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EYEGATE PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of Incorporation or organization)

98-0443284 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

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The aggregate market value of the voting and non-voting common equity held by non-affiliates of the registrant, computed by reference to the price at which the common equity was last sold, or the average bid and asked price of such common equity, as of June 30, 2015 was approximately \$8,181,230. Shares of the registrant's common stock held by each officer and director and each person known to the registrant to own 10% or more of the outstanding voting power of the registrant have been excluded in that such persons may be deemed affiliates. This determination of affiliate status is not a determination for other purposes.

At March 28, 2016, there were 8,346,444 shares of the registrant's common stock issued and outstanding.

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# FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Annual Report on Form 10-K contains statements that are not statements of historical fact and are forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), each as amended.. The forward-looking statements are principally, but not exclusively, contained in "Item 1: Business" and "Item 7: Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations." These statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause our actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance or expectations, and our plans, objectives, expectations and intentions that are not historical facts. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by terms such as "may," "will," "should," "could," "would," "expects," "plans," "anticipates," "believes," "goals," "sees," "estimates," "projects," "predicts," "intends," "think,""potential," "objectives, "optimistic," "strategy," and similar expressions intended to identify forward-looking statements. These statements reflect our current views with respect to future events and are based on assumptions and subject to risks and uncertainties. Given these uncertainties, you should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. We discuss many of these risks in detail under the heading "Item 1A. Risk Factors" beginning on page 29 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. You should carefully review all of these factors, as well as other risks described in our public filings, and you should be aware that there may be other factors, including factors of which we are not currently aware, that could cause these differences. Also, these forward-looking statements we have obligations under the federal securities laws to update and disclose material developments related to previously disclosed information.

EyeGate Pharmaceuticals, Inc. is referred to herein as "we," "our," "us," and "the Company."

# PART I

## Item 1. Business.

#### Overview

We are a clinical-stage specialty pharmaceutical company that is focused on developing and commercializing therapeutics and drug delivery systems for treating diseases of the eye. EGP-437, our first and only product in clinical trials, incorporates a reformulated topically active corticosteroid, dexamethasone phosphate, that is delivered into the ocular tissues through our proprietary innovative drug delivery system, the EyeGate® II Delivery System. EGP-437 is being developed under the 505(b)(2) New Drug Application, or NDA, regulatory pathway for drugs submitted for approval to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, or FDA, which enables an applicant to rely, in part, on the FDA's findings of safety and efficacy for an existing product, or published literature, in support of its NDA.

The EyeGate® II Delivery System and EGP-437, are designed to address two major issues in ophthalmic medicine: lack of patient compliance and safety. The EyeGate® II Delivery System features a compact, elegant, and easy-to-use device that we believe has the potential to deliver drugs non-invasively and quickly into the ocular tissues through the use of iontophoresis, which can accelerate the onset of action, dramatically reduce treatment frequency versus eye drops and sustain therapeutic effect. Iontophoresis employs the use of a low electrical current that promotes the migration of a charged drug substance across biological membranes. The current produces ions, which through electrorepulsion, drive a like-charged drug substance into the tissues. The EyeGate® II Delivery System is easy-to-use, only takes a few minutes to employ and more than 1,700 experimental treatments have been administered in clinical trials.

We are developing EGP-437 for the treatment of various inflammatory conditions of the eye, including uveitis, a debilitating form of intraocular inflammation of the anterior portion of the uvea, such as the iris and/or ciliary body and macular edema, an abnormal thickening of the macula associated with the accumulation of excess fluids in the retina. Based on guidance provided by the FDA, the Company expects that if the planned confirmatory Phase 3 trial of EGP-437 in anterior uveitis meets non-inferiority criteria, data from this trial along with data from our previously completed Phase 3 trial in anterior uveitis will be sufficient to support a NDA filing. The Company also believes, based on guidance provided by the FDA, that the design of the planned confirmatory Phase 3 anterior uveitis trial is acceptable and that the nonclinical work completed to date is sufficient to support a NDA filing.

We have entered into an exclusive global license agreement with a subsidiary of Valeant Pharmaceuticals International, Inc. ("Valeant"), through which EyeGate has granted Valeant exclusive, worldwide commercial and manufacturing rights to its EyeGate® II Delivery System and EGP-437 combination product, or the Product, in the field of uveitis, as well as a right of last negotiation to license the Product for other indications. Eyegate shall be responsible for the development of the Product in the U.S. for the indication of anterior uveitis, together with the costs associated therewith. Valeant has the right to develop the Product in the field outside of the U.S. and has agreed to fund 100% of any costs associated therewith.

The EyeGate® II Delivery System has the potential to offer a non-invasive method of drug delivery as an alternative to the current delivery modalities used for treating ocular diseases, such as eye drops and ocular injections. In-office preparation is simple and efficient and can be completed by nursing or other office staff. We have demonstrated in the clinic, through our first leg of the Phase 1b/2a macular edema proof-of-concept trial the ability to deliver EGP-437 to the back-of-the-eye non-invasively using the EyeGate® II Delivery System.

Program	Indication	Current Status	Planned Trials
	Anterior Uveitis	<ul><li>Phase 1-2 dose ranging trial completed</li><li>First Phase 3 pivotal trial completed</li></ul>	<ul><li>Confirmatory Phase 3 pivotal trial initiated</li><li>Top-line data: Q1 2017</li></ul>
EGP-437	Macular Edema	• First leg of Phase 1b/2a POC trial completed	<ul> <li>Initiate and complete second leg of Phase 1b/2a proof-of-concept trial</li> <li>Top-line data: Q2 2016</li> </ul>
	Cataract Surgery		<ul><li>Initiate and complete pilot trial</li><li>Top-line data: Q2 2016</li></ul>

# **Our Strategy**

Our goal is to become a leading specialty pharmaceutical company focused on developing and commercializing therapeutics and drug delivery systems for treating diseases of the eye. The key elements of this strategy are to:

- Complete exploratory trial for back-of-the-eye delivery with our EGP-437 Combination Product As an anti-inflammatory agent, our EGP-437 Combination Product has
  the potential to be used to treat back-of-the-eye diseases that have an inflammatory component, like macular edema. We have completed the first leg of a Phase 1b/2a
  proof-of-concept clinical trial for the treatment of various forms of macular edema. We expect to have top-line data from the second leg of the Phase 1b/2a proofofconcept trial treating macular edema in by the end of the second quarter of 2016.
- Continue clinical development of our EGP-437 Combination Product for the treatment of noninfectious anterior uveitis. We have initiated and begun enrolling patients for
  the confirmatory Phase 3 trial evaluating the safety and efficacy of our EGP-437 Combination Product for the treatment of noninfectious anterior uveitis. Based on our
  estimates regarding subject enrollment, we expect to have topline data for this trial by the end of the first quarter 2017.
- Utilize the EyeGate iontophoresis expertise to expand our drug delivery platform for the treatment of eye diseases. Our initial platform, the EyeGate® II Drug Delivery System, is an in-office treatment performed by an eye care giver. We plan to develop a system based on iontophoresis that could be applied at home by the patient. This would be ideal for the treatment of certain chronic ocular diseases where less frequent visits to the eye care givers office are required.
- Pursue other strategic collaborations. We plan to evaluate opportunities to enter into collaborations that may contribute to our ability to advance our drug delivery
  platform and product candidates and to progress concurrently a range of discovery and development programs. We also plan to evaluate opportunities to in-license or
  acquire the rights to other products, product candidates or technologies for the treatment of eye diseases.

# **Ophthalmic Market Opportunity**

Ophthalmology is a specialty market with commercial and regulatory dynamics that make it possible for small or medium sized companies like us to develop and commercialize products on our own. We believe that the specialists in the U.S. who treat ocular diseases are sufficiently concentrated that we could effectively promote our products with a specialty sales and marketing group.



#### **Our Lead Product: EGP-437**

## Back-of-the-eye

Interim data from our Phase 1b/2a proof-of-concept trial suggests that iontophoresis can non-invasively deliver EGP-437 to the back of the eye. The non-invasive delivery of EGP-437 has demonstrated a positive response in some patients with macular edema. A positive response was observed in some of the patients, with pseudophakic eyes (an eye implanted with an intraocular lens) responding better than phakic eyes (an eye with a natural lens). Additionally, the investigational therapy showed no serious treatment emergent adverse effects including no increase in ocular pressure even at three times the iontophoretic dose that was used for the Company's Phase 3 non-infectious anterior uveitis trial. Our non-invasive and proprietary EyeGate® II Delivery System is designed to deliver optimal quantities of drugs to the anterior or posterior segments of the eye.

To achieve adequate therapeutic levels of drug at the back of the eye in patients while at the same time minimizing systemic distribution, we have developed an ocular iontophoresis device that we believe is designed to more effectively provide adequate drug levels in the posterior segment of the eye than conventional methods. Delivery of therapeutic agents using ocular iontophoresis has been of interest as a means of non-invasively achieving higher drug levels within the eye by promoting the migration of a charged drug substance across biological membranes with a low electrical current. The current produces ions, which via electrorepulsion, drive a like-charged drug substance into the ocular tissues.

The EyeGate® II Delivery System applicator utilizes an inert electrode, which stimulates the electrolysis of water to produce ions (hydroxide or hydronium) that are required to deliver charged molecules. The EyeGate® II Delivery System delivery platform requires custom pharmaceutical formulations to enable delivery efficiency and safety while allowing for potential novel intellectual property. The data from multiple clinical trials suggests that EGP-437 does not significantly raise mean intraocular pressure, or IOP, at the time points evaluated during the study period.

## The Unmet Need

Currently, the only primary route of administration for drugs treating retinal diseases is through intravitreal injection into the vitreous of the eye. These injections must be given as frequently as once per month when treating chronic diseases like macular degeneration. Unfortunately, there are known drawbacks associated with administering intravitreal injections, including safety risks, adverse patient experience and being time- and labor-intensive to administer.

The EyeGate® II Delivery System could potentially reduce the impact of the issues described above by providing eye care practitioners and patients with a non-invasive solution for treating retinal diseases like age-related macular degeneration. The treatment with our EyeGate® II Delivery System can be administered by a wider group of eye care practitioners than currently giving intravitreal injections and reduces the risks associated with invasive procedures. In-office preparation is simple and efficient and can be completed by nursing or other office staff with actual dosing taking approximately three minutes and total treatment time including preparation taking about seven minutes per eye.

#### Front-of-the-eye

Many front of the eye diseases such as non-infectious anterior uveitis and seasonal allergic conjunctivitis are acute inflammatory conditions. The current standard of care to treat ocular surface and anterior segment inflammation is patient administered corticosteroids in the form of eye drops. Topical corticosteroids suffer from a number of drawbacks including low ocular bioavailability, rapid clearance and steroid-related side effects including elevated IOP or cataract formation.

For example, to achieve a successful therapeutic outcome when treating non-infectious anterior uveitis, patients must follow a rigorous dosing schedule for four to six weeks. At a minimum, patients are required to give themselves at least 154 treatments of the standard of care over this period. Given this heavy burden, patient non-compliance is prevalent and is the main cause of treatment failure. Treatment failures may lead to complications causing temporary or permanent loss of vision. When topical treatments fail due to lack of compliance or inadequate response, the alternative is more aggressive steroid therapy, such as ocular and intravenous injections, which is often associated with steroid-related adverse effects such as elevated IOP and cataract formation. Thus, the significant unmet needs in this treatment category include:

- Improving patient compliance which is the main cause of treatment failure which can lead to temporary or permanent loss of vision;
- · Eliminating the patient treatment burden of at least 154 eye drops or more for many patients over four to six weeks; and
- Reducing treatment related side effects including elevated IOP.

We believe that our EGP-437 Combination Product has the potential to address these unmet needs by only requiring two or three in-office treatments provided by the eye care provider thereby mitigating the patient compliance issues and substantially reducing the burden of care. Additionally, our clinical trials to date appear to demonstrate a good safety profile, including minimal impact on IOP, and a reduction of inflammation that was demonstrated in four randomized, double-masked clinical studies using our EGP-437 Combination Product.

During 2014, we announced results from a Phase 3 trial of the EGP-437 Combination Product in the lead indication of non-infectious anterior uveitis. The study suggests that two iontophoretic treatments of our EGP-437 Combination Product over a 4-week period achieved the same response rate as 154 drops of PA, and with fewer incidences of elevated IOP. Although we achieved the same response rate in our Phase 3 trial, the dose of the EGP-437 Combination Product tested was just outside the pre-set non-inferiority margin and did not achieve statistical significance as compared to the positive control based on the primary efficacy endpoint.

# **Targeted Indications**

# EGP-437: Macular Edema

Broadly defined, macular edema is an abnormal thickening of the macula, an area at the back of the eye responsible for XX/XX vision, associated with the accumulation of excess fluid in the extracellular space of the neurosensory retina. Several basic pathophysiologic processes, in conjunction with a vast variety of pathologic conditions, are thought to contribute to the development of macular edema. The pathological processes leading to macular edema involve numerous inflammatory cells, cytokines, growth factors, and intercellular adhesion molecules, which are associated with increased vascular permeability, breakdown of the blood-retinal barrier, remodeling of the extracellular matrix, and up-regulation of proangiogenic factors. As a final common pathway in numerous retinal disorders such as retinal vein occlusion, or RVO, diabetic retinopathy, and cystoid macular edema, in its various forms, can be considered the leading cause of central vision loss in the developed world, and it is therefore of enormous medical and socio-economic importance.

As stated above, the EyeGate® II Delivery System has shown the potential to deliver significant quantities of EGP-437 to the back-of-the-eye tissues including the retina, vitreous and choroid. The risks, the patient experience and the physician practice inefficiencies associated with intravitreal injections provides an opportunity for the EyeGate® II Delivery System to play a role in treating retinal diseases, like macular edema.

# EGP-437: Non-Infectious Anterior Uveitis

Uveitis is a general term for inflammation of the uveal tract and encompasses a wide range of etiologies. It may be iodiopathic, associated with systemic diseases or result from a variety of infectious agents. An annual estimated 17.6% of active uveitis patients experience transient or permanent loss of vision. Uveitis is responsible for more than 2.8% of cases of blindness in the U.S., making this disorder an important cause of vision loss and impairment. Non-infectious anterior uveitis is a debilitating form of intraocular inflammation of the anterior portion of the uvea, such as the iris and/or ciliary body and is the most common form of uveitis. Incidence in the U.S. ranges from approximately 26.6 - 102 per 100,000 adults annually with recent reports indicating occurrence in all age groups with the highest incidence in those over age 65 years. Chronic or recurrent, anterior uveitis may lead to complications such as posterior subcapsular cataract, glaucoma and macular edema.

Inflammation can be classified as either acute or chronic. Acute inflammation is the initial response of the body to harmful stimuli and is achieved by the increased movement of plasma and white blood cells from the blood into the injured tissues, in this case the uvea. Sometimes, the inflammation associated with anterior uveitis is in response to a real infection. This is known as infectious anterior uveitis. However, anterior uveitis often occurs for no apparent reason as the result of the immune system malfunctioning and triggering the process of inflammation even though no infection is present. This is known as non-infectious anterior uveitis. Patients that have anterior uveitis exhibit a large number of white blood cells in the anterior chamber of the eye. In order to count these cells in the anterior chamber, the physician uses a slit lamp, an instrument consisting of a high-intensity light source that can be focused to shine a thin sheet of light into the eye. The treatment objective is to eliminate the inflammation of the uvea which can be confirmed by an anterior chamber cell count of zero.

## EGP-437: Dry Eye

Dry eye syndrome (DES), is the most prevalent form of ocular discomfort and irritation. In the U.S., it has been estimated that as many as approximately 3.2 million women and approximately 1.7 million men over the age of 50 have DES. In addition, tens of millions more experience a mild form of DES or episodic problems with DES, usually associated with external stimuli. With the aging population in the U.S. and other countries of the developed world, and with increasing computer use, DES is expected to become more prevalent.

While intermittent DES can be related to external environmental factors, the chronic condition is related to internal factors, such as hormonal imbalance, autoimmune disease, the use of many widely prescribed systemic medications, anatomical changes or trauma, and aging. The fundamental (and most likely the causative) problem behind chronic DES is deficiency in either the volume or composition of the tear film. Problems related to the tear film produce an immune-based inflammation of the ocular surface. Symptoms of chronic DES can range from a mildly irritating condition to loss of function and productivity, pain, light sensitivity, and the misery that accompanies significantly impaired vision and decreased quality of life.

Increasing evidence suggests that ocular surface inflammation is present in all chronic DES patients. As a consequence, anti-inflammatory ophthalmic solutions are being intensively evaluated for the prolonged clinical use required to treat chronic DES. Restasis® (0.05% topical Cyclosporine A suspension, Allergan) is the only FDA-approved therapeutic agent for dry eye disease; however, it has proven effective in treating only 15% of all dry eye patients. Restasis® has been shown to be safe for long-term use, but may take several weeks to produce a therapeutic eigent does are used off-label to reduce signs and symptoms of DES. While corticosteroid eye drops are widely used to treat DES, their low ocular bioavailability (estimated to be 1 - 10%) may limit their effectiveness. Therefore, alternative corticosteroid dosing techniques, such as iontophoresis, that enhance drug bioavailability in the eye may be a viable therapeutic option.

# EGP-437: Cataract Surgery

Cataracts are the leading cause of blindness worldwide, and there are more than 24 million people age 40 and older who have cataracts in the U.S. alone, according to the Vision Problems in the U.S. report from Prevent Blindness. A cataract is a clouding of the lens in the eye that affects vision. Most cataracts are related to aging and are very common in older people. By age 80, more than half of the U.S. population either have a cataract or have had cataract surgery. Cataract surgery is the most common surgical procedure in the population aged over 65 years. There are approximately 3 million cataract surgeries performed per year in the U.S. As the technology of cataract surgery has progressed, so too, has the increased patient demand for excellent vision and safety after the procedure, but visual rehabilitation after cataract surgery is sometimes delayed by the inflammatory processes that are induced by phacoemulsification where the eye's internal lens is emulsified with an ultrasonic handpiece and aspirated from the eye. Inflammation is induced in all cataract surgery by the mechanical transmission of energy into the eye, disruption of cell membranes, and the normal healing process. Postoperative topical corticosteroids are used routinely to reduce inflammation and improve visual outcomes after cataract surgery. Despite their use, transient corneal edema is one of the major factors hindering the improvement of vision in the first days after surgery, and cystoid macula edema may reduce quality of vision for weeks and months after the procedure. Therefore, reducing inflammation and its potential damage to the corneal endothelium and retina is a high priority for the ophthalmic surgeon.

## **Clinical Trial Results**

We submitted an IND for EGP-437 to the FDA on April 28, 2008. The initial protocol submitted as part of the IND application was for our Phase 1/2 non-infectious anterior uveitis trial. Subsequently, we submitted amendments to our IND for protocols for additional trials that we have since completed on September 12, 2008, April 6, 2010, October 18, 2011, April 13, 2012 and May 20, 2015. An IND application (IND 107,846) referencing our IND (IND 77,888) was submitted by the University of Pennsylvania, School of Medicine on January 29, 2010 with a protocol for the treatment of anterior scleritis.

We have completed five clinical trials under IND 107,846 for the EGP-437 Combination Product. The first two trials were executed in parallel — a Phase 1/2 non-infectious anterior uveitis trial and a Phase 2 dry eye trial. These two trials were followed by a Phase 3 dry eye trial. Subsequently, we completed our first Phase 3 trial for non-infectious anterior uveitis. During the time that we executed the Phase 3 non-infectious anterior uveitis trial we completed a Phase 2 proof-of-concept cataract surgery trial, with prophylactic treatment of the EGP-437 Combination Product. We have reported interim results for our Phase 1b/2a macular edema trial.

Protocol	Indication	Phase	No. Subjects Randomized	Control Arm
EGP-437-001	Anterior Uveitis	1/2	40	None
EGP-437-002	Dry Eye	2	105	Placebo
EGP-437-003	Dry Eye	3	198	Placebo
EGP-437-004	Anterior Uveitis	3	193	Standard of care
EGP-437-005	Cataract Surgery	2 POC	45	Placebo
EGP-437-007	Macular Edema	1b/2a	20	None

#### Macular Edema: Phase 1b/2a Trial

We have reported interim data for our first clinical trial treating a back of the eye indication, macular edema. The Phase 1b/2a proof-of-concept trial suggests that iontophoresis can non-invasively deliver EGP-437 to the back of the eye. The non-invasive delivery of EGP-437 has demonstrated a positive response in some patients with macular edema.

The ongoing Phase 1b / 2a clinical trial is a multi-center, open-label trial. To date, the interim data was based on the first 19 patients enrolled and had macular edema associated with Retinal Vein Occlusion, Diabetic Retinopathy or Post-Surgical (cystoid) Macular Edema. The primary objective of this trial is to evaluate the safety and efficacy of iontophoretic EGP-437 in patients suffering from Macular Edema. Three treatments at 14.0 mA-min (3.5mA) were administered on day 0, day 4 and day 9. Primary outcome of the trial measured reduction in mean central subfield thickness on day 4, day, 9 and day 14. Ozurdex® was administered as control to patients that did not respond to the investigational therapy at day 14 and were re-evaluated at day 28.

A positive response was observed in some of the patients, with pseudophakic eyes (an eye implanted with an intraocular lens) responding better than phakic eyes (an eye with a natural lens). Additionally, the investigational therapy showed no serious treatment emergent adverse effects including no increase in ocular pressure even at three times the iontophoretic dose that was used for the Company's Phase 3 non-infectious anterior uveitis trial.

The trial has been extended to recruit an additional 15 patients with a modified dosing regimen, three consecutive days at the same iontophoretic dosage. It was observed that the edema returns when drug has cleared from the tissues. Thus the new dosing regimen may help to overcome this issue by providing a cumulative effect. The extension of the trial will also evaluate the efficacy of iontophoretic EGP-437 in phakic versus pseudophakic eyes to collect additional data on the differences in the responses of both types of eyes. The top-line date from the extension of the trial is expected in second quarter of 2016.

# Non-infectious Anterior Uveitis: Phase 1/2 Trial

Our first clinical trial initiated with the EGP-437 Combination Product was a Phase 1/2 trial for subjects with non-infectious anterior uveitis, which was defined as having anterior chamber cell (ACC) scores  $\geq 1.5$ , or in other words, cell counts of less than or equal to 11 cells. Subjects who have anterior uveitis, exhibit a large number of white blood cells in the anterior chamber of the eye. The treatment objective is to eliminate the inflammation which can be visually confirmed when all white blood cells have been cleared from the anterior chamber. The degree of intraocular inflammation is based on a grading scheme or score that uses an ordinal scale ranging from 0 to 4, as set forth in the table below.

Grade (Score)	Cells
0	$\leq 4$
0.5	5 to 7
1.0	8 to 10
1.5	11 to 15
2.0	16 to 20
2.5	21 to 30
3.0	31 to 40
3.5	41 to 50
4.0	> 50

The primary objective of this exploratory study was to define a safe and effective dose of EGP-437 in subjects with non-infectious anterior segment uveitis. The secondary objective was to evaluate the systemic pharmacokinetic profile of EGP-437 (dexamethasone and dexamethasone phosphate) following ocular dosing.

This multi-site, randomized, double-masked, parallel group, dose comparison, exploratory study comprised five visits conducted over 28 days. The study population was comprised of 40 eyes of 40 subjects. Enrolled subjects were randomly assigned to receive one of four iontophoresis dose levels of EGP-437 for approximately 4 minutes with up to 10 subjects per treatment arm. Subjects received a single treatment only, at Day 0, subjects returned for examination on Days 1, 7, 14, and 28. Eligible subjects received one of the following four iontophoresis dose levels of EGP-437 (dexamethasone phosphate ophthalmic solution (40mg/mL)) for approximately 4 minutes:

- Treatment Group A: 1.6 mA-min at 0.4 mA
- Treatment Group B: 4.8 mA-min at 1.2 mA
- Treatment Group C: 10.0 mA-min at 2.5 mA
- Treatment Group D: 14.0 mA-min at 3.5 mA

Following the single treatment with the EGP-437 Combination Product, 48% of the subjects achieved an ACC score of zero within two weeks. By Day 28, 60% of the subjects achieved an ACC score of zero and required no further treatment. At Day 14, in the lowest treatment group, the proportion of subjects with an ACC count of zero was 4/10 (40%) and for all treatment groups was 7/40 (18%). At Day 28, in the lowest treatment group, the proportion of subjects with an ACC count of zero was higher at 6/10 (60%) and for all treatment groups was 14/40 (35%). The highest proportion of subjects with an ACC count of zero was in the 1.6 mA-min at 0.4 mA treatment group at both Days 14 and 28.

		Treatment Group				
		1.6 mA-min	4.8 mA-min	10.0 mA-min	14.0 mA-min	Total
Characteristic	Statistic or Category	(N = 10)	(N = 10)	(N = 10)	(N = 10)	(N = 40)
ACC Score of Zero	Day 14	8 (80%)	6 (60%)	2 (20%)	3 (30%)	19 (48%)
	Day 28	8 (80%)	6 (60%)	5 (50%)	5 (50%)	24 (60%)
ACC Count of Zero	Day 14	4 (40%)	1 (10%)	1 (10%)	1 (10%)	7 (18%)
	Day 28	6 (60%)	2 (20%)	1 (10%)	5 (50%)	14 (35%)

The median time in days to an ACC score of zero ranged from a minimum of 11.5 days in the 1.6 mA-min dose group to a maximum of 31.0 days in the 14.0 mA-min dose group. The proportion of patients with an ACC score reduction of 0.5 or more on Day 28 was 80% (eight) in the 1.6 mA-min dose group and 60% (six) in the other three dose groups. The mean change in ACC score from baseline to Day 28 ranged from a maximum of -2.25 in the 1.6 mA-min dose group to a minimum of -2.00 in the 14.0 mA-min dose group. The relatively short mean times to reach an ACC score of zero in each dose group suggest that the treatment has a rapid onset of action.

The results from this trial appeared to demonstrate that the most effective EGP-437 dose level are in the 1.6 mA-min at 0.4 mA dose level. The level of association between the iontophoresis treatments and achieving an ACC Score of zero was assessed and the association was estimated to be statistically significant at a 5% level of significance (p-value = 0.032) on Day 14, suggesting that the treatment differences are larger than would be expected by chance alone. The probability-value or p-value is a number between 0.00 and 1.00, and is used to demonstrate the strength of a conclusion drawn from clinical trial data. Essentially the p-value measures consistency between the results actually obtained in the trial and the "pure chance" explanation for those results. A statement and corresponding p-value are considered of strong significance if the probability of the same reaction occurring randomly or by chance is less than 5%, corresponding to a p-value of p<0.05.

This trial showed low short-term systemic exposure to dexamethasone following ocular iontophoresis delivery of dexamethasone phosphate, and no corticosteroid mediated effects were observed.

While this dose-ranging study did not include positive or negative controls, the results demonstrated that a single treatment with the EGP-437 Combination Product: (1) lowered ACC scores in the majority of patients without requiring additional treatment and (2) produced low short-term systemic exposure to dexamethasone and dexamethasone phosphate.

# Non-infectious Anterior Uveitis: Phase 3 Clinical Trial

Our previous Phase 1/2 non-infectious anterior uveitis clinical trial, and two dry eye clinical trials, showed that the EGP-437 dose selected for the Phase 3 non-infectious anterior uveitis trial was well tolerated and demonstrated positive activity. The Phase 3 non-infectious anterior uveitis clinical trial was conducted to assess safety and efficacy of the EGP-437 Combination Product and evaluate its non-inferiority status to a standard of care, prednisolone acetate 1% (PA) eye drops. Communication received from the FDA, dated December 3, 2007, stated that the FDA recommends that PA, administered at least four times per day (q.i.d.), be the positive control agent for the treatment of anterior uveitis. Our trial utilized a more stringent regimen for the positive control of eight times per day in week one and six times per day in week two before going to four times per day in weeks three and four. Patients had to agree to comply with dosing regimen to be included in the trial.

The completed Phase 3 non-inferiority study in patients with non-infectious anterior uveitis appeared to demonstrate that two iontophoretic treatments with our EGP-437 Combination Product achieved the same response rate as the positive control for the primary efficacy endpoint, a complete clearing of anterior chamber cells, by day 14. The control is the current standard of care, PA, which was administered multiple times daily as eye drops. Although we achieved the same response rate in our Phase 3 clinical trial, the dose of the EGP-437 Combination Product tested was just outside the pre-set non-inferiority margin for intent-to-treat and per protocol populations and did not achieve statistical significance in the intent-to-treat population as compared to the positive control based on the primary efficacy endpoint.

- The EGP-437 Combination Product produced the same outcomes compared to PA while eliminating the need to apply up to 8 eye drops a day, for a total of 154 drops over a four week period eight times per day for week one, six times per day for week two and four times per day for weeks three and four.
- This was achieved with a lower incidence of increased IOP, which is characterized as an increase of six mm Hg or more from baseline; in the EGP-437 Combined Product
  group, 14 subjects had 17 occurrences while 24 subjects had 41 occurrences in the PA arm.

# **Phase 3 Safety Discussion**

Our EGP-437 Combination Product appears to be clinically comparable to PA topical drops. With regard to elevated IOP, no subjects in the EGP-437 Combination Product treatment arm experienced any significant increase in IOP (greater than 20mmHg), whereas the PA treatment arm had one subject with a reported IOP increase of 27mmHg. With regard to IOP-related adverse events, one subject in the EGP-437 Combination Product treatment group reported an adverse event (seen approximately three weeks after rescue was initiated) and six subjects in the PA treatment arm reported adverse events related to IOP.

# **Phase 3 Clinical Trial Conclusion**

Topical corticosteroid therapy administered as frequently as every hour with tapering over the treatment period has been the mainstay for uveitis treatment since the 1950s. In this unique Phase 3 randomized, double-masked, positive-controlled clinical trial in subjects with non-infectious anterior uveitis, two treatments with ocular iontophoretic delivery of EGP-437 appears to be clinically comparable to PA topical drops administered with a tapering schedule from eight drops per day to four drops per day over 28 days.

By days seven and fourteen, the proportion of subjects reaching ACC counts of zero was slightly greater in the EGP-437 Combination Product arm than the PA arm. This effect was more noticeable in the subgroup of subjects with a higher baseline ACC count; a higher proportion of subjects in the EGP-437 Combination Product arm reached an ACC count of zero by Days 7 and 14 in this sub-group of subjects. Safety findings were comparable for both study arms.

#### Dry Eye: Phase 2 Trial

105 subjects were randomized into this 3-armed, single-center, randomized, double-masked, placebo-controlled trial comprised seven visits conducted over three weeks. The objective of this trial was to assess the safety and efficacy of the EGP-437 Combination Product for the treatment of the signs and symptoms of dry eye. Two sets of iontophoresis conditions (7.5 mA-min at 2.5 mA and 10.5 mA-min at 3.5 mA) to create a low-dose and a high-dose group. The control group received ocular iontophoresis of 100 mM sodium citrate buffer (10.5 mA-min at 3.5 mA).

Ireatment Group				
	7.5 mA-min at 2.5 mA	10.5 mA-min at 3.5 mA	Placebo	Total
	41	38	26	105

The controlled adverse environmental (CAE) system was used to reproducibly exacerbate the signs and symptoms of dry eye disease. The CAE is a clinical model emulating some environmental conditions (low humidity, high temperature, visual tasking) that contribute to drying the ocular surface. The CAE system exacerbates the signs and symptoms of dry eye in a reproducible manner. The CAE model has been shown to correlate with accepted murine models of dry eye and has been used extensively in ophthalmic clinical trials. The main objective of the CAE system is for screening and eligibility purposes. A baseline reading of various signs and symptoms of the disease are taken prior and post to exacerbation by the CAE system. A week later this is repeated and the subjects that acted in a reproducible manner are enrolled into the study. This is important as dry eye is a syndrome that is caused by many different etiologies and one treatment may not be sufficient for all.

The trial was designed to evaluate effects among different clinical scenarios, including: Treatment, the effects of treatment with the EGP-437 Combination Product following CAE-induced signs and symptoms; Prevention, the effects of treatment with the EGP-437 Combination Product prior to CAE exposure; Recovery, the effects of treatment with the EGP-437 Combination Product on recovery towards baseline at follow-up visits (24 hours and 7 days after CAE); and Environmental (periods of time not directly influenced by the CAE), the ability of the EGP-437 Combination Product to improve dry eye signs and symptoms over the entire 3-week study period.

The trial included seven visits over three weeks: subjects were exposed to the CAE for 90 minutes at three visits (visits 1, 3, and 5 — CAE visits), and the remaining visits (visits 2, 4, 6, 7) were conducted for follow-up.

At each trial visit (both pre- and post-CAE at Visits 1, 3 and 5), dry eye signs (corneal and conjunctival staining, conjunctival redness, tear film break-up time, or TFBUT, blink rate, ocular protection index (OPI), and corneal sensitivity) and symptoms (ocular discomfort before, during, and after the CAE exposure, several symptom questionnaires) were evaluated. Subjects also recorded morning, afternoon and evening dry eye symptoms in a diary on each day of the trial.

# Signs

The low dose treatment group of the EGP-437 Combination Product when compared to placebo demonstrated on a statistically significant basis less lissamine green corneal staining pre- to post-CAE at visit 5 in the superior region (p = 0.039). Statistically significant improvements in TFBUT were also observed for the low dose treatment group of the EGP-437 Combination Product relative to placebo at visit 5 pre- and post-CAE (p = 0.034, 0.049, respectively) and at visit 7 (p = 0.042). Statistically significant improvements in OPI were also observed for the low dose treatment relative to placebo at visit 5 post-CAE (p = 0.048).

At visit 7, statistically significant differences between the low dose treatment and placebo groups were documented, including TFBUT (p = 0.042). When comparing endpoints across the entire trial's duration ("environmental"), for example, the changes in fluorescein staining from visit 1 pre-CAE to visit 7 fluorescein staining, a statistically significant decrease in the inferior region was revealed for the low dose treatment group over placebo (p = 0.038). Fluorescein staining in the inferior region is recognized as an important sign of dry eye disease, because this area represents a region specifically vulnerable to exacerbation by stress conditions, including those presented in the CAE model.

