

# JW (Cayman) Therapeutics Co. Ltd 藥明巨諾(開曼)有限公司\*

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability) Stock Code: 2126

# **2022** Annual Report

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# **Corporate Information**

# **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Executive Director** 

Dr. Yiping James Li (Chairman)

#### **Non-executive Directors**

Dr. Krishnan Viswanadhan Ms. Xing Gao (高星) Dr. Ann Li Lee Mr. Jinyin Wang (王金印) Dr. Cheng Liu

#### **Independent Non-executive Directors**

Mr. Chi Shing Li (李志成) (Resigned on January 1, 2023) Mr. Yiu Leung Andy Cheung (張耀樑) Mr. Kin Cheong Kelvin Ho (何建昌) Dr. Debra Yu (Appointed on March 1, 2023)

## **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Mr. Yiu Leung Andy Cheung (張耀樑) *(Chairman)* Ms. Xing Gao (高星) Mr. Kin Cheong Kelvin Ho (何建昌)

#### **REMUNERATION COMMITTEE**

Mr. Chi Shing Li (李志成) (Chairman) (Resigned on January 1, 2023)
Mr. Yiu Leung Andy Cheung (張耀樑) (Chairman) (Appointed on March 1, 2023)
Dr. Ann Li Lee
Dr. Debra Yu (Appointed on March 1, 2023)

#### NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Chi Shing Li (李志成) (Chairman) (Resigned on January 1, 2023)
Dr. Yiping James Li (Chairman) (Appointed on March 1, 2023)
Dr. Krishnan Viswanadhan
Mr. Kin Cheong Kelvin Ho (何建昌)
Mr. Yiu Leung Andy Cheung (張耀樑) (Appointed on March 1, 2023)

Dr. Debra Yu (Appointed an March 1, 2023)

### **COMPANY SECRETARY**

Ms. Ng Ka Man (吳嘉雯)

# **AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES**

Dr. Yiping James Li Ms. Ng Ka Man (吳嘉雯)

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# **STOCK CODE**

2126

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# Chairman's Statement

#### Dear Shareholders,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I am pleased to present the annual report of JW (Cayman) Therapeutics Co. Ltd. for the year ended December 31, 2022.

We continued to drive commercialization of Carteyva® in 2022, building on our first-mover advantage. After we had successfully launched Carteyva® in 2021, we sustained strong momentum into 2022 with significant growth of revenue. We also successfully executed our near-term cost reduction plans in 2022, which enabled us to reduce cost of goods sold per batch as compared to 2021, and to increase our gross profit margin from 29.4% in 2021 to 40.3% in 2022. In addition, we took necessary measures to improve the affordability of Carteyva® for patients in China, for example by increasing the number of commercial insurance products and local governmental complementary medical insurance programs in which Carteyva® is listed. Moreover, we made an indispensable contribution in 2022 to the development of new guidelines for the administration of CAR-T therapies in China. In commercializing Carteyva®, we remain mindful that we are not just selling a product, but also working to create an entirely new ecosystem and to shape the environment for cell therapy products in China.

We have developed a robust and differentiated cell-based immunotherapy pipeline, with a risk balanced approach that has shown clear benefit in the field of cell therapies. In 2022 and through the date of this annual report, we also delivered substantial progress on our agenda to develop Carteyva<sup>®</sup> as a treatment for a wider range of hematological cancers such as we successfully obtained NMPA approval for Carteyva<sup>®</sup> as a third-line treatment for r/r FL, and as earlier line treatment for LBCL. We are pleased with the progress that we have made on clinical development of Carteyva<sup>®</sup> in the past twelve months; and based on the proven efficacy of Carteyva<sup>®</sup> and our strong commercialization capabilities, we remain confident that Carteyva<sup>®</sup> is well positioned to benefit more patients in the medium and longer term.

Autoimmune diseases are a new and critical part of our pipeline strategy. We are committed to maximizing the clinical value of relma-cel, and look forward to providing new treatment option for patients with autoimmune diseases. With the approval of IND for the clinical trial of relma-cel for SLE patients, we believe that the Company may be able to secure a first-mover or early-mover advantage in this highly promising market.

We have also taken significant additional steps in the past twelve months to develop and enhance our pipeline of candidates for the treatment of solid tumors. We not only commenced clinical development of JWATM204 and JWATM214 as a treatment for HCC, but also established a strategic alliance with 2seventy bio, Inc. to develop and commercialize a cell therapy product directed to MAGE-A4 in oncology indications in China and strengthened our relationship with Juno by entering into an agreement with Juno for the research, development, manufacturing and commercialization of new cell therapy products directed to DLL3 in China. Our new collaboration agreements with 2seventy bio and Juno enhance our pipeline of candidates for treatment of solid tumors, and in our view, they evidence our established reputation as a preferred partner in China for cell therapy based on our proprietary platform and clinical track record.

With respect to discovery and pre-clinical research, we took decisive measures in 2022 to strengthen our in-house capabilities with appointment of Dr. Shaun Paul Cordoba as our chief scientific officer. His team of scientists will oversee the Company's early-stage R&D efforts, with strong emphasis on designing new products with global commercial rights, improving the efficiency of our products through incorporation of "armored" elements, and taking advantage of new, next-generation product processing methods.

Our manufacture operation have been executing according to commercialization plans and have made significant achievement during the last year. In 2022, we continued to maintain a manufacturing success rate of 98% for Carteyva<sup>®</sup>, which remains close to the very high level that we originally attained in our clinical trial. We also gained multiple approvals for manufacturing capacity expansion which enable us to meet manufacturing needs for both commercial and clinical supplies.

Driven by our Company's mission, we have adhered to the sustainable development concept in our operation and strategy, and continually strengthened our Environmental, Social and Governance ("**ESG**") mechanisms. We built up a comprehensive quality control mechanism on developing breakthrough cell-based immunotherapies to bring hope to patients. Meanwhile, we are committed to providing a safe, healthy, innovative and diverse & inclusive working environment for our employees, and we adopt measures for environmental protection and resource conservation. In the future, we will continue our efforts to constantly create value for our employees, Shareholders and the society.

#### Chairman's Statement

Looking forward, we remain confident that the Company is well positioned to capitalize on the anticipated strong growth in the market for cell therapies in China in the coming years, leveraging our significant first-mover advantage in hematological cancers in China; our comprehensive differentiated cell therapy pipeline including new candidates for treatment of solid tumors and autoimmune diseases; our fully integrated end-to-end cell therapy development platform; and our experienced and driven management team. We intend to continue 1) driving full-scale commercialization of Carteyva®; 2) developing Carteyva® for new indications and earlier lines of treatment; 3) developing our growing pipeline of candidates for treatment of solid tumors and autoimmune diseases; 4) enhancing our manufacturing capability and reducing our costs through innovation and scale; and 5) growing our business, not only through in-licensing opportunities, partnerships and acquisitions as appropriate, but also through our strengthened in-house discovery and pre-clinical research capabilities.

On behalf of the entire Board of Directors, I would like to thank all of the Company's employees and the management team for their devotion to the Company's mission, and I would like to express our sincere gratitude to our Shareholders and business partners for their continued support. We remain fully committed to bringing breakthrough and quality cell immunotherapy products and the hope of a cure to patients in China and worldwide, and to leading the healthy and standardized development of China's cell immunotherapy industry.

**Dr. Yiping James Li** *Chairman and Chief Executive Officer* 

# **Financial Highlights**

# **IFRS MEASURE**

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- Revenue was RMB145.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2022, representing an increase of 373.1% from RMB30.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2021, as we successfully commercialized our anti-CD19 autologous chimeric antigen receptor T ("CAR-T") cell immunotherapy product Carteyva® (relmacabtagene autoleucel ("relma-cel"), R&D code: JWCAR029) for the treatment of adult patients with relapsed or refractory ("r/r") large B-cell lymphoma ("LBCL") after two or more lines of systemic therapy after we obtained the marketing approval for the product from the National Medical Products Administration of China ("NMPA") on September 1, 2021. We expect that the revenue will continue to increase from the sales of Carteyva® along with our commercialization progress as more patients are treated with Carteyva®.
- **Gross profit** was RMB58.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2022, representing an increase of 549.6% from RMB9.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2021. Gross profit margin of sales was 40.3% for the year ended December 31, 2022, representing an increase from 29.4% for the year ended December 31, 2021. The improvement was primarily due to the implementation of our near-term cost reduction plan and more patients are treated with Carteyva<sup>®</sup>.
- **Research and development ("R&D") expenses** decreased by RMB6.6 million to RMB407.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2022, compared to RMB414.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2021, primarily due to a decrease in R&D materials which resulted from implementation of cost reduction plan, raw material localization and less batch numbers. The effects of these factors were partially offset by an increase in depreciation and amortization, which resulted principally from depreciation of the Suzhou manufacturing facility and Shanghai Waigaoqiao upgraded manufacturing facility which began from the fourth quarter of 2021.
- Selling expenses increased by RMB20.2 million to RMB190.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2022, compared to RMB170.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2021, primarily due to an increase in staff costs, as well as an increase in business promotion fees as we carried out commercial activities comprehensively in 2022 to fully support the commercialization of Carteyva<sup>®</sup>.
- **General and administrative expenses** decreased by RMB21.7 million to RMB179.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2022, compared to RMB201.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2021, primarily due to a decrease in staff costs and a decrease in professional service fees.
- Other gains and losses amounted to net other losses of RMB159.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2022, as compared with net other gains of RMB12.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2021. This change mainly arose from the unrealized foreign exchange loss as a result of the weakening of RMB against USD and HKD when exchanging from the transactional currency (RMB) to the functional currencies (USD and HKD) for our offshore companies within the Group. These unrealized foreign exchange gains and losses are non-cash items.

Loss for the year was RMB846.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2022, compared to RMB702.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2021. The increase was primarily due to: (i) increased unrealized foreign exchange loss and (ii) one-time non-cash income recognized in 2021 from de-recognition of "warrants of upfront payment" under our B Cell maturation antigen ("BCMA") License Agreement with Juno Therapeutics, Inc. ("Juno") which did not recur in 2022. The effects of the foregoing factors were partially offset by (i) increased revenue and gross profit generated from sales of Carteyva® and (ii) increased other income from government subsidies and net finance income.

		For the year ended December 31,					
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022		
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000		
Operating results							
Revenue	_	_	_	30,797	145,702		
Cost of sales	_	_	_	21,752	86,946		
Gross profit	_	_	_	9,045	58,756		
General and administrative expenses	41,259	72,892	231,294	201,518	179,763		
Research and development expenses	75,989	136,107	225,215	414,397	407,818		
Selling expenses	_	_	13,268	170,732	190,877		
Other income	215	5,483	1,322	6,444	23,380		
Other gains/(losses), net	4,801	(1,165)	27,617	12,075	(159,561)		
Loss for the year	(272,616)	(633,257)	(1,663,803)	(702,328)	(846,135)		
Loss per share	/		,	/	,		
Basic and diluted (RMB Yuan)	(4.19)	(9.74)	(12.61)	(1.76)	(2.06)		

		As at December 31,					
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022		
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000		
Financial position							
Total current assets	171,314	261,340	2,647,359	1,895,040	1,485,168		
Total non-current assets	169,508	407,279	1,132,133	1,221,566	1,306,179		
Total assets	340,822	668,619	3,779,492	3,116,606	2,791,347		
Total current liabilities	225,290	122,817	237,045	198,900	310,835		
Total non-current liabilities	428,733	1,488,141	112,712	126,849	126,228		
Total liabilities	654,023	1,610,958	349,757	325,749	437,063		
Net current assets/(liabilities)	(53,976)	138,523	2,410,314	1,696,140	1,174,333		
Total equity/(deficit)	(313,201)	(942,339)	3,429,735	2,790,857	2,354,284		

### **NON-IFRS MEASURE**

To supplement the Group's consolidated financial statements, which are presented in accordance with IFRS, we also use adjusted loss for the year as an additional financial measure, which is not required by, or presented in accordance with IFRS. We believe that these adjusted measures provide useful information to Shareholders and potential investors in understanding and evaluating our consolidated results of operations in the same manner as they help our management.

Adjusted loss was RMB605.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2022, representing a decrease of RMB73.9 million from RMB679.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2021. The decrease was primarily due to: (i) increased revenue and gross profit generated from sales of Carteyva®; (ii) decreased general and administrative expenses and research and development expenses; and (iii) increased other income from government subsidies and net finance income. The effects of these factors were partially offset by an increase in selling expenses.

Adjusted loss for the year represents the loss for the year excluding the effect of certain non-cash items and one-time events, namely the loss on fair value changes of warrants, share-based compensation expenses and net foreign exchange losses. The term adjusted loss for the year is not defined under IFRS. The use of this non-IFRS measure has limitations as an analytical tool, and you should not consider it in isolation from, or as substitute for analysis of, our results of operations or financial condition as reported under IFRS. Our presentation of this adjusted figure may not be comparable to similarly titled measures presented by other companies. However, we believe that this non-IFRS measure reflects our core operating results by eliminating potential impacts of items that our management do not consider to be indicative of our core operating performance, and thus, facilitate comparisons of core operating performance from period to period and company to company to the extent applicable. The table below sets forth a reconciliation of loss to adjusted loss for the years indicated:

	Year ended December 31,		
	2022	2021	
	RMB'000	RMB'000	
	(Audited)	(Audited)	
Loss for the year Added:	(846,135)	(702,328)	
Fair value changes of warrants	_	(51,151)	
Share-based compensation expenses	82,502	89,370	
Net foreign exchange losses/(gains)	158,540	(14,842)	
Adjusted loss for the year (Non-IFRS)	(605,093)	(678,951)	

Adjusted loss for the year is not a financial measure defined under IFRS. It represents the loss for the year excluding the effect of the following non-cash items: (a) loss on fair value changes of preferred shares; (b) loss on fair value changes of warrants; and (c) share-based compensation expenses. For the calculation and reconciliation of this non-IFRS measure, please refer to "Management Discussion and Analysis — Financial Review — 12. Non-IFRS Measure".

