

(in thousands except share and per share data)

	Common Stock		Additional	Accumulated Other Comprehensive	Accumulated	Total Stockholders'
	Shares	Amount	Paid in Capital	Income (Loss)	Deficit	Equity
December 31, 2015	13,130,800	\$ 131	\$ 130,902	\$ (19)	\$ (100,678)	\$ 30,336
Net loss	—	—	—	—	(7,059)	(7,059)
Other comprehensive income	—	—	—	21	—	21
Stock-based compensation	344,396	4	597	—	—	601
March 31, 2016	13,475,196	\$ 135	\$ 131,499	\$ 2	\$ (107,737)	\$ 23,899

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

BELLEROPHON THERAPEUTICS, INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (UNAUDITED)
(in thousands)

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2016	2015
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net loss	\$(7,059)	\$(12,908)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operating activities:		
Depreciation	104	92
Stock based compensation	601	444
Accretion and amortization of discounts and premiums on marketable securities, net	15	—
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Receivables due from Ikaria, Inc.	—	(167)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	(342)	(372)
Restricted cash held for Ikaria, Inc.	—	2,315
Other non-current assets	716	—
Accounts payable, accrued research and development, and accrued expenses	(739)	1,397
Amounts due to Ikaria, Inc.	11	408
Net cash used in operating activities	(6,693)	(8,791)
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Capital expenditures	(22)	—
Purchase of marketable securities	—	—
Proceeds from sale of marketable securities	1,725	—
Net cash provided by investing activities	1,703	—
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Proceeds from sale of membership units	—	1
Cash proceeds from issuance of common stock from initial public offering, net of issuance costs	—	54,910
Net cash provided by financing activities	—	54,911
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	(4,990)	46,120
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	6,260	16,815
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$1,270	\$62,935
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:		
Non-cash financing activities:		
Unpaid IPO transaction costs	\$—	\$1,083
Non-cash investing activities:		
Change in unrealized holding gains on marketable securities, net	\$21	\$—

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

BELLEROPHON THERAPEUTICS, INC.

NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

(1) Organization and Nature of the Business

Bellerophon Therapeutics, Inc., or the Company, is a clinical-stage therapeutics company focused on developing innovative products at the intersection of drugs and devices that address significant unmet medical needs in the treatment of cardiopulmonary diseases. The focus of the Company's clinical program is the continued development of its nitric oxide therapy for patients with pulmonary hypertension, or PH, using its proprietary delivery system, INOpulse, with pulmonary arterial hypertension, or PAH, representing the lead indication.

The Company was formerly the research and development operating segment of Ikaria, Inc. (a subsidiary of Mallinckrodt plc), or Ikaria. In 2013, Ikaria completed an internal reorganization of the assets and subsidiaries of its two operating segments. In connection with the internal reorganization, Ikaria formed Bellerophon Therapeutics LLC as a new wholly-owned subsidiary and transferred the research and development-related assets related to INOpulse for PAH and INOpulse for PH-COPD to the Company and/or its subsidiaries. In February 2015, the Company converted from a limited liability company to a C-corporation. For periods prior to February 2015, references to the Company refer to Bellerophon Therapeutics LLC.

The Company's business is subject to significant risks and uncertainties, including but not limited to:

• The risk that the Company will not achieve success in its research and development efforts, including clinical trials conducted by it or its potential collaborative partners.

• The expectation that the Company will experience operating losses for the next several years.

- Decisions by regulatory authorities regarding whether and when to approve the Company's regulatory applications as well as their decisions regarding labeling and other matters which could affect the commercial potential of the Company's products or product candidates.

• The risk that the Company will fail to obtain adequate financing to meet its future operational and capital needs.

• The risk that key personnel will leave the Company and/or that the Company will be unable to recruit and retain senior level officers to manage its business.

On February 2, 2015, the Company effected a reverse unit split of its outstanding units at a ratio of one unit for every 12.5257 units previously held.

On February 19, 2015, the Company completed the sale of 5,000,000 shares of common stock, or the IPO, at a price to the public of \$12.00 per share, resulting in net proceeds to the Company of \$51.9 million after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions of \$4.2 million and offering costs of \$3.9 million. The Company's common stock began trading on the NASDAQ Global Market under the symbol "BLPH" on February 13, 2015.