#### Symptoms

The differences in the mean ocular discomfort scores (for low dose treatment group of the EGP-437 Combination Product versus placebo) at several discrete time points during the visit 5 CAE exposure were statistically significant. In order to determine if the subjects reporting lower ocular discomfort scores during the visit 5 CAE experienced improvements in any relevant dry eye signs, two sub-groups of subjects were evaluated: those demonstrating ocular discomfort scores of < 3 and those demonstrating ocular discomfort scores < 4 at all time points between 50 and 90 minutes during visit 5 CAE exposure lemonstrated significantly longer mean TFBUTs for both active treatment groups compared to the placebo group. In addition, ocular discomfort at visits 4 and 6 was statistically significantly lower in the low dose treatment group versus placebo (p = 0.032 and p = 0.0032, respectively).

In this exploratory study, the EGP-437 Combination Product suggested potential improvements in a variety of signs and symptoms of dry eye relative to placebo. Some positive effects were observed within 24 hours of treatment and over the three-week study period, which suggest a rapid onset of action and the potential for long-term effectiveness. Since multiple statistically significant observations were made across a variety of visits and endpoints, it appears that the effects are treatment related (i.e., the probability of incorrectly identifying statistical significance via the  $\alpha$  level of 0.05). Based on all endpoints analyzed, it appears that the lower dose is more beneficial than the higher dose.

## Dry Eye: Phase 3 Trial

The Phase 3 trial design is similar to the Phase 2 trial design. However, the Phase 2 trial comprised seven visits conducted over three weeks while the Phase 3 trial comprised nine visits conducted over nine weeks. The Phase 3 trial was intended to confirm and extend the results from the Phase 2 trial. The Phase 3 trial was designed to assess the safety and efficacy of the EGP-437 Combination Product under conditions of 4.0 mA-min at 1.5 mA (low dose treatment group) and 6.5 mA-min at 2.5 mA (high dose treatment group) compared to ocular iontophoresis with placebo for the treatment of the signs and symptoms of dry eye. There were 198 subjects enrolled in the trial with 66 subjects assigned to the low dose treatment group, 66 subjects assigned to high dose treatment group, and 66 subjects were assigned to the placebo group.

This was a multi-center, randomized, double masked, placebo-controlled study which comprised nine visits conducted over approximately nine weeks using the CAE chamber. The CAE chamber was used at visit 1 (Day -7), visit 2 (Day 0), and visit 4 (Day +7) to reproducibly exacerbate dry eye signs and symptoms in a subject population selected for evidence of ongoing moderate to severe dry eye disease. Each subject received two sessions of iontophoresis (both eyes treated in each session): the first at 60 minutes after the CAE exposure at visit 2, and the second at 60 minutes before the CAE exposure at visit 4. Visits 3 and 5 took place 24 hours after visits 2 and 4, respectively, as follow-up evaluations. Visits 7, 8, and 9, took place on days 21, 28, and 56, respectively, and served to evaluated duration of action and long-term safety. At all visits (both preand post-CAE at visits 1, 2 and 4), dry eye signs (corneal and conjunctival staining, conjunctival redness, TFBUT, blink rate, ocular protection index (OPI), and corneal sensitivity) and symptoms (ocular discomfort before, during, and after the CAE exposure, several symptom questionnaires) were evaluated. Subjects also recorded morning, afternoon, and evening dry eye symptoms in a diary on each day of the study.

The study design allowed the effectiveness of the EGP-437 Combination Product to be assessed in different clinical scenarios: treatment, the effects of the EGP-437 Combination Product following the CAE-induced dry eye signs and symptoms; prevention, the effects of the EGP-437 Combination Product prior to the CAE-induced dry eye signs and symptoms; recovery, the effects of the EGP-437 Combination Product on the recovery towards baseline at 24 hours and 7 days post-CAE; and Environmental, the ability of the EGP-437 Combination Product to improve baseline dry eye signs and symptoms over the study period. Improvements in the EGP-437 Combination Product treatment groups relative to the placebo group at the 24-hour follow-up visits (visits 3 and 5), or post-CAE at visit 4, would be evidence of a rapid onset of action. Improvements relative to the placebo group pre-CAE at visit 4 or at visit 6 through visit 9 would be interpreted as evidence of a long duration of action.

# Signs

Although, statistical significance was not met for the primary endpoint for a sign, which was fluorescein staining of the inferior region of the cornea at visit 6 (day 14), statistical significance for the high dose treatment group relative to the placebo group was demonstrated at visit 3 and for change from baseline to visit 3 (p=0.0366 and p=0.0084 respectively). Fluorescein staining of the total cornea at visit 3 and for change in baseline to visit 3 was also statistically significant with p=0.05 for both. Other signs also showed statistical significance at various visits, including lissamine green staining, conjunctival redness and TFBUT.

# **Conjunctival Redness**

Time Point	p-value
Visit 3	0.0004
Visit 3 Change from baseline	0.0038
Visit 4: Post CAE	0.0077
Visit 4: Change from pre CAE to post CAE	0.0080

## Symptoms

Although the primary endpoint for symptom of ocular discomfort at visit 5 (Day 8) compared to placebo was not statistically significant, the ocular discomfort score at visit 4 showing the change from 0 to 90 minutes while in the CAE was statistically significant for both the low and high treatment dose groups as compared to the placebo group (p=0.0003 and p=<0.0001 respectively). Also, the ocular surface disease index (OSDI) was statistically significant for the low dose treatment group as compared to placebo at visit 4 and visit 6 for change from baseline (p=0.0266 and p=0.0247 respectively). Other symptoms also showed statistical significance at various visits, including a 4 symptom questionnaire and the diary data assessing dryness.

Questionnaire: Burning	
Time Point	p-value
Visit 4 Change from baseline	0.0034
Visit 7 Change from baseline	0.0130
Visit 8 Change from baseline	0.0181

The improvements documented in dry eye signs and symptoms relative to the placebo group indicate that the treatments with the EGP-437 Combination Product had both a rapid onset of action and a long-term effectiveness.

Rapid Onset: Statistically significant improvements for the following endpoints were noted at a 24-hour follow-up visit (visit 3 or visit 5), or post-CAE at visit 4, and are interpreted as evidence for a rapid onset of action.

- Fluorescein staining (inferior, superior, temporal, corneal sum, conjunctival sum)
- Lissamine green staining (inferior, nasal, total sum)
- Conjunctival redness

- TFBUT
- 4-Symptom questionnaire (burning, dryness, grittiness)

Long-term Effectiveness: The EGP-437 Combination Product treatment groups showed statistically significant improvements over the placebo group in the following endpoints pre-CAE at visit 4, at visits 6, 7, 8, or 9, or in the changes from baseline to visits 6, 7, 8, or 9, and are interpreted as evidence for a long duration of action.

- Fluorescein staining (nasal conjunctival region)
- · Lissamine green staining (nasal, temporal conjunctival, corneal sum, conjunctival sum)
- Conjunctival redness
- 4-Symptom questionnaire (burning, stinging)
- OSDI Questionnaire
- Diary data (dryness)

The 24-hr follow-up visits evaluate the effectiveness of the EGP-437 Combination Product in treatment mode (visit 3) or in prevention mode (visit 5). Improvements observed in dry eye signs (corneal staining, conjunctival staining and conjunctival redness) at visits 3 and 5, and in the changes from baseline to visits 3 or 5, demonstrate that the two EGP-437 Combination Product treatments may aid healing in these regions.

The improvements in dry eye symptoms (burning, stinging, dryness) demonstrated at visit 6, 7, 8, or 9, and in the changes from baseline to visits 6, 7, 8, or 9, demonstrate that the 2 EGP-437 Combination Product treatments have a long duration of action in relief of these symptoms.

## **Clinical Development Plan**

We have completed two trials (Phase 1/2 and Phase 3) for anterior uveitis and have demonstrated in the completed Phase 3 non-inferiority study that two iontophoretic treatments with our EGP-437 Combination Product achieved the same response rate as the positive control for the primary efficacy endpoint, a complete clearing of anterior chamber cells, by day 14. This was achieved with a lower incidence of increased IOP, which is characterized as an increase of six mm Hg or more from baseline. The FDA has provided guidance that if the planned confirmatory Phase 3 trial of EGP-437 in anterior uveitis meets non-inferiority criteria, data from this trial along with data from our previously completed Phase 3 trial in anterior uveitis will be sufficient to support an NDA filing. The FDA also communicated that the design of the planned confirmatory Phase 3 anterior uveitis trial is acceptable and that the nonclinical work completed to date is sufficient to support an NDA filing.

We have reported interim data for a Phase 1b/2a trial treating patients with macular edema using the EGP-437 Combination Product. This open-label, 20 patient trial treated patients with macular edema secondary to RVO, Diabetic Retinopathy and Vitrectomy Surgery. We have initiated the extension of this trial and estimate that we will have top-line data in the second quarter of 2016.

We have completed a proof-of-concept study for the treatment of inflammation post cataract surgery. In this exploratory study we utilized the EGP-437 Combination Product in a prophylactic manner, by providing the treatment one day prior to the surgery. Unfortunately, the surgical procedure appears to eliminate or wash out any remaining drug product from the anterior segment of the eye where the ocular tissue that becomes inflamed postsurgery is located. We have recently filed a protocol and have initiated a Phase 1b/2a clinical trial for the treatment of inflammation post cataract surgery treating patients post-surgery. The design of this trial is based on treating the patients post-surgery and not prophylactically. We estimate that we will have top-line data in the second quarter of 2016.

We have completed two trials (Phase 2 and Phase 3) for dry eye and have demonstrated significant improvements in a variety of signs and symptoms of dry eye relative to placebo. Dry eye is a syndrome with many different etiologies and with a pathology that is multifactorial making it difficult to enroll a homogenous group of patients for a trial, hence why we used the CAE system. We believe that dry eye fulfills our criteria and will be one of the indications on our priority list for further development. If we move forward with another trial for dry eye, we will seek an alternative way to determine eligibility for enrollment, without the assistance of the CAE system.

# Easy-to-Use Ocular Delivery System

The EGP-437 Combination Product utilizes a proprietary transscleral iontophoresis delivery system, the EyeGate® II Delivery System, which was originally designed at the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute at the University of Miami. Through animal studies and eventually a proof-of-concept clinical study in humans the original prototype was optimized and ultimately became the Eyegate® II Delivery System. We hold worldwide commercialization rights to the EyeGate® II Delivery System. The system utilizes a low electrical current to deliver a specified amount of drug for each treatment. The system used in clinical trials consists of: a reusable battery-powered generator, a disposable applicator kit and a vial that contains the drug. Over 1,700 experimental treatments have been performed with the system with more than 1,000 of these experimental treatments delivering the EGP-437 Combination Product during the development program.

The EyeGate® II Delivery System consists of the following key components:

- An applicator kit that includes:
  - <sup>o</sup> An applicator used to deliver the drug product to the eye;
  - <sup>o</sup> A syringe and adapter transfer system for transferring the drug product from a vial to the applicator; and
  - <sup>o</sup> A return electrode to complete the continuous current circuit;
- A vial containing the drug product; and
- A generator that provides a constant current to the electrode of the applicator.

#### **Intellectual Property and Proprietary Rights**

#### Overview

We are building an intellectual property portfolio for our EGP-437 Combination Product, as well as other devices and product candidates for treatment of ocular indications in the U.S. and abroad. We currently seek, and intend to continue to seek, patent protection in the U.S. and internationally for our product candidates, methods of use, and processes for manufacture, and for other technologies, where appropriate. Our current policy is to actively seek to protect our proprietary position by, among other things, filing patent applications in the U.S. and abroad relating to proprietary technologies that are important to the development of our business. We also rely on, and will continue to rely on, trade secrets, know-how, continuing technological innovation and in-licensing opportunities to develop and maintain our proprietary position. We cannot be sure that patents will be granted with respect to any of our pending patent applications or with respect to any patents or any patents that may be granted to us in the future will be commercially useful in protecting our technology.

Our success will depend significantly on our ability to obtain and maintain patent and other proprietary protection for the technologies that we consider important to our business, our ability to defend our patents, and our ability to preserve the confidentiality of our trade secrets and operate our business without infringing the patents and proprietary rights of third parties.

#### Patent Portfolio

Our patent portfolio includes drug delivery device patents directed to the EyeGate<sup>®</sup> II Delivery System and other drug delivery devices, drug composition patent applications directed to EGP-437 and other product candidates, and patent applications directed to methods of treatment utilizing EGP-437, as well as the other product candidates. These issued patents will expire between 2018 and 2029.

We have been developing drugs and drug delivery systems for non-invasive treatment on the eye for several years. These delivery systems include various patented and patent pending iontophoretic drug delivery devices that have been individually designed to treat components of the eye, such as the cornea, sclera, and combinations thereof. These devices have been further improved to provide better patient comfort levels as well as treatment times. The ever growing delivery system patent portfolio consists of nine Patent families, which includes sixteen U.S. Patents, sixty-seven corresponding International Patents, two pending U.S. Patent Applications, and eleven corresponding pending International Patent Applications. We hold eight patents and seventy-eight of our patents are held by our subsidiary, EyeGate Pharma S.A.S., a French corporation, or EyeGate S.A.S.

We have also developed patent pending drug compositions that work with our patented delivery systems and treatments utilizing these drug compositions and patent delivery systems. This includes two Patent families with one U.S. patent and two International Patents, two U.S. Patent Applications and four corresponding International Patent Applications.

#### License Agreements

Eyegate S.A.S. is party to an Amended and Restated License Agreement with the University of Miami and its School of Medicine, dated as of December 16, 2005. This license agreement grants us the right to use certain French, European, Canadian, Japanese, American, Mexican, Korean, Brazilian and Israeli patents in our EGP-437 Combination Product. Under this agreement, we are obligated to pay an annual license fee of \$12,500, certain milestone payments pertaining to EGP-437 Combination Product development milestones, and following the commercialization of EGP-437 Combination Product, royalties based on percentages (in the low single digits) of the net sales of any products we sell that are subject to the license agreement, which would include our EGP-437 Combination Product relating to its incorporation of the EyeGate® II Delivery System. All annual license fee and milestone payments have been paid to date. The total amount of milestone payments paid to date under this license agreement is \$30,000 and there are potential aggregate additional amounts of up to \$150,000 due on certain milestones being met. On July 7, 2014, we entered into an amendment to such license agreement, whereby the parties agreed to eliminate the minimum royalty provisions and related obligations in exchange for the increase of certain future milestone payments as well as the issuance of 15,036 shares of our common stock to the license. This license agreement remains in effect until the later of twelve (12) years after the date of the first commercial sale of the applicable product or the date of the last to expire patent relating to the parteent intellectual property. The license agreement also provides that it may be terminated by either party in the case of continued material breach or provision of false reports, by the licensor pertaining to certain bankruptcy or insolvency circumstances regarding our company or by us upon ninety (90) days prior written notice.

EyeGate S.A.S. is also party to a perpetual Transaction Protocol agreement with Francine Behar-Cohen, dated as of July 23, 1999. This agreement acknowledges our right to use certain patents that Ms. Behar-Cohen had certain ownership rights with respect to and which are used in our EGP-437 Combination Product. The agreement also provides for us to pay Ms. Behar-Cohen a fee based on a percentage of the pre-tax turnover generated from sales of our EGP-437 Combination Product relating to its inclusion of the EyeGate® II Delivery System. The fees due under the agreement are required to be paid until January 2018.

We have entered into an exclusive, worldwide licensing agreement with a subsidiary of Valeant Pharmaceuticals International, Inc. (NYSE/TSX: VRX) ("Valeant") through which EyeGate has granted Valeant exclusive, worldwide commercial and manufacturing rights to its EyeGate® II Delivery System and EGP-437 Combination Product in the field of uveitis, as well as a right of last negotiation to license the products for other indications. Under the agreement, we received an upfront cash payment, and will receive development-based milestone payments related to the completion of development for the indication of anterior uveitis and an approval-based milestone payment upon receipt of FDA approval of the products. Additionally, we would receive royalties based on net sales, as well as additional milestone payments based on the achievement of certain cumulative sales milestones. We are responsible for the development of the Product in the U.S. for the indication of anterior uveitis, together with the costs associated therewith. Valeant has the right to develop the products in the field outside of the U.S. and has agreed to fund 100% of any costs associated therewith.

#### **Confidential Information and Inventions Assignment Agreements**

We currently require and will continue to require each of our employees and consultants to execute confidentiality agreements upon the commencement of such individual's employment, consulting or collaborative relationships with us. These agreements provide that all confidential information developed or made known during the course of the relationship with us be kept confidential and not disclosed to third parties except in specific circumstances.

In the case of employees, the agreements provide that all inventions resulting from such individual's work performed for us, utilizing our property or relating to our business and conceived or completed by the individual during employment shall be our exclusive property to the extent permitted by applicable law. Our consulting agreements also provide for assignment to us of any intellectual property resulting from services performed by a consultant for us.

#### Sales and Marketing

We have entered into an exclusive global License Agreement with a subsidiary of Valeant Pharmaceuticals International, Inc. ("Valeant"), through which EyeGate has granted Valeant exclusive, worldwide commercial and manufacturing rights to its EyeGate® II Delivery System and EGP-437 combination product ("Product") in the field of uveitis, as well as a right of last negotiation to license the Product for other indications.

## Manufacturing

We do not have, and do not intend to establish an in-house manufacturing capability for our products and as a result we will depend heavily on third-party contract manufacturers to produce and package our products. We currently do not have any contractual relationships with third-party manufacturers. We intend to rely on third-party suppliers that we have used in the past for the manufacturing of various components that comprise our EGP-437 Combination Product that will be used in our confirmatory Phase 3 trial and other contemplated clinical trials.

# Competition

The biotechnology and pharmaceutical industries are characterized by rapidly advancing technologies, intense competition and a strong emphasis on proprietary products. While we believe that our technologies, knowledge, experience and scientific resources provide us with competitive advantages, we face potential competition from many different sources, including major pharmaceutical, specialty pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, academic institutions and governmental agencies and public and private research institutions. Any product candidates that we successfully develop and commercialize will compete with existing therapies and new therapies that may become available in the future.

Our potential competitors include large pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, and specialty pharmaceutical and generic drug companies. Many of our competitors have significantly greater financial resources and expertise in research and development, manufacturing, preclinical testing, conducting clinical trials, obtaining regulatory approvals and marketing approved products than we do. These competitors also compete with us in recruiting and retaining qualified scientific and management personnel and establishing clinical trial sites and patient registration for clinical trials, as well as in acquiring technologies complementary to, or necessary for, our programs. Smaller or early stage companies may also prove to be significant competitors, particularly through collaborative arrangements with large and established companies.

The key competitive factors affecting the success of each of our product candidates, if approved for marketing, are likely to be its efficacy, safety, method of administration, convenience, price, the level of generic competition and the availability of coverage and adequate reimbursement from government and other third-party payors.

Our commercial opportunity could be reduced or eliminated if our competitors develop and commercialize products that are safer, more effective, have fewer or less severe side effects, are more convenient or are less expensive than any products that we may develop. Our competitors also may obtain FDA or other regulatory approval for their products more rapidly than we may obtain approval for ours, which could result in our competitors' establishing a strong market position before we are able to enter the market. In addition, our ability to compete may be affected in many cases by insurers or other third party payors seeking to encourage the use of generic products. Generic products currently being used for the indications that we may pursue, and additional products are expected to become available on a generic basis over the coming years. If our product candidates achieve marketing approval, we expect that they will be priced at a significant premium over competitive generic products.

Our competitors in the treatment of non-infectious anterior uveitis include Durezol® (Novartis AG), Lotemax® (Valeant Pharmaceuticals International, Inc.), Pred Forte® (Allergan, Inc.) and prednisolone acetate ophthalmic suspension (1%) (Novartis AG).

# **Government Regulation**

# FDA Approval Process

In the U.S., pharmaceutical products are subject to extensive regulation by the FDA. The Food Drug and Cosmetic Act, or FDCA, and other federal and state statutes and regulations, govern, among other things, the research, development, testing, manufacture, storage, recordkeeping, approval, labeling, promotion and marketing, distribution, postapproval monitoring and reporting, sampling, and import and export of pharmaceutical products. Failure to comply with applicable FDA or other requirements may subject a company to a variety of administrative or judicial sanctions, such as the FDA's refusal to approve pending applications, a clinical hold, warning letters, recall or seizure of products, partial or total suspension of production, withdrawal of the product from the market, injunctions, fines, civil penalties or criminal prosecution.

FDA approval is required before any new drug, can be marketed in the U.S. The process required by the FDA before a new drug product may be marketed in the U.S. generally involves:

- completion of preclinical laboratory and animal testing and formulation studies in compliance with the FDA's good laboratory practice, or GLP, regulation;
- submission to the FDA of an IND for human clinical testing which must become effective before human clinical trials may begin in the U.S.;
- · approval by an independent institutional review board, or IRB, at each site where a clinical trial will be performed before the trial may be initiated at that site;
- performance of adequate and well-controlled human clinical trials in accordance with good clinical practices, or GCP, to establish the safety and efficacy of the proposed product candidate for each intended use;
- satisfactory completion of an FDA pre-approval inspection of the facility or facilities at which the product is manufactured to assess compliance with the FDA's cGMP regulations;
- submission to the FDA of a new drug application, or NDA, which must be accepted for filing by the FDA;
- satisfactory completion of an FDA advisory committee review, if applicable;
- payment of user fees, if applicable; and
- FDA review and approval of the NDA.

The preclinical and clinical testing and approval process requires substantial time, effort and financial resources. Pre-clinical tests include laboratory evaluation of product chemistry, formulation, manufacturing and control procedures and stability, as well as animal studies to assess the toxicity and other safety characteristics of the product. The results of preclinical tests, together with manufacturing information, analytical data and a proposed clinical trial protocol and other information, are submitted as part of an IND to the FDA. Some preclinical testing may continue even after the IND is submitted. The IND automatically becomes effective 30 days after receipt by the FDA, unless the FDA, within the 30-day time period, raises concerns or questions and places the clinical trial on a clinical hold. In such a case, the IND sponsor and the FDA must resolve any outstanding concerns before the clinical trial can begin. A clinical hold may occur at any time during the life of an IND and may affect one or more specific studies or all studies conducted under the IND.

All clinical trials must be conducted under the supervision of one or more qualified investigators in accordance with GCPs. They must be conducted under protocols detailing the objectives of the trial, dosing procedures, research subject selection and exclusion criteria and the safety and effectiveness criteria to be evaluated. Each protocol must be submitted to the FDA as part of the IND, and progress reports detailing the results of the clinical trials must be submitted at least annually. In addition, timely safety reports must be submitted to the FDA and the investigators for serious and unexpected adverse events. An institutional review board, or IRB, at each institution participating in the clinical trial must review and approve each protocol before a clinical trial commences at that institution and must also approve the information regarding the trial and the consent form that must be provided to each trial subject or his or her legal representative, monitor the study until completed and otherwise comply with IRB regulations.

Sponsors of clinical trials generally must register and report, at the NIH-maintained website ClinicalTrials.gov, key parameters of certain clinical trials. For purposes of an NDA submission and approval, human clinical trials are typically conducted in the following sequential phases, which may overlap or be combined:

- Phase 1: The product is initially introduced into healthy human patients and tested for safety, dose tolerance, absorption, metabolism, distribution and excretion and, if possible, to gain an early indication of its effectiveness.
- *Phase 2:* The product is administered to a limited patient population to identify possible adverse effects and safety risks, to preliminarily evaluate the efficacy of the product for specific targeted indications and to determine dose tolerance and optimal dosage. Multiple Phase 2 clinical trials may be conducted by the sponsor to obtain information prior to beginning larger and more extensive clinical trials.
- Phase 3: These are commonly referred to as pivotal studies. When Phase 2 evaluations demonstrate that a dose range of the product appears to be effective and has an
  acceptable safety profile, trials are undertaken in large patient populations to further evaluate dosage, to obtain additional evidence of clinical efficacy and safety in an
  expanded patient population at multiple, geographically-dispersed clinical trial sites, to establish the overall risk-benefit relationship of the product and to provide
  adequate information for the labeling of the product.
- Phase 4: In some cases, the FDA may condition approval of an NDA for a product candidate on the sponsor's agreement to conduct additional clinical trials to further
  assess the product's safety and effectiveness after NDA approval. Such post-approval trials are typically referred to as Phase 4 studies.

The results of product development, preclinical studies and clinical trials, along with descriptions of the manufacturing process, analytical tests conducted on the chemistry of the drug, proposed labeling, and other relevant information are submitted to the FDA as part of an NDA requesting approval to market the product. The submission of an NDA is subject to the payment of user fees; a waiver of such fees may be obtained under certain limited circumstances. The FDA reviews all NDAs submitted to ensure that they are sufficiently complete for substantive review before it accepts them for filing. The FDA may request additional information rather than accept an NDA for filing. In this event, the NDA must be resubmitted with the additional information. The resubmitted application also is subject to review before the FDA accepts it for filing. Once the submission is accepted for filing, the FDA begins an in-depth substantive review.

#### Section 505(b)(2) New Drug Applications

According to section 505 of the FDCA, there are three types of new drug applications: (1) an application that contains full reports of investigations of safety and effectiveness (section 505(b)(1)); (2) an application that contains full reports of investigations of safety and effectiveness but where at least some of the information required for approval comes from studies not conducted by or for the applicant and for which the applicant has not obtained a right of reference from the entity that performed the studies (section 505(b)(2)); and (3) an application that contains information to show that the proposed product is identical in active ingredient, dosage form, strength, route of administration, labeling, quality, performance characteristics, and intended use, among other things, to a previously approved product (section 505(j)). We intend to submit a 505(b)(2) NDA for our EGP-437 Combination Product.

Section 505(b)(2) of the FDCA enables an applicant to rely, in part, on the FDA's findings of safety and efficacy for an existing product, or published literature, in support of its NDA. Using this approval pathway may allow us to rely in part on information in the public domain to support the safety and effectiveness of EGP-437. The FDA may also require sponsors to perform additional clinical trials, measurements, or other types of studies or assessments (e.g., bridging studies) to support any change from the previously approved product. The review process is lengthy and often difficult, and the FDA may refuse to approve an NDA if the applicable regulatory criteria are not satisfied or may require additional clinical or other data and information. Even if such data and information is submitted, the FDA may ultimately decide that the NDA does not satisfy the criteria for approval. Data obtained from clinical trials are not always conclusive and the FDA may interpret data differently than we interpret the same data. The FDA may issue a complete response letter, which may require additional clinical or other data or other data or other data or impose other conditions that must be met in order to secure final approval of the NDA or an approved letter following satisfactory completion of all aspects of the review process. The FDA reviews an NDA to determine, among other things, whether a product is safe and effective for its intended use and whether its manufacturing is cGMP-compliant to assure and preserve the product's identity, strength, quality and purity. Before approving an NDA, the FDA will inspect the facility or facilities where the product is manufactured.

To the extent that a Section 505(b)(2) NDA relies on clinical trials conducted for a previously approved drug product or the FDA's prior findings of safety and effectiveness for a previously approved drug product, the 505(b)(2) applicant must submit patent certifications in its 505(b)(2) application with respect to any patents listed for the approved product on which the application relies in the FDA's publication, Approved Drug Products with Therapeutic Equivalence Evaluations (commonly referred to as the Orange Book). Specifically, the applicant must certify for each listed patent that (1) the required patent information has not been filed; (2) the listed patent has expired; (3) the listed patent has not expired, but will expire on a particular date and approval is not sought until after patent expiration; or (4) the listed patent is invalid, unenforceable or will not be infringed by the proposed new product. A certification. If the applicant does not challenge one or more listed patents through a Paragraph IV certification, the FDA will not approve the Section 505(b)(2) NDA application until all the unchallenged listed patents claiming the referenced product have expired. Further, the FDA will also not accept or approve, as applicable, a Section 505(b)(2) NDA application until any non-patent exclusivity, such as exclusivity for obtaining approval of a New Chemical Entity, listed in the Orange Book for the referenced product, has expired.

If the 505(b)(2) NDA applicant has provided a Paragraph IV certification to the FDA, the applicant must also send notice of the Paragraph IV certification to the owner of the referenced NDA for the previously approved product and relevant patent holders within 20 days after the 505(b)(2) NDA has been accepted for submission by the FDA. The NDA and patent holders may then initiate a patent infringement suit against the 505(b)(2) applicant. Under the FDCA, the filing of a patent infringement lawsuit within 45 days of receipt of the notification regarding a Paragraph IV certification automatically prevents the FDA from approving the Section 505(b)(2) NDA for 30 months, or until a court deems the patent unenforceable, invalid or not infringed, whichever is earlier. Moreover, in cases where a 505(b)(2) application containing a Paragraph IV certification until the date that is seven and one-half years after approval of the previously approved reference product. The court also has the ability to shorten or lengthen either the 30 month or the seven and one-half year period if either party is found not to be reasonably cooperating in expediting the litigation. Thus, the Section 505(b)(2) applicant may invest a significant amount of time and expense in the development of its product only to be subject to significant delay and patent litigation before its product may be commercialized. Alternatively, if the NDA applicant or relevant patent holder does not file a patent infringement lawsuit within the specified 45 day period, the 30 month stay will not prevent approval of the 505(b)(2) application.

Notwithstanding the approval of many products by the FDA pursuant to Section 505(b)(2), over the last few years, some pharmaceutical companies and others have objected to the FDA's interpretation of Section 505(b)(2). If the FDA changes its interpretation of Section 505(b)(2), or if the FDA's interpretation is successfully challenged in court, this could delay or even prevent the FDA from approving any Section 505(b)(2) NDAs that we submit.

In the NDA submissions for our product candidates, we intend to follow the development and approval pathway permitted under the FDCA that we believe will maximize the commercial opportunities for these product candidates.

# **Combination Product Regulations**

Medical products containing a combination of new drugs, biological products, or medical devices may be regulated as "combination products" in the U.S. A combination product generally is defined as a product comprised of components from two or more regulatory categories, such as drug/device, device/biologic, or drug/biologic. Each component of a combination product is subject to the requirements established by the FDA for that type of component, whether a new drug, biologic, or device. In order to facilitate premarket review of combination products, the FDA designates one of its centers to have primary jurisdiction for the premarket review and regulation of both components. We expect that the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research will have primary jurisdiction over out EGP-437 Combination Product. The determination we have been told that the FDA considers our product a combination product and we have been told that the FDA considers our product a combination drug/device.

We will be subject to regulations governing medical devices separate from those governing drugs. After the FDA permits a device to enter commercial distribution, however, numerous regulatory requirements apply. These include:

- product labeling regulations;
- general prohibition against promoting products for unapproved or "off-label" uses;

- corrections and removals (e.g., recalls);
- establishment registration and device listing;
- · general prohibitions against the manufacture and distribution of adulterated and misbranded devices; and
- the Medical Device Reporting regulation, which requires that manufacturers report to the FDA if their device may have caused or contributed to a death or serious injury
  or malfunctioned in a way that would likely cause or contribute to a death or serious injury if it were to recur.

Failure to comply with these regulatory requirements could result in civil fines, product seizures, injunctions, and/or criminal prosecution of responsible individuals and us.

## Approval or Clearance of Medical Devices

Medical devices, such as our EyeGate® II Delivery System, may be evaluated either through the premarket approval, or PMA process, or the 510(k) clearance process, depending on the classification of the device. The regulatory classification for the Eyegate® II Delivery System is defined under Code of Federations Regulations 21, Part 890, section 5525 (21 CFR 890,5525). The FDA has confirmed that the EyeGate® II Delivery System will be submitted under the 510(k) clearance process. The FDA has further clarified the Code to state that an iontophoresis device intended for use with a specific drug that has been approved for delivery by iontophoresis is a class II device. The Eyegate® II Delivery System will be indicated for use with a specific drug (EGP-437) that will be approved through the NDA process and therefore classified as a class II device. Gathering clinical evidence for devices is subject to FDA's good clinical practice regulations, including requirements for IRB approval and informed consent. Significant risk devices require an approved investigational device exemption application before studies may begin. PMA approval typically requires, among other things, the submission of valid scientific evidence in the form of preclinical data, and a pre-approval inspection to determine if the manufacturing facility complies with cGMP practices under the quality system regulation that governs the design and all elements of the manufacture of devices. For clearance, a 510(k) must demonstrate substantial equivalence, i.e., must show that the device is as safe and effective as an already legally marketed device, also known as a predicate device. The evaluation of the newer device must not raise different questions of safety and effectiveness than that of the predicate device. 510(k)s normally do not, but sometimes do, require clinical data for clearance.

# Post-Approval Requirements

Once an NDA is approved, a product will be subject to pervasive and continuing regulation by the FDA, including, among other things, requirements relating to product/device listing, recordkeeping, periodic reporting, product sampling and distribution, advertising and promotion and reporting of adverse experiences with the product.



In addition, drug manufacturers and other entities involved in the manufacture and distribution of approved drugs are required to register their establishments with the FDA and state agencies, and are subject to periodic unannounced inspections by the FDA and these state agencies for compliance with cGMP requirements. Changes to the manufacturing process are strictly regulated and generally require prior FDA approval before being implemented. FDA regulations also require investigation and correction of any deviations from cGMP and impose reporting and documentation requirements upon us and any third-party manufacturers that we may decide to use. Accordingly, manufacturers must continue to expend time, money, and effort in the area of production and quality control to maintain cGMP compliance.

Once an approval is granted, the FDA may withdraw the approval if compliance with regulatory requirements and standards is not maintained or if problems occur after the product reaches the market. Later discovery of previously unknown problems with a product, including adverse events of unanticipated severity or frequency, or with manufacturing processes, or failure to comply with regulatory requirements, may result in, among other things:

- restrictions on the marketing or manufacturing of the product, complete withdrawal of the product from the market or product recalls;
- · fines, warning letters or holds on post-approval clinical trials;
- refusal of the FDA to approve pending applications or supplements to approved applications, or suspension or revocation of product license approvals;
- · product seizure or detention, or refusal to permit the import or export of products; or
- · injunctions or the imposition of civil or criminal penalties.

The FDA strictly regulates marketing, labeling, advertising and promotion of products that are placed on the market. While physicians may prescribe for off label uses, manufacturers may only promote for the approved indications and in accordance with the provisions of the approved label. The FDA and other agencies actively enforce the laws and regulations prohibiting the promotion of off label uses, and a company that is found to have improperly promoted off label uses may be subject to significant liability, both at the federal and state levels.