# **Business Highlights**

For the year ended December 31, 2022, as an independent, innovative biotechnology company focused on developing, manufacturing and commercializing cell immunotherapy products, we have made significant further progress in our business and achieved important milestones. Our lead product, Carteyva® made remarkable progress in its commercialization as a treatment for LBCL. Additionally, our outstanding clinical development and operational capabilities led to NMPA approval of our supplemental New Drug Application ("**sNDA**") relating to Carteyva® as a treatment for follicular lymphoma ("**FL**"), obtaining breakthrough therapy destination for Carteyva® as a treatment for mantle cell lymphoma ("**MCL**"), and initiation of clinical trials for second-line and frontline treatment studies. We also commenced clinical trials of JWATM204 and JWATM 214 for the treatment of solid tumors and expanded our pipeline to include autoimmune disease. Moreover, we maintained a high manufacturing success rate for Carteyva® and completed implementation of the first stage of our cost reduction plan. Furthermore, we strengthened our in-house R&D capability by appointing a new chief scientific officer and establishing an in-house discovery and pre-clinical research team to develop novel products.

Since the beginning of 2022, we have achieved the following significant milestones in our business:

#### Commercialization

- For the year ended December 31, 2022, we generated 165 prescriptions of Carteyva<sup>®</sup> and completed 141 infusions for r/r LBCL patients.
- We successfully executed our near-term cost reduction plans in 2022, which enabled us to reduce cost of goods sold per batch as compared to 2021 and to increase our gross profit margin from 29.4% in 2021 to 40.3% in 2022.
- Among 145 assessable patients from 171 infused patients who have been treated with Carteyva<sup>®</sup> since launch, Carteyva<sup>®</sup> remains at or above the level of the best complete response rate ("**CRR**") achieved in the registrational clinical trial, demonstrating strong efficacy in the real world.
- As of December 31, 2022, Carteyva<sup>®</sup> has been listed in 56 commercial insurance products and 75 local governmental complementary medical insurance programs, and out of the total of 141 Carteyva<sup>®</sup>-infused patients, 34 patients received insurance reimbursements, representing 24% of the Carteyva<sup>®</sup> infusions, with an expense coverage ranging from 38% to 100%.
- We continued to support the establishment of industry standards for CAR-T therapies in China:
  - o In January 2022, the "Guiding Principles for the Clinical Application of relmacabtagene autoleucel injection (2021)" were published jointly by several medical societies with our active input.

- o In November 2022, the "Guiding Principles" were upgraded to "Diagnosis and Treatment Guideline for the Whole Process Management of relmacabtagene autoleucel in Treating B-NHL (2022)".
- Also in November 2022, the "Technical Specification for the Clinical Application of Chimeric Antigen Receptor T-Cell Therapy Drug" was published at the 25<sup>th</sup> National Congress of Clinical Oncology".

#### **Research & Development**

#### Hematologic malignancies

- In March 2022, the NMPA approved our previously submitted investigational new drug ("**IND**") application for a Phase III registrational clinical trial comparing Carteyva® to second-line LBCL standard of care therapy. In addition, in January 2023 we submitted a new IND application relating to Carteyva® as a second-line therapy for transplant-ineligible patients with r/r LBCL.
- In April 2022, the NMPA approved our IND application with respect to a clinical trial to evaluate Carteyva<sup>®</sup> as a third-line treatment for pediatric and young adult patients with r/r acute lymphoblastic leukemia ("**ALL**"), and we have commenced patient enrollment and administered the first several doses of Carteyva<sup>®</sup> to patients in this trial.
- In April 2022, the NMPA granted Breakthrough Therapy Designation for Carteyva® as a treatment for patients with MCL who have received certain prior lines of treatment.
- In June 2022, at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Clinical Oncology, we published the two-year overall survival ("**OS**") rate from our Phase II registrational clinical trial of Carteyva<sup>®</sup> as a third-line treatment for LBCL. The two-year OS was 69.3%, with no new safety signals.
- In October 2022, the NMPA approved our sNDA with respect to Carteyva<sup>®</sup> as a third-line treatment for adult patients with r/r FL, making Carteyva<sup>®</sup> the first CAR-T product approved for treatment of r/r FL in China.
  - o The NMPA approval of our sNDA relating to Carteyva<sup>®</sup> as a treatment for r/r FL was based on 6-month clinical results from cohort B of our RELIANCE study.
  - o In December 2022, we reported updated clinical results relating to our RELIANCE study at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Hematology. As of the data cut-off date of December 17, 2021, based on 28 patients who had been treated with Carteyva® with 11.7 months of median follow-up, Carteyva® demonstrated remarkable clinical responses, achieving high rates of overall response rate ("ORR") and CRR (best ORR and best CRR were 100.0% and 92.6%, respectively), and a manageable safety profile.
- In March 2023, we announced the commencement of an investigator-initiated trial ("**IIT**") relating to Carteyva<sup>®</sup> as a first-line treatment for patients with high-risk LBCL, and the first patient infusion was completed.

#### Autoimmune diseases

In March 2023, to further evaluate Carteyva®'s potential for treatment of a broader range of diseases, we initiated an IIT in China to evaluate the safety, tolerability and pharmacokinetic profile of Carteyva® as a treatment for patients with moderately or severely active systemic lupus erythematosus ("SLE"), and the first patient infusion was achieved. We believe that we may be able to secure a first-mover advantage in a highly promising market through development of Carteyva® as a treatment for SLE.

#### Solid tumors

- In July 2022, we announced the commencement of an IIT to evaluate JWATM204 as a treatment for patients with advanced hepatocellular carcinoma ("**HCC**"), and JWATM204 has already been administered to several patients in connection with this trial.
- In October 2022, we established a strategic alliance with 2seventy bio, Inc. to develop and commercialize a cell therapy product directed to MAGE-A4 in oncology indications.
- In December 2022, we strengthened our relationship with Juno by entering into an agreement with Juno for the research, development, manufacturing and commercialization of new cell therapy products directed to Delta-like canonical Notch ligand 3 ("**DLL3**") in Greater China.
- In February 2023, we announced the commencement of an IIT to evaluate JWATM214 as a treatment for patients with advanced HCC, and JWATM214 has already been administered to the first patient. JWATM214 is our novel product that combines JWATM204 with Lyell's T-cell anti-exhaustion technology.

#### **Discovery and Early Research**

In 2022, we strengthened our in-house R&D capabilities with the appointment of Dr. Shaun Paul Cordoba ("**Dr. Cordoba**") as our chief scientific officer. Dr. Cordoba is a highly regarded scientist in driving new innovations in cell immunotherapy technology. Under Dr. Cordoba's leadership, we have established an in-house early discovery and pre-clinical team with the goal of developing novel products reflecting three key attributes: (i) global commercial rights; (ii) incorporation of "Armored" elements to enhance product performance and increase the duration of clinical response; and (iii) taking advantage of our new next-generation product processing methods to reduce costs.

#### Manufacturing

In 2022, we continued to maintain a manufacturing success rate of 98% for Carteyva<sup>®</sup>, which remains close to the very high level that we originally attained in our LBCL registrational clinical trial. We also achieved our near-term cost reduction goal and advanced into our mid-term plan for raw materials localization, which we believe will enable us to achieve further improvements in gross margin in the medium term. Moreover, we completed the technical transfer of the JWATM204 manufacturing process from the laboratory to our Waigaoqiao clinical manufacturing facility, and such factory was qualified for manufacturing in accordance with Good Manufacturing Practice ("**GMP**").

# **Management Discussion and Analysis**

### **BUSINESS REVIEW**

#### **Overview**

The Company is an independent, innovative biotechnology company focused on developing, manufacturing and commercializing cell immunotherapy products. Since our founding in 2016, we have built an integrated platform for product development in cell immunotherapy, as well as a product pipeline covering hematologic malignancies, solid tumors and autoimmune diseases. We are committed to bringing breakthrough and quality cell immunotherapy products and the hope of a cure to patients in China and beyond, and to leading the healthy and standardized development of China's cell immunotherapy industry.

We are an early entrant into the field of cell-based immunotherapy in China. Cell-based immunotherapies, including CAR-T treatments, are an innovative treatment method that uses human immune cells to fight cancer, representing a paradigm shift and the latest innovation in cancer treatment. Our lead product, Carteyva®, is an autologous anti-CD19 CAR-T cell immunotherapy product independently developed by us based on a CAR-T cell process platform of Juno Therapeutics (a Bristol Myers Squibb company). Carteyva® has been approved by the NMPA for two indications, including the treatment of adult patients with r/r LBCL after two or more lines of systemic therapy, and the treatment of adult patients with r/r FL in which a relapse occurs within 24 months of second-line or higher systemic treatment. Carteyva® is the first CAR-T product in China that has been simultaneously included in the National Significant New Drug Development Program and granted priority review and breakthrough therapy designations.

2022 was the first full year of CAR-T product commercialization in China. Given the unmet medical needs that can be effectively addressed by CAR-T therapies, the market for CAR-T therapies in China is expected to experience strong growth through 2030, according to Frost & Sullivan. We believe that we are well-positioned to take advantage of this growing market, based on the best-inclass potential of our anti-CD19 CAR-T product profile; our robust and differentiated cell therapy pipeline covering both hematological cancers and solid tumors; our fully integrated cell therapy development platform; our leading commercial manufacturing infrastructure and supply chain; and our seasoned management and strong support from the shareholders of the Company (the "**Shareholders**"). In 2022 we made significant progress on the development of Carteyva® for the treatment of hematological malignancies, expanded our portfolio of products for the treatment of solid tumors, and advanced Carteyva® as a potential treatment for SLE, an autoimmune disease widely prevalent in China.

#### Commercialization

2022 was the first full year of CAR-T product commercialization in China, and we have had the privilege of providing a breakthrough product to serve Chinese patients. In 2022, we generated 165 prescriptions of Carteyva<sup>®</sup> and completed 141 infusions for r/r LBCL patients. Among 145 assessable patients from 171 infused patients who had been treated with Carteyva<sup>®</sup> since launch, Carteyva<sup>®</sup> remains at or above the level of the best CRR achieved in the registrational clinical trial, demonstrating strong efficacy in the real world.

We have built a focused and dedicated commercial team to commercialize Carteyva<sup>®</sup> across China. As of February 2023, we have a fully established commercial team of around 88 employees with strong marketing and promotion capabilities, including Sales, Marketing, CAR-T Consultant, Innovative Payment, Channel Management and Operation. To meet our upcoming sales and marketing needs, the structure of our commercial team has been optimized in respect of streamlined administration and improved operation efficacy. These teams are led by experienced commercial team leaders with a clear business model. To support hospitals ready to use our product, we conducted training for each hospital to help physicians and nurses to gain a comprehensive understanding about Carteyva<sup>®</sup> itself and the entire process from prescription to infusion. Furthermore, we conducted a systematic evaluation of delivery hospitals to ensure they meet our requirements to administer CAR-T products. As of December 31, 2022, we had completed evaluation and training for the top 96 hospitals in China, and we certified those hospitals as qualified to administer Carteyva<sup>®</sup>. In partnership with Shanghai Pharma KDL (上蔡康德樂), serving as our national distributor, we have fully developed the distribution infrastructure to provide professional cell therapy product delivery services for each and every Carteyva<sup>®</sup>-prescribed patient.

To improve affordability, we have upgraded our multi-layer medical care system by listing Carteyva<sup>®</sup> in more local governmental complementary medical insurance programs and health insurance products. As of December 31, 2022, Carteyva<sup>®</sup> has been listed in 56 commercial insurance products in and 75 local governmental complementary medical insurance programs. In 2022, 34 Carteyva<sup>®</sup>-infused patients out of a total of 141 Carteyva<sup>®</sup>-infused patients received insurance reimbursements (representing 24% of the Carteyva<sup>®</sup> infusions in 2022) with an expense coverage ranging from 38% to 100%. To further alleviate financial pressure on patients, we continued to cooperate with industry-leading innovative payment platforms which are able to provide installment payment services or mortgage loans to potential recipients of Carteyva<sup>®</sup> as a treatment. We intend to continue to enhance our multi-layer medical care system with the goal of improving affordability for patients who are eligible to be treated with Carteyva<sup>®</sup>.

In addition, we established manufacturing cost reduction strategies in 2020 that consist of the following elements: (i) near-term (1–2 years) — realize significant cost reduction by implementing technologies and procedures that reduce raw material wastes and scraps; (ii) mid-term (2–3 years) — realize further cost reduction by replacing imported materials with domestic supplies; and (iii) long-term (3–5 years) — implement new technologies that would simplify and/or replace/combine unit operations and thereby reduce raw material and labor costs; and potentially shorten production cycle time and possibly improve product characteristics and clinical outcome. We have successfully executed our near-term cost reduction plans in 2022, which enabled us to reduce cost of goods sold per batch as compared to 2021 and to increase our gross profit margin from 29.4% to 40.3% in 2022. We continue optimizing our manufacturing operations to improve efficiency. We are steadily advancing the mid-term strategy and successfully obtained an approval for adding a domestic supply of an important material. We will continue to explore new technologies for process improvement or new process platforms.

#### Management Discussion and Analysis

As CAR-T therapies are a new and comprehensive treatment process that is unlike any other treatment currently approved in the Chinese market, we have made significant efforts and closely collaborate with government agency and healthcare experts to establish best practices and industry standards for CAR-T therapies, and to demonstrate the proper process in administering and monitoring the treatment as well as managing adverse effects with Carteyva®. In January 2022, the "Guiding Principles for the Clinical Application of relmacabtagene autoleucel injection (2021 version)" was published by the Lymphoma Expert Committee of the Chinese Society of Clinical Oncology, the Hematology Branch of the Chinese Medical Association and the Hematology Branch of the Chinese Medical Doctor Association, and in November 2022, these Guiding Principles were upgraded to "Diagnosis and Treatment Guideline for the Whole Process Management of relmacabtagene autoleucel in Treating B-NHL (2022 version)". This Guiding Principle was formulated by combining the current status of CAR-T practice and published data from Carteyva®-related studies, and it is the first clinical guiding principle for a commercialized CAR-T product in China in order to further standardize the clinical application of Cartevva® and provide a reference for physicians. In order to further explore the application of CAR-T therapy, the "Technical Specification for the Clinical Application of Chimeric Antigen Receptor T Cell Therapy Drug (2022 version)" was jointly written and formulated by multidisciplinary experts organized by the Lymphoma Expert Committee of the Chinese Society of Clinical Oncology ("CSCO") and supported by China National Health Development Research Center. In November 2022, this Technical Specification was also officially published at the 25th National Congress of Clinical Oncology (the 2022 CSCO Academic Annual Meeting), and the first batch of 28 national CAR-T clinical applications technical specification demonstration units were concomitantly awarded licenses. Being the first domestic technical specification for the clinical application of CAR-T drugs that clarifies the responsibilities of multidisciplinary teams in the whole process, this Technical Specification is intended to cover all aspects of CAR-T cell therapy (including in-hospital and out-of-hospital) and is applicable to the management of CAR-T cell therapy products that have been marketed in China.