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements were prepared following the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission for interim reporting. As permitted under those rules, certain footnotes or

other financial information that are normally required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, or U.S. GAAP, can be condensed or omitted. The Company operates in one reportable segment and solely within the United States. Accordingly, no segment or geographic information has been presented.

The Company is responsible for the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements. The condensed consolidated financial statements include all normal and recurring adjustments that are considered necessary for the fair presentation of the Company's financial position, results of operations, comprehensive loss and its cash flows for the periods presented. These condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Company's audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2015, included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended

December 31, 2015. The results of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2016 for the Company are not necessarily indicative of the results expected for the full year.

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of costs and expenses during the reporting period, including accrued expenses, accrued research and development expenses, stock-based compensation, and income taxes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

(b) Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Company considers all highly liquid investments with an original maturity date of three months or less to be cash equivalents. All investments with maturities of greater than three months from date of purchase are classified as available-for-sale marketable securities.

(c) Restricted Cash

Restricted cash represents amounts held on deposit with a bank as a security deposit for the lease of office space. The required deposits to be maintained in excess of one year from the balance sheet date are classified as long-term restricted cash.

(d) Stock-Based Compensation

The Company accounts for its stock-based compensation in accordance with Accounting Standards Codification, or ASC, 718 Compensation- Stock Compensation, which establishes accounting for share-based awards, including stock options and restricted stock, exchanged for services and requires companies to expense the estimated fair value of these awards over the requisite service period. The Company recognizes stock-based compensation expense in operations based on the fair value of the award on the date of the grant. The resulting compensation expense is recognized on a straight-line basis over the requisite service period or sooner if the awards immediately vest. The Company determines the fair value of stock options issued using a Black-Scholes-Merton option pricing model. Certain assumptions used in the model include expected volatility, dividend yield, risk-free interest rate, and expected term. For restricted stock, the fair value is the closing market price per share on the grant date. See Note 6 - Stock-Based Compensation for a description of these assumptions.

(e) Income Taxes

Prior to its conversion to a Delaware corporation in February 2015, the Company was a Delaware limited liability company, or LLC, that passed through income and losses to its members for U.S. federal and state income tax purposes. As a result of its conversion to a Delaware corporation, the Company recognized deferred income taxes through income tax expense related to temporary differences that existed as of the date of its tax status change. The Company uses the asset and liability approach to account for income taxes as required by ASC 740, Income Taxes, which requires the recognition of deferred tax assets and liabilities for the expected future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases. Valuation allowances are provided when necessary to reduce deferred tax assets to the amount expected to be realized, on a more likely than not basis. The Company recognizes the benefit of an uncertain tax position that it has taken or expects to take on income tax returns it files if such tax position is more likely than not to be sustained on examination by the taxing authorities, based on the technical merits of the position. These tax benefits are measured based on the largest benefit that has a greater than 50% likelihood of being realized upon ultimate resolution.

The Company's estimated tax rate for 2016 is expected to be zero because the Company expects to generate additional losses and currently has a full valuation allowance. The deferred tax assets balance before valuation allowance as of March 31, 2016 was approximately \$44.7 million. The increase in deferred tax assets in the three months ended March 31, 2016 is principally due to the year-to-date loss, adjusted for nondeductible items including stock compensation expense related to the Company's equity incentive plan, the nondeductible portion of the orphan drug costs, and the orphan drug credits. The valuation allowance is required until the Company has sufficient positive evidence of taxable income necessary to support realization of its deferred tax assets. A valuation allowance release is generally recognized in income tax expense (as a benefit). The Company did not have material uncertain tax positions as of March 31, 2016.

(f) Marketable Securities

The Company's marketable securities consist of federally insured certificates of deposit classified as available-for-sale that are recorded at amortized cost, which approximates fair value, and corporate or agency bonds classified as available-for-sale that are recorded at fair value. Unrealized gains and losses are reported as accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income, except for losses from impairments which are determined to be other-than-temporary. Realized gains and losses, and declines in value judged to be other-than-temporary on available-for-sale securities are included in the determination of net loss and are included in interest income, at which time the average cost basis of these securities are adjusted to fair value. Fair values are based on quoted market prices at the reporting date. Interest on available-for-sale securities are included in interest income.