# Patent Term Restoration and Marketing Exclusivity

Depending upon the timing, duration and specifics of FDA approval of the use of our drug candidates, some of our U.S. patents may be eligible for limited patent term extension under the Drug Price Competition and Patent Term Restoration Act of 1984, referred to as the Hatch-Waxman Act. The Hatch-Waxman Act permits a patent restoration term of up to five years as compensation for patent term lost during product development and the FDA regulatory review process. However, patent term restoration cannot extend the remaining term of a patent beyond a total of 14 years from the product's approval date. The patent term restoration period is generally one-half the time between the effective date of an IND, and the submission date of an NDA, plus the time between the submission date of an NDA and the applicable to an approved drug is eligible for the extension and the application for extension must be made prior to expiration of the patent. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, in consultation with the FDA, reviews and approves the application for any patent term extension or restoration. In the future, we intend to apply for restorations of patent term for some of our currently owned or licensed patents to add patent life beyond their current expiration date, depending on the expected length of clinical trials and other factors involved in the submission of the relevant NDA.

Market exclusivity provisions under the FDCA also can delay the submission or the approval of certain applications. The FDCA provides a five-year period of non-patent marketing exclusivity within the U.S. to the first applicant to gain approval of an NDA for a new chemical entity. A drug is a new chemical entity if the FDA has not previously approved any other new drug containing the same active moiety, which is the molecule or ion responsible for the action of the drug substance. During the exclusivity period, the FDA may not accept for review an abbreviated new drug application, or ANDA, or a 505(b)(2) NDA submitted by another company for another version of such drug where the applicant does not own or have a legal right of reference to all the data required for approval. However, an application may be submitted after four years if it contains a certification of patent invalidity or non-infringement. The FDCA also provides three years of marketing exclusivity covers only the FDA to be essential to the approval of an existing drug. This three-year exclusivity covers only the conditions associated with the new clinical investigations, other than bioavailability studies, that were conducted or sponsored by the applicant are deemed by the FDA to be essential to the approval of an existing drug. This three-year exclusivity covers only the conditions associated with the new clinical investigations and does not prohibit the FDA from approving ANDAs for drugs containing the original active agent. Five-year and three-year exclusivity will not delay the submission or approval of a full NDA; however, an applicant submitting a full NDA would be required to coduct or obtain a right of reference to all of the preclinical studies and adequate and well-controlled clinical trials necessary to demonstrate safety and effectiveness.

# Manufacturing Requirements

We and our third party manufacturers must comply with applicable FDA regulations relating to FDA's cGMP regulations. The cGMP regulations include requirements relating to organization of personnel, buildings and facilities, equipment, control of components and drug product containers and closures, production and process controls, packaging and labeling controls, holding and distribution, laboratory controls, extensive records and reports, and returned or salvaged products. The manufacturing facilities for our products must meet cGMP requirements to the satisfaction of the FDA pursuant to a pre-approval inspection before we can use them to manufacture our products. We and our third party manufacturers and certain key component suppliers are also subject to periodic inspections of facilities by the FDA and other authorities, including procedures and operations used in the testing and manufacture of our products to assess our compliance with applicable regulations. Failure to comply with statutory and regulatory requirements subjects a manufacturer to possible legal or regulatory action, including manufacturing operations of product adulteration, the seizure or recall of products, injunctions, consent decrees placing significant restrictions on or suspending manufacturing operations and civil and criminal penalties. Adverse experiences with the product must be reported to the FDA and could result in the imposition of market restrictions through labeling changes or in product removal. Product approvals may be withdrawn if compliance with regulatory requirements is not maintained or if problems concerning safety or efficacy of the product occur following approval. Such perceived problems concerning safety or efficacy may arise in the context of clinical studies continued as a result of our post-marketing obligations, reports we or FDA receive from patients and healthcare providers, or literature published by third parties regarding our products or similar products.

#### Third Party Payor Coverage and Reimbursement

Reimbursement is expected to use standard approaches for Ophthalmology with EGP-437 reimbursed as a physician-administered drug using a drug code (J-code) and the procedure reimbursed via a CPT code in addition to the standard reimbursement for office visits. The commercial success of our EGP-437 Combination Product and, if and when commercialized, our other product candidates will depend, in part, upon the availability of coverage and reimbursement from third party payors at the federal, state and private levels, including U.S. Government payor programs, such as Medicare and Medicaid, private health care insurance companies and managed care plans have attempted to control costs by limiting coverage and the amount of reimbursement for particular procedures or drug treatments. The U.S. Congress and state legislatures from time to time propose and adopt initiatives aimed at cost containment, which could impact our ability to sell our products profitably. Ongoing federal and state government initiatives directed at lowering the total cost of health care will likely continue to focus on healthcare reform, the cost of prescription pharmaceuticals and on the reform of the Medicare and Medicaid payment systems.

We expect that the pharmaceutical industry will continue to experience pricing pressures due to these initiatives and the trend toward managed healthcare and the increasing influence of managed care organizations. Our results of operations could be adversely affected by current and future healthcare reforms.

Some third party payors also require pre-approval of coverage for new or innovative devices or drug therapies before they will reimburse healthcare providers that use such therapies. While we cannot predict whether any proposed cost-containment measures will be adopted or otherwise implemented in the future, the announcement or adoption of these proposals could have a material adverse effect on our ability to obtain adequate prices for our EGP-437 Combination Product and operate profitably.

# **Other Regulatory Requirements**

We are also subject to various laws and regulations regarding laboratory practices, the experimental use of animals, and the use and disposal of hazardous or potentially hazardous substances in connection with our research. In each of these areas, as above, the applicable regulatory agency will have broad regulatory and enforcement powers, including, among other things, the ability to levy fines and civil penalties. Compliance with applicable environmental laws and regulations is expensive, and current or future environmental regulations may impair our research, development and production efforts, which could harm our business, operating results and financial condition.

# Employees

As of December 31, 2015, we had 5 full time employees.

# **Business Segment and Geographical Information**

Operating segments are identified as components of an enterprise for which separate discrete financial information is available for evaluation by the chief operating decision maker, or decision making group, in making decisions on how to allocate resources and assess performance. The Company views its operations and manages its business in one operating segment. The Company operates in one geographic segment.

# **Our Corporate Information**

The Company was formed as a Delaware corporation on December 26, 2004. We were originally incorporated in 1998 under the name of Optis France S.A. in Paris, France. At the time of our incorporation in Delaware, the name of the French corporation was changed to EyeGate Pharma S.A.S. and became a subsidiary of Eyegate Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Our principal executive offices are located at 271 Waverley Oaks Road, Suite 108, Waltham, MA 02452, and our telephone number is (781) 788-9043.

# Available Information and Website

We maintain an internet website at *www.eyegatepharma.com* and make available free of charge through our website our Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K and amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Sections 13(a) and 15(d) of the Exchange Act. We make these reports available through our website as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file such reports with, or furnish such reports to, the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC. You can find, copy and inspect information we file at the SEC's public reference room, which is located at 100 F Street, N.E., Room 1580, Washington, DC 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for more information about the operation of the SEC's public reference room. You can review our electronically filed reports and other information that we file with the SEC on the SEC's web site at http://www.sec.gov. We also make available, free of charge on our website, the reports filed with the SEC by our executive officers, directors and 10% stockholders pursuant to Section 16 under the Exchange Act as soon as reasonably practicable after copies of those filings are provided to us by those persons. The information on our website is not incorporated by reference into this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Aud should not be considered to be a part of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Our website address is included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K as an inactive technical reference only.

# Risks Related to Our Financial Position and Need For Additional Capital

## We have incurred significant operating losses since our inception. We expect to incur losses for the foreseeable future and may never achieve or maintain profitability.

Since inception, we have incurred significant operating losses. Our net loss was approximately \$8.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2015 and \$1.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2014 and \$65.3 million from the period of inception (December 26, 2004) through December 31, 2015. To date, we have financed our operations primarily through private placements of our preferred stock and convertible promissory notes and through public offerings of our common stock. We have devoted substantially all of our financial resources and efforts to research and development, including preclinical studies and, beginning in 2008, clinical trials. We are still in the early stages of development of our product candidates, and we have not completed development of any drugs. We expect to continue to incur significant expenses and operating losses for the foreseeable future. Our net losses may fluctuate significantly from quarter to quarter and year to year. Our recurring losses from operations have raised substantial doubt regarding our ability to continue as a going concern, and as a result, our independent registered public accounting firm included an explanatory paragraph in its report on our financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2015 with respect to this uncertainty.

We anticipate that our expenses will continue to be significant with our planned clinical trial for our EGP-437 Combination Product, which consists of EGP-437 and our EyeGate® II Delivery System, including a dose curve trial and a macular edema trial.

Our expenses will also increase if and as we:

- pursue a confirmatory Phase 3 clinical trial evaluating the safety and efficacy of the EGP-437 Combination Product, for the treatment of non-infectious anterior uveitis;
- Pursue a safety clinical trial evaluating corneal endothelial cell counts over a six-month period with the EGP-437 Combination Product;
- Seek marketing approval for the EGP-437 Combination Product for anterior uveitis or any other indication in the U.S. whether alone or in collaboration with third parties;
- pursue the development of the EGP-437 Combination Product for the treatment of additional indications or for use in other patient populations or, if it is approved, seek to broaden the label for the EGP-437 Combination Product;
- continue the research and development of our other product candidates;
- Seek to develop additional product candidates;
- in-license or acquire the rights to other products, product candidates or technologies for the treatment of ophthalmic diseases;

- seek marketing approvals for any product candidates that successfully complete clinical trials;
- establish sales, marketing and distribution capabilities and scale up and validate external manufacturing capabilities to commercialize any products for which we may
  obtain marketing approval;
- maintain, expand and protect our intellectual property portfolio;
- hire additional clinical, quality control, scientific and management personnel;
- expand our operational, financial and management systems and personnel, including personnel to support our clinical development, manufacturing and planned future commercialization efforts and our operations as a public company; and
- increase our insurance coverage as we expand our clinical trials and commence commercialization of the EGP-437 Combination Product.

Because of the numerous risks and uncertainties associated with pharmaceutical product development, we are unable to accurately predict the timing or amount of increased expenses or when, or if, we will be able to achieve profitability. Our expenses will increase if:

- we are required by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, or FDA, or foreign equivalents, to perform studies or clinical trials in addition to those currently expected;
- if there are any delays in enrollment of patients in or completing our clinical trials or the development of the EGP-437 Combination Product or any other product candidates that we may develop.

Our ability to become and remain profitable depends on our ability to generate revenue. We do not expect to generate significant revenue unless and until we obtain marketing approval for, and commercialize, the EGP-437 Combination Product, which may never occur. This will require us to be successful in a range of challenging activities, including:

- raising additional funds to initiate and obtain favorable results from a confirmatory Phase 3 clinical trial for the EGP-437 Combination Product for the treatment of non-infectious anterior uveitis and for the endothelial cell count safety trial;
- subject to obtaining favorable results from a confirmatory Phase 3 clinical trial for the EGP-437 Combination Product treating anterior uveitis patients, applying for and obtaining marketing approval for the EGP-437 Combination Product;

- establishing collaboration, distribution or other marketing arrangements with third parties to commercialize the EGP-437 Combination Product in markets outside the U.S.;
- achieving an adequate level of market acceptance of the EGP-437 Combination Product;
- protecting our rights to our intellectual property portfolio related to the EGP-437 Combination Product; and
- ensuring the manufacture of commercial quantities of the EGP-437 Combination Product.

Even if we do achieve profitability, we may not be able to sustain or increase profitability on a quarterly or annual basis. Our failure to become and remain profitable would depress the value of our company and could impair our ability to raise capital, expand our business, maintain our research and development efforts, diversify our product offerings or even continue our operations. A decline in the value of our company could also cause you to lose all or part of your investment.

# We will need substantial additional funding. If we are unable to raise capital when needed, we could be forced to delay, reduce or eliminate our product development programs or commercialization efforts.

We expect to devote substantial financial resources to our ongoing and planned activities, particularly preparing for and initiating our planned clinical trial evaluating the EGP-437 Combination Product for the treatment of macular edema. In the future, we expect to raise additional financial resources for the continued clinical development of the EGP-437 Combination Product. In addition, if we obtain regulatory approval for any of our product candidates, we would need to devote substantial financial resources to commercialization efforts, including product manufacturing, marketing, sales and distribution. Accordingly, we will need to obtain substantial additional funding in connection with our continuing operations. If we are unable to raise capital when needed or on attractive terms, we could be forced to delay, reduce or eliminate our research and development programs or any future commercialization efforts.

Our future capital requirements will depend on many factors, including:

- the progress, costs and outcome of our planned clinical trial for the EGP-437 Combination Product and of any clinical activities required for regulatory review of the EGP-437 Combination Product outside of the U.S.;
- the costs and timing of process development and manufacturing scale up and validation activities associated with the EGP-437 Combination Product;
- the costs, timing and outcome of regulatory review of the EGP-437 Combination Product in the U.S., and in other jurisdictions;
- the costs and timing of commercialization activities for the EGP-437 Combination Product if we receive marketing approval, including the costs and timing of
  establishing product sales, marketing, distribution and outsourced manufacturing capabilities;
- subject to receipt of marketing approval, the amount of revenue received from commercial sales of the EGP-437 Combination Product;

- the progress, costs and outcome of developing the EGP-437 Combination Product for the treatment of additional indications or for use in other patient populations;
- our ability to establish collaborations on favorable terms, if at all, particularly manufacturing, marketing and distribution arrangements for our product candidates;
- the costs and timing of preparing, filing and prosecuting patent applications, maintaining and enforcing our intellectual property rights and defending any intellectual property-related claims; and
  - the extent to which we in-license or acquire rights to other products, product candidates or technologies for the treatment of ophthalmic diseases.

As of December 31, 2015, we had cash and cash equivalents of \$8.4 million. The Company will have sufficient cash to fund planned operations for approximately 12 to 15 months, however, the acceleration or reduction of cash outflows by management can significantly impact the timing for raising additional capital to complete development of its products. To continue development, we will need to raise additional capital through debt and/or equity financing, or access additional funding through grants. Although we completed our initial public offering and our our follow-on public offering, additional capital may not be available on terms favorable to EyeGate, if at all. Accordingly, no assurances can be given that management will be successful in these endeavors. These conditions raise substantial doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. The financial statements do not include any adjustments to reflect the possible future effects on the recoverability and classification of assets or the amounts and classification of liabilities or any other adjustments that might be necessary should the Company be unable to continue as a going concern.

Identifying potential product candidates and conducting preclinical testing and clinical trials is a time-consuming, expensive and uncertain process that takes years to complete, and we may never generate the necessary data or results required to obtain regulatory approval and achieve product sales. Our commercial revenues, if any, will be derived from sales of the EGP-437 Combination Product or any other products that we successfully develop, none of which we expect to be commercially available for several years, if at all. In addition, if approved, the EGP-437 Combination Product or any other product candidate that we develop or any product that we in-license may not achieve commercial success. Accordingly, we will need to obtain substantial additional financing to achieve our business objectives. Adequate additional financing may not be available to us on acceptable terms, or at all. In addition, we may seek additional capital due to favorable market conditions or strategic considerations, even if we believe we have sufficient funds for our current or future operating plans.

# Raising additional capital may cause dilution to our stockholders, restrict our operations or require us to relinquish rights to our technologies or product candidates.

Until such time, if ever, as we can generate substantial product revenues, we expect to finance our cash needs through a combination of equity offerings, debt financings, government or other third-party funding, collaborations, strategic alliances, licensing arrangements and marketing and distribution arrangements. We do not have any committed external source of funds. To the extent that we raise additional capital through the sale of equity or convertible debt securities, your ownership interest will be diluted, and the terms of these securities may include liquidation or other preferences that adversely affect your rights as a common stockholder. Debt financing and preferred equity financing, if available, may involve agreements that include covenants limiting or restricting our ability to take specific actions, such as incurring additional debt, making capital expenditures or declaring dividends. If we cannot raise funds on acceptable terms, we may not be able to grow our business or respond to competitive pressures.

If we raise additional funds through government or other third-party funding, collaborations, strategic alliances, licensing arrangements or marketing and distribution arrangements, we may have to relinquish valuable rights to our technologies, future revenue streams, research programs or product candidates or grant licenses on terms that may not be favorable to us. If we are unable to raise additional funds through equity or debt financings when needed, we may be required to delay, limit, reduce or terminate our product development or future commercialization efforts or grant rights to develop and market products or product candidates that we would otherwise prefer to develop and market ourselves.

# Our limited operating history may make it difficult for you to evaluate the success of our business to date and to assess our future viability.

We are an early-stage company with a limited operating history. Our operations to date have been limited to organizing and staffing our company, acquiring rights to intellectual property, business planning, raising capital, developing our technology, identifying potential product candidates, undertaking preclinical studies and, beginning in 2008, conducting clinical trials of the EGP-437 Combination Product. All of our product candidates, other than the EGP-437 Combination Product, are still in preclinical development. We have not yet demonstrated our ability to successfully complete development of a product candidate, obtain marketing approvals, manufacture at commercial scale, or arrange for a third party to do so on our behalf, or conduct sales, marketing and distribution activities necessary for successful product commercialization.

In addition, as a pre-revenue business, we may encounter unforeseen expenses, difficulties, complications, delays and other known and unknown factors. We will need to transition at some point from a company with a research and development focus to a company capable of supporting commercial activities. We may not be successful in such a transition.

We expect our financial condition and operating results to continue to fluctuate significantly from quarter-to-quarter and year-to-year due to a variety of factors, many of which are beyond our control. Accordingly, you should not rely upon the results of any quarterly or annual periods as indications of future operating performance.

## Risks Related to the Discovery and Development of Our Product Candidates

We depend heavily on the success of the EGP-437 Combination Product, our most advanced product candidate, which we are developing for the treatment of non-infectious anterior uveitis and other disease indications. If we are unable to successfully obtain marketing approval for the EGP-437 Combination Product for the treatment of noninfectious anterior uveitis, or experience significant delays in doing so, or if after obtaining marketing approvals, we fail to commercialize the EGP-437 Combination Product, our business will be materially harmed.

We have invested a significant portion of our efforts and financial resources in the development of the EGP-437 Combination Product for the treatment of patients with noninfectious anterior uveitis and for other ocular disease indications. There remains a significant risk that we will fail to successfully develop the EGP-437 Combination Product. In 2013, we completed a Phase 3 clinical trial to evaluate the safety, tolerability and efficacy of the EGP-437 Combination Product in patients with non-infectious anterior uveitis. Our development plan for the EGP-437 Combination Product consists of a confirmatory Phase 3 clinical trial evaluating the EGP-437 Combination Product for the treatment of non-infectious anterior uveitis and a separate clinical trial evaluating corneal endothelial cell counts six months post treatment of the EGP-437 Combination Product. We cannot accurately predict when or if the EGP-437 Combination Product will prove effective or safe in humans or whether it will receive marketing approval. Our ability to generate product revenues, which may never occur, will depend heavily on our obtaining marketing approval for and commercializing the EGP-437 Combination Product.
The success of the EGP-437 Combination Product will depend on several factors, including the following:

- obtaining favorable results from a confirmatory Phase 3 clinical trial for the EGP-437 Combination Product and for the endothelial cell count safety trial;
- applying for and receiving marketing approvals from applicable regulatory authorities for the EGP-437 Combination Product;
- making arrangements with third-party manufacturers for commercial quantities of both the EGP-437 and the EyeGate® II Delivery System and receiving regulatory approval of our manufacturing processes and our third-party manufacturers' facilities from applicable regulatory authorities;
- establishing sales, marketing and distribution capabilities and launching commercial sales of the EGP-437 Combination Product, if and when approved, whether alone or in collaboration with others;
- acceptance of the EGP-437 Combination Product, if and when approved, by patients, the medical community and third-party payors;
- effectively competing with other therapies, including the existing standard of care;
- maintaining a continued acceptable safety profile of the EGP-437 Combination Product following approval;
- obtaining and maintaining coverage and adequate reimbursement from third-party payors;
- · obtaining and maintaining patent and trade secret protection and regulatory exclusivity; and
- protecting our rights in our intellectual property portfolio related to the EGP-437 Combination Product.

Successful development of the EGP-437 Combination Product for additional indications, if any, or for use in broader patient populations and our ability, if it is approved, to broaden the label for the EGP-437 Combination Product will depend on similar factors. If we do not achieve one or more of these factors in a timely manner or at all, we could experience significant delays or an inability to successfully commercialize the EGP-437 Combination Product, which would materially harm our business.



# If clinical trials of the EGP-437 Combination Product or any other product candidate that we develop fail to demonstrate safety and efficacy to the satisfaction of the FDA or other regulatory authorities or do not otherwise produce favorable results, we may incur additional costs or experience delays in completing, or ultimately be delayed or unable to complete, the development and commercialization of the EGP-437 Combination Product or any other product candidate.

Before obtaining marketing approval from regulatory authorities for the sale of any product candidate, including our EGP-437 Combination Product, we must complete preclinical development and then conduct extensive clinical trials to demonstrate the safety and efficacy of our product candidates in humans. Clinical testing is expensive, difficult to design and implement, can take many years to complete and is uncertain as to outcome. A failure of one or more clinical trials can occur at any stage of testing. The outcome of preclinical testing and early clinical trials may not be predictive of the success of later clinical trials, and interim results of a clinical trial do not necessarily predict final results. Moreover, preclinical and clinical data are often susceptible to varying interpretations and analyses, and many companies that have believed their product candidates performed satisfactorily in preclinical studies and clinical trials have nonetheless failed to obtain marketing approval of their products.

We will be required to demonstrate the safety of the EGP-437 Combination Product by assessing corneal endothelial cell counts at six months from treatment in order to support marketing approval of the EGP-437 Combination Product for the treatment of non-infectious anterior uveitis in the U.S. To meet this requirement in the future after raising additional funds, we plan to conduct a separate safety trial with no fewer than 100 patients who will be treated with the EGP-437 Combination Product and followed for six months post treatment. We cannot predict the results of this safety trial because we have no clinical data supporting the effect of our EGP-437 Combination Product on corneal endothelial cells six months post treatment.

In general, the FDA requires two adequate and well controlled pivotal clinical trials demonstrating effectiveness on a primary endpoint for marketing approval of a noninfectious anterior uveitis drug. The endpoint is based on total clearance of inflammatory cells in the anterior chamber of the eye. The trial must compare the EGP-437 Combination Product to standard of care. Our first Phase 3 trial evaluated the EGP-437 Combination Product for the treatment of non-infectious anterior uveitis against a positive control, the standard of care, prednisolone acetate ophthalmic suspension (1%), or PA. In our Phase 3 trial, the dose of the EGP-437 Combination Product tested was just outside the pre-set non-inferiority margin for intent-to-treat and per protocol populations and did not achieve statistical significance in the intent-to-treat population as compared to the positive control based on the primary efficacy endpoint.

We may fail to achieve success in a confirmatory Phase 3 clinical trial evaluating the EGP-437 Combination Product for the treatment of non-infectious anterior uveitis for a variety of potential reasons. Even if a confirmatory Phase 3 trial is successful in showing confirmatory data, the FDA may still require us to provide additional data to grant regulatory approval.

We would plan to conduct our confirmatory Phase 3 clinical trial at many clinical centers that were not included in our first Phase 3 trial. The introduction of new centers, and the resulting involvement of new treating physicians, can introduce additional variability into the conduct of the trials in accordance with their protocols and may result in greater variability of patient outcomes, which could adversely affect our ability to detect statistically significant differences between patients treated with the EGP-437 Combination Product and the standard of care control.

If, in our confirmatory Phase 3 clinical trial, we do not demonstrate non-inferiority as compared with the standard of care and if the FDA does not find this to be an acceptable means of meeting the requirements for marketing approval, we will not receive marketing approval for the EGP-437 Combination Product, and we will have to conduct another Phase 3 clinical trial if we wish to seek marketing approval for the EGP-437 Combination Product in the future.

The protocol for our planned confirmatory Phase 3 clinical trial and other supporting information are subject to review by the FDA and regulatory authorities outside the U.S. We do not plan on submitting the protocols for our second confirmatory Phase 3 clinical trial and our separate safety trial of the EGP-437 Combination Product to the FDA at any time prior to the raising of additional funds. We have not received guidance from other regulatory authorities outside the U.S. regarding the design of a confirmatory Phase 3 clinical trial.



# Our confirmatory Phase 3 clinical trial will have a non-inferiority design. We may be unable to demonstrate non-inferiority against the standard of care, PA, which may cause us to undergo additional clinical trials or admit additional subjects to our trials delaying the time and increasing the expense it may take to commercialize our EGP-437 Combination Product.

Our confirmatory Phase 3 clinical trial will use a non-inferiority design rather than a superiority design. In order to meet our primary endpoint, we must show that patients treated with the EGP-437 Combination Product demonstrate non-inferiority according to pre-set non-inferiority margins as compared with the standard of care, PA. We may be unable to demonstrate non-inferiority against the standard of care. The design and conduct of non-inferiority trials, including selection of non-inferiority margins, account for many factors that can induce bias in the estimated effect of the standard of care in the non-inferiority trial and thus lead to bias in the estimated effect of the experimental treatment and perhaps lead to a trial design that does not ensure that the experimental treatment preserves a clinically acceptable fraction of the standard's effect, which may result in a vulnerability of the integrity of a non-inferiority trial to the irregularities in trial conduct. Our choice of an endpoint based on total clearance of inflammatory cells in the anterior chamber of the eye means that success will depend to a significant degree on the accuracy of our assumptions about the total clearance of inflammatory cells in the anterior chamber of the eye in the comparator arms of our Phase 3 trial. Although we believe we have been conservative in our assumptions, if, for example, patients in the comparator arm of our trial have significantly different clearance of inflammatory cells than we expect, we may find that our trial is unfeasible or we may have to enroll more patients at additional cost and delay.

### If we experience any of a number of possible unforeseen events in connection with our clinical trials, potential marketing approval or commercialization of our product candidates could be delayed or prevented.

We may experience numerous unforeseen events during, or as a result of, clinical trials that could delay or prevent our ability to receive marketing approval or commercialize the EGP-437 Combination Product or any other product candidates that we may develop, including:

- clinical trials of our product candidates may produce negative or inconclusive results, and we may decide, or regulators may require us, to conduct additional clinical trials or abandon product development programs;
- the number of patients required for clinical trials of our product candidates may be larger than we anticipate, enrollment in these clinical trials may be slower than we anticipate or participants may drop out of these clinical trials at a higher rate than we anticipate;
- any third-party contractors may fail to comply with regulatory requirements or meet their contractual obligations to us in a timely manner, or at all;
- regulators or institutional review boards may not authorize us or our investigators to commence a clinical trial or conduct a clinical trial at a prospective trial site;
- we may experience delays in reaching, or fail to reach, agreement on acceptable clinical trial contracts or clinical trial protocols with prospective trial sites;
- we may decide, or regulators or institutional review boards may require us, to suspend or terminate clinical research for various reasons, including noncompliance with regulatory requirements or a finding that the participants are being exposed to unacceptable health risks;

- the cost of clinical trials of our product candidates may be greater than we anticipate;
- the supply or quality of our product candidates or other materials necessary to conduct clinical trials of our product candidates may be insufficient or inadequate; and
- our product candidates may have undesirable side effects or other unexpected characteristics, causing us or our investigators, regulators or institutional review boards to suspend or terminate the trials.

If we are required to conduct additional clinical trials or other testing of our product candidates beyond those that we currently contemplate, if we are unable to successfully complete clinical trials of our product candidates or other testing, if the results of these trials or tests are not favorable or are only modestly favorable or if there are safety concerns, we may:

- be delayed in obtaining marketing approval for our product candidates;
- not obtain marketing approval at all;
- obtain approval for indications or patient populations that are not as broad as intended or desired;
- obtain approval with labeling that includes significant use or distribution restrictions or safety warnings;
- be subject to additional post-marketing testing requirements; or
  - have the product removed from the market after obtaining marketing approval.

Our product development costs will also increase if we experience delays in testing or marketing approvals. We do not know whether any of our pre-clinical studies or clinical trials will begin as planned, will need to be restructured or will be completed on schedule, or at all. Significant preclinical or clinical trial delays also could shorten any periods during which we may have the exclusive right to commercialize our product candidates or allow our competitors to bring products to market before we do and impair our ability to successfully commercialize our product candidates.

### If we experience delays or difficulties in the enrollment of patients in clinical trials, our receipt of necessary regulatory approvals could be delayed or prevented.

We may not be able to initiate or continue clinical trials for the EGP-437 Combination Product or our other product candidates that we may develop if we are unable to locate and enroll a sufficient number of eligible patients to participate in these trials as required by the FDA or similar regulatory authorities outside the U.S. In addition, some of our competitors may have ongoing clinical trials for product candidates that treat the same indications as the EGP-437 Combination Product, and patients who would otherwise be eligible for our clinical trials may instead enroll in clinical trials of our competitors' product candidates.

Our inability to enroll a sufficient number of patients for our clinical trials would result in significant delays, could require us to abandon one or more clinical trials altogether and could delay or prevent our receipt of necessary regulatory approvals. Enrollment delays in our clinical trials may result in increased development costs for our product candidates, which would cause the value of our company to decline and limit our ability to obtain additional financing.

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### If serious adverse or unacceptable side effects are identified during the development of the EGP-437 Combination Product or any other product candidates that we may develop, we may need to abandon or limit our development of EGP-437 Combination Product or such other product candidates.

If the EGP-437 Combination Product or any of our other product candidates are associated with serious adverse events or undesirable side effects in clinical trials or have characteristics that are unexpected, we may need to abandon their development or limit development to more narrow uses or subpopulations in which the serious adverse events, undesirable side effects or other characteristics are less prevalent, less severe or more acceptable from a risk-benefit perspective. Many compounds that initially showed promise in clinical or early stage testing for treating ophthalmic disease have later been found to cause side effects that prevented further development of the compound.

### We may not be successful in our efforts to use our EyeGate® II Delivery System or platform to build a pipeline of product candidates.

A key element of our strategy is to use our proprietary EyeGate® II Delivery System or platform to rationally design, engineer and generate a pipeline of products and progress these therapies through clinical development for the treatment of a variety of ophthalmic diseases. Our research and development efforts to date have resulted in a pipeline of additional product candidates directed at the treatment of ophthalmic diseases. Other than EGP-437, our product candidates all are in early preclinical research and have not been tested in humans. These and any other potential product candidates that we identify may not be suitable for continued preclinical or clinical development, including as a result of being shown to have harmful side effects or other characteristics that indicate that they are unlikely to be products that will receive marketing approval and achieve market acceptance. If we do not successfully develop and commercialize our product candidates that we develop based upon our technological approach, we will not be able to obtain product revenues in future periods.

### We may expend our limited resources to pursue a particular product candidate or indication such as macular edema and fail to capitalize on product candidates or indications that may be more profitable or for which there is a greater likelihood of success.

Because we have limited financial and managerial resources, we focus on research programs and product candidates that we identify for specific indications. As a result, we may forego or delay pursuit of opportunities with other product candidates or for other indications that later prove to have greater commercial potential. Our resource allocation decisions may cause us to fail to capitalize on viable commercial products or profitable market opportunities. Our spending on current and future research and development programs and product candidates for specific indications may not yield any commercially viable products. If we do not accurately evaluate the commercial potential or target market for a particular product candidate, we may relinquish valuable rights to that product candidate through collaboration, licensing or other royalty arrangements in cases in which it would have been more advantageous for us to retain sole development and commercialization rights to such product candidate. To the extent our contemplated macular edema, cataract surgery trails are unsuccessful, we may not be able to raise additional funds for subsequent trials or pursuing other indications.

#### **Risks Related to the Commercialization of Our Product Candidates**

# Even if the EGP-437 Combination Product or any other product candidate that we develop receives marketing approval, it may fail to achieve the degree of market acceptance by physicians, patients, third-party payors and others in the medical community necessary for commercial success and the market opportunity for the EGP-437 Combination Product may be smaller than we estimate.

If the EGP-437 Combination Product or any other product candidate that we develop receives marketing approval, it may nonetheless fail to gain sufficient market acceptance by physicians, patients, third-party payors and others in the medical community. Current treatments that are used for anterior uveitis include topical corticosteroids such as Durezol® (Novartis AG), Lotemax® (Valeant Pharmaceuticals International, Inc.), Pred Forte® (Allergan, Inc.) and prednisolone acetate ophthalmic suspension (1%) (Novartis AG). These treatments are well established in the medical community, and doctors may continue to rely on these treatments rather than our EGP-437 Combination Product, if and when it is approved for marketing by the FDA.

Our assessment of the potential market opportunity for the EGP-437 Combination Product is based on 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. If the actual market for the EGP-437 Combination Product is smaller than we expect, our product revenue may be limited and it may be more difficult for us to achieve or maintain profitability.

### If we are unable to establish sales, marketing and distribution capabilities, we may not be successful in commercializing the EGP-437 Combination Product or any other product candidates that we may develop if and when they are approved.

We do not have a sales or marketing infrastructure and have no experience in the sale, marketing or distribution of therapeutic products. To achieve commercial success for any product for which we have obtained marketing approval, we will need to establish sales, marketing and distribution capabilities, either ourselves or through collaborations or other arrangements with third parties as we have under the valeant license agreement.

In the future, we plan to build a focused sales and marketing infrastructure to market or co-promote the EGP-437 Combination Product and possibly other product candidates that we develop in the U.S., if and when they are approved. There are risks involved with establishing our own sales, marketing and distribution capabilities. For example, recruiting and training a sales force is expensive and time consuming and could delay any product launch. If the commercial launch of the EGP-437 Combination Product or any other product candidate for which we recruit a sales force and establish marketing capabilities is delayed or does not occur for any reason, we would have prematurely or unnecessarily incurred these commercialization expenses. This may be costly, and our investment would be lost if we cannot retain or reposition our sales and marketing personnel.

Factors that may inhibit our efforts to commercialize the EGP-437 Combination Product or any other product candidates on our own include:

- our inability to recruit, train and retain adequate numbers of effective sales and marketing personnel;
- the inability of sales personnel to obtain access to physicians or persuade adequate numbers of physicians to prescribe our products;

- the lack of complementary products to be offered by sales personnel, which may put us at a competitive disadvantage relative to companies with more extensive product lines; and
- unforeseen costs and expenses associated with creating an independent sales and marketing organization.

We expect to enter into arrangements with third parties to perform consulting, sales, marketing and distribution services in markets outside the U.S. We may also enter into arrangements with third parties to perform these services in the U.S. if we do not establish our own sales, marketing and distribution capabilities in the U.S. or if we determine that such third-party arrangements are otherwise beneficial. Our product revenues and our profitability, if any, under any such third-party sales, marketing or distribution arrangements are likely to be lower than if we were to market, sell and distribute the EGP-437 Combination Product or any other product candidates that we may develop ourselves. In addition, we may not be successful in entering into arrangements with third parties to sell, market and distribute the EGP-437 Combination Product or any other may fail to devote the necessary resources and attention to sell and market the EGP-437 Combination Product candidates effectively. If we do not establish sales, marketing and distribution capabilities successfully, either on our own or in collaboration with third parties, we will not be successful in commercializing our EGP-437 Combination Product or any other product candidates that we may develop.