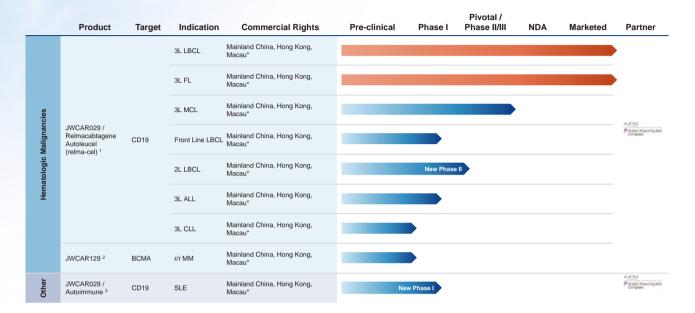
With the proven efficacy of Carteyva<sup>®</sup>, together with our clear strategy and strong commercialization ability, we are confident that Carteyva<sup>®</sup> is well positioned to benefit more patients in the medium and longer term.

#### **Our Product Pipeline**

We have developed a robust and differentiated cell-based immunotherapy pipeline, with a risk-balanced approach that has shown clear benefit in the field of cell therapies for hematological cancers and provides an opportunity to expand into the nascent field of cell therapies for solid tumors and autoimmune diseases. Our product pipeline features a mix of product candidates targeting both proven and novel tumor antigens. In 2022 we made significant progress on the development of Carteyva® for the treatment of hematological malignancies, expanded our portfolio of products for the treatment of solid tumors, and advanced Carteyva® as a potential treatment for SLE, a widely prevalent autoimmune disease. With respect to hematological malignancies, we obtained NMPA approval of our sNDA relating to Carteyva<sup>®</sup> as a treatment for r/r FL, among other clinical development milestones. With respect to solid tumors, we not only commenced clinical development of JWATM204 and JWATM214, completing first patient infusions for both products as a treatment for HCC, but also (i) entered into an agreement with 2seventy bio, Inc. (a NASDAQ listed company) to develop and commercialize a cell therapy product directed to MAGE-A4 in Greater China, and (ii) strengthened our strategic alliance with Juno by entering into a new agreement relating to the research, development, manufacturing and commercialization of new cellular therapy products specifically directed to DLL3 in Greater China. Moreover, in March 2023, we initiated the clinical study of Carteyva® as a treatment for patients with moderately or severely active SLE, and the first patient infusion was achieved in this trial. We also received NMPA approval of an IND application relating to Carteyva® as a treatment for SLE in April 2023.

#### Management Discussion and Analysis

The following chart summarizes the current development status of our hematology pipeline which includes hematologic malignancies and autoimmune diseases:



- Abbreviations: LBCL = large B-cell lymphoma; FL = follicular lymphoma; MCL = mantle cell lymphoma; ALL = acute lymphoblastic leukemia; CLL = chronic lymphocytic leukemia; MM = multiple myeloma; NHL = non-Hodgkin lymphoma; SLE = systemic lupus erythematosus.
- \* Mainland China, Hong Kong and Macau refer to Mainland China, Hong Kong (China) and Macau (China), respectively.
- Relma-cel is based on the same chimeric antigen receptor ("CAR") construct as the product lisocabtagene maraleucel (Breyanzi or lisocabtagene or liso-cel) of Juno, which was approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration ("FDA") in February 2021.
- 2. JWCAR129 is based on the same CAR construct as Juno's product orvacabtagene autoleucel (orva-cel).
- 3. SLE is a chronic autoimmune disease characterized by the production of autoantibodies and abnormal B-lymphocyte function. To further extend relma-cel's potential in broader disease area, we are planning a study to evaluate the safety, tolerability, and pharmacokinetic profile of relma-cel in Chinese patients with moderately or severely active SLE.

#### Hematologic Malignancies

#### Our Core Product Candidate – Carteyva<sup>°</sup> (relma-cel, R&D code: JWCAR029)

Carteyva®, our lead product, has the potential to be a superior CAR-T therapy. It targets an antigen called CD19, which is expressed in a broad range of hematological cancers, including LBCL. Lymphomas are hematological cancers involving lymphoceles of the immune system, and LBCL is one of several types of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma ("**NHL**") that affect B-cells within the immune system. In addition to marketing Carteyva® as a third-line treatment for LBCL, we are also exploring the further clinical potential for Carteyva® by developing relma-cel as a third-line treatment for other types of NHL, including FL, MCL, ALL and chronic lymphocytic leukemia ("**CLL**"), and moreover as a frontline and second-line treatment for LBCL.

Carteyva<sup>®</sup> is based on a CAR construct that we have in-licensed from Juno for Mainland China, Hong Kong and Macau<sup>2</sup>. Juno's biologics license application for its product based on that same CAR construct ("**Breyanzi**" or "**lisocabtagene**" or "**liso-cel**") was approved by the U.S. FDA for third-line LBCL in February 2021 and for second-line LBCL that is r/r within 12 months of frontline therapy in June 2022.

#### Third-line LBCL

On September 1, 2021, the NMPA approved our NDA for Carteyva<sup>®</sup> as a treatment for adult patients with r/r LBCL after two or more lines of systemic therapy. Carteyva<sup>®</sup> is the first CAR-T product approved as a Category 1 biologics product in China, and the sixth approved CAR-T product globally.

Carteyva®'s potential to be a superior CAR-T therapy is based on its potential best-in-class safety profile and competitive efficacy. Our Phase II registrational clinical trial of Carteyva® as a third-line treatment for LBCL demonstrated efficacy results of best ORR of 77.6% and best CRR of 53.5%. In the same trial, severe cytokine release syndrome ("**sCRS**") was observed in 5.1% of treated patients, severe neurotoxicity ("**sNT**") was observed in 3.4% of treated patients, and no treatment-related deaths were reported. In addition, the two-year overall survival ("**OS**") rate was 69.3%, and there were no new safety signals. We reported these two years of follow-up results at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Clinical Oncology held in Chicago, Illinois in June 2022. Although head-to-head studies with comparable products have not been conducted, we believe that these data demonstrate a potential best-in-class safety profile and competitive efficacy of Carteyva® and its ability to provide unique benefit to patients.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Mainland China, Hong Kong and Macau refer to Mainland China, Hong Kong (China) and Macau (China), respectively.

#### Second-line LBCL

We have completed a single-arm Phase I trial in China to evaluate Carteyva® as a treatment for high risk LBCL patients due who are refractory to primary treatment. This was an open-label, single-arm, multi-centre, Phase I study, aiming to evaluate the safety and efficacy of relma-cel in patients with primary refractory disease after first-line standard of care. A total of 12 patients received relma-cel infusion and completed 9 months follow-up. Data showed relma-cel was tolerable, no grade 3 or higher CRS or NT was observed. The most common treatment-emergent adverse event at grade 3 or higher was cytopenia. The best ORR and best CRR were 75.0% and 33.3%, respectively, and 3-month ORR and CRR were 41.7% and 33.3%, respectively. Median duration of response and OS were not yet reached. We reported these findings at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Clinical Oncology held in Chicago, Illinois in June 2022.

In December 2021, on the basis of data generated from this trial, we submitted to the NMPA an IND application for a multi-center, randomized Phase III registrational clinical trial comparing Carteyva® to second-line LBCL standard of care therapy, including salvage chemotherapy +/- high dose chemotherapy followed by autologous stem cell transplant. The design is similar to the TRANSFORM study evaluating Breyanzi, a CAR-T using the same CAR construct as Carteyva® in this indication, which demonstrated highly statistically significant improvement in Event Free Survival for Breyanzi and led to the U.S. FDA approval of Breyanzi as a second-line treatment for LBCL. In March 2022, the NMPA approved our IND application relating to this trial. Further, we submitted a new IND application for Carteyva® as second-line therapy for transplant-ineligible patients with r/r LBCL in January 2023. The design is similar to the PILOT study evaluating Breyanzi, on the basis of which the U.S. FDA has approved Breyanzi for second-line treatment of transplant-ineligible patients.

#### Frontline LBCL

In March 2023, we announced the commencement of an IIT relating to Carteyva<sup>®</sup> as a first-line treatment for patients with high risk LBCL, and the first patient infusion was completed. Recent reports have suggested that anti-CD19 CAR-T therapy may be beneficial to individuals who have not fully responded to early frontline therapy. As a result and given Carteyva<sup>®</sup>'s low frequency of severe toxicity to date, we expect to continue enrolling frontline or treatment-naive patients with LBCL for our Phase I IIT. In the planned study, these patients will receive two cycles of conventional frontline therapy with R-CHOP<sup>3</sup> and if not achieving a complete response will then receive a single infusion of Carteyva<sup>®</sup> at a dose of 100 million cells. These trial data, if favorable, may then be used to design and conduct an expanded Phase I trial of LBCL patients without prior chemotherapy or a larger registrational trial in frontline LBCL similar to the approach described for the initial IIT in the frontline setting.

*R-CHOP is a cancer drug combination to treat NHL. It includes rituximab, cyclophosphamide, anthracycline, vincristine and corticosteroid.* 

#### Third-line FL

With respect to Carteyva<sup>®</sup> as a third-line treatment for adult patients with r/r FL, the NMPA granted Breakthrough Therapy Designation in September 2020, accepted our sNDA in February 2022 and approved our sNDA in October 2022. Carteyva<sup>®</sup> has thus become the first CAR-T product approved for treatment of r/r FL in China.

The NMPA's approval of our sNDA relating to Carteyva<sup>®</sup> as a third-line treatment for adult patients with r/r FL was based on the 6-months clinical results from cohort B of a single-arm, multi-center pivotal study (the "**RELIANCE**" study) on Carteyva<sup>®</sup> in adult patients with r/r B cell non-Hodgkin lymphoma in China. The 3-months data had been presented at the 63rd Annual Meeting of the American Society of Hematology in December 2021. The cohort B results of the RELIANCE study showed that Carteyva<sup>®</sup> demonstrated high rates of durable disease response (ORR=100.0%, CRR=85.2% at month 3; ORR=92.6%, CRR=77.8% at month 6) and controllable CAR-T associated toxicities in patients with r/r FL.

In December 2022, we reported cohort B clinical response of this pivotal Phase II RELIANCE study on efficacy and safety of Carteyva<sup>®</sup> in adults with r/r FL in China at the 64th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Hematology. As of the data cut-off date of December 17, 2021, based on 28 patients who had been treated with Carteyva<sup>®</sup> with 11.7 months of median follow-up, Carteyva<sup>®</sup> demonstrated remarkable clinical responses, achieving high rates of CRR and ORR (best ORR and best CRR were 100.0% and 92.6% respectively) and a manageable safety profile — only one patient experienced grade 3 or above neurotoxicity ("**NT**"), and no patient experienced grade 3 or above cytokine release syndrome ("**CRS**"). We are continuing the RELIANCE study.

#### Third-line MCL

We are conducting a registrational trial in China to evaluate Carteyva<sup>®</sup> as a treatment for MCL patients who previously received chemotherapy, anti-CD20 agent and Bruton tyrosine kinase inhibitors ("**BTKi**"). This is a Phase II, open-label, single-arm, multicenter study which aims to assess the efficacy and safety of Carteyva<sup>®</sup> in adults with r/r MCL in China. The study enrolled a total of 59 r/ r MCL patients who were r/r to second-line or above treatments. Prior therapies must include an anti-CD20 monoclonal antibody, anthracycline-or bendamustine-containing chemotherapy, and BTKi therapy. We plan to follow up on long-term survival (two years or above) for these patients. Patient enrollment began in January 2021 and is currently on schedule to be completed in 2023. In April 2022, the NMPA granted Breakthrough Therapy Designation for Carteyva<sup>®</sup> as a treatment for patients with MCL.

At the 64th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Hematology in December 2022, we reported preliminary safety and efficacy data for our study of Carteyva<sup>®</sup> as a treatment for MCL. As of November 30, 2021, the preliminary data based on 11 patients showed a promising clinical efficacy outcome (best ORR = 81.8% and best CRR = 54.5%) in high risk patients with r/r MCL. In those 11 patients, the incidence of safety-related effects was low — only one patient experienced grade 3 or above CRS, and only one patient experienced immune effector cell-associated neurotoxicity syndrome. Based on this progress, we currently expect to complete the pivotal clinical study, and to submit an sNDA to the NMPA by the end of 2023.

#### Third-line ALL

We have commenced a single-arm Phase I/II registrational trial in China to evaluate Carteyva<sup>®</sup> in pediatric and young adult patients with r/r ALL after at least two prior lines of therapy. The NMPA approved our IND application with respect to this clinical trial in April 2022, and we have commenced patient enrollment and administered the first several doses of Carteyva<sup>®</sup> to patients in this trial.

#### Third-line CLL

We continue to assess the appropriate time for commencement of a study to evaluate Carteyva® as a treatment for high-risk r/r CLL patients.

#### JWCAR129

JWCAR129 is an autologous CAR-T therapy for the treatment of multiple myeloma ("**MM**"), based on a CAR construct that we have in-licensed from Juno (the H125 vector). MM is a cancer of plasma cells, which are an important part of the immune system formed from matured B-cells to produce antibodies that help the body to attack and kill germs. MM is a condition in which plasma cells become cancerous and grow out of control. JWCAR129 targets BCMA, a protein which is highly expressed in a number of hematological malignancies, including MM. In December 2021, the NMPA approved our IND application relating to JWCAR129 as a treatment for fourth-line or greater r/r MM.

We will continue to evaluate opportunities for the development of JWCAR129 and other product candidates intended for the treatment of MM, taking into account the development status and potential of our other product candidates and availability of funding.

#### Autoimmune Diseases

#### Systemic Lupus Erythematosus ("SLE")

SLE is a chronic autoimmune disease characterized by the production of autoantibodies and abnormal B-lymphocyte function. Prevalence of SLE in China mainland is about 30/100,000 or around 270,000 cases patient-year<sup>4</sup>, 40% of SLE patients develop organ damage in the first year, and 50% of patients develop irreversible organ damage within five years of onset. Current standards of care are neither effective nor safe, which addresses the big unmet medical needs.