(g) Research and Development Expense

Research and development costs are expensed as incurred. These expenses include the costs of the Company's proprietary research and development efforts, as well as costs incurred in connection with certain licensing arrangements. Upfront and milestone payments made to third parties in connection with research and development collaborations are expensed as incurred up to the point of regulatory approval. Payments made to third parties upon or subsequent to regulatory approval are capitalized and amortized over the remaining useful life of the related product. The Company also expenses the cost of purchased technology and equipment in the period of purchase if it believes that the technology or equipment has not demonstrated technological feasibility and it does not have an alternative future use. Nonrefundable advance payments for goods or services that will be used or rendered for future research and development activities are deferred and are recognized as research and development expense as the related goods are delivered or the related services are performed.

(h) New Accounting Pronouncements

In August 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board, or FASB, issued Accounting Standards Update, or ASU, 2014-15, "Presentation of Financial Statements - Going Concern: Disclosure of Uncertainties about an Entity's Ability to Continue as a Going Concern". This guidance clarifies that an entity's management should evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the entity's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are issued. The amendments in this update are effective for annual reporting periods ending after December 15, 2016, and annual and interim periods thereafter, and early application is permitted. The Company is assessing ASU 2014-15's impact and will adopt it when effective. On May 28, 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-09, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers", which requires an entity to recognize the amount of revenue to which it expects to be entitled for the transfer of promised goods or services to customers. The ASU will replace most existing revenue recognition guidance in U.S. GAAP when it becomes effective. The new standard is effective for us on January 1, 2018. The standard permits the use of either the retrospective or cumulative effect transition method. The Company is assessing ASU 2014-09's impact and will adopt it when effective.

In January 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-01, "Financial Instruments - Overall - Recognition and Measurement of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities", which addresses certain aspects of recognition, measurement, presentation, and disclosure of financial instruments. This standard will be effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017, including interim periods within those fiscal years. The Company is assessing ASU 2016-01's impact and will adopt it when effective.

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02, "Leases", which is intended to improve financial reporting about leasing transactions. This standard requires a lessee to record on the balance sheet the assets and liabilities for the rights and obligations created by lease terms of more than 12 months. This standard will be effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018, including interim periods within those fiscal years. The Company is assessing ASU 2016-02's impact and will adopt it when effective.

In March 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-09, "Compensation - Stock Compensation - Improvements to Employee Share-Based Payment Accounting" which provides for simplification 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. This standard will be effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2016, including interim periods within those fiscal years. The Company is assessing ASU 2016-09's impact and will adopt it when effective.

(3) Liquidity

In the course of its development activities, the Company has sustained operating losses and expects such losses to continue over the next several years.

The Company had cash and cash equivalents of \$1.3 million and marketable securities of \$16.1 million as of March 31, 2016. The Company received net proceeds of \$51.9 million in February 2015 as a result of the IPO, after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions of \$4.2 million and offering costs of \$3.9 million.

The Company expects to continue to incur significant expenses and operating losses for the foreseeable future as it continues the development and clinical trials of, and seek regulatory approval for, its product candidates. The Company's primary uses of capital are, and it expects will continue to be, compensation and related expenses, third-party clinical research and development services, contract manufacturing services, laboratory and related supplies, clinical costs, legal and other regulatory expenses and general overhead costs.

The Company's existing cash and cash equivalents and marketable securities as of March 31, 2016 will be used primarily to fund the first of two INOpulse for PAH Phase 3 trials, in which the Company expects to enroll the first patient in the first half of 2016. In addition, as of March 31, 2016, the Company had \$10.5 million prepayments of research and development expenses related to its amended drug supply agreement with Ikaria and the clinical research organization it has partnered with for the first of the two Phase 3 clinical trials for INOpulse for PAH. The Company believes, as of March 31, 2016, it has sufficient funds to satisfy its operating cash needs for at least the next 12 months.

The Company expects these funds, combined with additional funding anticipated from Global Corporate Finance, or GCF, will be sufficient to complete the first of two PAH Phase 3 trials. During December 2015, the Company entered into a letter agreement with GCF. In accordance with the terms of the letter agreement, the Company has agreed to place with GCF up to \$20.0 million of its common stock subject to the execution of a definitive share purchase agreement and registration rights agreement. The Company may not draw down amounts that would result in GCF owning more than 19.9% of the Company's outstanding shares. The first two draw downs under this letter agreement may not exceed \$2.0 million. Thereafter, the draw down amounts will depend on the average daily trading volume of the Company's shares.