### We face substantial competition, which may result in others discovering, developing or commercializing products before or more successfully than we do.

The development and commercialization of new drug products is highly competitive. We face competition with respect to the EGP-437 Combination Product and our other current product candidates, and will face competition with respect to any product candidates that we may seek to develop or commercialize in the future, from major pharmaceutical companies, specialty pharmaceutical companies and biotechnology companies worldwide. There are a number of large pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies that currently market and sell products or are pursuing the development of products for the treatment of the disease indications for which we are developing our product candidates. Potential competitors also include academic institutions, government agencies and other public and private research organizations that conduct research, seek patent protection and establish collaborative arrangements for research, development, manufacturing and commercialization.

The current standard of care for non-infectious anterior uveitis include topical corticosteroids such as Durezol® (Novartis AG), Lotemax® (Valeant Pharmaceuticals International, Inc.), Pred Forte® (Allergan, Inc.) and prednisolone acetate ophthalmic suspension (1%) (Novartis AG).

Our commercial opportunity could be reduced or eliminated if our competitors develop and commercialize products that are safer, more effective, have fewer or less severe side effects, are more convenient or are less expensive than the EGP-437 Combination Product or other product candidates that we may develop. Our competitors also may obtain FDA or other regulatory approval for their products more rapidly than we may obtain approval for ours, which could result in our competitors establishing a strong market position before we are able to enter the market.

In addition, our ability to compete may be affected in many cases by insurers or other third-party payors, particularly Medicare, seeking to encourage the use of generic products. Generic products are currently being used for the indications that we are pursuing, and additional products are expected to become available on a generic basis over the coming years. If the EGP-437 Combination Product or any other product candidate that we may develop achieves marketing approval, we expect that it will be priced at a significant premium over competitive generic products.

Many of the companies against which we are competing or against which we may compete in the future have significantly greater financial resources and expertise in research and development, manufacturing, preclinical testing, conducting clinical trials, obtaining regulatory approvals and marketing approved products than we do. Mergers and acquisitions in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries may result in even more resources being concentrated among a smaller number of our competitors. Smaller and other early stage companies may also prove to be significant competitors, particularly through collaborative arrangements with large and established companies. These third parties compete with us in recruiting and retaining qualified scientific and management personnel, establishing clinical trial sites and patient registration for clinical trials, as well as in acquiring technologies complementary to, or necessary for, our programs.

### Even if we are able to commercialize the EGP-437 Combination Product or any other product candidate that we may develop, the products may become subject to unfavorable pricing regulations, third-party coverage or reimbursement practices or healthcare reform initiatives, which could harm our business.

Our ability to commercialize the EGP-437 Combination Product or any other product candidates that we may develop successfully will depend, in part, on the extent to which coverage and adequate reimbursement for these products and related treatments will be available from government healthcare programs, private health insurers, managed care plans and other organizations. Government authorities and third-party payors, such as private health insurers and health maintenance organizations, decide which medications they will pay for and establish reimbursement levels. A primary trend in the U.S. healthcare industry and elsewhere is cost containment. Government authorities and third-party payors have attempted to control costs by limiting coverage and the amount of reimbursement for particular medications. Increasingly, third-party payors are requiring that drug companies provide them with predetermined discounts from list prices and are challenging the prices charged for medical products. Coverage and reimbursement may not be available for the EGP-437 Combination Product or any other product that we commercialize and, even if they are available, the level of reimbursement may not be satisfactory.

Inadequate reimbursement may adversely affect the demand for, or the price of, any product candidate for which we obtain marketing approval. Obtaining and maintaining adequate reimbursement for our products may be difficult. We may be required to conduct expensive pharmacoeconomic studies to justify coverage and reimbursement or the level of reimbursement relative to other therapies. If coverage and adequate reimbursement are not available or reimbursement is available only to limited levels, we may not be able to successfully commercialize the EGP-437 Combination Product or any other product candidate for which we obtain marketing approval.

There may be significant delays in obtaining coverage and reimbursement for newly approved drugs, and coverage may be more limited than the indications for which the drug is approved by the FDA or similar regulatory authorities outside the U.S. Moreover, eligibility for coverage and reimbursement does not imply that a drug will be paid for in all cases or at a rate that covers our costs, including research, development, manufacture, sale and distribution expenses. Interim reimbursement levels for new drugs, if applicable, may also not be sufficient to cover our costs and may not be made permanent. Reimbursement rates may vary according to the use of the drug and the clinical setting in which it is used, may be based on reimbursement levels already set for lower cost drugs and may be incorporated into existing payments for other services. Net prices for drugs may be reduced by mandatory discounts or rebates required by government healthcare programs or private payors and by any future relaxation of laws that presently restrict imports of drugs from countries where they may be sold at lower prices than in the U.S. Third-party payors often rely upon Medicare coverage policy and payment limitations in setting their own reimbursement policies. Our inability to promptly obtain coverage and adequate reimbursement rates from both government-funded and private payors for any approved products that we develop would compromise our ability to generate revenues and become profitable.

The regulations that govern marketing approvals, pricing, coverage and reimbursement for new drug products vary widely from country to country. Current and future legislation may significantly change the approval requirements in ways that could involve additional costs and cause delays in obtaining approvals. Some countries require approval of the sale price of a drug before it can be marketed. In many countries, the pricing review period begins after marketing or product licensing approval is granted. In some foreign markets, prescription pharmaceutical pricing remains subject to continuing governmental control even after initial approval is granted. As a result, we might obtain marketing approval for a product in a particular country, but then be subject to price regulations that delay our commercial launch of the product, possibly for lengthy time periods, and negatively impact the revenues we are able to generate from the sale of the product in that country. 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. Adverse pricing limitations may hinder our ability to recoup our investment in one or more product candidates, even if our product candidates obtain marketing approval.

There can be no assurance that our product candidates or any products that we may in-license, if they are approved for sale in the U.S. or in other countries, will be considered medically reasonable and necessary for a specific indication, that they will be considered cost-effective by third-party payors, that coverage and an adequate level of reimbursement will be available, or that third-party payors' reimbursement policies will not adversely affect our ability to sell our product candidates profitably.

### Our strategy of obtaining rights to product candidates and approved products for the treatment of a range of ophthalmic diseases through in-licenses and acquisitions may not be successful.

We may expand our product pipeline through opportunistically in-licensing or acquiring the rights to other products, product candidates or technologies for the treatment of ophthalmic diseases. The future growth of our business may depend in part on our ability to in-license or acquire the rights to approved products, additional product candidates or technologies. However, we may be unable to in-license or acquire the rights to any such products, product candidates or technologies from third parties. The in-licensing and acquisition of pharmaceutical products is a competitive area, and a number of more established companies are also pursuing strategies to license or acquire products, product candidates or technologies that we may consider attractive. These established companies may have a competitive advantage over us due to their size, cash resources and greater clinical development and commercialization capabilities.

In addition, companies that perceive us to be a competitor may be unwilling to assign or license rights to us. We also may be unable to in-license or acquire the rights to the relevant product, product candidate or technology on terms that would allow us to make an appropriate return on our investment. Furthermore, we may be unable to identify suitable products, product candidates or technologies within our area of focus. If we are unable to successfully obtain rights to suitable products, product candidates or technologies within our area of focus. If we are unable to successfully obtain rights to suitable products, product candidates or technologies, our ability to pursue this element of our strategy could be impaired.



### Product liability lawsuits against us could cause us to incur substantial liabilities and to limit commercialization of any products that we develop.

We face an inherent risk of product liability exposure related to the use of the EGP-437 Combination Product and any other product candidates that we develop in human clinical trials and will face an even greater risk if we commercially sell any products that we develop. If we cannot successfully defend ourselves against claims that our product candidates or products caused injuries, we will incur substantial liabilities. Regardless of merit or eventual outcome, liability claims may result in:

- decreased demand for any product candidates or products that we develop;
- injury to our reputation and significant negative media attention;
- withdrawal of clinical trial participants;
- significant costs to defend the related litigation;
- substantial monetary awards to trial participants or patients;
- loss of revenue;
- · reduced time and attention of our management to pursue our business strategy; and
- the inability to commercialize any products that we develop.

While we obtain insurance for each clinical trial we perform, we may not be adequately insured to cover all liabilities that we may incur. We will need to increase our insurance coverage as we expand our clinical trials. We will need to further increase our insurance coverage if we commence commercialization of the EGP-437 Combination Product or any other product candidate that receives marketing approval. Insurance coverage is increasingly expensive. We may not be able to maintain insurance coverage at a reasonable cost or in an amount adequate to satisfy any liability that may arise.

### **Risks Related to Our Dependence on Third Parties**

### We may enter into collaborations with other third parties for the development or commercialization of our product candidates, including the EGP-437 Combination Product. If our collaborations are not successful, we may not be able to capitalize on the market potential of these product candidates.

We expect to utilize a variety of types of collaboration, distribution and other marketing arrangements with third parties to commercialize the EGP-437 Combination Product in markets outside the U.S. We also may enter into arrangements with third parties to perform these services in the U.S. if we do not establish our own sales, marketing and distribution capabilities in the U.S. or if we determine that such third-party arrangements are otherwise beneficial. We also may seek third-party collaborators for development and commercialization of other product candidates. Our likely collaborators for any sales, marketing, distribution, development, licensing or broader collaboration arrangements include large and mid-size pharmaceutical companies, regional and national pharmaceutical companies and biotechnology companies. To date, the only agreement we have entered into is our Valeant Licensing Agreement. Our ability to generate revenues from these arrangements will depend on our collaborators' abilities and efforts to successfully perform the functions assigned to them in these arrangements.

Collaboration agreements may not lead to development or commercialization of product candidates in the most efficient manner, or at all. If we do not receive the funding we expect under collaboration agreements, our development of our product candidates could be delayed and we may need additional resources to develop our product candidates. All of the risks relating to product development, regulatory approval and commercialization described in this Annual Report on Form 10-K also apply to the activities of our collaborators.

Additionally, subject to its contractual obligations to us, if a collaborator of ours were to be involved in a business combination, it might deemphasize or terminate the development or commercialization of any product candidate licensed to it by us. If one of our collaborators terminates its agreement with us, we may find it more difficult to attract new collaborators and our perception in the business and financial communities could be harmed.

### If we are not able to establish additional collaborations, we may have to alter our development and commercialization plans and our business could be adversely affected.

For some of our product candidates, we may decide to collaborate with pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies for the development and potential commercialization of therapeutic products. We face significant competition in seeking appropriate collaborators. Whether we reach a definitive agreement for a collaboration will depend, among other things, upon our assessment of the collaborator's resources and expertise, the terms and conditions of the proposed collaboration and the proposed collaborator's evaluation of a number of factors. Those factors may include the design or results of clinical trials, the likelihood of approval by the FDA or similar regulatory authorities outside the U.S., the potential market for the subject product candidate, the costs and complexities of manufacturing and delivering such product candidate to patients, the potential of competing products, the existence of uncertainty with respect to our ownership of technology, which can exist if there is a challenge to such ownership without regard to the merits of the challenge, and industry and market conditions generally. The collaborator may also consider alternative product candidate. We may also be restricted under future license agreements from entering into agreements on certain terms with potential collaborators. Collaborations are complex and time-consuming to negotiate and document. In addition, there have been a significant number of recent business combinations among large pharmaceutical companies that have resulted in a reduced number of potential future collaborators.

If we are unable to reach agreements with suitable collaborators on a timely basis, on acceptable terms, or at all, we may have to curtail the development of a product candidate, reduce or delay its development program or one or more of our other development programs, delay its potential commercialization or reduce the scope of any sales or marketing activities, or increase our expenditures and undertake development or commercialization activities at our own expense. If we elect to fund and undertake development or commercialization activities and additional capital, which may not be available to us on acceptable terms or at all. If we fail to enter into collaborations and do not have sufficient funds or expertise to undertake the necessary development and commercialization activities, we may not be able to further develop our product candidates or bring them to market or continue to develop our product platform.

### Disputes may arise under our Valeant License Agreement, including disputes related to the scope of rights granted thereunder.

Disputes may arise under our Valeant License Agreement, including disputes related to the scope of rights granted thereunder. Any such disputes could lead to delays in the development or commercialization of our EGP-437 Combination Product and could result in time-consuming and expensive litigation or arbitration, which may not be resolved in our favor. Either party may terminate the Valeant License Agreement in its entirety if the other party materially breaches the Valeant License Agreement and the breach remains uncured for a defined cure period, and either party may terminate the Valeant License Agreement following commercial launch of our EGP 437-Combination Product if Valeant ceases selling and distributing our EGP 437-Combination Product in the United States for a defined period of time, subject to certain limitations. Valeant may terminate the Valeant License Agreement at any time, on a without cause basis, by providing 90 days written notice, or immediately upon the determination by a court of competent jurisdiction if Valeant's actions pursuant to the terms of the Valeant License Agreement infringe upon the intellectual property rights of a third party. We cannot make assurances that this agreement will not be terminated in accordance with these terms, and such termination could have a material adverse impact on our future business, results of operations, financial conditions, and the trading price of our common stock.

### We rely, and expect to continue to rely, on third parties to conduct our clinical trials, and those third parties may not perform satisfactorily, including failing to meet deadlines for the completion of such trials.

We have relied on third parties, such as contract research organizations, or CROs, to conduct our completed trials of our EGP-437 Combination Product and do not plan to independently conduct clinical trials of the EGP-437 Combination Product or our other product candidates, including our planned Phase 3 clinical trial of our EGP-437 Combination Product. We expect to continue to rely on third parties, such as CROs, clinical data management organizations, medical institutions and clinical investigators, to conduct our clinical trials. These agreements might terminate for a variety of reasons, including a failure to perform by the third parties. If we need to enter into alternative arrangements, that would delay our product development activities.

Our reliance on these third parties for research and development activities will reduce our control over these activities but will not relieve us of our responsibilities. For example, we will remain responsible for ensuring that each of our clinical trials is conducted in accordance with the general investigational plan and protocols for the trial. Moreover, the FDA requires us to comply with standards, commonly referred to as Good Clinical Practices for conducting, recording and reporting the results of clinical trials to assure that data and reported results are credible and accurate and that the rights, integrity and confidentiality of trial participants are protected. We also are required to register ongoing clinical trials and post the results of completed clinical trials on a government-sponsored database, ClinicalTrials.gov, within specified timeframes. Failure to do so can result in fines, adverse publicity and civil and criminal sanctions.

Furthermore, these third parties may also have relationships with other entities, some of which may be our competitors. If these third parties do not successfully carry out their contractual duties, meet expected deadlines or conduct our clinical trials in accordance with regulatory requirements or our stated protocols, we will not be able to obtain, or may be delayed in obtaining, marketing approvals for our product candidates and will not be able to, or may be delayed in our efforts to, successfully commercialize our product candidates.

# We contract with third parties for the manufacture of the EGP-437 Combination Product for clinical trials and expect to continue to do so in connection with the commercialization of the EGP-437 Combination Product and for clinical trials and commercialization of any other product candidates that we may develop. This reliance on third parties increases the risk that we will not have sufficient quantities of our product candidates or products or such quantities at an acceptable cost, which could delay, prevent or impair our development or commercialization efforts.

We do not currently own or operate manufacturing facilities for the production of clinical or commercial quantities of the EGP-437 Combination Product or any other of our product candidates. We rely, and expect to continue to rely, on third parties to manufacture clinical and commercial supplies of the EGP-437 Combination Product, preclinical and clinical supplies of our other product candidates that we may develop and commercial supplies of products if and when any of our product candidates receives marketing approval. Our current and anticipated future dependence upon others for the manufacture of the EGP-437 Combination Product and any other product candidate or product that we develop may adversely affect our future profit margins and our ability to commercialize any products that receive marketing approval on a timely and competitive basis. In addition, any performance failure on the part of our existing or future manufacturers could delay clinical development or marketing approval.

We currently rely exclusively on third-party manufacturers to assemble and prepare the EGP-437 Combination Product on a purchase order basis. We do not currently have any contractual commitments for commercial supply of bulk drug substance for EGP-437 or fill-finish services or for components of the EyeGate® II Delivery System. We also do not currently have arrangements in place for redundant supply or a second source for bulk drug substance for EGP-437 or for fill-finish services. The prices at which we are able to obtain supplies of EGP-437, fill-finish services and assemble the EyeGate® II Delivery System may vary substantially over time and adversely affect our financial results. If our third-party manufacturers for the EGP-437 Combination Product fails to fulfill our purchase orders or should become unavailable to us for any reason, we believe that there are a limited number of potential replacement manufacturers, and we likely would incur added costs and delays in identifying or qualifying such replacements. We could also incur additional costs and delays in identifying or qualifying a replacement manufacturer for fill-finish services if our existing third-party manufacturer should become unavailable for any reason. We may be unable to establish any agreements with such replacement manufacturers or to do so on acceptable terms. Even if we could transfer manufacturing to a different third party, the shift would likely be expensive and time consuming, particularly since the new facility would need to comply with the necessary regulatory requirements and we would need FDA approval before using or selling any products manufactured at that facility.

In connection with our application for a license to market the EGP-437 Combination Product or other product candidates in the U.S., we may be required to conduct a comparability study if the product we intend to market is supplied by a manufacturer different from the one who supplied the product evaluated in our clinical studies. Delays in designing and completing this study to the satisfaction of the FDA could delay or preclude our development and commercialization plans and thereby limit our revenues and growth.

Reliance on third-party manufacturers entails additional risks, including:

- The EGP-437 Combination Product and any other product candidates that we may develop may compete with other product candidates and products for access to a limited number of suitable manufacturing facilities that operate under current good manufacturing practices, or cGMP, regulations;
- reliance on the third party for regulatory compliance and quality assurance;
- the possible breach of the manufacturing agreement by the third party;
- the possible misappropriation of our proprietary information, including our trade secrets and know-how; and
- the possible termination or nonrenewal of the agreement by the third party at a time that is costly or inconvenient for us.

Third-party manufacturers may not be able to comply with cGMP regulations or similar regulatory requirements outside the U.S. Our failure, or the failure of our third-party manufacturers, to comply with applicable regulations could result in sanctions being imposed on us, including clinical holds, fines, injunctions, civil penalties, delays, suspension or withdrawal of approvals, license revocation, seizures or recalls of product candidates or products, operating restrictions and criminal prosecutions, any of which could significantly and adversely affect supplies of our products.

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

# If we are unable to obtain and maintain patent protection for our technology and products or if the scope of the patent protection obtained is not sufficiently broad, our competitors could develop and commercialize technology and products similar or identical to ours, and our ability to successfully commercialize our technology and products may be impaired.

Our success depends in large part on our ability to obtain and maintain patent protection in the U.S. and other countries with respect to our proprietary technology and products. We and our licensors have sought to protect our proprietary position by filing patent applications in the U.S. and abroad related to our novel technologies and product candidates. The patent prosecution process is expensive and time-consuming, and we may not be able to file and prosecute all necessary or desirable patent applications at a reasonable cost or in a timely manner. It is also possible that we will fail to identify patentable aspects of our research and development output before it is too late to obtain patent protection. Maintaining patents in the U.S. is an expensive process and it is even more expensive to maintain patents and patent applications in foreign countries. As a result, it is possible that we and our licensors will fail to maintain such patents thereby reducing the rights of our portfolio.

The patent position of pharmaceutical, biotechnology and medical device companies generally is highly uncertain, involves complex legal and factual questions and has in recent years been the subject of much litigation. As a result, the issuance, scope, validity, enforceability and commercial value of our and our licensors' patent rights are highly uncertain. Our and our licensors' pending and future patent applications may not result in patents being issued which protect our technology or products or which effectively prevent others from commercializing competitive technologies and products. In addition, the laws of foreign countries may not protect our rights to the same extent as the laws of the U.S. Publications of discoveries in the scientific literature often lag behind the actual discoveries, and patent applications in the U.S. and other jurisdictions are typically not published until 18 months after filing, or in some cases not at all. Therefore, we cannot know with certainty whether we or our licensors were the first to make the inventions claimed in our owned or licensed patents or pending patent applications, or that we or our licensers were the first to file for patent protection of such inventions. As a result, the issuance, scope, validity, enforceability and commercial value of our owned or licensed patent applications in whole or in part, or which effectively prevent others from commercializing competitive technology or products, in whole or in part, or which effectively prevent others from commercializing competitive technology or products. In particular, during prosecution of any patent application, the issuance of any patents based on the application may depend upon our ability to generate additional preclinical or clinical data that support the patentability of our proposed claims. We may not be able to generate sufficient additional data on a timely basis, or at all. Moreover, changes in either the patent laws or interpretation of the patent laws in the U.S. and other countries may diminish

Recent patent reform legislation could increase the uncertainties and costs surrounding the prosecution of our patent applications and the enforcement or defense of our issued patents. On September 16, 2011, the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act, or the Leahy-Smith Act, was signed into law. The Leahy-Smith Act includes a number of significant changes to U.S. patent law. These include provisions that affect the way patent applications are prosecuted and may also affect patent litigation. The U.S. Patent Office recently developed new regulations and procedures to govern administration of the Leahy-Smith Act, and many of the substantive changes to patent law associated with the Leahy-Smith Act, and in particular, the first to file provisions, only became effective on March 16, 2013. Accordingly, it is not clear what, if any, impact the Leahy-Smith Act will have on the operation of our business. However, the Leahy-Smith Act and its implementation could increase the uncertainties and costs surrounding the prosecution of our patent applications and the enforcement or defense of our issued patents.

Moreover, we may be subject to a third-party pre-issuance submission of prior art to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, or become involved in opposition, derivation, reexamination, *inter partes* review, post-grant review or interference proceedings challenging our patent rights or the patent rights of others. An adverse determination in any such submission, proceeding or litigation could reduce the scope of, or invalidate, our patent rights, allow third parties to commercialize our technology or products and compete directly with us, without payment to us, or result in our inability to manufacture or commercialize products without infringing third-party patent rights. In addition, if the breadth or strength of protection provided by our patents and patent applications is threatened, it could dissuade companies from collaborating with us to license, develop or commercialize current or future product candidates.

Even if our owned and licensed patent applications issue as patents, they may not issue in a form that will provide us with any meaningful protection, prevent competitors from competing with us or otherwise provide us with any competitive advantage. Our competitors may be able to circumvent our owned or licensed patents by developing similar or alternative technologies or products in a non-infringing manner.

The issuance of a patent is not conclusive as to its inventorship, scope, validity or enforceability, and our owned and licensed patents may be challenged in the courts or patent offices in the U.S. and abroad. Such challenges may result in loss of exclusivity or freedom to operate or in patent claims being narrowed, invalidated or held unenforceable, in whole or in part, which could limit our ability to stop others from using or commercializing similar or identical technology and products, or limit the duration of the patent protection of our technology and products. Given the amount of time required for the development, testing and regulatory review of new product candidates, patents protecting such candidates might expire before or shortly after such candidates are commercialized. As a result, our owned and licensed patent portfolio may not provide us with sufficient rights to exclude others from commercializing products similar or identical to ours.

### We may become involved in lawsuits to protect or enforce our patents or other intellectual property, which could be expensive, time consuming and unsuccessful.

Competitors may infringe our issued patents or other intellectual property. To counter infringement or unauthorized use, we may be required to file infringement claims, which can be expensive and time consuming. Any claims we assert against perceived infringers could provoke these parties to assert counterclaims against us alleging that we infringe their patents. In addition, in a patent infringement proceeding, a court may decide that a patent of ours is invalid or unenforceable, in whole or in part, construe the patent's claims narrowly or refuse to stop the other party from using the technology at issue on the grounds that our patents do not cover the technology in question. An adverse result in any litigation proceeding could put one or more of our patents at risk of being invalidated or interpreted narrowly. Furthermore, because of the substantial amount of discovery required in connection with intellectual property litigation, there is a risk that some of our confidential information could be compromised by disclosure during this type of litigation.

### Third parties may initiate legal proceedings alleging that we are infringing their intellectual property rights, the outcome of which would be uncertain and could have a material adverse effect on the success of our business.

Our commercial success depends upon our ability, and the ability of our collaborators, to develop, manufacture, market and sell our product candidates and use our proprietary technologies without infringing the proprietary rights of third parties. There is considerable intellectual property litigation in the medical device, biotechnology and pharmaceutical industries. We may become party to, or threatened with, future adversarial proceedings or litigation regarding intellectual property rights with respect to our products and technology, including interference or derivation proceedings before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. The risks of being involved in such litigation and proceedings may increase as our product candidates near commercialization and as we gain the greater visibility associated with being a public company. Third parties may assert infringement claims against us based on existing patents or patents that may be granted in the future. We may not be aware of all such intellectual property rights potentially relating to our product candidates and their uses. Thus, we do not know with certainty that the EGP-437 Combination Product or any other product candidate, or our commercialization thereof, does not and will not infringe or otherwise violate any third party's intellectual property.

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

### If we fail to comply with our obligations in our intellectual property licenses and funding arrangements with third parties, we could lose rights that are important to our business.

We are party to licensing agreements, including the Valeant Licensing Agreement, that impose, and, for a variety of purposes, we will likely enter into additional licensing and funding arrangements with third parties that may impose, diligence, development and commercialization timelines and milestone payment, royalty, insurance and other obligations on us. Under certain of our existing licensing agreements, we are obligated to pay royalties or make specified milestone payments on net product sales of the EyeGate® II Delivery System or related technologies to the extent they are covered by the agreements. We also are obligated under certain of our existing license agreements to pay maintenance and other fees. We also have diligence and development obligations under certain of those agreements that we are required to satisfy. If we fail to comply with our obligations under current or future license and collaboration agreements, our counterparties may have the right to terminate these agreements. Such an occurrence could diminish the value of the product candidate being developed under any such agreement. Termination of these agreements or reduction or elimination of our rights under these agreements may result in our having to negotiate new or reinstated agreements with less favorable terms, or cause us to lose our rights under these agreements, including our rights to important intellectual property or technology.

### We may be subject to claims by third parties asserting that our employees or we have misappropriated their intellectual property, or claiming ownership of what we regard as our own intellectual property.

Some of our employees were previously employed at universities or other biotechnology or pharmaceutical companies. Although we try to ensure that our employees do not use the proprietary information or know-how of others in their work for us, we may be subject to claims that these employees or we have used or disclosed intellectual property, including trade secrets or other proprietary information, of any such employee's former employer. Litigation may be necessary to defend against these claims.

In addition, while it is our policy to require our employees and contractors who may be involved in the development of intellectual property to execute agreements assigning such intellectual property to us, we may be unsuccessful in executing such an agreement with each party who in fact develops intellectual property that we regard as our own. Our and their assignment agreements may not be self-executing or may be breached, and we may be forced to bring claims against third parties, or defend claims they may bring against us, to determine the ownership of what we regard as our intellectual property.

If we fail in prosecuting or defending any such claims, in addition to paying monetary damages, we may lose valuable intellectual property rights or personnel. Even if we are successful in prosecuting or defending against such claims, litigation could result in substantial costs and be a distraction to management.

### Intellectual property litigation could cause us to spend substantial resources and distract our personnel from their normal responsibilities.

Even if resolved in our favor, litigation or other legal proceedings relating to intellectual property claims may cause us to incur significant expenses, and could distract our technical and management personnel from their normal responsibilities. In addition, there could be public announcements of the results of hearings, motions or other interim proceedings or developments and if securities analysts or investors perceive these results to be negative, it could have a substantial adverse effect on the price of our common stock. Such litigation or proceedings could substantially increase our operating losses and reduce the resources available for development activities or any future sales, marketing or distribution activities. We may not have sufficient financial or other resources to conduct such litigation or proceedings adequately. Some of our competitors may be able to sustain the costs of such litigation or proceedings could compromise our ability to compete in the marketplace.

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

In addition to seeking patents for some of our technology and product candidates, we also rely on trade secrets, including unpatented know-how, technology and other proprietary information, to maintain our competitive position. We seek to protect these trade secrets, in part, by entering into non-disclosure and confidentiality agreements with parties who have access to them, such as our employees, corporate collaborators, outside scientific collaborators, contract manufacturers, consultants, advisors and other third parties. We also enter into confidentiality and invention or patent assignment agreements with our employees and consultants. Despite these efforts, any of these parties may breach the agreements and disclose our proprietary information, including our trade secrets, and we may not be able to obtain adequate remedies for such breaches. Enforcing a claim that a party illegally disclosed or misappropriated a trade secret is difficult, expensive and time-consuming, and the outcome is unpredictable. In addition, some courts inside and outside the U.S. are less willing or unwilling to protect trade secrets. If any of our trade secrets were to be lawfully obtained or independently developed by a competitor, our competitive position would be harmed.

#### Risks Related to Regulatory Approval of Our Product Candidates and Other Legal Compliance Matters

If we are not able to obtain required regulatory approvals, we will not be able to commercialize the EGP-437 Combination Product or any other product candidate that we may develop, and our ability to generate revenue will be materially impaired. The marketing approval process is expensive, time-consuming and uncertain. As a result, we cannot predict when or if we, or any collaborators we may have in the future, will obtain marketing approval to commercialize the EGP-437 Combination Product or any other product or any other product candidate.

The activities associated with the development and commercialization of our product candidates, including the EGP-437 Combination Product, including design, testing, manufacture, safety, efficacy, recordkeeping, labeling, storage, approval, advertising, promotion, sale and distribution, are subject to comprehensive regulation by the FDA and other regulatory agencies in the U.S. and similar regulatory authorities outside the U.S. Failure to obtain marketing approval for a product candidate will prevent us from commercializing the product candidate. We have not received approval to market the EGP-437 Combination Product or any other product candidate from regulatory authorities in any jurisdiction. We have only limited experience in filing and supporting the applications necessary to gain marketing approvals and expect to rely on third-party CROs and consultants to assist us in this process.

The process of obtaining marketing approvals, both in the U.S. and abroad, is expensive and may take many years, especially if additional clinical trials are required, if approval is obtained at all. Securing marketing approval requires the submission of extensive preclinical and clinical data and supporting information to regulatory authorities for each therapeutic indication to establish the product candidate's safety, purity and potency. Securing marketing approval also requires the submission of information about the product manufacturing process to, and inspection of manufacturing facilities by, the regulatory authorities. The FDA or other regulatory authorities may determine that the EGP-437 Combination Product or any other product candidate that we may develop is not safe, effective or pure, is only moderately effective or has undesirable or unintended side effects, toxicities or other characteristics that preclude our obtaining marketing approval or prevent or limit commercial use. Any marketing approval we ultimately obtain may be limited or subject to restrictions or post-approval commitments that render the approved product not commercially viable.

The regulatory process can vary substantially based upon a variety of factors, including the type, complexity and novelty of the product candidates involved.

### Failure to obtain marketing approval in international jurisdictions would prevent our product candidates from being marketed abroad.

In order to market and sell the EGP-437 Combination Product and any other product candidate that we may develop in other jurisdictions, we or our third-party collaborators must obtain separate marketing approvals and comply with numerous and varying regulatory requirements. The approval procedure varies among countries and can involve additional testing. The time required to obtain approval may differ substantially from that required to obtain FDA approval. The regulatory approval process outside the U.S. generally includes all of the risks associated with obtaining FDA approval. In addition, in many countries outside the U.S., it is required that the product be approved for reimbursement before the product can be sold in that country. We or these third parties may not obtain approvals from regulatory authorities outside the U.S. on a timely basis, if at all. Approval by the FDA does not ensure approval by regulatory authorities in other countries or jurisdictions, and approval by one regulatory authorities in other countries or jurisdictions or by the FDA. We may not be able to file for marketing approvals and may not receive necessary approvals to commercialize our products in any market.

# Even if we, or any collaborators we may have in the future, obtain marketing approvals for the EGP-437 Combination Product or our other product candidates, the terms of those approvals, ongoing regulations and post-marketing restrictions may limit how we, or they, manufacture and market our products, which could materially impair our ability to generate revenue.

Once marketing approval has been granted, an approved product and its manufacturer and marketer are subject to ongoing review and extensive regulation. We, and any collaborators we may have in the future, must therefore comply with requirements concerning advertising and promotion for any of our products for which we or they obtain marketing approval. Promotional communications with respect to prescription products are subject to a variety of legal and regulatory restrictions and must be consistent with the information in the product's approved labeling. Thus, if the EGP-437 Combination Product or any other product candidate that we may develop receives marketing approval, the accompanying label may limit the approved use of our product, which could limit sales of the product.

In addition, manufacturers of approved products and those manufacturers' facilities are required to comply with extensive FDA requirements, including ensuring that quality control and manufacturing procedures conform to cGMPs, which include requirements relating to quality control and quality assurance as well as the corresponding maintenance of records and documentation and reporting requirements. We, our contract manufacturers, our future collaborators and their contract manufacturers will also be subject to other regulatory requirements, including submissions of safety and other post-marketing information and reports, registration and listing requirements, requirements regarding the distribution of samples to physicians, recordkeeping, and costly post-marketing studies or clinical trials and surveillance to monitor the safety or efficacy of the product such as the requirement to implement a risk evaluation and mitigation strategy.

### We may be subject to substantial penalties if we fail to comply with regulatory requirements or if we experience unanticipated problems with our products.

Violations of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act relating to the promotion or manufacturing of prescription products may lead to investigations by the FDA, Department of Justice and state Attorneys General alleging violations of federal and state healthcare fraud and abuse laws, as well as state consumer protection laws. In addition, later discovery of previously unknown adverse events or other problems with our products, manufacturers or manufacturing processes, or failure to comply with regulatory requirements, may yield various adverse results, including:

- restrictions on such products, manufacturers or manufacturing processes;
- restrictions on the labeling or marketing of a product;
- restrictions on product distribution or use;
- requirements to conduct post-marketing studies or clinical trials;
- warning letters;
- withdrawal of the products from the market;
- refusal to approve pending applications or supplements to approved applications that we submit;
- recall of products;

- fines, restitution or disgorgement of profits or revenues;
- suspension or withdrawal of marketing approvals;
- refusal to permit the import or export of our products;
- product seizure; or
- injunctions or the imposition of civil or criminal penalties.