B Cell Depletion Therapy ("**BCDT**") has now become one of the main novel therapy candidates targeted at SLE.

CD19 is widely expressed at all differentiation stages from pre-B cells to plasma cells. Hence, CD19-targeted CAR-T cells may target and deplete B cells or plasma cells that are directly responsible for autoantibody production. Compared with antibodies, CAR-T cell therapy could retain potency over time and rapidly lead to lasting remission. We estimate that at least 15,000 patients are CAR-T eligible in the targeted setting with high treatment willingness.

Rees F, Doherty M, Grainge MJ, et al. The Worldwide Incidence and Prevalence of Systemic Lupus Erythematosus: A Systematic Review of Epidemiological Studies. Rheumatology. 2017; 56(11): 1945 -1961. Applied 30 cases/100,000 and assuming 900 million as China adult population in 2017.

To further extend Carteyva<sup>®</sup>'s potential in broader disease area, we initiated a clinical study to evaluate the safety, tolerability, and pharmacokinetic profile of Carteyva<sup>®</sup> in Chinese patients with moderately or severely active SLE. The efficacy of Carteyva<sup>®</sup> and the recommended Phase II dose ("**RP2D**") in SLE will also be explored in the study. We believe that the Company may be able to secure a first-mover or early-mover advantage in a highly promising market through development of such therapy.

### Solid Tumors

The following chart summarizes the current development status of each of solid tumor candidates:

		Product	Target	Indication	Commercial Rights	Pre-clinical	Phase I	Pivotal / Phase II/III	NDA	Marketed	Partner
		JWATM204 <sup>1</sup>	GPC3	HCC	Mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan , and member countries of ASEAN*						EUREKA.
		JWATM204	GPC3	NSCLC/HAS	Mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan , and member countries of ASEAN*						& EUREKA
	S	JWATM214 <sup>2</sup>	GPC3	НСС	Mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan, and member countries of ASEAN*						
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ć	ທີ	JWATM213	AFP	HCC	Mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan, and member countries of ASEAN*						Lyell & EUREKA
		JWTCR001	MAGE-A4	various solid tumors	Mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau*	New Product					eseventybio
		JWCAR031	DLL3	SCLC	Mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau*	New Product					Histol Myers Squibb

- Abbreviations: HCC = hepatocellular carcinoma; NSCLC = non-small cell lung cancer; AFP = alpha-fetoprotein; GPC3 = glypican-3; r/r = relapsed or refractory; HAS = hepatoid adenocarcinoma of the stomach; MAGE-A4 = melanoma associated antigen A4; DLL3 = Delta-like ligand 3.
- \* Mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan refer to Mainland China, Hong Kong (China), Macau (China) and Taiwan (China), respectively.
- JWATM204 is in a Phase I investigator-initiated trial in China. Eureka's products based on the CAR constructs underlying JWATM203 and JWATM204 are currently in Phase I/II trials in the US conducted by Eureka under an IND application. In November 2021, the U.S. FDA granted Fast Track Designation to Eureka's counterpart to JWATM203 for the treatment of hepatoblastoma ("**HB**") and HCC in pediatric patients, as well as "rare pediatric disease designation" for the treatment of HB. In February 2022, the U.S. FDA granted Orphan Drug Designation to Eureka's counterparts to JWATM203 and JWATM204.
- 2. Developing using Lyell technology.

#### JWATM204/214

JWATM204 is a potentially superior autologous, non-HLA-restricted, TCR T-cell therapy candidate built on Eureka's ARTEMIS<sup>®</sup> and E-ALPHA<sup>®</sup> platforms and targeting glypican-3 ("GPC3") for the treatment of HCC. Treatment of HCC represents a huge unmet medical need in China, and we believe that JWATM204 has the potential to be a promising treatment for patients with GPC3-positive HCC. In June 2020, we in-licensed from Eureka the rights to develop, manufacture and commercialize JWATM204 in Mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan<sup>5</sup> and the member countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (the "JW Territory"). We completed manufacturing process development for the JWATM204 in the third guarter of 2021 by leveraging our relma-cel manufacturing process platform. In the fourth quarter of 2021, we completed an upgrade of our clinical manufacturing facility in Shanghai Waigaogiao to enhance our capabilities to manufacture multiple products concurrently. In the first guarter of 2022, we completed the technical transfer of JWATM204 manufacturing process from process development laboratory to our Waigaogiao clinical manufacturing facility, and gualified the facility for GMP manufacturing. In July 2022, we announced the commencement of an IIT of JWATM204 as a treatment for patients with advanced HCC, and we have already administered JWATM204 to several patients in connection with this trial. We plan to continue this clinical trial to further evaluate the initial efficacy and safety profile of JWATM204.

Through our partnerships with Eureka and Lyell, we also plan to combine Lyell's technology in T-cell anti-exhaustion functionality with JWATM204 to create a novel product, JWATM214, for HCC treatment. In 2022, we focused on vector manufacturing process development for the JWATM214 program, and we anticipate that our future vector manufacturing process development will be based entirely in China. In February 2023, we announced the commencement of an IIT relating to JWATM214 as a treatment for patients with advanced HCC, and the first patient infusion was completed.

#### JWATM203/213

JWATM203 is a potentially superior autologous T-cell receptor mimic ("**TCRm**") T-cell therapy targeting alpha-fetoprotein ("**AFP**") for the treatment of HCC. In June 2020, we in-licensed from Eureka the rights to develop, manufacture and commercialize JWATM203 in the JW Territory. As with JWATM204, we also plan to combine Lyell's technology in T-cell anti-exhaustion functionality with JWATM203 and Eureka's ARTEMIS<sup>®</sup> technology platform to create JWATM213, an additional autologous cell therapy for HCC treatment.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan refer to Mainland China, Hong Kong (China), Macau (China) and Taiwan (China), respectively.

#### MAGE-A4

Melanoma associated antigen A4 ("**MAGE-A4**") is a well-known cancer-testis antigen ("**CTA**") on the X chromosome, involving in the regulation of cell progression, transcriptional control, cell survival and apoptosis. MAGE-A4 is a highly prevalent antigen in a wide variety of malignant tumors, including non-small cell lung cancer, melanoma, bladder, head and neck, gastroesophageal and ovarian cancers, and thus an ideal target indication for T-cell receptor T-cell ("**TCR-T**") therapy. Early phase clinical trials<sup>6</sup> have previously demonstrated that TCR-T cell therapies targeting MAGE-A4 can have meaningful clinical efficacy for treatment of MAGE-A4-expressing solid tumors.

In October 2022, we established a strategic alliance with 2seventy bio, Inc. to develop and commercialize a cell therapy product directed to MAGE-A4 (including any mutations, fragments, modifications or derivatives of the engineered binding element for MAGE-A4) in oncology indications. The agreement is focused on the technologies and know-how possessed by 2seventy bio, Inc., and also includes future prospects for the development and commercialization of the product in Greater China based on addressable patient population and unmet medical needs. We believe that the Company may be able to secure a first-mover or early-mover advantage in a highly promising market through development of such a therapy.

#### DLL3

DLL3, belonging to the Notch ligand family, is a single transmembrane protein attached to the cell surface. While activation and up-regulation of Notch would generally induce tumor formation and promote tumor development, its activation and up-regulation in neuroendocrine tumors could suppress tumor growth, specifically in small cell lung carcinoma ("**SCLC**"). Thus DLL3 plays a key role in the signaling pathway that regulates tumorigenesis, disease progression and chemoresistance. Taking SCLC as an illustration, DLL3 is highly expressed in about 80% of the patients, and clinical studies have demonstrated that DLL3 in SCLC is negatively correlated with patients' survival.

In December 2022, we strengthened our relationship with Juno and by entering into an agreement with Juno for the research, development, manufacturing and commercialization of a new cellular therapy products specifically directed to DLL3 in Greater China, taking into consideration Juno's leading position in the field of cell therapy and the significant market potential of such products as evidenced by the addressable markets. We believe that we have the potential to be one of the early movers in such highly promising market through this development.

Cautionary Statement required by Rule 18A.05 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules"): We cannot guarantee that we will be able to successfully develop or ultimately market Carteyva® in indications beyond the current NMPA-approved label, or to successfully develop or ultimately market our other pipeline products. Shareholders and potential investors of the Company are advised to exercise due care when dealing in the shares of the Company.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Adaptimmune's Surpass and Spearhead trials, as reported at the European Society for Medical Oncology (2022).

#### **Discovery and Pre-clinical Research**

Early research and discovery is focused on building on proven manufacturing approaches and leveraging the Company's footprint in China. This involves developing autologous products designed to strengthen the Company's stance in existing indications and engineering new pipeline products that will focus on unmet need in Asia for both liquid and solid cancers. These new products will be differentiated through the adoption of three attributes designed to increase value, improve efficiency and speed. The first attribute maximizes the value of the new pipeline by designing these new products with global commercial rights, giving the Company the potential to expand outside the Asia market. The second attribute is designed to improve efficiency of these new products; all new CAR products will incorporate additional protein components called "Armored" elements. These Armored elements are designed to enhance the product's performance and increase the duration of the clinical response. As the third attribute, all new products will take advantage of the Company's new next-generation product processing methods. These are new in-house manufacturing methods that are faster and maintain the product in a fitter state compared to conventional methods of manufacture. To achieve these attributes we have developed an in-house early discovery and pre-clinical team. This team is tasked with the development of these products and processes and will also build the Company's IP portfolio that is required for global commercialization.

One of the first products to be developed in-house will be directed to B-cell malignancies. This product will be a dual targeting autologous CAR T-cell. The dual targeting will greatly reduce the chances of relapses from tumor antigen downregulation or loss. In addition, this product will be fitted with enhancing Armored elements engineered to improve performance and protect/shield the product from suppressive factors known to be presented by the tumor's defense systems. This product will be manufactured using our next-generation processing designed to deliver a less differentiated, fitter, more potent product.

Lastly, the Company is exploring innovative areas design to simplify the manufacturing process. We are looking into the feasibility of non-viral approaches with the use of genomic editing and off-the-shelf CAR products for various indications. These approaches will ultimately increase the speed to deliver a product to the patient and reduce overall cost of goods sold.

#### Manufacturing

In June 2020, we received a production license from Jiangsu Province authorities for our new commercial manufacturing facility in Suzhou. This facility provides approximately 10,000 square meters for commercial and clinical manufacturing in compliance with GMP and Quality Management System ("**QMS**") standards. It is designed to house four independent modules. The design of these modules can be adapted to support all cell platforms, including those using gene-modified autologous T-cells and natural killer ("**NK**") cells, gene-modified or non-gene-modified tumor-infiltrating lymphocyte and gene-modified allogeneic immune cells, as well as facilities to produce GMP grade viral vectors that are used to genetically modify these cells.

Our Suzhou operations have been executing according to our commercialization plans and have made significant achievements during the last year. In March 2021, we received and passed relma-cel Pre-approval Inspection ("**PAI**") conducted jointly by the NMPA and Jiangsu Medical Products Administration with no critical or major observations. In June 2021, our production license for Suzhou site was renewed with the license type changed from As to As+Cs (A as Marketing Authorization Holder ("**MAH**") owner and manufacturer, C as contract manufacturing organization ("**CMO**"), s as bio products). Currently, two of these modules have been approved and are in full GMP operations. The third module is in the process of regulatory review and approval. With current regulatory approval, we can meet manufacturing needs for both commercial and clinical supplies and have maintained a high manufacturing success rate of 98% since our LBCL registrational clinical trial. After initial product launch, we have gained multiple approvals for manufacturing capacity expansion in the fourth quarter of 2022 and the first quarter of 2023. We continue working with relevant regulatory agencies to further increase our manufacturing capacity in order to meet the increased demands.

As a critical material, sustainable lentiviral vector supply is necessary to ensure our final product manufacturing and supply. We continuously invest resources in establishing our own capability in vector development and manufacturing. We have developed a platform process and successfully manufactured vectors to support clinical programs. Furthermore, we are establishing vector capability for commercial product.

#### Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic

We have taken a number of measures to address the challenge posed by the COVID-19 pandemic in 2022. We have continued to implement rigorous testing, reporting, ventilation and disinfection measures to manage risks for employees and contractors who are on-site. During the period in 2022 when restrictions on travel were put in place by the government to contain the outbreak of COVID-19, we experienced some delay in patient recruitment for some of our clinical trials and commercialization, yet overall we believe we have successfully addressed the challenge posed by the COVID-19 pandemic in 2022, and our revenue for 2022 remains in line with previous expectations.

Future developments in the COVID-19 pandemic may have a potential impact on our operations, including but not limited to the enrollment of patients in clinical trials, regulatory reviews and approvals, recruitment of commercial patients, procurement of raw materials and delivery of finished products, etc. Based on the information available to us through the date of this report, future developments in the COVID-19 pandemic will not have material impact on our operation and we will continue to monitor the situation and adopt various measures to mitigate the impact.

#### **Future and Development**

In addition to driving full-scale commercialization of Carteyva<sup>®</sup>, we intend to focus on pursuing the following strategies as we pursue our vision of becoming an innovation leader in cell immunotherapy:

# Solidify our leadership in hematology by continuing to develop Carteyva<sup>®</sup> for earlier lines of treatment and additional indications, as well as further expanding clinical development for autoimmune diseases

Our approach to expand Carteyva<sup>®</sup>'s indications involves two key pillars for hematological cancers: advancing Carteyva<sup>®</sup> into earlier lines of LBCL treatment and developing Carteyva<sup>®</sup> as a potential therapy for other hematological cancers that express the CD19 antigen. With the infrastructure we have built, and if our development plan is realized, Carteyva<sup>®</sup> has great potential to be the leading cell therapy product for treatment of hematological cancers.

Furthermore, to further expand Carteyva<sup>®</sup>'s potential in broader disease area, we initiated a clinical study for Chinese patients with moderately or severely active SLE. We expect to receive NMPA approval of our IND application relating to Carteyva<sup>®</sup> as a treatment for SLE in the first half of 2023 with the goal of securing a first-mover or early-mover advantage in a highly promising market through development of such therapy.