The Company's estimates and assumptions may prove to be wrong, and the Company may exhaust its capital resources sooner than expected. The process of testing product candidates in clinical trials is costly, and the timing of progress in clinical trials is uncertain. Because the Company's product candidates are in clinical development and the outcome of these efforts is uncertain, the Company cannot estimate the actual amounts that will be necessary to successfully complete the development and commercialization, if approved, of its product candidates or whether, or when, the Company may achieve profitability.

Until such time, if ever, as the Company can generate substantial product revenues, it expects to finance its cash needs through a combination of equity and debt offerings, existing working capital and funding from potential future collaboration arrangements. To the extent that the Company raises additional capital through the future sale of equity or debt, the ownership interest of its existing stockholders will be diluted, and the terms of such securities may include liquidation or other preferences or rights such as anti-dilution rights that adversely affect the rights of the Company's existing stockholders. If the Company raises additional funds through strategic partnerships in the future, it may have to relinquish valuable rights to its technologies, future revenue streams or product candidates or grant licenses on terms that may not be favorable to it. If the Company is unable to raise additional funds through equity or debt financings when needed, it may be required to delay, limit, reduce or terminate its product development or future commercialization efforts or grant rights to develop and market product candidates that it would otherwise prefer to develop and market itself.

(4) Marketable Securities

The Company considers all of its current investments to be available-for-sale. Marketable securities as of March 31, 2016 consist of the following (in thousands):

Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
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Certificates of deposit	8,912	—	—	8,912
Corporate bonds	4,425	3	—	4,428
Agency bonds	2,749	—	(1)	2,748
Total	16,086	3	(1)	16,088

Marketable securities as of December 31, 2015, consist of the following (in thousands):

	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
Certificates of deposit	10,140	—	—	10,140
Corporate bonds	4,938	—	(11)	4,927
Agency bonds	2,748	—	(8)	2,740
Total	17,826	—	(19)	17,807

Maturities of marketable securities classified as available-for-sale were as follows at March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015 (in thousands):

	March 31, 2016	December 31, 2015
Due within one year	11,471	10,230
Due after one year through two years	4,617	7,577
	16,088	17,807

(5) Income Taxes

The effective tax rate for each of the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015 was 0.0%. For the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, the effective rate was lower than the federal statutory rates primarily due to the losses incurred and the full valuation allowance on deferred tax assets.

As of March 31, 2016, there were no material uncertain tax positions. There are no tax positions for which a material change in any unrecognized tax benefit liability is reasonably possible in the next 12 months.

(6) Stock-Based Compensation

Determining the appropriate fair value of stock-based awards requires the input of subjective assumptions, including the fair value of the Company's units (prior to the IPO date) and for options, the expected term of the option and expected volatility. The Company uses the Black-Scholes-Merton option pricing model to value its stock option awards. The assumptions used in calculating the fair value of stock-based awards represent management's best estimates and involve inherent uncertainties and the application of management's judgment. As a result, if factors change and management uses different assumptions, stock-based compensation expense could be materially different for future awards. The expected term of stock options is estimated using the "simplified method," as the Company has no historical information to develop reasonable expectations about future exercise patterns and post-vesting employment termination behavior for its stock options grants. The simplified method is based on the average of the vesting tranches and the contractual life of each grant. For volatility, the Company uses comparable public companies as a basis for its expected volatility to calculate the fair value of option grants due to its limited history as a public company. The risk-free interest rate is based on U.S. Treasury notes with a term approximating the expected term of the option. The estimation of the number of stock awards that will ultimately vest requires judgment, and to the extent actual results or updated estimates differ from the Company's current estimates, such amounts will be recorded as an adjustment in the period in which estimates are revised.

Bellerophon 2015 and 2014 Equity Incentive Plans

During the three months ended March 31, 2015, the Company adopted the 2015 Equity Incentive Plan, or the 2015 Plan, which provides for the grant of options, restricted stock and other forms of equity compensation.

As of March 31, 2016, there was approximately \$3.8 million of total unrecognized compensation expense related to unvested stock awards. This expense is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 2.1 years.

No tax benefit was recognized during the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015 related to stock-based compensation expense since the Company incurred operating losses and has established a full valuation allowance to offset all the potential tax benefits associated with its deferred tax assets.

Options

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Compensation expense is measured based on the fair value of the option on the grant date and is recognized on a straight-line basis over the requisite service period, or sooner if vesting occurs sooner than on a straight-line basis. Options are forfeited if the employee ceases to be employed by the Company prior to vesting.