# Our relationships with customers and third-party payors may be subject, directly or indirectly, to applicable anti-kickback, fraud and abuse, false claims, transparency, health information privacy and security, and other healthcare laws and regulations, which could expose us to criminal sanctions, civil penalties, contractual damages, reputational harm, administrative burdens and diminished profits and future earnings.

Healthcare providers, physicians and third-party payors in the U.S. and elsewhere will play a primary role in the recommendation and prescription of any product candidates, including the EGP-437 Combination Product, for which we obtain marketing approval. Our future arrangements with third-party payors and customers may expose us to broadly applicable fraud and abuse and other healthcare laws and regulations that may constrain the business or financial arrangements and relationships through which we market, sell and distribute any products for which we obtain marketing approval. In addition, we may be subject to transparency laws and patient privacy regulation by U.S. federal and state governments and by governments in foreign jurisdictions in which we conduct our business. The applicable federal, state and foreign healthcare laws and regulations that may affect our ability to operate include:

- the federal Anti-Kickback Statute, which prohibits, among other things, persons from knowingly and willfully soliciting, offering, receiving or providing remuneration, directly or indirectly, in cash or in kind, to induce or reward, or in return for, either the referral of an individual for, or the purchase, order or recommendation of, any good or service, for which payment may be made under a federal healthcare program such as Medicare and Medicaid;
- federal civil and criminal false claims laws and civil monetary penalty laws, including the federal False Claims Act, which impose criminal and civil penalties, including civil whistleblower or *qui tam* actions, against individuals or entities for knowingly presenting, or causing to be presented, to the federal government, including the Medicare and Medicaid programs, claims for payment that are false or fraudulent or making a false statement to avoid, decrease or conceal an obligation to pay money to the federal government;
- the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, or HIPAA, which imposes criminal and civil liability for executing a scheme to defraud any healthcare benefit program or making false statements relating to healthcare matters;
- HIPAA, as amended by the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act of 2009, and their respective implementing regulations, which imposes obligations, including mandatory contractual terms, on covered healthcare providers, health plans and healthcare clearinghouses, as well as their business associates, with respect to safeguarding the privacy, security and transmission of individually identifiable health information; and

analogous state and foreign laws and regulations, such as state anti-kickback and false claims laws, which may apply to sales or marketing arrangements and claims involving healthcare items or services reimbursed by non-governmental third-party payors, including private insurers; state and foreign laws that require pharmaceutical companies to comply with the pharmaceutical industry's voluntary compliance guidelines and the relevant compliance guidance promulgated by the federal government or otherwise restrict payments that may be made to healthcare providers; state and foreign laws that require drug manufacturers to report information related to payments and other transfers of value to physicians and other healthcare providers or marketing expenditures; and state and foreign laws governing the privacy and security of health information in certain circumstances, many of which differ from each other in significant ways and often are not preempted by HIPAA, thus complicating compliance efforts.

Efforts to ensure that our business arrangements with third parties will comply with applicable healthcare laws and regulations may involve substantial costs. It is possible that governmental authorities will conclude that our business practices may not comply with current or future statutes, regulations or case law involving applicable fraud and abuse or other healthcare laws and regulations. If our operations are found to be in violation of any of these laws or any other governmental regulations that may apply to us, we may be subject to significant civil, criminal and administrative penalties, including, without limitation, damages, fines, imprisonment, exclusion from participation in government funded healthcare programs, such as Medicare and Medicaid, and the curtailment or restructuring of our operations. If any of the physicians or other healthcare programs, such as be not in compliance with applicable laws, it may be subject to criminal, civil or administrative sanctions, including exclusions from participation in government funded healthcare programs.

### Recently enacted and future legislation may affect our ability to commercialize and the prices we obtain for any products that are approved in the U.S. or foreign jurisdictions.

In the U.S. and some foreign jurisdictions, there have been a number of legislative and regulatory changes and proposed changes regarding the healthcare system that could affect our ability to profitably sell or commercialize any product candidate, including the EGP-437 Combination Product, for which we obtain marketing approval or that we may in-license. The pharmaceutical industry has been a particular focus of these efforts and has been significantly affected by legislative initiatives. Current laws, as well as other healthcare reform measures that may be adopted in the future, may result in more rigorous coverage criteria and in additional downward pressure on the price that we receive for any approved product.

In the U.S., the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003, or the MMA, changed the way Medicare covers and pays for pharmaceutical products. Cost reduction initiatives and other provisions of this legislation could limit coverage of and reduce the price that we receive for any approved products. While the MMA applies only to product benefits for Medicare beneficiaries, private payors often follow Medicare coverage policy and payment limitations in setting their own reimbursement rates. Therefore, any reduction in reimbursement that results from the MMA or other healthcare reform measures may result in a similar reduction in payments from private payors.

In March 2010, President Obama signed into law the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, as amended by the Health Care and Education Affordability Reconciliation Act, or collectively PPACA. Among the provisions of PPACA of importance to our business, including, without limitation, our ability to commercialize and the prices we may obtain for any of our product candidates and that are approved for sale, are the following:

an annual, nondeductible fee on any entity that manufactures or imports specified branded prescription drugs and biologic agents;

- an increase in the statutory minimum rebates a manufacturer must pay under the Medicaid Drug Rebate Program;
- a new Medicare Part D coverage gap discount program, in which participating manufacturers must agree to offer 50% point-of-sale discounts off negotiated drug
  prices during the coverage gap period as a condition for the manufacturer's outpatient drugs to be covered under Medicare Part D;
- expansion of healthcare fraud and abuse laws, including the federal False Claims Act and the federal Anti-Kickback Statute, and the addition of new government investigative powers, and enhanced penalties for noncompliance;
- extension of manufacturers' Medicaid rebate liability;
- expansion of eligibility criteria for Medicaid programs; and
- expansion of the entities eligible for discounts under the Public Health Service pharmaceutical pricing program.

In addition, other legislative changes have been proposed and adopted since PPACA was enacted. These changes include aggregate reductions to Medicare payments to providers of up to 2% per fiscal year, which went into effect in April 2013. In January 2013, President Obama signed into law the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012, which, among other things, reduced Medicare payments to several types of providers, and increased the statute of limitations period for the government to recover overpayments to providers from three to five years. These new laws may result in additional reductions in Medicare and other healthcare funding.

The pricing of prescription pharmaceuticals is also subject to governmental control outside the U.S. 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 ability to generate revenues and become profitable could be impaired.

### Laws and regulations governing any international operations we may have in the future may preclude us from developing, manufacturing and selling certain products outside of the U.S. and require us to develop and implement costly compliance programs.

If we expand our operations outside of the U.S., we must dedicate additional resources to comply with numerous laws and regulations in each jurisdiction in which we plan to operate. The Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, or FCPA, prohibits any U.S. individual or business from paying, offering, authorizing payment or offering of anything of value, directly or indirectly, to any foreign official, political party or candidate for the purpose of influencing any act or decision of the foreign entity in order to assist the individual or business in obtaining or retaining business. The FCPA also obligates companies whose securities are listed in the U.S. to comply with certain accounting provisions requiring the company to maintain books and records that accurately and fairly reflect all transactions of the corporation, including international subsidiaries, and to devise and maintain an adequate system of internal accounting controls for international operations.

Compliance with the FCPA is expensive and difficult, particularly in countries in which corruption is a recognized problem. In addition, the FCPA presents particular challenges in the pharmaceutical industry, because, in many countries, hospitals are operated by the government, and doctors and other hospital employees are considered foreign officials. Certain payments to hospitals in connection with clinical trials and other work have been deemed to be improper payments to government officials and have led to FCPA enforcement actions.

Various laws, regulations and executive orders also restrict the use and dissemination outside of the U.S., or the sharing with certain non-U.S. nationals, of information classified for national security purposes, as well as certain products and technical data relating to those products. If we expand our presence outside of the U.S., it will require us to dedicate additional resources to comply with these laws, and these laws may preclude us from developing, manufacturing, or selling certain products and product candidates outside of the U.S., which could limit our growth potential and increase our development costs.

The failure to comply with laws governing international business practices may result in substantial civil and criminal penalties and suspension or debarment from government contracting. The SEC also may suspend or bar issuers from trading securities on U.S. exchanges for violations of the FCPA's accounting provisions.

### If we or our third-party manufacturers fail to comply with environmental, health and safety laws and regulations, we could become subject to fines or penalties or incur significant costs.

We and our third-party manufacturers are subject to numerous environmental, health and safety laws and regulations, including those governing laboratory procedures and the handling, use, storage, treatment and disposal of hazardous materials and wastes. From time to time and in the future, our operations may involve the use of hazardous and flammable materials, including chemicals and biological materials, and produce hazardous waste products. We generally contract with third parties for the disposal of these materials and wastes. We cannot eliminate the risk of contamination or injury from these materials. In the event of contamination or injury resulting from our use of hazardous materials, we could be held liable for any resulting damages, and any liability could exceed our resources. We also could incur significant costs associated with civil or criminal fines and penalties for failure to comply with such laws and regulations.

Although we maintain workers' compensation insurance to cover us for costs and expenses we may incur due to injuries to our employees, this insurance may not provide adequate coverage against potential liabilities.

In addition, we may incur substantial costs in order to comply with current or future environmental, health and safety laws and regulations. These current or future laws and regulations may impair our research, development or production efforts. Our failure to comply with these laws and regulations also may result in substantial fines, penalties or other sanctions.

Further, with respect to the operations of our third-party contract manufacturers, it is possible that if they fail to operate in compliance with applicable environmental, health and safety laws and regulations or properly dispose of wastes associated with our products, we could be held liable for any resulting damages, suffer reputational harm or experience a disruption in the manufacture and supply of our product candidates or products.

#### **Risks Related to Employee Matters and Managing Growth**

#### Our future success depends on our ability to retain key executives and to attract, retain and motivate qualified personnel.

We are highly dependent on the research and development, clinical and business development expertise of Stephen From, our President and Chief Executive Officer, as well as the other principal members of our management, scientific and clinical team and a number of third party consultants. Although we have entered into an employment agreement with Mr. From, he may terminate his employment with us at any time. We do not maintain "key person" insurance for any of our executives or other employees.

Recruiting and retaining qualified scientific, clinical, manufacturing and sales and marketing personnel will also be critical to our success. The loss of the services of our executive officers or other key employees could impede the achievement of our research, development and commercialization objectives and seriously harm our ability to successfully implement our business strategy. Furthermore, replacing executive officers and key employees may be difficult and may take an extended period of time because of the limited number of individuals in our industry with the breadth of skills and experience required to successfully develop, gain regulatory approval of and commercialize products. Competition to hire from this limited pool is intense, and we may be unable to hire, train, retain or motivate these key personnel on acceptable terms given the competition among numerous pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies for similar personnel. We also experience competition for the hiring of scientific and clinical personnel from universities and research institutions. In addition, we rely on consultants and advisors, including scientific and clinical advisors, to assist us in formulating our research and development and commercialization strategy. Our consultants and advisors may be employed by employers other than us and may have commitments under consulting or advisory contracts with other entities that may limit their availability to us. If we are unable to continue to attract and retain high quality personnel, our ability to pursue our growth strategy will be limited.

### Our business and operations would suffer in the event of system failures.

Despite the implementation of security measures, our internal computer systems, and those of our CROs and other third parties on which we rely, are vulnerable to damage from computer viruses, unauthorized access, natural disasters, terrorism, war and telecommunication and electrical failures. If such an event were to occur and cause interruptions in our operations, it could result in a material disruption of our drug development programs. For example, the loss of clinical trial data from completed or ongoing or planned clinical trials could result in delays in our regulatory approval efforts and significantly increase our costs to recover or reproduce the data. To the extent that any disruption or security breach were to result in a loss of or damage to our data or applications, or inappropriate disclosure of confidential or proprietary information, we could incur liability and the further development of our product candidates could be delayed.

### We expect to expand our development capabilities and potentially implement sales, marketing and distribution capabilities, and as a result, we may encounter difficulties in managing our growth, which could disrupt our operations.

We expect to experience significant growth in the number of our employees and the scope of our operations, particularly in the areas of drug development, regulatory affairs and, if any of our product candidates receives marketing approval, sales, marketing and distribution. To manage our anticipated future growth, we must continue to implement and improve our managerial, operational and financial systems, expand our facilities and continue to recruit and train additional qualified personnel. Due to our limited financial resources and the limited experience of our management team in managing a company with such anticipated growth, we may not be able to effectively manage the expansion of our operations or recruit and train additional qualified personnel. The expansion of our operations may lead to significant costs and may divert our management and business development resources. Any inability to manage growth could delay the execution of our business plans or disrupt our operations.

### **Risks Related to Our Common Stock**

### Because a small number of our existing stockholders own a majority of our voting stock, your ability to influence corporate matters will be limited

Our executive officers, directors and greater than 5% stockholders, in the aggregate, currently own 76.9% of our outstanding common stock. As a result, such persons, acting together, will have the ability to control our management and affairs and substantially all matters submitted to our stockholders for approval, including the election and removal of directors and approval of any significant transaction. These persons will also have the ability to control our management and business affairs. This concentration of ownership may have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a change in control, impeding a merger, consolidation, takeover or other business combination involving us, or discouraging a potential acquirer from making a tender offer or otherwise attempting to obtain control of our business, even if such a transaction would benefit other stockholders.

### Provisions in our corporate charter documents and under Delaware law could make an acquisition of our company, which may be beneficial to our stockholders, more difficult and may prevent attempts by our stockholders to replace or remove our current management.

Provisions in our restated certificate of incorporation and our amended and restated bylaws may discourage, delay or prevent a merger, acquisition or other change in control of our company that stockholders may consider favorable, including transactions in which you might otherwise receive a premium for your shares. These provisions could also limit the price that investors might be willing to pay in the future for shares of our common stock, thereby depressing the market price of our common stock. In addition, because our board of directors is responsible for appointing the members of our management team, 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 members of our board of directors. Among other things, these provisions:

- establish a classified board of directors such that only one of three classes of directors is elected each year;
- allow the authorized number of our directors to be changed only by resolution of our board of directors;
- limit the manner in which stockholders can remove directors from our board of directors;
- establish advance notice requirements for stockholder proposals that can be acted on at stockholder meetings and nominations to our board of directors;
- require that stockholder actions must be effected at a duly called stockholder meeting and prohibit actions by our stockholders by written consent;
- limit who may call stockholder meetings;
- authorize our board of directors to issue preferred stock without stockholder approval, which could be used to institute a "poison pill" that would work to dilute the stock ownership of a potential hostile acquirer, effectively preventing acquisitions that have not been approved by our board of directors; and

require the affirmative vote of stockholders holding at least two-thirds of shares entitled to be cast to amend or repeal specified provisions of our restated certificate of incorporation or our amended and restated bylaws.

Moreover, because we are incorporated in Delaware, we are governed by the provisions of Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, which prohibits a person who owns in excess of 15% of our outstanding voting stock from merging or combining with us for a period of three years after the date of the transaction in which the person acquired in excess of 15% of our outstanding voting stock, unless the merger or combination is approved in a prescribed manner.

### The price of our common stock may be volatile and fluctuate substantially, which could result in substantial losses for purchasers of our common stock.

Our stock price may be volatile. The stock market in general and the market for smaller specialty pharmaceutical companies in particular have experienced extreme volatility that has often been unrelated to the operating performance of particular companies. As a result of this volatility, you may not be able to sell your common stock at or above the price you paid for such shares. The market price for our common stock may be influenced by many factors, including:

- the success of competitive products or technologies;
- results of clinical trials of the EGP-437 Combination Product or any other product candidate that we may develop;
- results of clinical trials of product candidates of our competitors;
- regulatory or legal developments in the U.S. and other countries;
- developments or disputes concerning patent applications, issued patents or other proprietary rights;
- the recruitment or departure of key scientific or management personnel;
- the level of expenses related to any of our product candidates or clinical development programs;
- the results of our efforts to discover, develop, acquire or in-license additional products, product candidates or technologies for the treatment of ophthalmic diseases, the costs of commercializing any such products and the costs of development of any such product candidates or technologies;
- actual or anticipated changes in estimates as to financial results, development timelines or recommendations by securities analysts;
- variations in our financial results or those of companies that are perceived to be similar to us;
- changes in the structure of healthcare payment systems;
- market conditions in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology sectors;

- general economic, industry and market conditions; and
- the other factors described in this "Risk Factors" section.

In the past, following periods of volatility in the market price of a company's securities, securities class-action litigation has often been instituted against that company. We also may face securities class-action litigation if we cannot obtain regulatory approvals for or if we otherwise fail to commercialize EGP-437. Such litigation, if instituted against us, could cause us to incur substantial costs to defend such claims and divert management's attention and resources.

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

As of December 31, 2015, we had federal net operating loss carryforwards of approximately \$43.0 million, state net operating loss carryforwards of approximately \$30.2 million and aggregate federal and state research and development tax credit carryforwards of approximately \$920,000 and \$282,000 available to reduce future taxable income. These federal and state net operating loss carryforwards and federal and state tax credit carryforwards which will expire at various dates through 2035, if not utilized. Utilization of these net operating loss and tax credit carryforwards may be subject to a substantial limitation under Sections 382 and 383 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the Code, and comparable provisions of state, local and foreign tax laws due to changes in ownership of our company that have occurred previously or that could occur in the future. Under Section 382 of the Code and comparable provisions of state, local and foreign tax laws due to changes in ownership of our company that have occurred previously or that could occur in the future. Under Section 382 of the Code and comparable provisions of state, local and foreign tax laws, if a corporation undergoes an "ownership change," generally defined as a greater than 50% change by value in its equity ownership over a three year period, the corporation's ability to use its pre-change net operating loss carryforwards and other pre-change tax attributes, such as research and development tax credits, to reduce its post-change income may be limited. We have not completed a study to determine whether the IPO, our most recent private placement and other transactions that have occurred over the past three years may have triggered an ownership change limitation. We may also experience ownership changes in the future as a result of subsequent shifts in our stock ownership. As a result, if we generate taxable income, our ability to use our pre-change net operating loss and tax credits carryforwards to reduce U.S. federal and state taxable income

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

Sales of a substantial number of shares of our common stock in the public market or the perception that these sales might occur, could significantly reduce the market price of our common stock and impair our ability to raise adequate capital through the sale of additional equity securities.

### We are an "emerging growth company," and a smaller reporting company and the reduced disclosure requirements applicable to emerging growth companies and smaller reporting companies may make our common stock less attractive to investors.

We are an "emerging growth company," as defined in the Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act of 2012, or the JOBS Act, and may remain an emerging growth company for up to five years. For so long as we remain an emerging growth company, we are permitted and intend to rely on exemptions from certain disclosure requirements that are applicable to other public companies that are not emerging growth companies. These exemptions include:

- being permitted to provide only two years of audited financial statements, in addition to any required unaudited interim financial statements, with correspondingly reduced "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" disclosure;
- not being required to comply with the auditor attestation requirements in the assessment of our internal control over financial reporting;
- not being required to comply with any requirement that may be adopted by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board regarding mandatory audit firm
  rotation or a supplement to the auditor's report providing additional information about the audit and the financial statements;
- reduced disclosure obligations regarding executive compensation; 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 have taken advantage of certain reduced reporting. In particular, in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, we have provided only two years of audited financial statements and have not included all of the executive compensation related information that would be required if we were not an emerging growth company. We cannot predict whether investors will find our common stock less attractive if we 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.

In addition, the JOBS Act also provides that an emerging growth company can take advantage of an extended transition period for complying with new or revised accounting standards. This allows an emerging growth company to delay the adoption of certain accounting standards until those standards would otherwise apply to private companies. We have irrevocably elected not to delay such adoption of new or revised accounting standards, and, as a result, we will comply with new or revised accounting standards on the relevant dates on which adoption of such standards is required for public companies that are not emerging growth companies.

We are also a "smaller reporting company" as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act and have elected certain scaled disclosure available for smaller reporting companies.

### We have identified a material weakness in our internal controls over financial reporting that, if not properly remediated, could result in material misstatements in our financial statements in future periods.

The SEC, defines a material weakness as a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over financial reporting such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the company's annual or interim financial statements will not be prevented or detected on a timely basis. A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis.

We have identified the following material weakness:

Lack of adequate controls regarding the preparation and review of the income tax provision and associated disclosures in our accompanying footnotes.

If we are unable to correct deficiencies in internal controls in a timely manner, our ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information accurately and within the time periods specified in the rules and forms of the SEC will be adversely affected. This failure could negatively affect the market price and trading liquidity of our common stock, cause investors to lose confidence in our reported financial information, subject us to civil and criminal investigations and penalties, and generally materially and adversely impact our business and financial condition.

### We incur increased costs as a result of operating as a public company, and our management is required to devote substantial time to new compliance initiatives and corporate governance practices.

As a public company, and particularly after we are no longer an emerging growth company, we incur significant legal, accounting and other expenses that we did not incur as a private company. The Sarbanes-Oxley Act, the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, FINRA rules and other applicable securities rules and regulations impose various requirements on public companies, including establishment and maintenance of effective disclosure and financial controls and corporate governance practices. Our management and other personnel need to devote a substantial amount of time to these compliance initiatives. Moreover, these rules and regulations increase our legal and financial compliance costs and make some activities more time-consuming and costly.

We are evaluating these rules and regulations, and cannot predict or estimate the amount of additional costs we may incur or the timing of such costs. These rules and regulations are often subject to varying interpretations, in many cases due to their lack of specificity, and, as a result, their application in practice may evolve over time as new guidance is provided by regulatory and governing bodies. This could result in continuing uncertainty regarding compliance matters and higher costs necessitated by ongoing revisions to disclosure and governance practices.

Pursuant to Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, or Section 404, we are required to furnish a report by our management on our internal control over financial reporting. However, while we remain an emerging growth company, we will not be required to include an attestation report on internal control over financial reporting issued by our independent registered public accounting firm. To achieve compliance with Section 404 within the prescribed period, we engaged in a process to document and evaluate our internal control over financial reporting. As disclosed under "Item 9A-Controls and Procedures," we identified a material weakness in our internal control over financial reporting as a result of this process. In this regard, we will need to continue to dedicate internal resources, potentially engage outside consultants and adopt a detailed work plan to assess and document the adequacy of internal control over financial reporting, continue steps to improve control processes as appropriate, validate through testing that controls are functioning as documented and implement a continuous reporting and improvement process for internal control over financial reporting. If we continue to identify one or more material weaknesses in our internal control over financial reporting, it could result in an adverse reaction in the financial markets due to a loss of confidence in the reliability of our financial statements.



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

We have never declared or paid cash dividends on our capital stock. We currently intend to retain all of our future earnings, if any, to finance the growth and development of our business. In addition, any future debt agreements that we may enter into, may preclude us from paying dividends without the lenders' consent or at all. As a result, capital appreciation, if any, of our common stock will be your sole source of gain for the foreseeable future.

### Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments.

None.

### Item 2. Properties.

We currently have no facilities other than our principal executive office located at 271 Waverley Oaks Road, Suite 108, Waltham, MA 02452, and conduct our operations using third-party manufacturing facilities and trial sites. We believe our current facilities are adequate for our needs for the foreseeable future.

### Item 3. Legal Proceedings.

While we are not currently a party to any legal proceedings, from time to time we may be a party to a variety of legal proceedings that arise in the normal course of our business.

### Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures.

Not Applicable.

### PART II

#### Item 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities.

### Price Range of Common Stock

Our common stock began trading on the OTCQB on February 13, 2015 in connection with out IPO, and currently trades under the symbol "EYEG." Prior to that time, there was no established public trading market for our common stock. On July 31, 2015, our Common Stock and Warrants issued in our follow-on offering, which closed on August 5, 2015, began trading on The NASDAQ Capital Market under the symbols "EYEG" and "EYEGW," respectively. In connection with this listing, the Common Stock ceased being quoted on the OTCQB Venture Marketplace.

The following table sets forth the range of the high and low sales prices per share of our common stock as reported on the NASDAQ Capital Market and the OTCQB for the quarterly periods indicated. The quotations for periods when our common stock traded on the OTCQB reflect inter-dealer prices, without retail mark-up, mark-down or commission and may not represent actual transactions.

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Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2015	High	Low
First Quarter	\$ 6.50	\$ 2.74
Second Quarter	5.09	3.22
Third Quarter	27.00	2.78
Fourth Quarter	\$ 5.00	\$ 2.39

On March 28, 2016, the closing sale price of our common stock on the NASDAQ Market was \$3.05 per share. There were 88 holders of record of our common stock as of March 28, 2016. This number does not include beneficial owners whose shares were held in street name.

### **Dividend Policy**

We have never declared or paid any cash dividends on our capital stock. We currently intend to retain future earnings, if any, and all currently available funds for use in the operation of our business and do not anticipate paying any cash dividends in the foreseeable future. Any future determination related to our dividend policy will be made at the discretion of our board of directors after considering our financial condition, results of operations, capital requirements, business prospects and other factors the board of directors deems relevant, and subject to the restrictions contained in our current or future financing instruments.

### **Recent Sales of Unregistered Securities**

None.

### Item 6. Selected Financial Data

Not Applicable.

### Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

### **Forward-Looking Statements**

The following section of this Annual Report on Form 10-K entitled "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" contains statements that are not statements of historical fact and are forward-looking statements within the meaning of federal securities laws. These statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause our actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. These statements reflect our current views with respect to future events and are based on assumptions and subject to risks and uncertainties. Factors that may cause our actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements include those factors described in "Item 1A. Risk Factors" beginning on page 29 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. You should carefully review all of these factors, as well as the comprehensive discussion of forward-looking statements on page 1 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

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#### Overview

We are a clinical-stage specialty pharmaceutical company that is focused on developing and commercializing therapeutics and drug delivery systems for treating diseases of the eye. EGP-437, our first and only product in clinical trials, incorporates a reformulated topically active corticosteroid, dexamethasone phosphate, that is delivered into the ocular tissues through our proprietary innovative drug delivery system, the EyeGate II Delivery System. EGP-437 is being developed under the 505(b)(2) New Drug Application, or NDA, regulatory pathway for drugs submitted for approval to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, or FDA, which enables an applicant to rely, in part, on the FDA's findings of safety and efficacy for an existing product, or published literature, in support of its NDA. The EyeGate II Delivery System and EGP-437, are designed to address two major issues in ophthalmic medicine: lack of patient compliance and safety. The EyeGate II Delivery System features a compact, elegant, and easy-to-use device that we believe has the potential to deliver drugs non-invasively and quickly into the ocular tissues through the use of iontophoresis, which can accelerate the onset of action, dramatically reduce treatment frequency versus eye drops and sustain therapeutic effect. The EyeGate® II Delivery System is easy-to-use, only takes a few minutes to employ and has been utilized to administer more than 1,700 experimental treatments. We hold worldwide commercialization rights to the EyeGate® II Delivery System.

As we are in our developmental stage, we have not generated any revenue. We have never been profitable and, from December 26, 2004 (inception) through December 31, 2015, our losses from operations have been \$65.3 million. Our net loss was approximately \$8.4 million and \$1.6 million for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. We expect to incur significant expenses and increasing operating losses for the foreseeable future as we continue the development and clinical trials of, and seek regulatory approval for, our EGP-437 Combination Product and any other product candidates we advance to clinical development. If we obtain regulatory approval for our EGP-437 Combination Product, we expect to incur significant expenses in order to create an infrastructure to support the commercialization of our EGP-437 Combination Product, including sales, marketing and distribution functions.

We will need additional financing to support our continuing operations. We will seek to fund our operations through public or private equity or debt financings or other sources, which may include collaborations with third parties. Adequate additional financing may not be available to us on acceptable terms, or at all. Our failure to raise capital as and when needed would have a negative impact on our financial condition and our ability to pursue our business strategy. We will need to generate significant revenue to achieve profitability, and we may never do so.

We were formed in Delaware on December 26, 2004. We were originally incorporated in 1998 under the name of Optis France S.A. in Paris, France. At that time, the name of the French corporation was changed to EyeGate Pharma S.A.S. and became a subsidiary of Eyegate Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

### **Financial Overview**

#### **Research and Development Expenses**

We expense all research and development expenses as they are incurred. Research and development expenses primarily include:

- non-clinical development, preclinical research, and clinical trial and regulatory-related costs;
- expenses incurred under agreements with sites and consultants that conduct our clinical trials;
- expenses related to generating, filing, and maintaining intellectual property; and

employee-related expenses, including salaries, bonuses, benefits, travel and stock-based compensation expense.

Substantially all of our research and development expenses to date have been incurred in connection with our EGP-437 Combination Product. We expect our research and development expenses to increase for the foreseeable future as we advance EGP-437 through clinical development, including the conduct of our planned clinical trials. The process of conducting clinical trials necessary to obtain regulatory approval is costly and time consuming. We are unable to estimate with any certainty the costs we will incur in the continued development of our EGP-437 Combination Product. Clinical development timelines, the probability of success and development costs can differ materially from expectations.

We may never succeed in achieving marketing approval for our product candidate.

The costs of clinical trials may vary significantly over the life of a project owing to, but not limited to, the following:

- per patient trial costs;
- the number of sites included in the trials;
- the countries in which the trials are conducted;
- the length of time required to enroll eligible patients;
- the number of patients that participate in the trials;
- the number of doses that patients receive;
- the cost of comparative agents used in trials;
- the drop-out or discontinuation rates of patients;
- potential additional safety monitoring or other studies requested by regulatory agencies;
- the duration of patient follow-up; and
- the efficacy and safety profile of the product candidate.

We do not expect our EGP-437 Combination Product to be commercially available, if at all, for the next several years.

### General and Administrative Expenses

General and administrative expenses consist primarily of salaries and related benefits, including stock-based compensation. Our general and administrative expenses consisted primarily of payroll expenses for our full-time employees. Other general and administrative expenses include professional fees for auditing, tax, patent costs and legal services.

We expect that general and administrative expenses will increase in the future as we expand our operating activities and incur additional costs associated with being a publicly-traded company and maintaining compliance with exchange listing and SEC requirements. These increases will likely include higher consulting costs, legal fees, accounting fees, directors' and officers' liability insurance premiums and fees associated with investor relations.



### Total Other Income (Expense)

Total other income (expense) consists primarily of interest income we earn on interest-bearing accounts, and interest expense incurred on our outstanding debt including non-cash interest resulting from the accretion of original issue discount on certain of our outstanding notes. We also received the proceeds of certain research and development tax credits related to EyeGate Pharma S.A.S.

### **Critical Accounting Policies and Significant Judgments and Estimates**

Our management's discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations is based on our financial statements, which we have prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, or U.S. GAAP. The preparation of these financial statements requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, as well as the expenses during the reporting periods. We evaluate these estimates and judgments on an ongoing basis. We base our estimates on historical experience and on various other factors that we believe are reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying value of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Our actual results may differ materially from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions.

While our significant accounting policies are more fully described in Note 2 to our financial statements appearing elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, we believe that the following accounting policies are the most critical for fully understanding and evaluating our financial condition and results of operations.

### Accrued Research and Development Expenses

As part of the process of preparing financial statements, we are required to estimate and accrue research and development expenses. This process involves the following:

- communicating with our applicable personnel to identify services that have been performed on our behalf and estimating the level of service performed and the
  associated cost incurred for the service when we have not yet been invoiced or otherwise notified of actual cost;
- estimating and accruing expenses in our financial statements as of each balance sheet date based on facts and circumstances known to us at the time; and
- periodically confirming the accuracy of our estimates with selected service providers and making adjustments, if necessary.

Examples of estimated research and development expenses that we accrue include:

- fees paid to contract research organizations and investigative sites in connection with clinical studies;
- fees paid to contract manufacturing organizations in connection with non-clinical development, preclinical research, and the production of clinical study materials; and

professional service fees for consulting and related services.

We base our expense accruals related to non-clinical development, preclinical studies, and clinical trials on our estimates of the services received and efforts expended pursuant to contracts with organizations/consultants that conduct and manage clinical studies on our behalf. The financial terms of these agreements vary from contract to contract and may result in uneven payment flows. Payments under some of these contracts may depend on many factors, such as the successful enrollment of patients, site initiation and the completion of clinical study milestones. Our service providers invoice us as milestones are achieved and monthly in arrears for services performed. In accruing service fees, we estimate the time period over which services performed and the level of effort to be expended in each period. If we do not identify costs that we have begun to incur or if we underestimate or overestimate the level of services performed or the costs of these services, our actual expenses could differ from our estimates. To date, we have not experienced significant changes in our estimates of accrued research and development expenses after a reporting period.

However, due to the nature of estimates, we cannot assure you that we will not make changes to our estimates in the future as we become aware of additional information about the status or conduct of our clinical studies and other research activities.

### **Stock-Based Compensation**

We have issued options to purchase our common stock. Stock-based compensation cost is measured at the grant date based on the fair value of the award and is recognized as expense over the requisite service/vesting period. Determining the appropriate fair value model and calculating the fair value of stock-based payment awards require the use of highly subjective assumptions, including the expected life of the stock-based payment awards and stock price volatility.

We estimate the grant date fair value of stock options and the related compensation expense, using the Black-Scholes option valuation model. This option valuation model requires the input of subjective assumptions including: (1) expected life (estimated period of time outstanding) of the options granted, (2) volatility, (3) risk-free rate and (4) dividends. Because share-based compensation expense is based on awards ultimately expected to vest, it is reduced for estimated forfeitures. Forfeitures are required to be estimated at the time of grant and revised, if necessary, in subsequent periods if actual forfeiture rates differ from those estimates. We have estimated expected for estimated states on our historical turnover rate and used these rates in developing a future forfeiture rate. If our actual forfeiture rate varies from our estimates, additional adjustments to compensation expense may be required in future periods. In general, the assumptions used in calculating the fair value of stock-based payment awards represent management's best estimates, but the estimates involve inherent uncertainties and the application of management judgment. As a result, if factors change and we use different assumptions, our stock-based compensation expense could be materially different in the future.

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#### Significant Factors Used in Determining the Fair Value of Our Common Stock

The fair value of the shares of common stock that underlie the stock options we have granted under the plan has historically been determined by our board of directors based upon information available to it at the time of grant. Prior to December 31, 2011, our board of directors did not conduct any formal valuation procedure or commission any third party valuation or appraisal in connection with its determinations of the fair value of its common stock. Our board of directors considered the most persuasive evidence of fair value to be the prices at which our securities were sold in actual arms' length transactions. Our board of directors also considered numerous objective and subjective factors in the assessment of fair value, including reviews of our business and financial condition, the conditions of the industry in which we operate and the markets that we serve and general economic, market and United States and global capital market conditions, an analysis of publicly traded peer companies, the lack of marketability of our common stock, the likelihood of achieving a liquidity event for the shares of common stock underlying the stock options in question, such as an initial public offering or sale, the preferences and privileges of the preferred stock and common stock. All options have been granted at exercise prices not less than the fair value of the underlying shares on the date of grant. Subsequent to the initial public offering, the fair value of our common stock utilized in determining the value of option grants was based on the trading value of our common stock.