#### Leverage our integrated cell therapy platform to expand into the solid tumor market

Our solid tumor portfolio includes indications such as HCC, lung cancer and others. With multiple cell therapy platforms we already integrated, we aim to achieve breakthroughs in the field of solid tumors through deep collaborations with world-class cell therapy partners, ultimately serving more patients. We have announced the commencement of IIT relating to JWATM204, which was acquired from Eureka, and JWATM214, which combines Eureka's ARTEMIS® platform with Lyell's T-cell anti-exhaustion technology. In 2022, we further expanded our solid tumor pipeline through strategic alliance with 2seventy bio, Inc. and deepened our collaboration with Juno to develop novel TCR-T and CAR-T products. We believe there is an opportunity to use these technologies as a platform for multiple new cell therapies that can be applied across a broad range of rare and prevalent solid tumors, including HCC, lung cancers as well as others.

# Continuously enhance our manufacturing capability and implement cost reduction plan through innovation and scale

We have had a 98% success rate for the manufacturing of Carteyva<sup>®</sup> since commencement of our LBCL registrational clinical trial. In addition, we intend to invest in further optimizing our manufacturing processes through technological enhancements and achieving economies of scale, with the ultimate goal of making the production of our cell therapies better, faster, and more cost effective.

# Grow our business through in-licensing opportunities, partnerships and selective acquisitions, as well as in-house R&D

Since the establishment of the Company, we have used a mix of in-licensing opportunities, selective acquisitions and in-house R&D to fuel our growth into a leading cell therapy player in China. We leveraged our exclusive licenses of certain rights from Juno to introduce relma-cel, JWCAR129 and DLL3 candidates into our pipeline, we acquired rights from Eureka and Lyell that enabled us to introduce JWATM203/213 and JWATM204/214 into our pipeline, and we established strategic alliance with 2seventy bio, Inc. to develop MAGE-A4 candidate for solid tumor in JW Territory.

In addition, in January 2022, we strengthened our in-house R&D capabilities with the appointment of Dr. Cordoba as our chief scientific officer. Dr. Cordoba is a highly regarded scientist in driving new innovations in cell immunotherapy technology. He is ranked third in the world as patent holder in relation to CAR technology, with over 270 patent filings in relation to enhancing CAR activity, shielding CAR-T cells from immunosuppression, and improving CAR safety. His scientist team will oversee the early-stage R&D and develop a robust cell immunotherapy pipeline for the Company.

We believe we have established a reputation in China as a preferred partner in cell therapy due to our proprietary platform and clinical track record, and we plan to leverage our platform and network to focus on potential opportunities in the cell therapy space that we deem to possess high growth or breakthrough technology potential. These potential opportunities include but are not limited to growth opportunities in alternative allogeneic approaches and new cellular targets which we believe represent novel and groundbreaking approaches to the treatment of cancer.

Moreover, we significantly enhanced our discovery platform through acquisition in June 2020 of certain rights to use Eureka's ARTEMIS<sup>®</sup> and E-ALPHA<sup>®</sup> platforms, and we intend to leverage our enhanced discovery platform to potentially identify and develop the next groundbreaking solution in cell therapy.

Finally, we plan to continue to leverage our network of strategic partners, leaders in the cell therapy field and the contract research organization field, respectively, as we continue to advance into new, undiscovered cellular targets and treatment.

# **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

Year Ended December 31, 2022 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2021 IFRS Measure:

2022         2021           RMB '000         RMB '000           (Audited)         (Audited)           Revenue         145,702         30,797           Cost of sales         (86,946)         (21,752)           Gross profit         58,756         9,045           Research and development expenses         (407,818)         (414,397)           General and administrative expenses         (179,763)         (201,518)           Selling expense         (190,877)         (170,732)           Other income         23,380         6,444           Other income         16,535         8,296           Finance income         16,535         8,296           Finance income - net         9,748         5,604           Fair value changes of warrants         -         51,151           Loss before income tax         (846,135)         (702,328)           Income tax expense         -         -		Year ended December 31,		
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Non-IFRS measure:	Non-IFRS measure:			
Adjusted loss for the year         (605,093)         (678,951)	Adjusted loss for the year	(605,093)	(678,951)	

#### 1. Revenue

We successfully launched our anti-CD19 autologous CAR-T cell immunotherapy product Carteyva® (relma-cel, R&D code: JWCAR029) for the treatment of adult patients with r/r LBCL after two or more lines of systemic therapy after obtaining the marketing approval for the product from the NMPA on September 1, 2021.

Revenue was RMB145.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2022, as compared to RMB30.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2021. Revenue was recognized at the point of infusion. We expect that revenue will continue to increase from the sales of Carteyva<sup>®</sup> along with our commercialization progress as more patients are treated with Carteyva<sup>®</sup>.

The following table sets forth a breakdown of revenue from our product for the years indicated:

	Year ended December 31,				
	202	2	202	21	
	RMB'000	%	RMB'000	%	
	(Audited)		(Audited)		
Carteyva®	145,702	100.0	30,797	100.0	
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Total revenue	145,702	100.0	30,797	100.0	
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#### 2. Cost of Sales

Cost of sales was RMB86.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2022, as compared to RMB21.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2021. Cost of sales primarily consists of raw material costs, staff costs, depreciation and amortization, manufacturing overhead and others.

The following table sets forth a breakdown of cost of sales by product for the years indicated:

Year ended December 31,				
202	22	202	21	
RMB'000	%	RMB'000	%	
(Audited)		(Audited)		
86,946	100.0	21,752	100.0	
86,946	100.0	21,752	100.0	
	RMB'000 (Audited) 86,946	2022 <i>RMB'000</i> % (Audited) 86,946 100.0	2022         202           RMB'000         %         RMB'000           (Audited)         (Audited)           86,946         100.0         21,752	

#### 3. Gross Profit and Gross Profit Margin

Gross profit represents revenue minus cost of sales. Gross profit margin represents gross profit as a percentage of revenue.

Gross profit was RMB58.8 million and gross profit margin was 40.3% for the year ended December 31, 2022, compared to RMB9.0 million and 29.4%, respectively, for the year ended December 31, 2021.

#### 4. Research and Development Expenses

The following table provides a breakdown of research and development expenses for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2022.

	Year ended December 31,		
	2022	2021	
	RMB'000	RMB'000	
	(Audited)	(Audited)	
Employee benefit expenses	196,090	192,404	
— Share-based compensation expenses	19,445	25,100	
R&D materials	72,281	97,488	
Testing and clinical fees	63,468	64,230	
Depreciation and amortization	50,088	31,931	
Office expenses	15,549	17,586	
Others	10,342	10,758	
Research and development expenses	407,818	414,397	

Research and development expenses decreased from RMB414.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2021 to RMB407.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2022. This decrease was primarily due to a decrease of approximately RMB25.2 million in R&D materials which resulted from implementation of cost reduction plan, raw material localization and less batch numbers. The effects of the foregoing factors were partially offset by an increase of approximately RMB18.2 million in depreciation and amortization, which resulted principally from depreciation of the Suzhou manufacturing facility and Shanghai Waigaoqiao upgraded manufacturing facility which began from the fourth quarter of 2021.

#### 5. General and Administrative Expenses

The following table provides a breakdown of general and administrative expenses for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2022.

	Year ended December 31,		
	2022	2021	
	RMB'000	RMB'000	
	(Audited)	(Audited)	
Employee benefit expenses	97,489	114,145	
— Share-based compensation expenses	50,282	55,909	
Professional service fees	40,415	50,587	
Depreciation and amortization	11,963	8,126	
Office expenses	16,355	15,815	
Auditor's remuneration	2,661	2,490	
Non-audit remuneration	934	1,161	
Others	9,946	9,194	
General and Administrative Expenses	179,763	201,518	

General and administrative expenses decreased from RMB201.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2021 to RMB179.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2022. This decrease resulted primarily from a decrease of approximately RMB16.7 million in staff costs. To a lesser extent, the decrease resulted from a decrease of approximately RMB10.2 million in professional service fees. The effects of the foregoing factors were partially offset by an increase in other general and administrative expenses.

#### 6. Selling Expenses

The following table provides a breakdown of selling expenses for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2022.

	Year ended December 31,		
	2022	2021	
	RMB'000	RMB'000	
	(Audited)	(Audited)	
Employee benefit expenses	100,838	78,376	
— Share-based compensation expenses	12,775	8,361	
Business promotion fees	75,943	68,424	
Professional service fees	9,811	13,448	
Office expenses	2,878	8,995	
Others	1,407	1,489	
Selling expenses	190,877	170,732	

Selling expenses increased from RMB170.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2021 to RMB190.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2022. This increase was primarily due to an increase of approximately RMB22.5 million in staff costs and an increase of approximately RMB7.5 million in business promotion fees, as we carried out commercial activities comprehensively in 2022 to fully support the commercialization of Carteyva<sup>®</sup>.

#### 7. Other Income

Other income amounted to RMB23.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2022, as compared to RMB6.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2021. Other income in both years was related to government grants.

#### 8. Other Gains and Losses

Other gains and losses amounted to net other losses of RMB159.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2022, as compared to net other gains of RMB12.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2021. This change resulted primarily from a net foreign exchange loss of RMB158.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2022, as compared to a net foreign exchange gain of RMB14.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2021. This change mainly arose from the unrealized foreign exchange loss as a result of the weakening of RMB against USD and HKD when exchanging from the transactional currency (RMB) to the functional currencies (USD and HKD) for our offshore companies within the Group. These unrealized foreign exchange gains and losses are non-cash items.

#### 9. Fair Value Changes of Warrants

Fair value changes of warrants changed from a gain of RMB51.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2021 to nil for the year ended December 31, 2022. In 2021, when Juno discontinued clinical development of orva-cel, we derecognized the "warrants of upfront payment" as defined in our BCMA License Agreement with Juno, leading to recognition of a gain of RMB51.2 million from fair value changes of warrants. No income or loss from fair value changes of warrants occurred in 2022.

#### **10. Income Tax Expense**

For the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2022, we did not incur any income tax expense, as we did not generate taxable income in either year.

#### **11.** Loss for the Year

As a result of the above items, loss for the year was RMB846.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2022, compared to RMB702.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2021. The increase was primarily due to: (i) increased unrealized foreign exchange loss and (ii) one-time non-cash income recognized in 2021 from de-recognition of "warrants of upfront payment" under our BCMA License Agreement with Juno which did not recur in 2022. The effects of the foregoing factors were partially offset by (i) increased revenue and gross profit generated from sales of Carteyva<sup>®</sup> and (ii) increased other income from government subsidies and net finance income.

#### 12. Non-IFRS Measure

To supplement the Group's consolidated financial statements, which are presented in accordance with IFRS, we also use adjusted loss for the year as an additional financial measure, which is not required by, or presented in accordance with IFRS. We believe that these adjusted measures provide useful information to Shareholders and potential investors in understanding and evaluating our consolidated results of operations in the same manner as they help our management.

Adjusted loss was RMB605.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2022, representing a decrease of RMB73.9 million from RMB679.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2021. The decrease was primarily due to: (i) increased revenue and gross profit generated from sales of Carteyva®; (ii) decreased general and administrative expenses and research and development expenses; and (iii) increased other income from government subsidies and net finance income. The effects of these factors were partially offset by an increase in selling expenses.

Adjusted loss for the year represents the loss for the year excluding the effect of certain non-cash items and one-time events, namely the loss on fair value changes of warrants, share-based compensation expenses and net foreign exchange losses. The term adjusted loss for the year is not defined under IFRS. The use of this non-IFRS measure has limitations as an analytical tool, and you should not consider it in isolation from, or as substitute for analysis of, our results of operations or financial condition as reported under IFRS. Our presentation of this adjusted figure may not be comparable to similarly titled measures presented by other companies. However, we believe that this non-IFRS measure reflects our core operating results by eliminating potential impacts of items that our management do not consider to be indicative of our core operating performance, and thus, facilitate comparisons of core operating performance from period to period and company to company to the extent applicable. The table below sets forth a reconciliation of loss to adjusted loss for the years indicated:

	Year ended D	ecember 31,
	2022	2021
	RMB'000	RMB'000
	(Audited)	(Audited)
Loss for the year Added:	(846,135)	(702,328)
Fair value changes of warrants	_	(51,151)
Share-based compensation expenses	82,502	89,370
Net foreign exchange losses/(gains)	158,540	(14,842)
Adjusted loss for the year (Non-IFRS)	(605,093)	(678,951)

	As at Dec	As at December 31,			
	2022	2021			
	<b>RMB'000</b>	RMB'000			
	(Audited)	(Audited)			
Total current assets	1,485,168	1,895,040			
Total non-current assets	1,306,179	1,221,566			
Total assets	2,791,347	3,116,606			
Total current liabilities	310,835	198,900			
Total non-current liabilities	126,228	126,849			
Total liabilities	437,063	325,749			
Net current assets	1,174,333	1,696,140			

## Selected Data from Statement of Financial Position

## 13. Liquidity and Sources of Funding and Borrowing

As at December 31, 2022, current assets amounted to RMB1,485.2 million, including cash and cash equivalents of RMB1,383.3 million and other current assets of RMB101.9 million. As at the same date, current liabilities amounted to RMB310.8 million, primarily including trade and other payables of RMB157.9 million, borrowings of RMB142.3 million and lease liabilities of RMB10.6 million.

In 2022, we strictly controlled our cash expenditures and actively diversified and expanded our financing channels to provide financial assurance for our future development. As at December 31, 2022 we have unsecured bank borrowings in the amount of RMB234.8 million, which includes: (i) an unsecured long term bank borrowing in the amount of RMB97.5 million in Suzhou and (ii) unsecured bank liquidity borrowings drawdown in the amount of RMB137.3 million from the bank facilities which multiple banks have granted. As of the date of this report, the Group has available unutilized bank loan facilities of RMB367.7 million.

As at December 31, 2022, cash and cash equivalents were RMB1,383.3 million, representing a net cash outflow of RMB451.1 million compared to RMB1,834.4 million as at December 31, 2021. The cash outflow was primarily due to payments of research and development expenses, general and administrative expenses, selling expenses and capital expenditure for long term assets. Those payments were partially offset by increased revenue and above short term bank borrowings.