During the year ended December 31, 2014, the Company adopted the 2014 Equity Incentive Plan, or the 2014 Plan, which provided for the grant of options. Following the effectiveness of the Company's registration statement filed in connection with its IPO, no options may be granted under the 2014 Plan. The awards granted under the 2014 Plan generally have a vesting period of four years, of which 25% of the awards vest on the second anniversary of grant date, 25% vest on the third anniversary and the remaining 50% vest on the fourth anniversary of the grant date. The awards granted under the 2015 Plan have a vesting period of either three or four years, of which equal annual installments vest over the vesting period either beginning on the date of grant or on the one year anniversary of the date of grant.

The weighted average grant-date fair value of options issued during the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015 was \$1.61 and \$7.54, respectively. The following are the weighted average assumptions used in estimating the fair value of options issued during the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015.

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2016	Three Months Ended March 31, 2015
Valuation assumptions:		
Risk-free rate	1.38 %	1.71 %
Expected volatility	81.58 %	80.81 %
Expected term (years)	6.2	6.1
Dividend yield	—	—

A summary of option activity under the 2015 and 2014 Plans for the three months ended March 31, 2016 is presented below:

	Bellerophon 2015 and 2014 Equity Incentive Plans				
	Options	Range of Exercise Price	Weighted Average Price	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life (in years)	
Options outstanding as of December 31, 2015	705,180	\$4.12 - 13.28	\$ 12.08	8.7	
Granted	155,000	2.21 - 2.30	2.29		
Exercised	—				
Forfeited	(20,504)	10.22 - 13.28	11.52		
Options outstanding as of March 31, 2016	839,676	\$ 2.21 - 13.28	\$ 10.29	8.7	
Options vested and exercisable as of March 31, 2016	240,204	\$ 10.22 - 13.28	\$ 12.76	8.4	

Restricted Stock

All restricted stock awards granted under the 2015 Plan to date were in relation to 2015 incentives for employees and vest in full one year or less from the grant date.

A summary of restricted stock activity under the 2015 Plan for the three months ended March 31, 2016 is presented below:

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Bellerophon 2015 Equity Incentive Plan

	Shares	Weighted Average Fair Value	Aggregate Grant Date Fair Value (in millions)	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life (in years)
Restricted stock outstanding as of December 31, 2015	77,793	\$ 3.99	\$ 0.3	0.7
Granted	364,025	2.55	0.9	
Forfeited	(19,629)	3.59	—	
Restricted stock outstanding as of March 31, 2016	422,189	\$ 2.77	\$ 1.2	0.6

Ikaria Equity Incentive Plans prior to February 12, 2014

Options

Following the internal reorganization of Ikaria, in February 2014, Ikaria distributed all of the Company's then outstanding units to its stockholders through the payment of a special dividend on a pro rata basis based on each stockholder's ownership of Ikaria capital stock. The Company refers to Ikaria's distribution of the Company's then outstanding units to its stockholders as the Spin-Out. In February 2014, prior to the Spin-Out, each Ikaria stock option, other than options held by non-accredited investors who were also not employees of Ikaria, was adjusted such that it became an option to acquire the same number of shares of Ikaria non-voting common stock as were subject to the Ikaria stock option, or an Adjusted Ikaria Option, and an option to acquire the same number of non-voting limited liability company units of the Company as the number of shares of Ikaria non-voting common stock that were subject to the Ikaria stock option, or a Bellerophon Option. There were 618,212 Bellerophon Options issued as a result of the adjustment of Ikaria stock options. The vesting of each Adjusted Ikaria Option and Bellerophon Option was fully accelerated on the date of the Spin-Out and all related compensation expense was recognized as an expense by Ikaria.

Prior to and in connection with the Spin-Out, the exercise price of each Adjusted Ikaria Option and Bellerophon Option was adjusted by allocating the relative post Spin-Out estimated fair values of Ikaria and the Company in a ratio of 85% and 15%, respectively, to the original Ikaria option exercise price. The expiration date of the options was not modified.

A summary of option activity under the assumed Ikaria 2007 stock option plan and the assumed Ikaria 2010 long term incentive plan for the three months ended March 31, 2016, is presented below:

Ikaria Equity Incentive Plans

Options	Range of Exercise Price
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