During the year ended December 31, 2015, we granted options to purchase 560,393 shares of our common stock.

#### **Other Information**

### Net Operating Loss Carryforwards

As of December 31, 2015, we have federal and state income tax net operating loss ("NOL") carryovers of approximately \$43.0 million and \$30.2 million, respectively, which will expire at various dates through 2035. As of December 31, 2015, we also has federal, state and foreign research and development tax credit carryforwards of approximately \$920,000, \$282,000, and \$25,000, respectively, to offset future income taxes, which expire at various times through 2035.

Under Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the Code, if a corporation undergoes an "ownership change" (generally defined as a greater than 50% change (by value) in its equity ownership over a three year period), the corporation's ability to use its pre-change net operating loss carryforwards and other pre-change tax attributes to offset its post-change income may be limited. We have not completed a study to determine the impact of this ownership change on our NOL carryforwards under Section 382 of the Code. If we experience a Section 382 ownership change in as a result of future changes in our stock ownership, some of which changes are outside our control, the tax benefits related to the NOL carryforwards may be further limited or lost.

### JOBS Act

On April 5, 2012, the Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act of 2012, or the JOBS Act, was enacted. Section 107 of the JOBS Act provides that an "emerging growth company" can take advantage of the extended transition period provided in Section 7(a)(2)(B) of the Securities Act, for complying with new or revised accounting standards. In other words, an "emerging growth company" can delay the adoption of certain accounting standards until those standards would otherwise apply to private companies. We have irrevocably elected not to avail ourselves of this extended transition period and, as a result, we will adopt new or revised accounting standards on the relevant dates on which adoption of such standards is required for other public companies.
We are in the process of evaluating the benefits of relying on other exemptions and reduced reporting requirements provided by the JOBS Act. Subject to certain conditions set forth in the JOBS Act, as an "emerging growth company," we intend to rely on certain of these exemptions, including without limitation, (i) providing an auditor's attestation report on our system of internal controls over financial reporting pursuant to Section 404(b) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and (ii) complying with any requirement that may be adopted by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB) regarding mandatory audit firm rotation or a supplement to the auditor's report providing additional information about the audit and the financial statements, known as the auditor discussion and analysis. We will remain an "emerging growth company" until the earliest of (a) the last day of the fiscal year in which we have total annual gross revenues of \$1 billion or more, (b) the last day of our fiscal year following the fifth anniversary of the date of the completion of our initial public offering, (c) the date on which we have issued more than \$1 billion in nonconvertible debt during the previous three years or (d) the date on which we are deemed to be a large accelerated filer under the rules of the SEC.

### **Temporary Equity and Non-Controlling Interest**

Certain of our convertible preferred stock issuances were directly sold by EyeGate S.A.S., resulting in a non-controlling interest. Such non-controlling interest and the related convertible preferred stock were classified as temporary equity on our consolidated balance sheet, and we recorded the interest in the earnings or loss of the subsidiary not attributable to us as net income (loss) attributable to non-controlling interests in the consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive loss until such shares were converted to Common Stock in connection with completion of our IPO on February 13, 2015.

#### **Results of Operations**

# Comparison of Years Ended December 31, 2015 and 2014

The following table summarizes the results of our operations for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014:

	Year Ended D	ecem	ıber 31,	
	2015		2014	Change
Operating expenses:	 			 
Research and development	\$ 2,717,110	\$	531,116	\$ 2,185,994
General and administrative	3,960,498		1,930,967	2,029,531
Total operating expenses	 6,677,608		2,462,083	 4,215,525
Other income (expense), net:	(1,710,364)		910,575	(2,620,939)
Net loss	(8,387,972)		(1,551,508)	(6,836,464)
Net income attributable to non-controlling interest	(5,177)		(222,484)	217,307
Deemed dividend on preferred stock	(8,222,008)		-	(8,222,008)
Net loss to the company	\$ (16,615,157)	\$	(1,773,992)	\$ (14,841,165)

*Research and Development Expenses.* Research and development expenses were \$2.72 million for the year ended December 31, 2015 compared to \$0.53 million for the year ended December 31, 2014. The increase of \$2.19 million in costs was primarily due to an increase in clinical trials of our EGP-437 uveitis and macular edema, including an increase of costs of \$1.97 million from the Phase 3 uveitis and macular edema trials for year ended December 31, 2015 compared to the year ended December 31, 2014, an increase in clinical operations staff and in Scientific Advisory Board fees of \$0.37 million, partially offset by a cost reduction of \$0.15 million due to clinical product not being produced.



General and Administrative Expenses. General and administrative expenses were approximately \$3.96 million for the year ended December 31, 2015, compared to \$1.93 million for the year ended December 31, 2014. The increase of \$2.03 million was primarily comprised of an increase in personnel costs of \$1.3 million and an increase in costs of \$0.75 million associated with both offerings of our securities related to legal, accounting and commercial insurance expenses.

*Other Income (Expense).* Total other income (expense) was \$(1.71) million for the year ended December 31, 2015 and \$0.91 million for the year ended December 31, 2014. The change of \$2.62 million is primarily due to (i) an increase in interest expense of \$1.49 million for the year ended December 31, 2015 compared to the year ended December 31, 2014, (ii) a decrease in fair value of the warrant liability for the year ended December 31, 2015 compared to the year ended December 31, 2014 of approximately \$0.87 million and (iii) the extinguishment of a research liability of \$0.240 million.

# Liquidity and Capital Resources

In addition to proceeds from the two public offerings of our common stock, we have funded our operations since inception through the issuance of convertible preferred stock, shares of one of our subsidiaries and convertible promissory notes and, to a lesser extent, through research and development tax credits. Through December 31, 2015, we had raised a total of \$70.4 million from such sales of our equity securities and debt instruments. On July 9, 2015, we received the initial \$1.00 million payment from Valeant upon execution of our licensing agreement.

At December 31, 2015, we had cash and cash equivalents totaling \$8,394,133.

The following table sets forth the primary sources and uses of cash for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014:

	Year	ended Deco	ember 31,
	201	5	2014
Cash used in operating activities	\$ (4,4:	59,169) \$	(950,617)
Cash used in investing activities	(2	20,000)	-
Cash provided by financing activities	12,61	6,256	613,273

#### Comparison of Years Ended December 31, 2015 and 2014

*Operating Activities.* Net cash used in operating activities was \$4.46 million for the year ended December 31, 2015, compared to net cash used in operating activities of \$0.95 million for the year ended December 31, 2014. The primary use of cash was to fund operating losses of \$8.39 million during 2015, which was off-set in part by \$1.91 million of non-cash interest expense related to the beneficial conversion feature on the Company's convertible notes. The remainder of the negative cash flows resulted from the extinguishment of operating liabilities after funds became available from proceeds of our initial public offering.

*Financing Activities.* On February 19, 2015, we received gross proceeds of approximately \$4.09 million from our initial public offering. Net proceeds from our initial public offering were approximately \$2.72 million after costs related to the offering were satisfied. On August 5, 2015, we received gross proceeds of approximately \$10.00 million from a second public offering. Net proceeds from that offering were approximately \$8.75 million after costs related to the offering were approximately \$8.75 million after costs related.

#### Funding Requirements and Other Liquidity Matters

Our EGP-437 Combination Product is still in clinical development. We expect to continue to incur significant expenses and increasing operating losses for the foreseeable future. We anticipate that our expenses will increase substantially if and as we:

- seek marketing approval for our EGP-437 Combination Product;
- establish a sales and marketing infrastructure to commercialize our EGP-437 Combination Product in the United States, if approved;
- add operational, financial and management information systems and personnel, including personnel to support our product development and future commercialization efforts.

The net proceeds from our public offerings, together with our cash and cash equivalents as of December 31, 2015 will allow us to fund our operating expenses and capital expenditure requirements for the next twelve to fifteen months. Therefore, we will need to raise additional funds. Because of the numerous risks and uncertainties associated with the development and commercialization of our EGP-437 Combination Product, if approved, we are unable to estimate the amounts of increased capital outlays and operating expenses associated with completing the development of our EGP-437 Combination Product.

Our future capital requirements will depend on many factors, including:

- the costs, timing and outcome of regulatory review;
- the costs of future commercialization activities, including product sales, marketing, manufacturing and distribution, for our EGP-437 Combination Product, if approved;
- the revenue, if any, received from commercial sales of our EGP-437 Combination Product, if approved; and
- the costs of preparing, filing and prosecuting patent applications, maintaining and enforcing our intellectual property rights and defending intellectual property-related claims.

Until such time, if ever, as we can generate substantial product revenues, we expect to finance our cash needs through a combination of equity offerings, debt financings, collaborations, strategic alliances and licensing arrangements. We do not have any committed external source of funds. To the extent that we raise additional capital through the sale of equity or convertible debt securities, the ownership interest of our stockholders will be diluted, and the terms of these securities may include liquidation or other preferences that adversely affect your rights as a common stockholder. Debt financing, if available, may involve agreements that include covenants limiting or restricting our ability to take specific actions, such as incurring additional debt, making capital expenditures or declaring dividends. If we raise additional funds through collaborations, strategic alliances or licensing arrangements with pharmaceutical partners, we may have to relinquish valuable rights to our technologies, future revenue streams, research programs or product candidates, including our EGP-437 Combination Product, or grant licenses on terms that may not be favorable to us. If we are unable to raise additional funds through equity or debt financings when needed, we may be required to delay, limit, reduce or terminate our product development or future commercialization efforts or grant rights to develop and market EGP-437 that we would otherwise prefer to develop and market ourselves.



Including the proceeds from the August 5, 2015 closing of our follow-on public offering, we will have sufficient cash to fund planned operations for approximately twelve to fifteen months, however, the acceleration or reduction of cash outflows by management can significantly impact the timing for raising additional capital to complete development of its products. To continue development, we will need to raise additional capital through debt and/or equity financing, or access additional funding through grants. Although we completed our initial public offering and our follow-on public offering, additional capital may not be available on terms favorable to us, if at all. Accordingly, no assurances can be given that management will be successful in these endeavors. These conditions raise substantial doubt about our ability to continue as a going concern. The financial statements do not include any adjustments to reflect the possible future effects on the recoverability and classification of assets or the amounts and classification of liabilities or any other adjustments that might be necessary should we be unable to continue as a going concern.

#### **Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

We had no material off-balance sheet arrangements at December 31, 2015.

# **Contractual Obligations and Commitments**

The following table summarizes our contractual obligations as of December 31, 2015:

	Т	Fotal	Less than 1 year			n 1 year 1-3 years		rs & thereafter
Operating Leases (1)	\$	212,236	\$	105,368	\$	106,868	\$	-
Licensing Agreement (2)		75,000		12,500		25,000		37,500
Purchase Obligations (3)		2,747,972		1,827,398		920,574		-
Total (4)	\$	3,035,208	\$	1,945,266	\$	1,052,442	\$	37,500

(1) Operating lease obligations reflect our obligation to make payments in connection with leases for our office space and computer equipment.

(2) Purchase obligations represent our commitments under purchase orders, including those made under our License agreement with the University Of Miami School Of Medicine. Pursuant to the terms of the Amended and Restated License Agreement with the University of Miami and its School of Medicine, dated as of December 16,

2005. In addition, there are certain milestone payments, which are excluded from the table (in aggregate \$150,000), whose payment obligation dates are unknown.
(3) The Company entered into a Master Service Agreement with a Contract Research Organizations "CRO". The CRO will provide clinical research services for Phase III study in patients with non-infectious anterior segment uveitis.

(4) This table does not include (a) anticipated expenditures under supply agreements for periods for which we are not yet bound under binding purchase orders, (b) contracts that are entered into in the ordinary course of business that are not material in the aggregate in any period presented above.

In addition, in the course of normal business operations, we have agreements with contract service providers to assist in the performance of our research and development and manufacturing activities. Expenditures to contract research organizations vary based on the study and phases during the clinical development stages. Subject to required notice periods and our obligations under binding purchase orders, we can elect to discontinue the work under these agreements at any time. We could also enter into additional collaborative research, contract research, manufacturing, and supplier agreements in the future, which may require upfront payments and even long-term commitments of cash.

### Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk.

Not Applicable.



#### Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data.

The information required by this item is contained in the consolidated financial statements filed as part of this Annual Report on Form 10-K are listed under Item 15 of Part IV below.

### Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure.

#### None.

## Item 9A. Controls and Procedures.

This Report includes the certifications of our President and Chief Executive Officer (who is our principal executive officer and principal financial and accounting officer) required by Rule 13a-14 of the Exchange Act. See Exhibits 31.1 and 31.2. This Item 9A includes information concerning the controls and control evaluations referred to in those certifications.

#### (a) Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act) are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in reports filed or submitted under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in SEC rules and forms and that such information is accumulated and communicated to management, including the President and Chief Executive Officer, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosures.

In connection with the preparation of this Annual Report on the Form 10-K, our management, under the supervision and with the participation of our President and Chief Executive Officer, conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures as of December 31, 2015. Our disclosure controls and procedures are designed to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms, and our management necessarily was required to apply its judgment in evaluating and implementing our disclosure controls and procedures. Based upon the evaluation described above, our President and Chief Executive Officer has concluded that he believes that our disclosure controls and procedures have the following material weakness existing as of the end of the period covered by this report, in providing reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our President and Chief Executive Officer, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosures, and is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms:

· Lack of adequate disclosure controls related to the income tax provision and to properly prepare and review the income tax provision.

If we are unable to correct deficiencies in internal controls in a timely manner, our ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information accurately and within the time periods specified in the rules and forms of the SEC may be adversely affected.

### (b) Management's Annual Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

Our management, under the supervision of our President and Chief Executive Officer, is responsible for establishing and maintaining an adequate system of internal control over financial reporting. Internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d(f) under the Exchange Act) is a process designed 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 in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP").

A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that: (a) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of our assets; (b) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of consolidated financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP; (c) provide reasonable assurance that receipts and expenditures are being made only in accordance with appropriate authorization of management and the board of directors; and (d) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of our assets that could have a material effect on the consolidated financial statements.

In connection with the preparation of this report, our management conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2015 based on the criteria established in *Internal Control — Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). As a result of that evaluation, management concluded our internal control over financial reporting was not effective as at December 31, 2015 due to the material weakness described above under the caption "Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures."

A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over financial reporting, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of our company's annual or interim financial statements will not be prevented or detected on a timely basis.

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As a smaller reporting company and an "emerging growth company" under the Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act, we are exempt from the auditor attestation requirements of Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. As a result, EisnerAmper LLP, our independent registered public accounting firm, has not audited or issued an attestation report with respect to the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2015.

# (c) Changes in Internal Controls Over Financial Reporting

Our management, with the participation of the President and Chief Executive Officer, has evaluated whether any change in our internal control over financial reporting occurred during the fourth quarter ended December 31, 2015. Based on that evaluation, management concluded that there were no changes in our internal controls over financial reporting during the quarter ended December 31, 2015 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect our internal controls over financial reporting.

## Item 9B. Other Information.

None.

## PART III

### Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance.

Incorporated by reference to our definitive Proxy Statement to be filed pursuant to Regulation 14A under the Exchange Act in connection with our 2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

### Item 11. Executive Compensation.

Incorporated by reference to our definitive Proxy Statement to be filed pursuant to Regulation 14A under the Exchange Act in connection with our 2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

## Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters.

Incorporated by reference to our definitive Proxy Statement to be filed pursuant to Regulation 14A under the Exchange Act in connection with our 2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

# Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence.

Incorporated by reference to our definitive Proxy Statement to be filed pursuant to Regulation 14A under the Exchange Act in connection with our 2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

## Item 14. Principal Accounting Fees and Services.

Incorporated by reference to our definitive Proxy Statement to be filed pursuant to Regulation 14A under the Exchange Act in connection with our 2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.



## PART IV

## Item 15. Exhibits, Financial Statement Schedules.

- (a) Documents Filed. The following documents are filed as part of this Annual Report on Form 10-K:
- (1) Financial Statements. The consolidated financial statements of Eyegate Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and its subsidiaries filed under this Item 15:

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- (2) Financial Statement Schedules: None. Financial statement schedules have been omitted since the required information is included in a consolidated financial statements contained elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.
- (3) Exhibits. The exhibits listed in the accompanying Exhibit Index are filed as a part of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.
  - (b) Exhibits: The exhibits listed in the accompanying Exhibit Index are filed as a part of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.
  - (c) Separate Financial Statements and Schedules: None. Financial statement schedules have been omitted since the required information is included in our consolidated financial statements contained elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

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### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

The Board of Directors and Stockholders

EyeGate Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of EyeGate Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and Subsidiary (the "Company") as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the related consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive loss, convertible preferred stock, non-controlling interests and stockholders' equity (deficit), and cash flows for each of the years then ended. The financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audits included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial statements. An audit includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of EyeGate Pharmaceuticals, Inc. as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the consolidated results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the years then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared assuming that the Company will continue as a going concern. As discussed in Note 1 to the consolidated financial statements, the Company has incurred operating losses from operations and negative cash flows that raise substantial doubt about its ability to continue as a going concern. Management's plans in regard to these matters are also described in Note 1. The financial statements do not include any adjustments that might result from the outcome of this uncertainty.

/s/ EisnerAmper LLP

New York, New York March 29, 2016

# CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

		Decem	ber 31	,
		2015		2014
ASSETS				
Current assets:	<u>^</u>	0.004.400	<u>^</u>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	8,394,133	\$	167,001
Licensing fees receivable		907,500		
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		122,395		26,443
Current portion of Refundable tax credit receivable		25,086		25,336
Total current assets		9,449,114		218,780
Property and equipment, net		-		1,257
Restricted cash		20,000		
Other assets, including deferred offering costs		38,587		1,186,433
Total assets	\$	9,507,701	\$	1,406,470
LIABILITIES, CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCK, NON-CONTROLLING INTERESTS AND STOCKHOLDERS'				
EQUITY (DEFICIT)				
Current liabilities:	۴		¢	26.40
Grants payable	\$	-	\$	36,401
Accounts payable		417,697		565,947
Accrued expenses		1,095,738		913,063
Deferred revenue		1,907,500		
Convertible notes due to stockholders, net (aggregate principal outstanding of \$0 and \$3,376,573, at December 31, 2015 and				2 205 50
2014, respectively		-		3,205,504
Warrant liability		-		303,102
Total current liabilities		3,420,935		5,024,017
Commitments and contingencies (Note 12)				
Convertible preferred stock and non-controlling interests: (classified as temporary equity)				
Series A convertible preferred stock, \$0.01 par value, 2,483,692 shares authorized; 0 and 2,483,692 shares issued and outstanding at December 31, 2015 and 2014 (liquidation value of \$5,960,863 at December 31, 2014)		-		254,52
Series B convertible preferred stock, \$0.01 par value, 13,819,649 shares authorized; 0 and 8,073,508 shares issued and				,
outstanding at December 31, 2015 and 2014 (liquidation value of \$7,023,952 at December 31, 2014)		-		6,926,180
Series C convertible preferred stock, \$0.01 par value, 5,161,241 shares authorized; 0 and 3,351,156 shares issued and				•,•=•,•••
outstanding at December 31, 2015 and 2014 (liquidation value of \$5,857,140 at December 31, 2014)		-		5,745,12
Series D convertible preferred stock, \$0.01 par value 29,020,554 shares authorized; 0 and 19,557,392 shares issued and				•,•••,•=
outstanding at December 31, 2015 and 2014 (liquidation value of \$23,762,876 at December 31, 2014)		-		23,482,834
Non-controlling interests		-		6,780,588
Total convertible preferred stock and non-controlling interests				43,189,254
Stockholders' equity (deficit):				+5,107,25-
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value; 10,000,000 shares authorized, 0 issued and outstanding at December 31, 2015				
Common stock, \$0.01 par value; 100,000,000 shares authorized; 7,657,287 shares issued at December 31, 2015 and 201,787 shares				
issued at December 31, 2014		76.573		2.018
Additional paid-in capital		71.209.530		10.055.613
Accumulated deficit		(65,255,301)		(56,862,152
Stockholders' notes receivable		(58,824)		(58,824
Accumulated other comprehensive income		114,788		56,544
Total stockholders' equity (deficit)		6.086.766		/
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Total liabilities, convertible preferred stock, non-controlling interests and stockholders' equity (deficit)	\$	9,507,701	\$	1,406,470

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

	 Year Ended l	Decen	nber 31,
	 2015		2014
Operating expenses:			
Research and development	\$ 2,717,110	\$	531,116
General and administrative	 3,960,498		1,930,967
Total operating expenses	 6,677,608		2,462,083
Other income (expense), net:			
Research & development tax credit	-		15,911
Interest income	947		1,102
Extinguishment of research liability	-		240,000
Change in fair value of warrant liability	223,172		1,095,282
Interest expense	(1,934,493)		(441,720)
Other income (expense), net	 10		-
Total other income (expense), net	 (1,710,364)		910,575
Net (loss) income	(8,387,972)		(1,551,508)
Deemed dividend on preferred stock	(8,222,008)		
Net income attributable to non-controlling interests	 (5,177)		(222,484)
Net loss attributable to EyeGate Pharmaceuticals, Inc. common stockholders	\$ (16,615,157)	\$	(1,773,992)
Net loss per common share - basic and diluted	\$ (2.70)	\$	(9.20)
Weighted average shares outstanding - basic and diluted	6,164,064		192,873

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE LOSS

	 Year Ended D	ecem	ber 31,
	 2015		2014
Net loss	\$ (8,387,972)	\$	(1,551,508)
Other comprehensive income (loss):			
Foreign currency translation adjustments	91,211		5,510
Total other comprehensive income	 91,211		5,510
Less:	 		
Net income attributable to non-controlling interests	(5,177)		(222,484)
Other comprehensive loss (income) attributable to non-controlling interests	32,967		(1,889)
Comprehensive loss (income) attributable to non-controlling interests	 27,790		(224,373)
Comprehensive loss attributable to EyeGate Pharmaceuticals, Inc. stockholders	\$ (8,268,971)	\$	(1,770,371)

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

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# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCK NON-CONTROLLING INTERESTS AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT)

				Converti	ble Preferred	l Stock							al Convertible erred Stock and
	Seri	es A	Seri	Series B			S C	Ser	ies D	No	n- Controlling	No	n-Controlling
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amoun	t Shar	·es	Amount	Shares	Amount		Interest		Interests
Balance at December 31, 2013	2,483,692	\$ 254,525	8,073,508	\$ 6,926,1	80 3,351	1,156	\$ 5,745,127	19,557,392	\$ 23,482,834	\$	6,556,215	\$	42,964,881
Cancellation of shareholder note receivable													-
Stock-based compensation													-
Loss on modification and extinguishment of 2013 Notes payable due to related party treated as an equity transaction													
Gain on troubled debt													
restructuring of 2012 Notes													
payable due from related parties													
treated as an equity transaction													-
Net income (loss)											222,484		222,484
Translation adjustment											1.889		1.889
Balance at December 31, 2014	2,483,692	\$ 254,525	8,073,508	\$ 6,926,1	80 3,351	1,156	\$ 5,745,127	19,557,392	\$ 23,482,834	\$	6,780,588	\$	43,189,254
									Accumulate	1			
			_			Additi		Stockholders'	Other				Total
				on Stock		Paid		Notes	Comprehensi	ve	Accumulated		Stockholders'
			Shares	-	ount	Capi		Receivable	Loss		Deficit		quity (Deficit)
Balance at December 31, 2013			184,474	\$	1,844	\$10,3	884,554 9	( , ,	\$ 52,9	23	\$ (55,088,160	) \$	(,,,
Cancellation of shareholder note rece	eivable							136,176					136,176
Stock-based compensation							26,815						26,815
Loss on modification and 2013 Note	s payable to rel	ated parties											
treated as an equity transaction						(6	568,000)						(668,000)
Gain on troubled debt restructure of	1.2	able due to											
related parties treated as an equity							200,918						200,918
Issuance of shares as settlement of a	liability		15,036		151	1	04,849						105,000

Balance at December 31, 2014	201,787	\$ 2,018	\$ 10,055,613	\$	(58,824)	\$	56,544	\$	(56,862,152)
Balance at December 31, 2014	201 505	¢ 0.010	A 10 055 (12)	0	(=0.02.4)	0		0	(=( 0(2 1 = 2))
Translation adjustment							3,621		
Net income (loss)									(1,773,992)
Exercise of common stock options	2,277	23	6,477						
Issuance of shares as settlement of a liability	15,036	151	104,849						
related parties treated as an equity transaction			200,910						

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6,500 (1,773,992) 3,621 (46,806,801)

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# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCK NON-CONTROLLING INTERESTS AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT)

	Serie	es A	Seri	Convertible P ies B	referred Stock Seri	es C	Seri	es D	Non- Controlling	Total Convertible Preferred
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount	Interest	Stock
Balance at December 31, 2014	2,483,692	\$ 254,525	8,073,508	\$ 6,926,180	3,351,156	\$ 5,745,127	19,557,392	\$ 23,482,834	\$ 6,780,588	\$ 43,189,254
Stock-based compensation										-
Issuance of common stock upon IPO										-
Expenses related to initial public offering										_
Conversion of preferred stock to										
common stock at \$6.00 per share										
(\$0.01 par value), net of deemed										
dividend of \$8.222.008	(2,483,692)	(254,525)	(8,073,508)	(6,926,180)	(3,351,156)	(5,745,127)	(19,557,392)	(23,482,834)		(36,408,666)
Conversion of promissory notes to		,				,				
common stock at \$4.20 per share										-
Beneficial conversion feature on										
conversion of Notes upon the IPO										-
Exercise of common stock options										-
Exercise of common warrants upon										
initial public offering										-
Conversion of non-controlling										
interest to common stock									(6,818,732)	(6,818,732)
Reclassification of previously issued										
warrant liability to stockholders'										
equity										-
Translation adjustment									32,967	32,967
Net income attributable to non-										
controlling interest									5,177	5,177
Balance at December 31, 2015		<u>s -</u>		<u>s -</u>		<u>s -</u>		<u>s -</u>	<u>s -</u>	<u>s</u> -
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		on Stock	Additional Paid In	Stockholders' Notes	Accumulated Other Comprehensive	Accumulated	Total Stockholders' (Deficit)
	Shares	Amount	Capital	Receivable	Loss	Deficit	Equity
Balance at December 31, 2014	201,787	\$ 2,018	\$ 10,055,613	<u>\$ (58,824)</u>	\$ 56,544	<u>\$ (56,862,152)</u>	<u>\$ (46,806,801)</u>
Stock-based compensation			780,293				780,293
Issuance of common stock upon IPO	683,250	6,833	4,092,667				4,099,500
Issuance of common stock in secondary public offering	1,176,470	11,765	9,989,995				10,001,760
Expenses related to initial public offering			(1,373,858)				(1,373,858)
Expenses related to second public offering			(1,254,338)				(1,254,338)
Conversion of preferred stock to common stock at \$6.00 per							
share (\$0.01 par value), net of deemed dividend of							
\$8,222,008	4,567,782	45,678	36,362,988				36,408,666
Conversion of promissory notes to common stock at \$4.20 per							
share	866,056	8,660	3,524,034				3,532,694
Beneficial conversion feature on conversion of Notes upon the							
IPO			1,663,873				1,663,873
Exercise of common stock options	26,799	268	26,558				26,826
Exercise of common warrants upon initial public offering	9,748	97	(97)				
Conversion of non-controlling interest to common stock			6,818,732				6,818,732
Reclassification of previously issued warrant liability to							
stockholders' equity			79,930				79,930
Issuance of restricted stock	125,412	1,254	443,140				444,394
Adjustment for fractional shares	(17)						
Translation adjustment					58,244		58,244
Net loss						(8,393,149)	(8,393,149)
Balance at December 31, 2015	7,657,287	\$ 76,573	\$ 71,209,530	\$ (58,824)	\$ 114,788	\$ (65,255,301)	\$ 6,086,766

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	Year Ended December	
	2015	2014
Operating activities		
Net loss	\$ (8,387,972)	\$ (1,551,508)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	1,257	1,724
Non-cash interest expense charge on beneficial conversion feature on notes	1,663,873	-
Non-cash interest expense on amortization of the debt discount	244,111	226,017
Stock-based compensation	1,224,687	26,815
Fair value adjustment of common stock warrants	(223,172)	(1,095,282)
Loss on cancellation of shareholders' note receivable and related accrued interest receivable	-	200,758
Extinguishment of research liability	-	(240,000)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	(907,500)	-
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	(95,952)	(4,092)
Refundable tax credit receivable	(2,357)	7,294
Other assets	(1,148)	(1,455)
Security deposit	-	30,000
Accounts payable	(148,250)	552,256
Deferred revenue	1,907,500	-
Accrued expenses	265,754	896,856
Net cash used in operating activities	(4,459,169)	(950,617)
Investing activities:		
Restricted cash	(20,000)	
Net cash used in investing activities	(20,000)	
Financing activities		
Proceeds from convertible notes payable	-	1,755,767
Exercise of common stock options	26,826	6,500
Proceeds from public offerings	14,101,260	-
Offering costs	(1,479,202)	(1, 148, 994)
Payments of grants payable	(32,628)	<u> </u>
Net cash provided by financing activities	12.616.256	613,273
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	90.045	3,173
Net increase (decrease) in cash	8,227,132	(334,171)
Cash, beginning of period	167,001	501,172
Cash, end of period	\$ 8,394,133	\$ 167,001
Cash, end of period	\$ 0,394,133	\$ 107,001

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	,	Year Ended December 31		ıber 31,
		2015		2014
Supplemental disclosure of noncash investing and financing activities				
Conversion of non-controlling interests to common stock	\$	6,818,732		-
Conversion of preferred stock into common stock	\$	36,408,666		-
Exercise of common warrants	\$	97		-
Conversion of promissory notes and accrued interest into common stock	\$	3,532,694		-
Deemed dividend on conversion of preferred stock	\$	8,222,008		-
Application of deferred offering costs on IPO	\$	1,148,994		-
Warrant liability reclassed to stockholders' equity	\$	79,930		-
Warrants issued to related parties in conjunction with issuance of amended convertible notes		-	\$	1,398,384
Settlement of a liability with shares		-	\$	105,000
Accrued interest added to notes		-	\$	127,782

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# 1. Nature of Business

EyeGate Pharmaceuticals, Inc. ("EyeGate" or the "Company"), a Delaware corporation, began operations in December 2004 and is a clinical-stage specialty pharmaceutical company that is focused on developing and commercializing therapeutics and drug delivery systems for treating diseases of the eye. EyeGate's first product in clinical trials incorporates a reformulated topically active corticosteroid, dexamethasone phosphate, that is delivered into the ocular tissues though our proprietary innovative drug delivery system, the EyeGate® II Delivery System.

On February 13, 2015, the Company completed an initial public offering ("the IPO") for 683,250 shares of common stock. The common stock was offered at an initial price to the public of \$6.00 per share. The gross proceeds to the Company from this offering was approximately \$4,100,000 before deducting underwriting discounts and other estimated offering expenses. The shares began trading on the OTCQB Venture Marketplace under the symbol "EYEG" on February 13, 2015 and the initial offering was closed on February 19, 2015. In related transactions, the Company converted all outstanding notes payable to shareholders and all shares of its convertible preferred stock to shares of common stock. The notes were converted to common shares at the discounted price of \$4.20 per share and the preferred shares were converted at the ratio of 10.98 shares of the preferred stock to 1.00 share of common stock. As of December 31, 2015, there are 7,657,287 shares of common stock outstanding at a par value of \$0.01. All preferred stock, shareholder notes and warrant liabilities have been extinguished. On August 5, 2015, the Company closed an underwritten secondary public offering of 1,176,470 shares of its common stock at a combined public offering price of \$8.50 per share of common stock and warrant, before underwriting discounts and commissions. The warrants have an exercise price of \$10.62 per share, are immediately exercisable, and expire on August 5, 2020. At the closing of the offering, the Company also issued and sold additional warrants to purchase up to 176,470 shares of common stock in connection with the full exercise of the underwriters' over-allotment option to purchase additional warrants. The net proceeds to the Company were approximately \$8.8 million, after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by the Company.

Since its inception, EyeGate has devoted substantially all of its efforts to business planning, research and development, and raising capital.

The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared assuming that EyeGate will continue as a going concern, which contemplates the realization of assets and satisfaction of liabilities in the normal course of business. At December 31, 2015, EyeGate has cash and cash equivalents of \$8,394,133, and an accumulated deficit of \$65,255,301. EyeGate has incurred operating losses and negative operating cash flows since inception, and future losses are anticipated. The Company estimates it will have sufficient cash to fund planned operations for approximately 12 to 15 months, however, the acceleration or reduction of cash outflows by management can significantly impact the timing for raising additional capital to complete development of its products. To continue development, EyeGate will need to raise additional capital through debt and/or equity financing, or access additional funding through grants. Although the Company completed the IPO and Secondary Offering, additional capital nor be available on terms favorable to EyeGate, if at all. Accordingly, no assurances can be given that management will be successful in these endeavors. These conditions raise substantial doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. The financial statements do not include any adjustments to reflect the possible future effects on the recoverability and classification of assets or the amounts and classification of liabilities or any other adjustments that might be necessary should the Company be unable to continue as a going concern.

### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### Basis of Presentation and Principles of Consolidation

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its subsidiary, EyeGate Pharma, wholly-owned subsequent to the IPO, and majority owned prior to the IPO, collectively referred to as the Company. The interests in EyeGate Pharma not owned by the Company prior to the IPO are reported in the consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2014 as non-controlling interests, a component of temporary equity, and the interest in the earnings or loss of the subsidiary not attributable to the Company prior to the IPO are reported as net income (loss) attributable to non-controlling interests in the consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive loss. Non-controlling interests the cumulative portion of equity and operating results of the portion of the subsidiaries not owned by the Company. The non-controlling interests were convertible into shares of the Company's convertible preferred stock (see Note 7) which were classified as temporary equity from January 1, 2015 through the date of the IPO, and at December 31, 2014 on the consolidated balance sheet, and accordingly, the non-controlling interests are also classified as temporary equity on the consolidated balance sheet. All inter-company balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. These consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ("U.S. GAAP").