## 14. Key Financial Ratios

The following table sets forth the key financial ratios of the Group as of the dates indicated:

	As at	As at
	December 31,	December 31,
	2022	2021
Current ratio <sup>(1)</sup>	4.8	9.5
Ratio of total liabilities to total assets <sup>(2)</sup>	0.2	0.1
Gearing ratio <sup>(3)</sup>	<b>N/A</b> <sup>(4)</sup>	N/A <sup>(4)</sup>

- (1) Current ratio equals current assets divided by current liabilities as of the date indicated.
- (2) Ratio of total liabilities to total assets equals total liabilities divided by total assets as of the date indicated.
- (3) Gearing ratio is calculated using interest-bearing borrowings less cash and cash equivalents divided by total equity and multiplied by 100%.
- (4) Gearing ratio is not applicable as our interest-bearing borrowings less cash and cash equivalents was negative.

### **15. Material Investments**

We did not make any material investments during the year ended December 31, 2022.

# 16. Material Acquisitions and Disposals of Subsidiaries, Associates and Joint Ventures

We did not engage in any material acquisitions or disposals of subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures during the year ended December 31, 2022.

### 17. Pledge of Assets

As at December 31, 2022, the Group had no pledge of assets.

### **18. Contingent Liabilities**

As at December 31, 2022, we did not have any material contingent liabilities.

### 19. Foreign Exchange Exposure

The Group mainly operated in Mainland China and a majority of its transactions were settled in RMB. We have financed our business principally through equity financings and the Global Offering with related proceeds denominated in USD ultimately. We converted a portion of those USD proceeds to RMB, with the remaining amounts reserved for additional conversions to RMB as needed. With the continuous appreciation of USD against the RMB, holding USD assets will enhance the purchasing power of the Group.

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the functional currency rates of exchange ruling at the end of the Reporting Period. Differences arising on settlement or translation of monetary items are recognized in profit or loss. During the year ended December 31, 2022, foreign exchange risk arose from the assets and liabilities denominated in RMB which is different from the functional currencies of the Company due to the weakening of RMB against USD and HKD in 2022. The management seeks to limit our exposure to foreign currency risk by closely monitoring and minimizing its net foreign currency position. During the Reporting Period, the Group did not enter into any currency hedging transactions.

## 20. Employees and Remuneration

As at December 31, 2022, we had 528 employees. The following table sets forth the total number of employees by function as at December 31, 2022:

	Number of	
	Employees	% of total
Technical operations	198	37.5
Quality	101	19.1
Medical	81	15.4
Commercial	95	18.0
Business development and general administrative	10	1.9
Support functions	43	8.1
Total	528	100.0

The total remuneration cost (including Directors' emoluments) incurred by the Group for the year ended December 31, 2022 was RMB405.9 million, as compared to RMB392.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2021.

The remuneration of the employees of the Group comprises salaries, bonuses, employees provident fund and social security contributions, other welfare payments and share-based compensation expenses. In accordance with applicable Chinese laws, the Group has made contributions to social security insurance funds (including pension plans, medical insurance, work-related injury insurance, unemployment insurance and maternity insurance) and housing funds for the Group's employees.

The Company has also adopted the Pre-IPO Incentivization Scheme, the Restricted Share Unit Schemes, the Post-IPO Incentivization Scheme and the Post-IPO Restricted Share Unit Scheme. Please refer to the section headed "Statutory and General Information — D. Share Incentivization Schemes" in Appendix V to the prospectus dated October 22, 2020 (the "**Prospectus**") for further details.

To maintain the quality, knowledge and skill levels of the Group's workforce, the Group provides the employees with periodic training, including introductory training for new employees, technical training, professional and management training and health and safety training.

# **EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD**

There have been no significant events since the end of the Reporting Period.

# **RECENT DEVELOPMENTS OF REGULATORY FRAMEWORK**

National Development and Reform Commission, "Fourteenth Five-Year Plan" Bioeconomy Development Plan

At present, the basic frontier research of life science continues to be active, and the tide of biotechnology revolution has swept the world and accelerated its integration into economic and social development, providing new solutions for human beings to cope with major challenges such as life and health, climate change, resource and energy security, food security, and so on. The Outline of the Fourteenth Five-Year Plan clearly proposes to promote the integration and innovation of biotechnology and information technology, accelerate the development of bio-pharmaceutical, biological breeding, biological materials, bioenergy and other industries, and expand and strengthen the bio-economy. In order to thoroughly implement the decisions and arrangements of the CPC Central Committee and the State Council, scientifically plan and systematically promote the high-quality development of China's bio-economy, the National Development and Reform Commission issued the "Fourteenth Five-Year Plan" Bio-economy Development Plan after reporting to the State Council for approval.

The Plan defines four key development areas of bio-economy. First, to comply with the new trend of "treating diseases as the center" to "health as the center", and develop bio-pharmaceuticals for people's life and health. The second is to comply with the new trend of "solving the problem of food and clothing" to "multiple nutrition", and develop the biological agriculture facing agricultural modernization. Third, in line with the new trend of "pursuing capacity and efficiency" to "adhering to ecological priority", we should develop green and low-carbon biomass alternative applications. Fourth, comply with the new trend of "passive defense" to "active protection", and strengthen the construction of national biosafety risk prevention and control and governance system.

The Plan puts forward the objectives of the development stage of bio-economy: by 2025, the Bio-economy will become a strong driving force to promote high-quality development, the total scale will reach a new level, the comprehensive strength of science and technology will be improved, the integrated development of industry will achieve a new leap, the biosafety guarantee capacity will reach a new level, and the policy environment will open a new situation. By 2035, in accordance with the requirements of basically realizing socialist modernization, China's comprehensive strength of the Bio-economy will remain at the forefront of the world, basically forming a new development situation of leading technology, strong industrial strength, extensive integration and application, strong resource guarantee, controllable safety risks, and complete system.

## National Medical Products Administration, 2021 Annual Drug Review Report

On June 1, 2022, National Medical Products Administration (NMPA) issued the 2021 Annual Drug Review Report (hereinafter referred to as the Report). According to the Report, in 2021, the drug review work delivered a brilliant transcript, and 47 innovative drugs were reviewed and passed throughout the year, hitting a new record high; The rate of whole-year overall review timeline according to regulation required increased to 98.93%, and the rate of review timeline per regulation required for multiple categories of registration applications made a historic breakthrough; A batch of COVID-19 vaccines, therapeutic drugs, as well as overseas new drugs urgently needed in clinical settings, children's drugs, etc. are on the market; The achievements of the "three sides" of Chinese medicine in anti-epidemic have been successfully transformed.

The Report shows that in 2021, the drug registration acceleration process continue to play its role, and the review resources are further inclined to the registration application of new drugs, children's drugs, rare diseases drugs and other drugs with clinical advantages. While the "fast track" encourages the industry to develop drugs based on clinical needs, communication meetings can better serve innovative research and development. In 2021, 425 communication meetings were held throughout the year, with a year-on-year increase of 58.58%. Among them, the proportion of Class II meetings held at the key stage of drug research and development was 70.35%, helping applicants to avoid detours in the process of research and development. In 2021, the National Medical Products Administration successfully re-elected as a member of the Management Committee of the International Commission for the Registration of Medicines for Human Use (ICH). By the end of 2021, China has fully implemented 53 ICH guiding principles, accounting for 84.13%. Accelerate the improvement of the guiding principle system of drug technology. At present, the domestic guiding principle has basically formed a technical standard system, providing scientific and powerful technical support for the innovative development of the pharmaceutical industry and drug review work.

# National Medical Products Administration, Regulations on the Administration of Annual Drug Reports

In order to implement the relevant requirements of the Drug Administration Law, the Drug Registration Administration Measures and the Drug Production Supervision and Administration Measures, and further guide the MAH holders (hereinafter referred to as the holders) to establish an annual report system, NMPA has organized and formulated the Regulations on the Administration of Drug Annual Reports and the Model Annual Drug Report. At the same time, in order to ensure the implementation of the annual drug report system, NMPA has built the annual drug report collection module, which will be launched.

The drug annual report process is a newly proposed by the Drug Administration Law. The Drug Administration Law clearly stipulates that the holder shall establish an annual reporting system to report the drug production and sales, post-marketing research, risk management and other information to the drug regulatory department of the People's Government of the Province, Autonomous Region, and Municipality directly under the Central Government in accordance with the provisions. The holder is responsible for the annual report; If the holder is an overseas enterprise, the enterprise legal person designated by it in accordance with the law and bearing joint and several liabilities in China shall perform the obligation of annual report. The holders should take the annual report as a starting point, strengthen the sense of responsibility of the main body, give full play to their subjective initiative, and further improve their own management level. The holders shall designate a special person to be responsible for the annual report, improve the internal report management system, strictly review and check the contents of the annual report, and ensure that the information filled in is true, accurate, complete and traceable.

## National Medical Products Administration, Guidelines for Pharmacovigilance Inspection

In order to implement the requirements of the Drug Administration Law of the People's Republic of China and the Vaccine Administration Law of the People's Republic of China on the establishment of a pharmacovigilance system, and guide the drug supervision and administration departments to carry out the pharmacovigilance inspection in a scientific and standardized manner, NMPA has organized and formulated the Guidelines for Pharmacovigilance Inspection. The principles of the Guidelines are applicable to the inspection of the drug vigilance activities carried out by the drug regulatory authorities at or above the provincial level and entrusted by the holder; For drug registration applicants who have been approved to carry out drug clinical trials to carry out the pharmacovigilance inspection, the pharmacovigilance inspection shall be started during the clinical trial or before the marketing approval in combination with the drug safety characteristics and the clinical trial safety information report and risk assessment. The specific implementation can refer to these Guidelines.

# National Medical Products Administration, Appendix to Good Manufacturing Practice for Drugs (2010 Edition) for Clinical Trials Drugs

On May 27, 2022, NMPA issued the Appendix of Good Manufacturing Practice for Clinical Trials Drugs, which came into effect on July 1, 2022.

The preparation of drugs for clinical trials with the purpose of listing and registration of drugs in the People's Republic of China shall comply with the Appendix. The "drug for clinical trial" in the Appendix follows the concept of "drug for trial" in the Good Clinical Practice for Drugs (GCP). The Appendix is applicable to the preparation of investigational drugs and placebos. When marketed drugs are used as control drugs or investigational drugs, their packaging and labeling changes are also applicable to this Appendix. In addition, in order to meet the needs of blinding, the addition of flavoring agents and other changes in the control drug are also applicable to this Appendix. The drug substance used in clinical trials shall be subject to this Appendix.

The preparation and quality control of drugs for clinical trials should generally follow the relevant basic principles of the Good Manufacturing Practice for Drugs and the data reliability requirements, minimize the risk of contamination, cross contamination, confusion and errors in the preparation process, ensure the quality of drugs for clinical trials, and ensure the safety of subjects. Based on the particularity of drugs used in clinical trials, the characteristics of different research and development stages and the requirements of clinical trial design, on the premise of ensuring the safety of subjects and not affecting the quality of clinical trials, the Appendix has made corresponding special provisions on the preparation and quality control of drugs used in clinical trials, including principles, quality management, personnel, plant, facilities and equipment, material management, document management, preparation management, quality control, release, shipment, complaint and recall, recovery and destruction, etc.

# Center for Food and Drug Inspection of NMPA, Guidelines for Production Quality Management of Cell Therapy Products (Trial)

On October 31, 2022, the Center for Food and Drug Inspection of NMPA issued the Guidelines for the Production Quality Management of Cell Therapy Products, which is the first regulatory policy document for compliance supervision and verification of cell therapy products at the market stage issued by the national regulatory agency. The Guidelines are consisted of 13 chapters, covering the basic principles of GMP management of cell therapy products, personnel, plant, facilities and equipment, supplier screening and supplier materials, materials and products, production management, quality management, product traceability system, etc., mainly to refine and improve the technical requirements of production quality management at the industrialization stage of cell therapy products, and to provide guidance for cell therapy product manufacturers. It can also serve as an important reference for regulators to carry out various on-site inspections, and further improve the long-term mechanism of supervision of cell therapy products.

The cell therapy products (hereinafter referred to as cell products) mentioned in these Guidelines refer to the human living cell products prepared by appropriate in vitro operations (such as isolation, culture, amplification, gene modification, etc.), which are approved for drug marketing, including cells with or without gene modification, excluding blood components for blood transfusion, hematopoietic stem cells for transplantation, reproductive related cells, and tissues composed of cells Organ products, etc; These Guidelines are applicable to the whole process of cell products from the transportation, reception, production and inspection of donor materials to the release, storage and transportation of finished products. The production, inspection and release of gene modification vectors or other materials with specific functions directly used in the production of cell products shall comply with the requirements of Good Manufacturing Practice for Drugs and its relevant appendices.

# Shanghai MPA, Interim Provisions on the Supervision and Administration of Autologous Chimeric Antigen Receptor T Cell (CAR-T) Therapeutic Drugs in Shanghai

With the continuous development of the basic theory, technical means and clinical medical exploration of cell therapy, autologous cell therapy drugs provide new treatment ideas and methods for some serious and refractory diseases. Among them, the gene modification and amplification of the collected patient's autologous cells through biotechnology, and the reinfusion of the autologous chimeric antigen receptor T cell (CAR-T) therapeutic drug (hereinafter referred to as cell therapeutic drug) in the patient's body, with its exact clinical efficacy, has become the most concerned international research hotspot in the field of tumor therapy. As a new drug category, cell therapy drugs are quite different from conventional drugs in production and use. To this end, the Shanghai Municipal Drug Administration drafted and formulated the Interim Provisions on the Supervision and Administration of Autologous Chimeric Antigen Receptor T Cell (CAR-T) Therapeutic Drugs in Shanghai (hereinafter referred to as the Provisions) to clarify the regulatory requirements for the production and marketing activities of cell therapeutic drugs, urge the holders and manufacturers of cell therapeutic drugs in this city to implement the main responsibilities, improve the quality management ability, and ensure the safety, effectiveness and accessibility of cell therapeutic drugs, and promote the standardized and orderly development of the city's biomedical industry. Holders, manufacturers, transportation and use units, raw and auxiliary materials and packaging materials manufacturers of autologous CAR-T cell therapy drugs approved for marketing in Shanghai, as well as other units and individuals engaged in production activities related to cell therapy drugs, shall comply with the relevant requirements of these Provisions. The post-marketing supervision of other types of cell therapy drugs can also be implemented with reference to these Provisions.