### Use of Estimates

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make significant 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 revenues and expenses during the reporting periods. Significant estimates and assumptions are required in providing for fair value of warrants, establishing useful lives of intangible assets and property and equipment, and conducting impairment reviews of long-lived assets. The Company bases its estimates on historical experience and various other assumptions that it believes to be reasonable under the circumstances. Although the Company regularly assesses these estimates, actual results could differ materially from these estimates. Changes in estimates are recorded in the period in which they become known.

### Foreign Currency Translation

Operations of EyeGate Pharma are conducted in euros which represent its functional currency. Balance sheet accounts of such subsidiary were translated into U.S. dollars at the exchange rate in effect at the balance sheet date and income statement accounts were translated to the average rate of exchange prevailing during the period. Translation adjustments resulting from this process, are included in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) on the consolidated balance sheets.

### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - (continued)

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents and Restricted Cash

The Company considers all highly liquid investments purchased with maturity of 90 days or less when acquired that are not restricted as to withdrawal, to be the equivalent of cash for the purpose of balance sheet and statement of cash flows presentation. Cash equivalents, which were nominal in amount, consisted of money market accounts that are readily convertible to cash. As of December 31, 2015 and 2014, the Company has classified \$20,000 and \$0 as restricted cash respectively.

#### Property and Equipment

Property and equipment is stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided for on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of 3 to 7 years for all assets. Maintenance and repair costs are expensed as incurred. The Company reviews its property and equipment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of certain assets might not be recoverable, and recognizes an impairment loss when it is probable that the estimated cash flows are less than the carrying value of the asset.

#### Impairment of Long-Lived Assets

The Company evaluates potential impairment of long-lived assets and long-lived assets to be disposed of and considers whether long-lived assets held for use have been impaired whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the related carrying amount may not be recoverable. Management makes significant estimates and assumptions regarding future sales, cost trends, productivity and market maturity in order to test for impairment. Management reports those long-lived assets to be disposed of and assets held for sale at the lower of carrying amount or fair value less cost to sell. Based on current facts, estimates and assumptions, management believes that no assets are impaired at December 31, 2015. There is no assurance that management's estimates and assumptions will not change in future periods.

#### Research and Development Expenses

Research and development expenditures are expensed as incurred. Research and development expenses are comprised of costs incurred in performing research and development activities, including salaries, benefits, facilities, research-related overhead, sponsored research costs, contracted services, license fees, and other external costs. Because the Company believes that, under its current process for developing its product, viability of the product is essentially concurrent with the establishment of technological feasibility, no costs have been capitalized to date.

### Accrued Clinical Expenses

As part of our process of preparing the consolidated financial statements, the Company is required to estimate its accrued expenses. This process includes reviewing open contracts and purchase orders, communicating with its applicable personnel to identify services that have been performed on its behalf and estimating the level of service performed and the associated costs incurred for the service when the Company has not yet been invoiced or otherwise notified of actual costs. The majority of the Company's service providers invoice monthly in arrears for services performed. The Company makes estimates of its accrued expenses as of each balance sheet date in the financial statements based on facts and circumstances known at the time. The Company periodically confirms the accuracy of these estimates with the service providers and makes adjustments if necessary.



## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - (continued)

#### Income Taxes

The Company provides deferred tax assets and liabilities for the expected future tax consequences of events that have been recognized in the Company's financial statements or tax returns. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are determined based on differences between the financial statement carrying amounts and the tax bases of the assets and liabilities using the enacted tax rates in effect in the years in which the differences are expected to reverse. A valuation allowance against deferred tax assets is recorded if, based on the weight of available evidence, it is more likely than not that some or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized.

The Company recognizes the impact of an uncertain tax position in the financial statements if that position is more likely than not of being sustained by the taxing authority. As of December 31, 2015, the Company had no unrecognized uncertain tax positions.

#### Refundable Tax Credits for Research and Development

EyeGate Pharma is entitled to receive refundable tax credits associated with its research and development expenses in France. These tax credits can be realized, upon request of the Company, in the form of a cash payment or credits against tax liabilities. The Company records the refundable tax credit as income in the year in which the research and development expenses are incurred.

#### In-process research and development

We record expense for in-process research and development projects acquired as asset acquisitions which have not reached technological feasibility and which have no alternative future use. For in-process research and development projects acquired in business combinations, the in-process research and development project is capitalized and evaluated for impairment until the development process has been completed. Once the development process has been completed the asset will be amortized over its remaining useful life.

#### Sale of Stock by the Subsidiary

The Company is largely dependent on obtaining financing to generate sufficient cash to cover operating costs. Through 2011, EyeGate Pharma, periodically issued preferred shares in exchange for U.S. dollar proceeds. At December 31, 2014, these shares represented a 49.99% non-controlling interest in the subsidiary, which reduced the Company's ownership interest in the subsidiary to 50.01%. The Company accounts for sale of stock by the subsidiary (of which there were no such sales in 2015 and 2014) as an equity transaction by recording the carrying value of the percentage of the equity sold as an increase in the non-controlling interest, with any excess proceeds representing a gain to the Company recorded to additional paid-in capital. On February 13, 2015, the Company exchanged shares of its common stock for the 49.99% non-controlling interest upon the consummation of the IPO.

### Concentration of Credit Risk and Off-Balance-Sheet Risk

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to significant concentrations of credit risk consist principally of cash and cash equivalents. The Company invests cash in accredited financial institutions and cash equivalents in widely held money market funds. Consequently, such funds are subject to minimal credit risk.



### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - (continued)

The Company has no significant off-balance-sheet risk such as foreign exchange contracts, option contracts, or other foreign hedging arrangements.

#### Comprehensive Income (Loss)

Comprehensive income (loss) is defined as the change in stockholders' equity during a period from transactions, and other events and circumstances from non-owner sources. The foreign currency translation adjustments (see above) are the Company's only component of other comprehensive income (loss).

#### Stock-Based Compensation

Stock-based compensation represents the cost related to stock-based awards granted to employees and others. The Company measures stock-based compensation cost to employees at grant date, based on the estimated fair value of the award, and recognizes the cost as expense on a straight-line basis (net of estimated forfeitures) over the employee requisite service period. The Company recognizes compensation expense for non-employee stock option grants at the fair value of the goods or services received or the equity instruments issued, whichever is more reliably measurable. The Company recorded compensation expense for non-employee awards with graded vesting using the accelerated expense attribution method.

The Company records deferred tax assets for awards that result in deductions on the Company's income tax returns, based on the amount of compensation expenses recognized and the Company's statutory tax rate in the jurisdiction in which it will receive a deduction. Differences between the deferred tax assets recognized for financial reporting purposes and the actual tax benefit realized on the Company's income tax return are recorded in additional paid-in capital if the tax benefit exceeds the deferred tax asset, or in the consolidated statements of operations if the deferred tax asset exceeds the tax benefit and no additional paid-in capital exists from previous awards.

#### Net Loss per Share

Basic and diluted net loss per common share is based on the weighted average number of shares outstanding common stock.

In computing diluted loss per share, no effect has been given to the common shares issuable upon conversion or exercise of the following dilutive securities as the Company's net loss would make the effect anti-dilutive.

# NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - (continued)

	Year Ended D	ecember 31,
	2015	2014
Series A convertible preferred stock	-	625,895
Series B convertible preferred stock (including 525,004 shares from conversion of non-controlling interest)	-	1,262,651
Series C convertible preferred stock (including 187,183 shares from conversion of non-controlling interest)	-	537,233
Series D convertible preferred stock (including 358,146 shares from conversion of non-controlling interest)	-	2,145,810
Common stock warrants	1,807,203	18,176
Employee stock options	1,277,367	752,372
Total common shares issuable	3,084,570	5,342,137

At December 31, 2014, the above table includes shares issuable upon warrants issued to note holders or upon conversion of promissory notes on February 13, 2015.

### Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The carrying amounts of receivables and payables approximate their fair values due to the short-term nature of these financial instruments. As of December 31, 2015 and 2014, the fair value of the Company's money market funds was \$7,200,450 and \$187, respectively.

Fair value of financial and non-financial assets and liabilities is defined as an 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. The three-tier hierarchy for inputs used in measuring fair value, which prioritizes the inputs used in the methodologies of measuring fair value for assets and liabilities, is as follows:

Level 1 - Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities

Level 2 - Observable inputs other than quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities

Level 3 - No observable pricing inputs in the market

### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - (continued)

The following table represents the fair value of the warrant liability measured at fair value on a recurring basis:

	Lev	vel 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
As of December 31, 2014					
Non-current liabilities:					
Warrant liability	\$	- \$	-	\$ 303,102	\$ 303,102

The following are the changes in the level 3 warrant liability for the year ended December 31, 2015:

Beginning balance at December 31, 2014	\$ 303,102
Settlement of warrant liability	(79,930)
Change in fair value	(223,172)
Ending balance at December 31, 2015	\$ 0

On February 13, 2015, the warrant liability was settled upon the consummation of the IPO.

#### Deferred issuance costs

Deferred public offering costs, which primarily consist of direct, incremental legal and accounting fees relating to the Company's initial public offering, are capitalized within deferred issuance costs. The deferred issuance costs were offset against IPO proceeds upon the consummation of the offering in February 2015. The Company had incurred approximately \$1,149,000 in initial public offering costs as of December 31, 2014. As of December 31, 2015, there are no deferred issuance costs.

#### Revenue Recognition

The Company follows Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2009-13, Multiple-Deliverable Revenue Arrangements and ASU 2010-17, Revenue Recognition-Milestone Method in connection with its accounting for collaboration arrangements.

The Company's revenues are generated primarily through arrangements which generally contain multiple elements, or deliverables, including licenses and research and development activities to be performed by the Company on behalf of the licensee. Payments to EyeGate under these arrangements typically include one or more of the following: (1) nonrefundable, upfront license fees, (2) funding of discovery research efforts on a full-time equivalent ("FTE") basis, (3) reimbursement of research, development and intellectual property costs, (4) milestone payments, and (5) royalties on future product sales.

When evaluating multiple element arrangements, the Company considers whether the deliverables under the arrangement represent separate units of accounting. This evaluation requires subjective determinations and requires management to make judgments about the individual deliverables and whether such deliverables are separable from the other aspects of the contractual relationship. In determining the units of accounting, management evaluates certain criteria, including whether the deliverables have standalone value, based on the consideration of the relevant facts and circumstances for each arrangement. The consideration received is allocated among the separate units of accounting using the relative selling price method, and the applicable revenue recognition criteria are applied to each of the separate units.

### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - (continued)

The Company generally recognizes revenue attributed to the license on a straight-line basis over the Company's contractual or estimated performance period, which is typically the term of the Company's research and development obligations. If management cannot reasonably estimate when the Company's performance obligation ends, then revenue is deferred until management can reasonably estimate when the performance obligation ends. The periods over which revenue should be recognized are subject to estimates by management and may change over the course of the research and development agreement. Such a change could have a material impact on the amount of revenue the Company records in future periods. At the inception of arrangements that include milestone payments, the Company evaluates whether each milestone is substantive and at risk to both parties on the basis of the contingent nature of the milestone. This evaluation includes an assessment of whether (a) the consideration is commensurate with either (1) the entity's performance to achieve the milestone, or (2) the enhancement of the value of the delivered item(s) as a result of a specific outcome resulting from the entity's performance to achieve the milestone, (b) the consideration relates solely to past performance, and (c) the consideration is reasonable relative to all of the deliverables and payment terms within the arrangement. The Company evaluates factors such as the scientific, regulatory, commercial and other risks that must be overcome to achieve the respective milestone and whether the milestone consideration is reasonable relative to all deliverables and payment terms in the arrangement in making this assessment. The Company has concluded that the clinical and development and regulatory milestones pursuant to its research and development arrangements are substantive.

The Company aggregates its milestones into four categories: (i) clinical and development milestones, (ii) chemistry, manufacturing and control "CMC" validation, (iii) regulatory milestones, and (iv) commercial milestones. Clinical and development milestones are typically achieved when a product candidate advances into a defined phase of clinical research or completes such phase or when a contractually specified clinical trial enrollment target is attained. CMC validation milestones are typically achieved when the validation paperwork is finalized. Regulatory milestones are typically achieved upon acceptance of the submission for marketing approval of a product candidate or upon approval to market the product candidate by the FDA or other global regulatory authorities. For example, a milestone payment may be due to the Company upon the FDA's acceptance of an NDA. Commercial milestones are typically achieved when an approved pharmaceutical product reaches certain defined levels of net sales by the licensee, such as when a product first achieves global sales or annual sales of a specified amount.

Revenues from clinical and development, CMC and regulatory milestone payments, if the milestones are deemed substantive and the milestone payments are nonrefundable, are recognized upon successful accomplishment of the milestones. Revenues from commercial milestone payments are accounted for as royalties and are recorded as revenue upon achievement of the milestone, assuming all other revenue recognition criteria are met.

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### 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - (continued)

Payments or reimbursements resulting from the Company's research and development efforts are recognized as the services are performed and are presented on a gross basis so long as there is persuasive evidence of an arrangement, the fee is fixed or determinable, and collection of the related receivable is reasonably assured. Amounts received prior to satisfying the above revenue recognition criteria are recorded as deferred revenue in the balance sheet.

#### Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2014-09*Revenue from Contracts with Customers*.. This ASU provides a robust framework for addressing revenue issues. The core principle contained in ASU 2014-09 is that an entity should recognize revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods and services. This pronouncement will be effective for public entities for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016, including interim periods within that reporting period. During July 2015, the FASB approved the postponement of the effective date by one year. The Company will evaluate the impact of this ASU at such time as it begins to earn revenue.

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*" ("ASU 2014-15"). ASU 2014-15 is intended to define management's responsibility to evaluate whether there is substantial doubt about an entity's ability to continue as a going concern and to provide related footnote disclosures. Specifically, ASU 2014-15 provides a definition of the term substantial doubt and requires an assessment for a period of one year after the date that the financial statements are issued (or available to be issued). It also requires certain disclosures when substantial doubt is alleviated as a result of consideration of management's plans and requires an express statement and other disclosures when substantial doubt is not alleviated. The new standard will be effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016, with early adoption permitted. Management is currently evaluating the impact of the adoption of ASU 2014-15 on our financial statements and disclosures.

On September 25, 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-16, Business Combinations (Topic 805):*Simplifying the Accounting for Measurement-Period Adjustments*. ASU 2015-16 requires an acquirer to disclose the nature and amount of measurement period adjustments. The measurement period begins on the acquisition date and ends on the date the information was received, but may not extend beyond one year after the acquisition date. The financial statements should contain the effect on earnings of changes in depreciation, amortization or other income effects calculated as if the accounting had been completed at the acquisition date. The financial statements should also separately present on the face of the income statement, or disclose in the footnotes, the amount of adjustments recorded in the current period by line item that would have been recorded in prior periods had the adjustment been made at the date of acquisition. The new standard is effective for interim and annual periods after December, 15, 2015. Management is currently evaluating the impact of the ASU 2015-16 on our financial statements and disclosures.

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-02, *Leases*, which is effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those years, beginning after December 15, 2018 with early adoption permitted. Under ASU 2016-02, lessees will be required to recognize for all leases at the commencement date a lease liability, which is a lessee's obligation to make lease payments arising from a lease measured on a discounted basis, and a right-to-use assets, which is an asset that represents the lessee's right to use or control the use of a specified asset for the lease term. The Company is currently evaluating the effect that the new guidance will have on its financial statements and related disclosures.



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# 3. Property and Equipment

Property and equipment at December 31, 2015 and 2014 consists of the following:

	Estimated Useful Life		
	(Years)	2015	2014
Laboratory equipment	7	\$ 14,661	\$ 14,661
Computer equipment	3	182,914	182,914
Computer software	3	46,038	46,038
Furniture, fixtures and office equipment	5	24,480	24,480
		268,093	268,093
Less accumulated depreciation		268,093	266,836
		\$ 	\$ 1,257

Depreciation expense was \$1,257 and \$1,724 for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

# 4. Accrued Expenses

Accrued expenses consist of the following:

	Dece	December 31,		
	2015		2014	
yroll and benefits	\$ 652,60	) \$	168,269	
linical trials	365,27	7	57,629	
onsulting	18,50	)	8,917	
ofessional fees	59,352	2	534,984	
ccrued interest		-	143,264	
al accrued expenses	\$ 1,095,73	3 \$	913,063	

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# 5. Grants Payable

In February 2007, the Company was awarded a second non-interest bearing grant from OSEO/Anvar of France. The balance of the grant payable was \$0 and \$36,401 at December 31, 2015 and at December 31, 2014, respectively.

## 6. Debt

On December 21, 2012, the Company issued unsecured promissory notes (the "2012 Notes") to certain stockholders in the aggregate principal amount of \$525,000. The notes accrued interest at a rate of 8% per annum on the outstanding principal amount. The 2012 Notes were scheduled to mature December 10, 2013 at an aggregate repayment principal amount of \$1,058,270 (the "premium" of \$533,000 was recognized as additional interest through December 10, 2013) resulting in an effective interest rate of approximately 88%. On December 2, 2013, the 2012 Notes, the Company and the Requisite Holders agreed to extend the maturity of the notes until June 10, 2014. All other terms of the 2012 Notes remained the same. As discussed below, the 2012 Notes were amended and restated on June 6, 2014.

On July 20, 2013, the Company entered into a Convertible Promissory Note Purchase Agreement ("Note Purchase Agreement"), pursuant to which the Company could issue up to an aggregate principal amount of \$1,500,000 of unsecured promissory notes (the "2013 Notes") to certain stockholders. The 2013 Notes were scheduled to mature on July 29, 2014, and accrued interest at a rate of 8% per annum. In the event that the Company issued equity securities resulting in gross proceeds to the Company of at least \$3 million prior to maturity, the Company was to pay the note holders the repayment principal and all accrued and unpaid interest, at such time. In the event that the Company was to, while the 2012 Notes remain outstanding and at the election of the holders of two-thirds of the aggregate principal outstanding either (i) pay the holders the repayment principal amount plus accrued interest or (ii) immediately prior to the closing, convert all outstanding principal and at 87.5% of the Series D convertible preferred stock conversion price.

On July 29, 2013, the Company issued 2013 Notes in an aggregate principal amount of \$968,970 pursuant to the Note Purchase Agreement. On February 28, 2014, the Company issued an additional aggregate principal amount of \$446,151 in convertible promissory notes (the "2013 Notes") and on April 15, 2014, the Company issued \$16,667 of additional 2013 Notes. As discussed below, on June 6, 2014, the 2013 Notes were amended and restated along with the 2012 Notes.

### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# 6. Debt - (continued)

On June 6, 2014, the Company entered into a Convertible Promissory Note and Warrant Purchase Agreement ("Note and Warrant Purchase Agreement"), pursuant to which the Company could issue up to an aggregate principal amount of \$2,000,000 of unsecured promissory notes (the "2014 Notes") to certain stockholders. The 2014 Notes mature on June 6, 2015, and accrue interest at a rate of 12% per annum. In the event that the Company issued equity securities, resulting in gross proceeds to the Company of at least \$5 million prior to maturity, all outstanding principal and accrued and unpaid interest under the 2014 Notes would automatically convert into the newly issued equity securities at 70% of the offering price, as applicable, in connection with the closing of the first sale of the equity securities of the Company. In the event that the Company, as defined, the Company could, upon the election of two-thirds of the holders, convert all outstanding principal and interest into the Company's Series D convertible preferred stock (or other Subsequent Qualified Financing Instruments) at 70.0% of the Series D convertible preferred stock original issuance price.

The Company and each holder of 2012 and 2013 Notes executed an amended and restated promissory note ("Amended and Restated Notes") in the principal amount of the sum of all outstanding principal and accrued and unpaid interest as at June 6, 2014, which aggregated approximately \$2.1 million as of June 6, 2014. The Amended and Restated Notes have the same terms as the 2014 Notes.

As part of the Amended and Restated Notes, the requirement to pay the above mentioned premium of \$533,000 on the 2012 Notes was rescinded. The Company determined that the restructuring and amendment of 2012 debt agreement resulted in a troubled debt restructuring, primarily due to concession in the form of the rescission of the premium and resulted in a gain of approximately \$200,000. Since such note holders are also shareholders in the Company, such gain was recognized as a capital contribution by the note holders. The fair value of the warrants of approximately \$260,000 (see discussion below) issued to such note holders was recorded as a warrant liability. The carrying amount of the Amended and Restated debt is approximately \$660,000 at December 31, 2014, representing the expected, undiscounted cash flows over the term of the notes and the face amount is approximately \$586,000.

The restructuring of the 2013 notes resulted in a recognition of an extinguishment of debt as the terms of the new debt and of the original instrument are substantially different. The Company recorded a loss of \$668,000, (the difference between the reacquisition price, consisting of the warrant issued and the fair value of the 'new' debt, and the net carrying amount of the debt before modification) and recorded the fair value of the warrant liability of approximately \$668,000 separately. The loss has been recorded as a capital transaction as the Note holders are also Preferred Stockholders. Accordingly, the carrying value of the Amended and Restated debt was approximately \$1.5 million at December 31, 2014.



### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# 6. Debt - (continued)

On June 6, 2014, July 17, 2014 and December 19, 2014, the Company issued 2014 Notes in an aggregate principal amount of approximately \$1,283,000 pursuant to the Note and Warrant Purchase Agreement, of which approximately \$495,000 was received on June 6, 2014 and \$288,000 was received on December 19, 2014 by the Company. The fair value of the warrants issued in July 17, 2014 with such debt of approximately \$219,000 was recognized as a debt discount and accreted to interest expense over the one year maturity term of the debt. On December 19, 2014, the Company issued 2014 Notes in an aggregate principal amount of approximately \$288,000 pursuant to the Note and Warrant Purchase Agreement. The fair value of the warrants issued on December 19, 2014 with such debt was approximately \$34,000 and was recognized as a debt discount and accreted to interest expense over the remaining maturity term of the debt. At December 31, 2014, the carrying amount of the 2014 Notes was approximately \$1,039,000.

The Company evaluated the features of the Amended and Restated Notes, and the 2014 Notes, to ascertain if the embedded conversion feature was required to be bifurcated and accounted for as a derivative. The Company evaluated whether the embedded feature met the definition of a derivative and determined that the conversion option does not as it does not meet the "net settlement" requirement. The underlying shares of the Company are those of a private company and are not considered readily convertible to cash, and therefore bifurcation is not required. The Company next considered whether the discount upon conversion required recognition of a beneficial conversion feature. Since the debt was only convertible in the instance of specific transactions, it was considered contingently convertible, and any beneficial conversion would only be recognized upon the occurrence of one of the contingent events.

The Company issued to each holder of a 2014 Note or the Amended and Restated Notes, a warrant exercisable for common stock of the Company if the Company consummates an initial public offering ("IPO") on or prior to December 31, 2014 or Series D convertible preferred stock at the original issuance price of such equity issuance if the IPO is not consummated on or prior to December 31, 2014 or if the Company is sold in 2014 in an M&A transaction consummated prior to the closing of the IPO. Under such scenario the number of warrants exercisable into Series D convertible stock would be approximately 2.1 million shares at an exercise price of \$1.22 per share. The number of shares subject to such Warrant shall be equal to the sum of (a) the principal amount of any Amended and Restated Notes of any holder or affiliates, as defined, and (b) the principal amount of any 2014 Notes of such holder issued by the Company, divided by (2) the original issue price of the Series D Preferred Stock or common stock at the IPO price.

Since the warrants were convertible into Series D Preferred Stock, which is a redeemable security and presented as temporary equity, these warrants were classified as liabilities.



## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# 6. Debt - (continued)

The Company determined the fair value of the warrants issued on June 6, 2014 and July 17, 2014 was approximately \$1,364,000, based upon the following assumptions:

- The number of warrants to be issued and the strike price will be determined based upon future events, including potential sale, liquidation or IPO transactions as described above. The Company utilized a probability weighting of potential outcomes to estimate the number of warrants issuable, the type of underlying security, and the exercise price.
- Volatility 70%
- Term 0.5 years for an IPO scenario; 5 years for an M&A or liquidation scenario
- Dividends 0%
- Discount rate 0.6 1.6%

The Company determined the fair value of the warrants issued on December 19, 2014 was approximately \$34,000, based upon the following assumptions:

- The number of warrants to be issued and the strike price will be determined based upon future events, including potential sale, liquidation or IPO transactions as described above. The Company utilized a probability weighting of potential outcomes to estimate the number of warrants issuable, the type of underlying security, and the exercise price.
- Volatility 55%
- Term 0.25 years for an IPO scenario; 4.5 years for an M&A or liquidation scenario
- Dividends 0%
- Discount rate 0.6 1.74%

The Company utilized a probability weighting of the calculated values of the warrant utilizing a Black Scholes methodology to compute the estimated fair value. The Company will record changes in the fair value of the warrants in the statement of operations at each reporting period. The change in the fair value of the warrants for the year end December 31, 2015 was a decrease of approximately \$223,000. The remaining warrant liability at February 13, 2015, was approximately \$80,000 and was reclassified to additional paid in capital as the terms of any warrants were settled at the consummation of the IPO.

In connection with the close of the IPO in February 2015, the Company issued 562,732 common stock warrants with an exercise price of \$6.00 and a term of 10 years.



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# 7. Common and Preferred Stock

At December 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, the Company had 10,000,000 and 50,485,136 authorized shares of preferred stock respectively, of which through the date of the IPO, 2,483,692 shares were designated as Series A convertible preferred stock ("Series A preferred stock"), 13,819,649 shares were designated as Series B convertible preferred stock ("Series C preferred stock"), and 29,020,554 shares were designated as Series D convertible preferred stock").

As of December 31, 2014, the number of convertible preferred shares outstanding is as follows:

	December 31, 2014
Series A convertible preferred stock	2,483,692
Series B convertible preferred stock	8,073,508
Series C convertible preferred stock	3,351,156
Series D convertible preferred stock	19,557,392
Total preferred shares	33,465,748

As of December 31, 2015, the Company had no outstanding shares of preferred stock.

### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# 7. Common and Preferred Stock - (continued)

#### Conversion

All outstanding shares of Series A, B, C and D preferred stock automatically converted to common stock immediately upon the closing of the Company's initial public offering in February 2015 at the conversion rates of 1:0.251, 1:0.091, 1:0.091, and 1:0.091, respectively.

All series of preferred stock were classified as temporary equity as the preferred stock was redeemable at the option of the holder in the event of a change in control.

On February 13, 2015, the Company completed its Initial Public offering ("IPO") and issued 683,250 common shares for net proceeds of approximately \$2.7 million. In connection with the IPO, the Series A, B, C and D Preferred Stock were converted into 4,567,782 common shares at a 30% discount to the IPO price. The discount resulted in approximately \$8,222,000 in a deemed dividend to the Preferred Stock holders. The Company also converted an aggregate amount of principal and interest equal to \$3,532,694 owed under the Amended and Restated Notes and the 2014 Notes into 866,056 common shares. The notes were converted at a 30% discount to the IPO price which resulted in a beneficial conversion feature of \$1,633,873 charged as interest expense for the twelve months ended December 31, 2015.

During August 2015, the Company closed on its Secondary offering raising \$10,001,760 in gross proceeds (Net of offering costs of \$1,254,338) and issued 1,176,470 common shares and 1,352,940 warrants to its underwriters.

During the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, the Company issued 26,799 and 2,277 common shares in connection with an exercise of stock options for proceeds of \$26,826 and \$6,500 respectively.

The Company also acquired the remaining non-controlling interest of its SAS subsidiary, which resulted in the reclassification of the non-controlling interest to the Company's additional paid-in-capital at the IPO date.

The warrant liability was extinguished as the terms of the warrants provided for were settled upon the IPO being completed. The warrant liability was computed through February 13, 2015 and the resulting change in fair value was recorded in the statement of operations and the warrant liability was reclassified to additional paid-in-capital.



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# 8. Warrants

At December 31, 2015 and 2014, the following warrants were outstanding:

	Number of Awards	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Weighted Average Remaining Term in Years
Outstanding at December 31, 2013	21,964	\$ 4.52	2.21
Issued	-		
Exercised	-		
Forfeited	-		
Outstanding at December 31, 2014	21,964	\$ 4.52	1.21
Outstanding at December 31, 2014*	21,964	\$ 4.52	1.21
Issued	1,983,673	\$ 9.18	5.32
Exercised	(10,929)	\$ 0.65	
Forfeited	(11,035)	\$ 8.35	
Outstanding at December 31, 2015	1,983,673	\$ 9.18	5.32

\*Does not include warrants convertible into common or preferred stock issued to holders of the Amended and Restated Notes of 2014 Notes.

Warrants	Remaining Term	Exercise Price
68,001	4.12 \$	6.75
562,732	9.13 \$	6.00
1,352,940	4.60 \$	5 10.62

All of the warrant agreements contain a provision providing for a cashless exercise whereby, the number of warrants to be issued will be reduced by the number of shares which could be purchased from the proceeds of the exercise of the respective warrant. The remaining warrants expire from 2020 through 2025.

In February 2015, in connection with our IPO, we issued 34,163 and 33,838 common stock warrants to our underwriters at \$7.50 and \$6.00, respectively for the IPO and underwriter fees.

In August 2015, in connection with our follow-on offering we issued 1,176,470 common stock warrants to our underwriter at an exercise price of \$10.62. In addition the underwriters exercised the overallotment option to purchase 176,470 warrants at \$10.62.

### 9. Non-controlling interests

Shares issuable upon the conversion of non-controlling interests as of December 31, 2014 are as follows:

Series B convertible preferred stock	525,004
Series C convertible preferred stock	187,183
Series D convertible preferred stock	358,146
	1,070,333

The subsidiary shares were convertible to Series B, Series C or Series D preferred shares of the Company, respectively, or to common stock of the Company, at the option of the holder (voluntary exchange) or mandatorily upon the occurrence of a Mandatory Exchange Event, as defined in the Exchange Agreement and accordingly the non-controlling interests are classified as temporary equity. All shares held by the non-controlling interests were converted into preferred shares, then into shares of the Company's common stock at the closing of the Company's IPO.


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## 10. Stockholders' Notes Receivable

In 2005 and 2006, certain of the Company's stockholders and officers issued various promissory notes totaling \$195,000 for the sale of common stock. The notes were full recourse and were collateralized by the shares of stock sold. The amended notes bore interest at 0.93%, effective October 1, 2012. The holders of these notes were granted an extension of maturity to October 1, 2016.

On January 15, 2014, the Company's Board of Directors authorized loan forgiveness on the promissory note with the President of Eyegate. The note principle and accrued interest was included as a component of general and administrative expenses for the year ended December 31, 2014.

As of December 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, \$58,824 was outstanding.

#### 11. Equity Incentive Plan

In 2005, the Company approved the 2005 Equity Incentive Plan (the "2005 Plan"). The 2005 Plan provides for the granting of options, restricted stock or other stock-based awards to employees, officers, directors, consultants and advisors. During 2010, the maximum number of common shares that may be issued pursuant to the 2005 Plan was increased to 891,222 shares. The Board is responsible for administration of the 2005 Plan. The Board determines the term of each option, the option exercise price, the number of shares for which each option is granted and the rate at which each option is exercisable. Incentive stock options may be granted to any officer or employee at an exercise price per share of not less than the fair value per common share on the date of the grant (not less than 110% of fair value in the case of holders of more than 10% of the Company's voting stock) and with a term not to exceed ten years from the date of the grant (five years for incentive stock options granted to holders of more than 10% of the Company's voting stock). Nonqualified stock options may be granted to any officer, employee, consultant or director at an exercise price per share of not less than the par value per share.

The Company's Board adopted the 2014 Equity Incentive Plan, or the ("2014 Plan") and the Employee Stock Purchase Plan the ("ESPP"), and the Company's stockholders approved the 2014 Plan and the ESPP Plan in February 2015. The maximum number of Common Shares that may be issued pursuant to the 2014 Plan and the ESPP is 728,597 and 70,567, respectively.

The following is a summary of stock option activity for the twelve months ended December 31, 2015 and 2014:

	Number of Options	w	/eighted- Average Exercise Price	Weighted-Average Contractual Life (In Years)
Outstanding at December 31, 2013	762,944	\$	0.91	5.30
Granted	-		-	-
Exercised	(2,277)		2.85	
Expired	(8,295)		3.60	
Outstanding at December 31, 2014	752,372	\$	0.91	4.30
Granted	560,393		5.12	9.08
Exercised	(26,799)	\$	2.37	
Expired (Forfeited)	(8,599)	\$	0.65	
Outstanding at December 31, 2015	1,277,367	\$	2.75	4.94
Exercisable at December 31, 2015	873,558	\$	2.71	4.85
Vested and expected to vest at December 31, 2015	873,558	\$	2.71	4.85

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## 11. Equity Incentive Plan - (continued)

No options were granted in 2014. In September 2014, the Company entered into two consulting arrangements that provided for 60,358 shares of common stock options issuable in connection with the Company's IPO in February 2015.

On September 1, 2015 the Board approved the issuance of 100,000 stock options under the 2014 Plan to two executives and seven members of the Board. The Options vest 25% on the issuance date and 25% vesting on the year anniversary of the grant date, the remaining option shares vesting in twenty-four monthly consecutive, and equal installments thereafter beginning on the first calendar day of the immediately following the year anniversary.

The total stock-based compensation expense for employees and non-employees is included in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations and as follows:

	 Twelve months Ended December 31,		
	2015		2014
Research and development	\$ 183,235	\$	11,413
General and administrative	1,041,452		15,402
	\$ 1,224,687	\$	26,815

The fair value of options granted for the twelve months ended December 31, 2015 was approximately \$202,000 and \$1,597,000, respectively. As of December 31, 2015, there is approximately \$900,000 of total unrecognized compensation expense related to unvested stock-based compensation arrangements granted. That cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of 3.13 years. The intrinsic value of stock options outstanding and exercisable at December 31, 2015 is approximately \$1,382,000. The intrinsic value of the stock options exercised during 2015 and 2014 was approximately \$135,000 and \$0, respectively.

At December 31, 2015, there were 113,994 options available under the 2014 Plan. On February 9, 2016, the Company filed its Form S-8 increasing the number of options available under the 2014 Plan by 306,291, under its evergreen provision.