## Center for Drug Evaluation of NMPA, Technical Guidelines for the Clinical Risk Management Plan for the Application of Chimeric Antigen Receptor T Cell Therapy Products

Due to the characteristics and mechanism of action of CAR-T cell therapy products, adverse reactions such as cytokine release syndrome and immune effector cell-related neurotoxicity syndrome were also exposed in the course of clinical trials. If appropriate treatment measures were not taken in time, serious consequences might result. In addition to autogenous CAR-T cells, transplantation donor CAR-T cells and general CAR-T cell fluid have entered the clinical trial stage. Because of their novelty, complexity and technical specificity, they may bring long-term and potential safety risks to patients.

This guideline lists the possible safety risks of CAR-T cell therapy products, as well as the specific additional pharmacovigilance and risk minimization measures for conventional and this type of products, on the basis of referring to the relevant guidelines of ICH E2E pharmacovigilance plan, "Pharmacovigilance Quality Management Practice" and domestic and foreign risk management plans. The guiding principle includes the structure and content of the clinical risk management plan for the application and marketing of CAR-T cell therapy products, and focuses on describing the special considerations when writing the risk management plan for CAR-T cell therapy products.

# Center for Drug Evaluation of NMPA, Technical Guidelines for Pharmaceutical Research and Evaluation of Immune Cell Therapy Products (Trial)

This guideline was solicited for comments in September 2020, when the title was "Technical Guidelines for Pharmaceutical Research and Evaluation of Gene Transduction and Modification Systems" (Draft for Comments). This update subdivides the original solicitation draft into three guiding principles: immune cell therapy products, in vitro gene modification systems and in vivo gene therapy products. The scope of application of "immune cell therapy products" is the immune cell therapy products that are derived from human (autologous/allogeneic) cells or cells of human cell line, and then imported or implanted into the patient's body after the operation in vitro to treat the disease by inducing, enhancing or inhibiting the immune function of the body. For the cell part, refer to this guide, and for the gene modification part, refer to other relevant guidelines. Stem cells, hematopoietic stem cells for blood transfusion or transplantation, germ cells, etc. are not applicable. The important technical requirements of this guideline include:

- 1. Clarified the difference between the pharmaceutical work in the IND stage and the marketing stage.
- 2. Six key points for risk assessment of CAR-T products are clearly put forward, including: Cell source and biological characteristics; Material; Production process; Quality research and control; Storage and transportation conditions and containers; Combined products with non-cellular materials (bioactive molecules or structural materials).
- 3. Precautions for process expansion of CAR-T products, that is, focus on the verification of raw and auxiliary materials, personnel, public facilities, equipment, production environment and quality monitoring and inspection to ensure that capacity expansion will not affect product quality.
- 4. The batch is redefined as: a certain number of products with uniform quality produced under the same production conditions using the same production process in the same production cycle are a batch.

- 5. The guiding principles distinguish harmful and harmless non-target cells, and the research requirements for harmless non-target cells are: "study its composition and proportion, and control the consistency between batches if necessary".
- 6. It is clear that RCV testing should be distinguished between IND period and post-market period.
- 7. Considering the particularity of cell therapy products, it is recommended to establish standard limits based on the test data of clinical trial batches.
- 8. The rationality of risk release of cell therapy products was officially recognized for the first time, and specific management measures were given, that is, if the risk was fully studied and evaluated, and verified to be controllable, it could be considered to use it before the complete release test results were obtained (use release).

# Center for Drug Evaluation of NMPA, Technical Guidelines for Pharmaceutical Research and Evaluation of Gene Modification System In Vitro (Trial)

The scope of application of this pilot guideline is the gene carrier used in cell therapy products. Gene products directly administered to human body are not included in the scope, nor are non-gene editing cell therapy products. Therefore, the applicable scope of this guideline is CAR-T and general CAR-T products, such as CAR-NK, TCR-T, CAR- $\gamma \delta$  T, etc.

The in vitro gene modification system is not a drug in itself, but a modification system built outside the human body by using genetic engineering technology, which can effectively transfer genetic materials into specific target cells for modifying genetic materials of target cells, changing gene expression mode or regulating cell biological characteristics. This guiding principle first proposed the idea that gene vectors are special products subordinate to CAR-T, and clarified that gene vectors "are similar to but different from in vivo gene therapy products". Based on this point, the guiding principle describes the research ideas of in vitro gene modification system in production and quality control. For example, as a dependent product of cell products, the risk assessment of gene carriers need not be limited to its own production quality control process, but can be "analyzed within the life cycle of cell end products"; In the process of quality control, because the gene vector "needs to undergo in vitro culture, fluid change and cleaning, and the release test of the final product of cells", the risk points such as RCL can be completed by the joint control of virus phase and cell phase; The sequence confirmation of the gene vector does not have to be carried out according to the routine virus sequencing, but can be obtained by detecting the cells by enzyme digestion, qPCR and other methods after it is transferred into the cells.

Similar to the guiding principles of immune cells, the Guiding Principles for Pharmaceutical Research and Evaluation of Gene Modification System in Vitro (Trial Implementation) specifies different requirements for process change during IND, BLA and clinical period.

# **Directors and Senior Management**

# DIRECTORS

### **Executive Director**

**Dr. Li**, M.D., aged 59, is an executive Director, Chairman and CEO. He joined our Group on February 15, 2016 as the chief executive officer and was appointed as our Director on November 14, 2017 and was re-designated as an executive Director on August 5, 2020. He is primarily responsible for the overall corporate management, strategic planning, business development, day-to-day management and product research and development of our Group.

Prior to joining our Company, Dr. Li was the founding general manager for Amgen Biotechnology Consulting (Shanghai) Co., Ltd.\* (安進生物技術諮詢(上海)有限公司) ("**Amgen**") in China from January 2012 to July 2015.

From September 2006 to December 2011, Dr. Li was a partner in the life science practice of Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers, first in the US Pandemic Fund and later from December 2009 to January 2012, in its China Fund. He managed various investments such as early stage university spin out, growth stage companies and helped a portfolio company to go public in 2010.

From March 1991 to October 2006, Dr. Li served in various positions at Merck & Co. Inc. ("**Merck**") where he held leadership positions in clinical research and franchise management, both in the US and Asia, including obtaining regulatory approvals of Merck vaccines across the Asia Pacific region, building the foundations of Merck's medical operations in China and expanding Merck's franchise in Asia at the time.

Dr. Li obtained his medical degree from Shanghai Medical College of Fudan University\* (復旦大學 上海醫學院) (previously known as Shanghai Medical University\* (上海醫科大學)) in the PRC in July 1987 and a master's degree in microbiology from the University of Montana in the United States in December 1991.

### **Non-executive Directors**

**Dr. Krishnan Viswanadhan** ("**Dr. Viswanadhan**"), aged 44, is a non-executive Director of our Group. He joined our Group on November 20, 2019 and was appointed as a non-executive Director on the same date. He is primarily responsible for supervising and providing oversight to the Board.

Dr. Viswanadhan is currently President and Chief Operating Officer at Be Biopharma since July 2021 and an independent board member of Cargo Therapeutics. Prior to these roles, he was a senior vice president and global cell therapy franchise lead at BMS since August 2019. Prior to that, he served at Celgene starting as an executive director, global project leader and strategic development leader in 2014 and then as Vice President of Business Development and Global Alliances. Prior to that, he served at F. Hoffmann-La Roche Ltd. ("**Roche**") where he first began as program manager in the drug regulatory department in July 2002.

Dr. Viswanadhan obtained a bachelor of science degree and a doctor of pharmacy degree from Rutgers University in the United States in May 2001. He obtained a master of business administration degree from Cornell University in the United States in May 2010.

**Ms. Xing Gao (高星)** ("**Ms. Gao**"), aged 38, is a non-executive Director of our Group. She joined our Group on May 22, 2020 and was appointed as a non-executive Director on the same date. She is primarily responsible for supervising and providing oversight to the Board.

Ms. Gao has over 10 years of healthcare investment related experience. She currently serves as a principal at Beijing Panmao Consulting Co., Ltd.\* (北京磐茂諮詢有限公司), a member of a leading alternative asset manager in the PRC. Prior to that, she worked as associate at N M Rothschild & Sons Limited from October 2011 to June 2013 and as an analyst at the Bank of America Merrill Lynch from June 2007 to September 2011.

Ms. Gao obtained a bachelor's degree in biochemical engineering from University College London in the United Kingdom in August 2008 and a master of business administration degree from Harvard Business School in the United States in May 2015.

**Dr. Ann Li Lee, Ph.D.** ("**Dr. Lee**"), aged 61, is a non-executive Director of our Group. She joined our Group on May 22, 2020 and was appointed as a non-executive Director on the same date. She is primarily responsible for supervising and providing oversight to the Board.

Dr. Lee possesses over 30 years of experience in the biopharmaceutical industry working on vaccines, small molecules, cell therapies and gene editing. She has worked at Prime Medicine as Chief Technical Officer since October, 2021. She was employed by BMS since November 2019 until July 2021 as senior vice president and head of cell therapy development and operations, and she served at Celgene from April 2018 as executive vice president and head of cell therapy development and operations. Prior to that, she joined Juno as executive vice president of technical operations in November 2017. Earlier in her career, she served as vice president and senior vice president in Genentech, Inc. ("Genentech") and as global head of technical development at Roche. She also worked at Merck beginning in 1989 where she worked in vaccines R&D at levels of increasing responsibility, and was vice president of chemical technology and engineering in the Merck manufacturing division.

Dr. Lee obtained a Ph.D. in engineering and applied science from Yale University in the United States in May 1990. She obtained her bachelor of science degree from Cornell University in the United States in May 1983. She is an elected member of the National Academy of Engineering, fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and fellow of the American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering.

## **Directors and Senior Management**

**Mr. Jinyin Wang (王金印)** ("**Mr. Wang**"), aged 46, is a non-executive Director of our Group. He joined our Group on May 22, 2020 and was appointed as a non-executive Director on the same date. He is primarily responsible for supervising and providing oversight to the Board.

Mr. Wang is currently working at Mirae Asset Global Investments (Hong Kong) Limited since March 2020, advising on securities and asset management. He has over 13 years of private investment experience in China. Prior to his employment with Mirae Asset Global Investments (Hong Kong) Limited, he was appointed as the executive director and a chairman of Standard Chartered Corporate Advisory Co., Ltd in July 2012. He also worked as director at Olympus Capital Investment Co., Ltd.\* (美岱安投資諮詢(上海)有限公司) from June 2009 to May 2012. He worked as an associate at Lehman Brothers Asia Limited from June 2007 to September 2008.

Mr. Wang obtained his master of business administration degree from Ross School of Business at University of Michigan in the United States in April 2007. He received his bachelor and master of finance degrees from University of International Business and Economics\* (對外經濟貿易大學) in the PRC in June 1998 and June 2001, respectively.

**Dr. Cheng Liu** ("**Dr. Liu**"), aged 56, is a non-executive Director of our Group. He joined our Group on June 30, 2020 and was appointed as a non-executive Director on the same date. He is primarily responsible for supervising and providing oversight to the Board.

Dr. Liu is the Founder, President and CEO of Eureka Therapeutics. Prior to founding Eureka, Dr. Liu was a principal scientist in antibody drug discovery at Chiron Corporation (now integrated into Novartis). With over 20 years of experience in the field, he holds more than 500 patents and published patent applications of which over 100 patents have issued worldwide and has authored numerous peer-reviewed papers on cancer immunotherapy. He is the inventor of multiple first-inclass, clinical-stage cancer drugs against various tumor targets, including drugs targeting CSF1 for the treatment of bone metastasis, BCMA for multiple myeloma, and AFP and GPC3 for liver cancer. In 2007, he was awarded a Special US Congressional Recognition for his contributions to improving human health. He is the editor of the book "*Biosimilars of Monoclonal Antibodies: A Practical Guide to Manufacturing, Preclinical, and Clinical Development*".

Dr. Liu received his bachelor's degree in cell biology and genetics from Peking University (北京大學) in the PRC in July 1988 and a Ph.D. in molecular cell biology from the University of California, Berkeley in the United States in May 1996.

### **Independent Non-executive Directors**

**Mr. Yiu Leung Andy Cheung (張耀樑)** ("**Mr. Cheung**"), aged 63, is an independent non-executive Director of our Group. He joined our Group on October 22, 2020 and was appointed as an independent non-executive Director on the same date. He is primarily responsible for providing independent view to the Board.

Mr. Cheung has many years of auditing and accounting professional experience. Mr. Cheung has served as an independent director and the chairman of the audit committee of Adagene Inc. (NASDAQ: ADAG) since February 2021 and as an independent non-executive director and chairman of the audit committee of Hua Medicine (HKSE: 2552) since January 2023. From July 2018 to June 2020, he was deputy area managing partner of Ernst & Young in ("**EY**") in Asia Pacific overseeing the business operations, finance, information technology and risk management functions. From July 2013 to June 2018, he was the assurance leader for EY in Greater China. From July 2009 to June 2010, he worked as the chief financial officer of EY Far East Area and helped EY to set up its China overseas investment network in 2007.

Mr. Cheung received his bachelor's degree in accounting and finance from the University of Lancaster in the United Kingdom in June 1982. He obtained a master's degree in accounting and finance from London School of Economics in the United Kingdom in August 1983. He is a member of Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("**HKICPA**"). From 2015 to 2020, he was a member of the HKICPA Disciplinary Panel.

**Mr. Kin Cheong Kelvin Ho (何建昌)** ("**Mr. Ho**"), aged 55, is an independent non-executive Director of our Group. He joined our Group on October 22, 2020 and was appointed as an independent non-executive Director on the same date. He is primarily responsible for providing independent view to the Board.

Mr. Ho has over 28 years of experience in finance and accounting, company secretary, initial public offering, takeover, deposition and debt restructuring. Mr. Ho was appointed as an independent non-executive director of CECEP COSTIN New Materials Group Limited (in provisional liquidation) ("**CECEP COSTIN**") (HKSE: 2228), a company listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange, since August 6, 2018. Based on published information, CECEP COSTIN received a winding up petition and a summons for the appointment of joint provisional liquidators dated October 30, 2017. Mr. Ho's appointment was subsequent to the winding up petition against CECEP COSTIN and he was appointed by the joint provisional liquidators to meet the relevant requirements under the Listing Rules. He has resigned as an independent non-executive director on February 8, 2022.