On May 1, 2015 and September 1, 2015, the Board approved the issuance of 125,412 and 60,616 restricted shares under the 2014 Plan to two executives and seven members of the Board. The May 1, 2015 restricted shares vest 13% on the issuance date and 29% on each of the following-June 30, 2015, September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2015. The September 1, 2015 restricted grant vested immediately and the Company recorded a compensation charge of \$211,740. On July 31, 2015, the Company closed on its public offering and was listed on the NASDAQ Exchange. Upon listing on NASDAQ, 60,616 unvested shares through July 31, 2015 under the May 1, 2015 grant became vested and the Company recorded a compensation charge of \$42,431. The remaining unvested shares under the May 1, 2015 grant were forfeited.

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## 12. Income Taxes

The components of income (loss) before income taxes are as follows:

	Y	Year Ended December 31,		
	2015		2014	
Domestic	\$	8,755,011) \$	(1,996,387)	
Foreign		367,038	444,879	
Total	\$	8,387,973) \$	(1,551,508)	

The difference between the effective rate reflected in the provision for income taxes on loss before taxes and the amounts determined by applying the applicable statutory U.S. tax rate are analyzed below:

	Year Ended Dece	Year Ended December 31,		
	2015	2014		
United States federal income tax rate	34.00%	34.00%		
State taxes, net of federal benefit	6.27%	6.27%		
Permanent differences	(10.88)%	50.55%		
Change in valuation allowance	(29.55)%	(84.54)%		
Expiration of state net operating loss carryforward	(0.03)%	(16.20)%		
Research and development credits	0.43%	0%		
Change in State Rate	0%	12.52%		
Other	(0.24)%	(2.60)%		
Effective tax rate	0.00%	0.00%		

The Company's deferred tax assets consist of the following:

	2015	2014
Net operating loss carryforwards	\$ 18,050,019	\$ 15,491,353
Research and development credit carryforwards	1,226,384	1,190,024
Capitalized research and development	4,452,114	4,823,160
Nonqualified stock option	164,292	100,712
Warrants issued for services	587	587
Depreciation and amortization	137	0
Start-up costs/organization costs	17,959	26,938
Cash versus accrual adjustments	2,179,356	1,979,847
Total deferred tax assets	26,090,848	23,612,621
Valuation allowance	(26,090,848	) (23,612,621)
Net deferred tax asset	\$	\$



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#### 12. Income Taxes - (continued)

As of December 31, 2015, the Company has federal, and state net operating loss carryforwards of approximately \$43,017,000, and \$30,203,000, respectively, to offset future federal and state taxable income, which expire at various times through 2035. The Company has foreign net operating loss carryforwards of \$4,638,000 as of December 31, 2015, which can be carried forward indefinitely. As of December 31, 2015, the Company also has federal, state and foreign research and development tax credit carryforwards of approximately \$920,000, \$282,000, and \$25,000, respectively, to offset future income taxes, which expire at various times through 2035. The federal and state net operating loss and research tax credit carryforwards may be subject to the limitations provided in the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") Sections 382 and 383.

The Company files United States federal income tax returns and income tax returns in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as well as foreign tax returns for its subsidiary in France. The Company is not under examination by any jurisdiction for any tax year.

The Company has recorded a valuation allowance against its United States deferred tax assets in each of the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 because the Company's management believes that it is more likely than not that these assets will not be realized. The valuation allowance increased by approximately \$2,478,000 and \$1,312,000 during the year ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively, primarily as a result of net operating losses.

As of December 31, 2015, the Company had no unrecognized tax benefits or related interest and penalties accrued. The Company will recognize interest and penalties related to tax positions in income tax expense. The Company has not, as yet, conducted a study of R&D credit carryforwards. This study may result in an adjustment to the Company's R&D credit carryforwards, however, until a study is completed and any adjustment is known, no amounts are being presented as an uncertain tax position.

The net operating loss and tax credit carryforwards are subject to review by the Internal Revenue Service in accordance with the provisions of Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code. Under this Internal Revenue Code section, substantial changes in the Company's ownership may limit the amount of net operating loss carryforwards that could be utilized annually in the future to offset the Company's taxable income. Specifically, this limitation may arise in the event of a cumulative change in ownership of the Company of more than 50% within a three-year period. Any such annual limitation may significantly reduce the utilization of the Company's net operating loss carryforwards before they expire. The closing of the Company's initial public offering, alone or together with transactions that have occurred or that may occur in the future, may trigger an ownership change pursuant to Section 382, which could limit the amount of research and development and net operating loss carryforwards that could be utilized annually in the future to offset the Company's taxable income, whether as the result of the Company's initial public offering, sales of common stock by the Company's existing stockholders or additional sales of common stock by the Company after its initial public offering, could have a material adverse effect on the Company's results of operations in future years.



### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 13. Commitments and Contingencies

#### **Operating Leases**

The Company has a current lease for the rental of office space for its corporate headquarters. The lease covers the rental of up to 4,516 square feet.

The Company executed a 2 year lease agreement commencing in December 2015 and ending in December 2017.

#### License Agreements

The Company is a licensee under two license agreements that grant the Company the exclusive right to commercialize the technology related to its proprietary drug delivery system. Both license agreements require the Company to pay royalties to the licensor based on revenues related to the licensed technology.

One of the license agreements requires the Company to pay an annual license fee of \$12,500 and, beginning January 1, 2012, requires the Company to pay an annual minimum royalty of \$100,000 until the Company has a product using the technology approved and available for commercial sale in the United States. This license also requires payments upon the Company's achievement of certain milestones. Unless terminated pursuant to the license agreement, this license will expire 12 years after the date of the first commercial sale of a product containing the licensed technology. On July 7, 2014, the Company and the Licensor entered into an amendment of the license agreement, whereby the parties agreed to eliminate the past and future minimum royalty provisions and related obligations in exchange for the increase of certain future milestone payments, as well as the issuance of 15,036 shares of our common stock to the licensor. The Company extinguished \$240,000, net of the fair value of the stock consideration received, in the year ended December 31, 2014.

Future minimum payments under the license are \$12,500 per year. The payment for 2015 was remitted on June 30, 2015.

On July 9, 2015, the Company entered into an exclusive, worldwide licensing agreement with a subsidiary of Valeant Pharmaceuticals International, Inc. ("Valeant") through which EyeGate has granted Valeant exclusive, worldwide commercial and manufacturing rights to its EyeGate® II Delivery System and EGP-437 combination product ("Product") in the field of uveitis, as well as a right of last negotiation to license the Product for other indications. Under the agreement, Valeant paid the Company an upfront payment of \$1.0 million. The Company is eligible to receive milestone payments totaling up to \$32.5 million, upon and subject to the achievement of certain specified developmental and commercial milestones. In addition, the Company is eligible to receive royalties based on a specified percent of net sales of the Product throughout the world, subject to adjustment in certain circumstances.

#### Contingencies

The Company neglected to file its Reports of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts ("FBAR") for 2011 and 2012 as required by the Bank Secrecy Act. The Company's failure to file an FBAR when required may result in civil penalties, criminal penalties or both. The Company could be subject to penalties up to the greater of \$100,000 per year or 50% of the amount in the account at the time of the violation. On July 24, 2014, the Company filed the delinquent returns.

#### 14. Employee Benefit Plans

The Company has an employee benefit plan for its United States-based employees under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Plan allows all eligible employees to make contributions up to a specified percentage of their compensation. Under the Plan, the Company may, but is not obligated to, match a portion of the employee contribution up to a defined maximum. The Company made no matching contribution for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014.

#### 15. Subsequent Events

On March 7, 2016, the Company acquired Jade Therapeutics, Inc. ("Jade"), a privately-held company developing locally administered, polymer-based products designed to treat poorly-served ophthalmic indications. Under the terms of the agreement, in consideration for the outstanding equity interests in Jade, EyeGate repaid Jade liabilities of \$300,000 and will issue up to 765,728 shares of EyeGate common stock, 90% of which were issued at the closing and 10% of which will be held back for 18 months to satisfy post-closing adjustments or indemnification obligations. The closing price of the Company's common stock on March 7, 2016 was \$3.80 per share. The transaction also includes a cash earn-out provision requiring the additional payment of up to \$2,164,451 contingent upon a Jade product receiving FDA marketing approval.

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## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 and 15(d) 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.

Date: March 30, 2016

By: /s/ Stephen From

Chief Executive Officer and President

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated:

Signature	Title	Date
/s/ Stephen From Stephen From	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director (principal executive officer and principal financial and accounting officer)	March 30, 2016
/s/ Paul Chaney Paul Chaney	Director	March 30, 2016
/s/ Morton Goldberg Morton Goldberg	Director	March 30, 2016
/s/ Praveen Tyle Praveen Tyle	Director	March 30, 2016
/s/ Thomas Balland Thomas Balland	Director	March 30, 2016
/s/ Thomas E. Hancock Thomas E. Hancock	Director	March 30, 2016
/s/ Bernard Malfroy-Camine Bernard Malfroy-Camine	Director	March 30, 2016
/s/ Mounia Chaoui Mounia Chaoui	Director	March 30, 2016

# EXHIBIT INDEX

The following exhibits are filed as part of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Where such filing is made by incorporation by reference to a previously filed document, such document is identified.

Exhibit Number	Description of Exhibit
2.11	Stock Purchase Agreement, dated as of March 7, 2016, by and among the Registrant and the Sellers named therein.
3.12	Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Registrant.
3.22	Amended and Restated By-laws of the Registrant
4.13	Specimen Stock Certificate evidencing the shares of common stock
10.14	2005 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended
10.25	2014 Equity Incentive Plan
10.35	Employee Stock Purchase Plan
10.4† <sup>4</sup>	Transaction Protocol (License Agreement), by and between Optis B.V., Optis France SA, and Mrs. Francine Behar-Cohen, dated as of July 23, 1999
10.5†4	Amended and Restated License Agreement, by and between University of Miami and EyeGate Pharma SA (f/k/a Optis France SA), dated as of December 16, 2005
10.6†4	First Amendment to First Amended and Restated License Agreement of and between EyeGate Pharma SA and University of Miami, dated as of July 7, 2014
10.7†7	License Agreement made as of July 9, 2015, by and among the Registrant, EyeGate Pharma S.A.S., a wholly owned subsidiary of the Registrant and Valeant Pharmaceuticals Luxembourg S.à r.l., a société à responsabilité limitée.
10.88	Form of Warrant Agency Agreement, dated August 5, 2015, by and between the Registrant and VStock Transfer, LLC.
10.74	Form of Indemnification Agreement
10.84	Form of Notice of Stock Option Grant pertaining to the 2014 Equity Incentive Plan
10.94	Form of Notice of Stock Unit Award pertaining to the 2014 Equity Incentive Plan
10.10#4	Form of Amended and Restated Offer of Employment by and between the Registrant and Michael Manzo
10.11#*	Second Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, dated February 25, 2016, by and between the Registrant and Stephen From
21.1*	Subsidiaries of the Registrant
23.1*	Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm
31.1** 32.1**	Certification pursuant to Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e), as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. Certification pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
32.1	Certification pursuant to 18 0.5.C. Section 1550, as adopted pursuant to Section 500 of the Sarbanes-Oxicy Act of 2002.
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.LAB*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Labels Linkbase Document
101.PRE*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document
	usly filed as an exhibit to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (filed March 7, 2015) and incorporated by reference thereto. usly filed as an exhibit to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (filed February 20, 2015) and incorporated by reference thereto.

- Previously filed as an exhibit to Amendment No. 2 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (filed August 29, 2014) and incorporated by reference thereto. Previously filed as an exhibit to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (filed July 30, 2014) and incorporated by reference thereto. 3
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5 Previously filed as an exhibit to Amendment No. 7 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (filed December 24, 2014) and incorporated by reference thereto.

- 7 Previously filed as an exhibit to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (filed July 10, 2015) and incorporated by reference thereto.
- 8 Previously filed as an exhibit to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (filed August 5, 2015) and incorporated by reference thereto.

- \*\* This certification shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, or otherwise subject to the liability of that section, nor shall it be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
- † Confidential treatment requested as to portions of the exhibit. Confidential materials omitted and filed separately with the Securities and Exchange Commission.
- # Management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.

<sup>6</sup> Previously filed as an exhibit to Amendment No. 3 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (filed September 12, 2014) and incorporated by reference thereto.

<sup>\*</sup> Filed herewith.

#### SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

THIS SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT, entered into as of February 25, 2016 (this "Agreement"), is made by and between EyeGate Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Employer"), and Stephen From (the "Employee").

WHEREAS, the Employee and the Employee entered into an Employment Agreement, dated as of June 24, 2005 (the "Original Agreement");

WHEREAS, the Employer and the Employee amended and restated the Original Agreement by entering into an Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, dated as of April 28, 2006, as amended (the "A&R Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto desire to amend and restate the A&R Agreement in its entirety.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual promises herein contained, the parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

1. <u>Freedom to Contract</u>. The Employee represents that he is free to enter into this Agreement, that he has not made and will not make any agreements in conflict with this Agreement, and that he will not disclose to the Employer, or use for the Employer's benefit, any trade secrets or confidential information which is the property of any other party.

2 . <u>Employment</u>. The Employer hereby employs the Employee, and the Employee hereby accepts his continued employment by the Employer, subject to and upon the terms and conditions set forth herein. The Employee shall be an "at-will" employee, subject to the terms and provisions of this Agreement.

3. <u>Effective Date and Term</u>. The effective time of this Agreement shall be immediately following the closing of the Employer's initial public offering (the "IPO") of its Common Stock (as such term is defined below) (such date being hereinafter referred to as the "Effective Date") and such employment shall continue thereafter in full force and effect until terminated in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement. The obligations and agreements of the Employee pursuant to Sections 8.8, 10.2, 10.3, 11, 12 and 13 hereof shall survive the termination for any reason of this Agreement. The A&R Agreement shall remain in full force and effect until the Effective Date, unless earlier terminated in accordance with its respective terms and conditions; and if the IPO does not close, this Agreement shall be null, void, and without effect.

#### <u>Title and Duties; Extent of Services.</u>

4.1. The Employee shall promote the business and affairs of the Employer as President and Chief Executive Officer. As President and Chief Executive Officer of the Employee, the Employee shall have such duties and responsibilities as may be assigned to him by the Employer's Board of Directors (the "Board of Directors") from time to time and such other duties and responsibilities as are normal and customary for Chief Executive Officers. The Employee shall report and be responsible to the Board of Directors. The Employee shall devote his best efforts and entire time, attention and energies to the business and affairs of the Employer. Subject to Section 4.2 of this Agreement, unless the Employee has received the approval of the Board of Directors, he shall not participate in any other business or render services to any other business, as a principal, consultant, employee, or in any other capacity.

4.2. During his employment, the Employee may serve on the board of directors, board of advisors, or other similar governing or advisory boards of other companies, institutions, or organizations without the prior written consent of the Board of Directors, provided that: (i) the Employee does not use proprietary, confidential and/or trade secret information, property, assets or employees of the Employer in engaging in such activities; (ii) any such activities do not pose a conflict of interest or interfere with the Employee's duties to the Employer; and (iii) any such activities are not directly or indirectly for or for the benefit of a business engaged in any commercial activity that is competitive with the Employer or otherwise in breach of the Confidentiality Agreement.

5 . <u>Election to Board</u> As long as the Employee remains the Chief Executive Officer of the Employer, the Employer shall use its best efforts to cause the Employee to continue to be elected to the Board of Directors.

6 . <u>Compliance with Policies</u>. Employee acknowledges and agrees that compliance with Employer's policies, practices, and procedures is a term and condition of his employment under this Agreement.

7 . Location of Employment. Employee shall work out of offices of the Employer or any subsidiary of the Employer that are located in the vicinity of Boston, Massachusetts or shall work at any other location mutually agreed upon by the Employer and the Employee.

## 8. <u>Compensation and Benefits</u>.

8.1. <u>Salary</u>. The Employer shall pay the Employee a salary at the annual rate of Thirty-Three Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-Three and 33/100 Dollars (\$33,333.33) per month (which annualizes to Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00)), payable bi-weekly in arrears or otherwise in accordance with the Employer's normal and customary payroll practices applicable to all of its employees. The amount of salary payable by Employer pursuant to this Section 8.1 shall be subject to such deductions or amounts to be withheld as shall be required under applicable law.

8.2. Performance Bonus. The Employee shall be eligible to receive a performance bonus in respect of each fiscal year of the Employer. Payment of any such performance bonus and the amount, if any, of any such performance bonus shall be entirely at the discretion of the Board of Directors. In determining the amount of any performance bonus to be paid to Employee under this Section 8.2, the Board of Directors shall consider the extent to which the performance criteria established between the Employee and the Board of Directors with respect to such fiscal year has been achieved; provided, however, that in no event shall the amount of any performance bonus paid to Employee under this Section 8.2 with respect to any fiscal year exceed fifty percent (50%) of Employee's salary for such fiscal year. In the event that the Board of Directors of the Employer determines, in its discretion, to make payment of a performance bonus to Employee pursuant to this Section 8.2, then Employer shall use best efforts to make payment of such performance bonus within sixty (60) calendar days of the end of the applicable fiscal year of the Employer. Notwithstanding anything express or implied in this Section 8.2 to the contrary, Employee must remain an employee of the Employer on the date that Employer makes payment of any performance bonus pursuant to this Section 8.2 in order to receive any performance bonus.

8.3. <u>Medical Benefits</u>. During the term of this Agreement, the Employee shall be entitled to participate in the health insurance plan offered or generally made available to the Employer's employees, under the same terms and conditions as those offered other, similarly situated employees of the Employer, except as otherwise provided in Section 10.2(d) hereof

8.4. Sick Leave and Vacation. During the term of this Agreement, the Employee shall be entitled to sick leave and vacation consistent with the Employer's policy concerning sick leave and vacation.

8.5. <u>Travel Benefits</u>. During the term of Employee's employment with the Employer pursuant to this Agreement, Employer shall reimburse the Employee for the costs of airfare (economy class) for up to two trips per year from Boston, Massachusetts, United States of America to Paris, France and back for each of Employee, his spouse and two children. The Employer shall pay the Employee such reimbursements for each such trip no later than the March 15<sup>th</sup> of the calendar year following the calendar year in which such trips are taken.

8.6. <u>Other Benefits.</u> During the portion of the term of the Employee's employment with the Employer pursuant to this Agreement, the Employee shall be entitled to receive such other retirement, welfare and fringe benefits ("employee benefits") as are provided by the Employer to its senior executives and/or key employees, in each case in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the plan, agreement or arrangement representing or evidencing such benefits.

8.7. <u>Discretionary Nature of Benefits</u>. Employee understands that Employer may amend, change or cancel or terminate any of its employment policies and "employee benefits" at any time as allowed by law or by any applicable plan, agreement or arrangement representing or evidencing such employee benefits.

8.8. Taxes. All compensation and benefits (including, without limitation, any fringe benefits, non-cash compensation, subsidies, severance pay or benefits under Sections 8.5, 10.2 hereof) payable or to be provided to Employee shall be subject to applicable withholding taxes, to applicable foreign, federal, state and local deductions, and to any other proper deductions.

9. <u>Stock Options: Acceleration Upon Change of Control</u>. The Employee shall be eligible for grants of stock options (the "Options") under the Employer's 2005 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended, and/or the Employer's 2014 Equity Incentive Plan, as may be amended from time to time (collectively, the "Plan"), subject to the discretion of the Board of Directors. The Options shall be incentive stock options to purchase shares of the Employer's common stock, \$0.001 par value per share (the "Common Stock"). The Options, if any, shall be subject to, and governed by, the terms and provisions of the Plan and stock option agreement(s) granted thereunder ("Stock Option Agreements").

Upon a Change of Control (as defined below), all of the Employee's then unvested stock options and/or restricted stock awards granted to the Employee prior to such Change of Control under the Plan shall become fully vested and immediately exercisable, notwithstanding any vesting schedule or other provisions to the contrary in the agreements evidencing such options or awards, and the Employer and the Employee hereby agree that such stock option agreements and restricted stock awards are hereby, and will be deemed to be, amended to give effect to this provision. For the purposes hereof, a "<u>Change of Control</u>" occurs upon (a) the closing of any merger or consolidation of Employer with any other unrelated person or entity, or (b) the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of Employer to another unrelated person or entity, or (c) the sale of more than fifty percent (50%) of the total fair market value or total voting power of the stock of the Employer to an unrelated party, such that, in each case, the transaction has been approved by the Employer's stockholders, and in which the stockholders of Employer immediately prior to such merger, consolidation or sale shall, immediately after such merger, consolidation, or sale, own less than fifty percent (50%) of the issued and outstanding capital stock of the person or entity that is the surviving company of any such merger or consolidation, or the acquirer in the case of any such sale of all or substantially all of the assets of Employer; provided, however, that the IPO shall not constitute or otherwise be deemed a Change of Control. The provisions of this paragraph shall apply only if Employee is the Chief Executive Officer of the Employer at the time of a Change of Control.

### 10. <u>Termination</u>.

10.1. <u>Termination Rights of the Parties</u>. The Employee may terminate his employment at any time by giving the Employer thirty (30) calendar days' prior written notice thereof, whereupon such employment shall terminate on the earlier of: (i) the 30th calendar day following the date on which such notice is given to the Employer; or (ii) any date prior to such 30th day that is specified by the Employer by notice to the Employee. The Employer may terminate the Employee's employment at any time by giving notice of termination to the Employee, whereupon, unless otherwise specified by the Employer, the date of termination of the Employee's employment shall be the date on which notice of termination is given to the Employee. Upon the death of the Employee or the Employee's disability such that he is unable to perform his duties as determined, in good faith, by the Board of Directors of Employer, his employment shall terminate immediately upon such occurrence. Subject to Section 13, the date on which the Employee's employment terminates hereunder is hereinafter referred to as the "Termination Date".

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#### 10.2. Employee's Right to Compensation Following Termination; Severance Pay,

(a) If the Employee's employment hereunder terminates for any reason whatsoever, the Employer shall pay him (or, in the case of death, his estate) all accrued but unpaid base salary and vacation pay through and including the Termination Date, which amounts shall be paid to the Employee (or his estate) in a lump sum as of such Date. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Employee shall also be entitled to such other benefits for which he is eligible under the terms and conditions of the Company's employee benefit plans, stock options arrangements, and any applicable law.

(b) If the Employee voluntarily terminates his employment hereunder without Good Reason (as defined in Section 10.2(e) below) or in the event that Employee's employment hereunder terminates by reason of his death or disability, then neither Employee nor his estate, heirs or other successors shall be entitled to severance pay.

(c) If the employment of the Employee is terminated by the Employer for any reason other than for Cause (as defined in Section 10.2(e) below) at any time, including within twelve (12) months of a Change of Control, or if the employment of the Employee is terminated by the Employee for Good Reason, then, subject to Sections 10.3 and 13 and subsection (d) hereof, the Employee shall be entitled to: (i) severance pay in the form of a continuation of the periodic payment of his salary for a period of one year from the Termination Date; and (ii) the performance bonus, pursuant to Section 8.2, that he would have received for the year in which such termination occurs, payable no later than the last installment of his severance. The continued salary payments referred to in the foregoing clause (i) shall be made in accordance with Employer's standard payroll practices and timing as in effect from time to time.

(d) If the employment of the Employee is terminated by the Employer for any reason other than for Cause, or if the employment of the Employee is terminated by the Employee for Good Reason at any time, and if the Employee elects under COBRA or an analogous state law, continuation coverage under the Employer's health and dental plans, then the Employer will subsidize the cost of such coverage for a period of one year from the Termination Date, under the same terms and conditions then applicable to active employees with identical coverage ("<u>COBRA Subsidy</u>"), <u>except</u> that the Employee must pay the employee portion for such coverage by making each monthly co- payment to the Employer, in full, no later than the first five (5) business days of any month during which such COBRA Subsidy applies. If the Employee has elected continuation coverage under COBRA or any analogous state law, then the Employee shall be responsible for all costs for the remainder of the COBRA (or analogous) period, beginning on the first anniversary of his Termination Date. If the Employee has, instead, elected health and dental coverage under a state exchange, then the Employee shall pay the cost of premiums for such coverage directly, subject to reimbursement by the Employee's Termination Date. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, (A) the amount of the COBRA Subsidy to the Employee is treated as a violation of any applicable non-discrimination laws under the Affordable Care Act, then such Subsidy shall be unavailable to the Employee under this subsection and his severance under subsection (c) hereof shall be increased by an amount equal to the amount of the COBRA Subsidy shall be unavailable to the Employee is treated as a violation of any applicable non-discrimination laws under the Affordable Care Act, then such Subsidy shall be unavailable to the Employee under this subsection and his severance under subsection (c) hereof shall be increased by an amount equal to the amount of the COBRA Subsidy shall be.

(e) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (a) and applicable law, if the Employer terminates the employment of the Employee, at any time, for Cause, then Employee shall not be entitled to compensation or benefits hereunder after the Termination Date, including, without limitation, severance pay.

(f) For purposes of this Agreement, "<u>Cause</u>" shall mean unlawful or dishonest conduct, or a breach of any of the Employee's obligations hereunder, including but not limited to his obligations under the Confidentiality Agreement (as defined below) (other than as a result of the Employee's death or disability). For the purposes of this Agreement, "<u>Good Reason</u>" shall mean (i) the failure of the Employer to employ the Employee in his current position such that Employee's duties, authority, or responsibilities are materially diminished without the Employee's consent; (ii) a material reduction in the Employee's aggregate base salary below the amount stipulated in Section 8.1 hereof without the Employee's consent (unless such reduction is in connection with a proportional reduction in compensation to all or substantially all of the Employer's officers); (iii) the relocation of Employee's principal place of employment that increases the Employee's one-way commute by more than fifty (50) miles; and (iv) a material breach by the Employer of this Agreement.

(g) In the event that the employment of the Employee is terminated by the Employee's then unvested stock options and/or restricted stock awards granted to the Employee under any Employer stock option plan which would have become vested over the twelve (12) month period following such termination had the Employee continued as an employee of Employer throughout such twelve (12) month period, shall, instead, become fully vested and immediately exercisable on the Termination Date, notwithstanding any vesting schedule or other provisions to the contrary in the agreements evidencing such options or awards, and the Employee hereby agree that such stock option agreements and restricted stock awards are hereby, and will be deemed to be, amended to give effect to this provision.

(h) Employee hereby acknowledges and agrees that he shall not be entitled to receive any compensation or benefits from Employer with respect to any period of time after the Termination Date except to the extent otherwise expressly provided in this Section 10.2.

10.3. Employee Release. Any obligation of the Employer to provide the Employee severance payments or other benefits under this Agreement is expressly conditioned upon the Employee reviewing and signing (and not revoking during any applicable revocation period) a general release of claims in a form reasonably satisfactory to the Employer (the "Release"). The Employer shall provide the Employee with the Release promptly after the date on which the Employee gives or receives, as the case may be, notice of termination of the Employee's employment.

11. <u>Proprietary Information, Inventions, Non-Competition and Non-Solicitation Agreement</u>. The Employee hereby acknowledges that he has entered into the Employer's standard form of Proprietary Information, Inventions, Non-Competition and Non-Solicitation Agreement (the "Confidentiality Agreement"), which is incorporated herein as if reproduced in its entirety. By accepting this Agreement, the Employee hereby ratifies and accepts the terms of the Employee Proprietary Information, Inventions, Non-Competition and Non-Solicitation Agreement (the "Confidentiality Agreement"), which is incorporated herein as if reproduced in its entirety. By accepting this Agreement, the Employee hereby ratifies and accepts the terms of the Employee Proprietary Information, Inventions, Non-Competition and Non-Solicitation Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing and any provision to the contrary contained in the Confidentiality Agreement, the Employee may cause his name to be included on patent applications and other intellectual property filings not related to the Employer, <u>provided</u> that (i) the subject matter of such patent applications may not be in any way connected with or result from the Employee's employment with the Employee or rely on knowledge of the Employee solely derived from Employee's employment with the Employee's role as a director of or advisor to another entity (any such entity, an "Outside Board Entity"), and (iii) the subject matter of such patent applications or other intellectual property filings must be made in connection with the business and products of the Employee in any way.

12. <u>Unique Nature of Agreement: Specific Enforcement</u> The Employer and Employee agree and acknowledge that the rights and obligations set forth with this Agreement are of a unique and special nature and that the Employer is, therefore, without an adequate legal remedy in the event of the Employee's violation of any of the covenants set forth in this Agreement. The Employee agree, therefore, that each of the covenants made by the Employee under this Agreement shall be specifically enforceable in equity, without the need to post a bond or provide other security, in addition to all other rights and remedies, at law or in equity or otherwise (including termination of employment), that may be available to the Employer.

### 13. Section 409A of the Code.

Anything in this Agreement to the contrary notwithstanding, if at the time of the Employee's separation from service within the meaning of Section 409A of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), the Employer determines that you are a "specified employee" within the meaning of Section 409A(a)(2)(B)(i) of the Code, then the payment of any deferred compensation hereunder shall not commence until the date that is the earlier of: (A) six (6) months and one (1) calendar day after the Employee's separation from service; and (B) his death.

Any installment payments of severance or other deferred compensation under this Agreement shall be deemed a series of separate payments for purposes of section 409A of the Code.

To the extent necessary to comply with Section 409A of the Code, if the time period for considering and executing the Release under this Letter Agreement spans two (2) calendar years, then the severance or payment will not be made or commence until the later calendar year.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, no event shall constitute a "termination of employment" in this Agreement, unless such event is also a "separation from service," as that term is defined for purposes of Section 409A of the Code and Treasury Regulations §1.409A-3(a)(1) and 1.409A-1(h), and any references hereunder to "termination of employment" shall have the same meaning as "separation from service," as so defined.

The parties intend that this Agreement will be administered in accordance with Section 409A of the Code. To the extent that any provision of this Agreement is ambiguous as to its compliance with Section 409A of the Code, the provision shall be read in such a manner so that all payments hereunder comply with Section 409A of the Code. The parties agree that this Agreement may be amended, as reasonably requested by either party, and as may be necessary to fully comply with Section 409A of the Code and all related rules and regulations in order to preserve the payments and benefits provided hereunder without additional cost to either party.

The Employer makes no representation or warranty as to the compliance of this Agreement with Code Section 409A, and, other than its tax withholding obligation, the Employer shall have no liability to the Employee or any other person if any provisions of this Agreement is determined to constitute deferred compensation taxable under Section 409A of the Code. However, the parties agree to reasonably cooperate and work together to adopt amendments to this Agreement to the extent necessary to comply with Section 409A of the Code with the intent to avoid liability under Code Section 409A.

#### 14. Miscellaneous.

14.1. <u>Entire Agreement</u>. This Agreement, the Confidentiality Agreement, and the Stock Option Agreements shall represent the entire agreement of the parties with respect to the arrangements contemplated hereby. No prior agreement, whether written or oral, shall be construed to change, amend, alter, repeal or invalidate this Agreement. This Agreement may be amended only by a written instrument executed in one or more counterparts by the parties.

14.2. <u>Waiver</u>. No consent to or waiver of any breach or default in the performance of any obligations hereunder shall be deemed or construed to be a consent to or waiver of any other breach or default in the performance of any of the same or any other obligations hereunder. Failure on the part of either party to complain of any act or failure to act of the other party or to declare the other party in default, irrespective of the duration of such failure, shall not constitute a waiver of rights hereunder and no waiver hereunder shall be effective unless it is in writing, executed by the party waiving the breach or default hereunder.

14.3. Assignment. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto, their respective successors and assigns and, in the case of the Employee, his heirs. This Agreement may be assigned by the Employer to any Affiliate of the Employer and to a successor of its business (whether by purchase or otherwise). "Affiliate of the Employer" means any person which, directly or indirectly, controls or is controlled by, or is under common control with, the Employer and, for the purposes of this definition, "control" (including the terms "controlled by" and "under common control with") shall mean the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of another, whether through the ownership of voting securities, the holding of office in another, by contract, or otherwise. The Employee may not assign or transfer any or all of his rights or obligations under this Agreement.

14.4. <u>Disputes</u>. In case of any dispute hereunder, the parties will submit to the exclusive jurisdiction and venue of any court of competent jurisdiction sitting in Suffolk County, Massachusetts, and will comply with all requirements necessary to give such court jurisdiction over the parties and the controversy. Each party waives any right to a jury trial and to claim or recover punitive damages.

14.5. <u>Severability</u>. All headings and subdivisions of this Agreement are for reference only and shall not affect its interpretation. In the event that any provision of this Agreement should be held unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such court is hereby authorized to amend such provision so as to be enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law, and all remaining provisions shall continue in full force without being impaired or invalidated in any way.

14.6. <u>Governing Law</u>. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts. All disputes or claims shall be brought in the state or federal courts located in Suffolk County Massachusetts and each party waives its jurisdictional rights to other venues and to any defenses based on jurisdiction.

[Remainder of Page Intentionally Left Blank; Signature Page to Follow]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Employer and the Employee have executed this Agreement as of the date first set forth above.

# **Employer:**

EYEGATE PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

By:	/s/ Paul Chaney
Name:	Paul Chaney
Title:	Chairman

# Employee:

/s/ Stephen From Stephen From

Subsidiaries of the Registrant

EyeGate Pharma S.A.S. Jade Therapeutics, Inc. (France) (United States)

## CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statements of EyeGate Pharmaceuticals, Inc. on Form S-8 (Nos. 333-202207 and 333-209441) of our report dated March 29, 2016, on our audits of the consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2015 and 2014 and for each of the years then ended, which report is included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, to be filed on or about March 29, 2016. Our report includes an explanatory paragraph about the existence of substantial doubt concerning the Company's ability to continue as a going concern.

/s/ EISNERAMPER LLP

New York, New York March 29, 2016

### Certification

#### I, Stephen From, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Annual Report on Form 10-K of Eyegate Pharmaceuticals, Inc.;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Date: March 30, 2016

/s/ Stephen From Stephen From President and Chief Executive Officer (Principal executive officer and principal financial and accounting officer)

### CERTIFICATION OF PERIODIC FINANCIAL REPORT PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350

The undersigned officer of Eyegate Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the "Company") hereby certifies to his knowledge that the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015 (the "Report") to which this certification is being furnished as an exhibit, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof, fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d), as applicable, of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), and that the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company. This certification is provided solely pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 and Item 601(b)(32) of Regulation S-K ("Item 601(b)(32)") promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and the Exchange Act", and the Exchange Act. In accordance with clause (ii) of Item 601(b)(32), this certification (A) shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act, or otherwise subject to the liability of that section, and (B) shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, except to the extent that the Company specifically incorporates it by reference.

Date: March 30, 2016

/s/ Stephen From Stephen From President and Chief Executive Officer (Principal executive officer and principal financial and accounting officer)