Mr. Ho has been appointed as an independent non-executive director of Rosan Resources Holdings Limited (HKSE: 0578) since July 1, 2020 and has resigned on November 1, 2022. He was also a non-executive director of E-rental Car Company Limited (now known as HongDa Financial Holding Limited) (HKSE: 1822) from April 11, 2016 for a one-year term and he was an independent non-executive director of Cheung Tai Hong Holdings Limited (now known as ITC Properties Group Limited) (HKSE: 0199) from October 29, 2001 to May 20, 2003.

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Mr. Ho is currently also respectively appointed as an independent non-executive director of Yadong Group Holdings Limited (HKSE: 1795) since October 21, 2020 and an independent non-executive director of MicroTech Medical (Hangzhou) Co., Ltd. (HKSE: 2235) since April 21, 2021. In addition, He is also the independent non-executive director of Green Leader Holdings Group Limited (HKSE: 0061) since August 5, 2020. The securities of the above companies are listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange.

Mr. Ho holds a Bachelor Degree in Business Administration (Hons.), major in Accounting, from Hong Kong Baptist University (previously known as Hong Kong Baptist College) in Hong Kong in November 1990. He is an associate member of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and a fellow member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

**Dr. Debra Yu** ("**Dr. Yu**"), alias Yu Jiuyun, aged 58, is an independent non-executive Director of our Group. She joined our Group on March 1, 2023 and was appointed as an independent non-executive Director on the same date. She is primarily responsible for providing independent view to the Board.

Dr. Yu has more than 30 years of experience in strategy, business development, alliance management, investment banking, capital markets and venture capital. She has been a director of ARYA Sciences Acquisition Corp V (a company listed on Nasdaq under the symbol ARYE) and MeiraGTx (a company listed on Nasdaq under the symbol MGTX) since July 2021 and April 2022, respectively. She served as the president of LianBio (a company listed on Nasdaq under the symbol LIAN) from October 2019 to December 2022, where she also served as the chief business officer from October 2019 to September 2021 and the chief strategy officer from October 2021 to December 2022. Prior to that, Dr. Yu held leadership positions at various reputable companies, including managing director and head of cross border investment banking of China Renaissance (US) Securities from August 2016 to September 2019, managing director of Labrador Advisors, LLC from July 2009 to June 2016, vice president and head of strategy of WuXi AppTec, Inc. from 2008 to 2009 and senior director and team leader of the Pfizer Investments Group and Worldwide Business Development at Pfizer, Inc. from 2004 to 2008. Earlier in her career, Dr. Yu served as the managing director and a general partner of two venture capital firms in the San Francisco Bay Area which focus their investments in the life sciences sector.

Dr. Yu received a bachelor's degree in molecular biology from the Princeton University in June 1986 and subsequently received a medical degree from the Harvard Medical School in March 1992.

# SENIOR MANAGEMENT

**Mr. Xin Fu (傅欣)** ("**Mr. Fu**"), aged 44, is the senior vice president and chief financial officer of our Company. He joined our Group on July 10, 2020. He is primarily responsible for the financial management of our Group companies, financing activities and investor relations management.

Mr. Fu has approximately 20 years of financial management experience including 12 years of experience in healthcare industry. He served various leadership positions at Pfizer China and responsible for finance and compliance. From July 2018 to July 2020, he was the chief financial officer of Pfizer Investment Co., Ltd.\* (輝瑞投資有限公司); from April 2017 to June 2018, he served as the chief compliance officer; from April 2016 to April 2017, he was the acting chief financial officer; from June 2011 to March 2016, he worked as head of business finance and tax; from September 2008 to May 2011, he served as the China tax leader.

Prior to joining Pfizer China, Mr. Fu was a tax manager at KPMG Huazhen LLP\* (畢馬威華振會計師事務所) from July 2001 to November 2007.

Mr. Fu obtained a bachelor's degree in accounting from Fudan University (復旦大學) in July 2001 in the PRC. He has been a Certified Management Accountant since 2015.

**Mr. Qiong Wu (吴瓊)** ("**Mr. Wu**"), age 50, is the chief commercial officer of the Company. He joined our Group on September 8, 2020. He is primarily responsible for overall commercial functions, including sales, marketing, market access and channel management.

Prior to joining our Group, from February 2020 to September 2020, Mr. Wu was the Associate Vice President, Head of Hospital Specialty Care Business Unit of Merck Sharp & Dohme. Prior to that, from January 2015 to February 2020, Mr. Wu was the Business Unit Head of Baxter International Inc.

Mr. Wu obtained his bachelor degree in pharmaceutical analysis at China Pharmaceutical University\* (中國藥科大學) in July 1993 and his executive master of business administration degree at China Europe International Business School in September 2007.

**Dr. Shaun Paul Cordoba** ("**Dr. Cordoba**"), aged 43, is the senior vice president and chief scientific officer of the Company. He joined our Group on January 10, 2022. He is primarily responsible for overseeing the early-stage research and development and providing scientific leadership and strategic guidance to develop a robust cell immunotherapy pipeline.

Dr. Cordoba is a highly regarded scientist in driving new innovations in cell immunotherapy technology. He is ranked 3rd in the world as patent holder in relation to CAR technology with well over 270 patent filings in relation to enhancing CAR activity, shielding CAR-T cells from immunosuppression, and improving CAR safety. Prior to joining JW Therapeutics, Dr. Cordoba served as the executive director of synthetic biology and cell signalling at Autolus Therapeutics plc in the United Kingdom, where he led a group of scientists focused on the development of CARs for both haematological and solid tumors. He obtained a Ph.D. in Immunology from the University of Sydney in Australia and held post-doctoral positions at the University of Oxford, Imperial College London, and University College London, respectively, in the United Kingdom.

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**Dr. Su Yang (楊蘇)** ("**Dr. Yang**"), aged 44, is an executive director of our Group. She joined our Group on May 23, 2017 and was appointed as an executive director<sup>1</sup> of clinical research operations on the same date.

Before joining our Group, Dr. Yang worked as a therapeutical area leader at Roche (China) Holding., Ltd.\* (羅氏(中國)投資有限公司) from February 2014 to May 2017.

Dr. Yang obtained her medical degree in clinical medicine from Nanjing Medical University\* (南京醫 科大學) in the PRC in June 2001.

**Mr. Raymond J. Hage, Jr.** ("**Mr. Hage**"), aged 55, is the senior vice president of the Company. He was appointed as senior vice president of corporate development on January 10, 2022. He is primarily responsible for corporate strategy development and business partnerships to enhance and build the near and long-term pipeline for the Company.

Mr. Hage has a strong business acumen and rich experience in the biotechnology and pharmaceutical industry. He is a founder of Hapten Sciences, and an advisor to companies and venture funds in the biotechnology and vaccine industry. Prior to joining JW Therapeutics, he served as senior vice president of commercial operations and as chief operating officer of Novavax, Inc., a NASDAQ-listed vaccine company in the United States (NASDAQ: NVAX). During his career, Mr. Hage has led several functions including product development, corporate strategy, commercial operations and corporate development, and held positions with Cephalon, Inc. (a wholly-owned subsidiary of Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd.) and Eli Lilly & Co. Mr. Hage obtained a masters degree in business administration from Fisher College of Business of the Ohio State University in the United States.

For the avoidance of doubt, despite the title as director, Dr. Su Yang is a member of the Company's senior management.

The Board is pleased to present its report together with the audited consolidated financial statements of the Group for the Reporting Period.

# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The Company was incorporated in the Cayman Islands on September 6, 2017 as an exempted company with limited liability under the laws of the Cayman Islands. The Company's shares were listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange on November 3, 2020.

# **PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES**

We are a leading clinical stage cell therapy company in China. Since our founding in 2016, we have built an integrated platform focused on developing, manufacturing and commercializing breakthrough cell-based immunotherapies for hematological cancers and solid tumors. Our vision is to become an innovation leader in cell immunotherapy. Analysis of the principal activities of the Group during the year ended December 31, 2022 is set out in the note 36 to the consolidated financial statements.

# RESULTS

The results of the Group for the year ended December 31, 2022 are set out in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and consolidated statement of comprehensive loss on pages 130 to 131 of this annual report.

# FINAL DIVIDEND

The Board did not recommend the payment of a final dividend for the year ended December 31, 2022.

No Shareholder has waived or agreed to waive any dividends.

# **BUSINESS REVIEW**

## **Overview and Performance of the Year**

A fair review of the business of the Group as required by Schedule 5 to the Companies Ordinance, including an analysis of the Group's financial performance and an indication of likely future developments in the Group's business is set out in the sections headed "Chairman's Statement" and "Management Discussion and Analysis" of this report. These discussions form part of this report. Events affecting the Company that have occurred since the end of the Reporting Period are set out in the section headed "Events After the Reporting Period" in this report.

# Report of Directors

## **Principal Risks and Uncertainties**

The following list is a summary of certain principal risks and uncertainties involved in our operations, some of which are beyond our control:

### **Risks Relating to Our Financial Position**

- We have incurred significant losses since our inception, and we expect to continue to incur losses for the foreseeable future;
- We had net operating cash outflow during the five financial years of the Company ended December 31, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022;
- An impairment in the carrying value of intangible assets could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

## **Risks Relating to Our Business**

- Changes in international trade or investment policies and barriers to trade or investment, the ongoing conflict and trade tension war between the U.S. and China may have an adverse effect on our business and expansion plans;
- We operate in a rapidly changing industry and we face substantial competition, which may result in others discovering, developing or commercializing competing products before or more successfully than we do, or developing product candidates or treatments that are safer, more effective, more effectively marketed or cost less than ours, or receive regulatory approval or reach the market earlier. As a result, our product candidates may not achieve the sales we anticipate and could be rendered non-competitive or obsolete;
- Our proprietary CAR-T preparation technologies and the manufacturing platform for our CAR-T product candidates represent emerging approaches to cancer treatment that face significant challenges and hurdles;
- Clinical development of biopharmaceutical products involves a lengthy and expensive process with an uncertain outcome, and results of earlier studies and trials may not be predictive of future trial results;
- If clinical trials of our product candidates fail to demonstrate safety and efficacy to the satisfaction of regulatory authorities or do not otherwise produce positive results, we may incur additional costs or experience delays in completing, or ultimately be unable to complete, the development and commercialization of our product candidates;
- We may not be successful in our efforts to build or in-license a pipeline of new product candidates. If we fail to do so, our commercial opportunity will be limited;

• We may expend our limited resources to pursue a particular product candidate or indication and fail to capitalize on product candidates or indications that may be more profitable or have a greater likelihood of success.

### **Risks Relating to Extensive Government Regulation**

- All material aspects of the research, development, manufacturing and commercialization of biopharmaceutical products are heavily regulated. Any failure to comply with existing regulations and industry standards, or any adverse actions by the NMPA or other comparable regulatory authorities against us, could negatively impact our reputation and our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects;
- The regulatory approval processes of the NMPA and other comparable regulatory authorities are lengthy, time-consuming and inherently unpredictable. If we are ultimately unable to obtain, or experience delays in obtaining, regulatory approval for our product candidates, our business will be substantially harmed;
- Changes in government regulations or in practices relating to the pharmaceutical and biopharmaceutical industries, including healthcare reform in China, and compliance with new regulations may result in additional costs;
- Even if we are able to commercialize any approved product candidates, the products may become subject to unfavorable pricing regulations, or to unfavorable changes in national or third-party reimbursement practices, which could harm our business.

## Risks Relating to Manufacturing of Our Product Candidates

- Our product candidates are cell therapies. The manufacture of our product candidates is complex, and we may encounter difficulties in production, particularly with respect to development or scaling-out of our manufacturing capabilities. If we encounter such difficulties, our ability to provide supply of our product candidates for clinical trials or our products for patients, if approved, could be delayed or stopped, or we may be unable to maintain a commercially viable cost structure;
- Cell-based therapies rely on the availability of reagents, specialized equipment, and other specialty materials, which may not be available to us on acceptable terms or at all. For some of these reagents, equipment, and materials, we rely or may rely on sole source vendors or a limited number of vendors, which could impair our ability to manufacture and supply our products.

### **Risks Relating to Commercialization of Our Product Candidates**

- The market opportunities for our product candidates may be limited to those patients who are ineligible for or have failed prior treatments and may be small, and our projections regarding the size of the addressable market may be incorrect;
- We may not be successful in achieving cost of goods at commercial scale that provide for an attractive margin. We believe that our current, robust manufacturing processes are fit for commercial scale and we anticipate they will enable commercial supply at an economical cost. However, we have not yet established manufacturing capacity at sufficient commercial scale and may underestimate the cost and time required to do so, or overestimate cost reductions from economies of scale that can be realized with our manufacturing processes. We may ultimately be unable to manage the cost of goods for our product candidates to levels that will allow for a margin in line with our expectations and return on investment if and when those product candidates are commercialized;
- Product liability claims or lawsuits could cause us to incur substantial liabilities, and our insurance coverage may be inadequate to protect us from all the liabilities we may incur;
- The increasing use of social media platforms presents new risks and challenges.

## **Risks Relating to Our Intellectual Property Rights**

- We depend on intellectual property licensed from third parties, and termination of any of these licenses or disruption to our business relationship with our licensors could result in monetary damages or the loss of significant rights, which would harm our business;
- If we or our licensors are unable to obtain and maintain adequate patent and other intellectual property protection for our product candidates and other intellectual property, or if the scope of such intellectual property rights obtained is not sufficiently broad, third parties could develop and commercialize products and technologies similar or identical to ours and compete directly against us, and our ability to successfully develop and commercialize any of our product candidates or technologies may be adversely affected;
- If we determine that our intellectual property rights (including rights in-licensed from third parties) or other intangible assets are impaired, our results of operations and financial condition may be adversely affected;

• Even if we are able to obtain patent protection for our product candidates, the life of such protection, if any, is limited, and third parties could be able to circumvent our patents by developing similar or alternative products and technologies in a non-infringing manner, or develop and commercialize products and technologies similar or identical to ours and compete directly against us after the expiration of our patent rights, if any, and our ability to successfully commercialize any product or technology would be materially adversely affected.

## Risks Relating to Our Doing Business in China

- The biopharmaceutical industry in China is highly regulated and such regulations are subject to change, which may affect approval and commercialization of our product candidates;
- Changes in the political and economic policies of the PRC government may materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations and may result in our inability to sustain our growth and expansion strategies;
- Our business benefits from certain financial incentives and preferential policies granted by local governments. Expiration of, or changes to, these incentives or policies would have an adverse effect on our results of operations.

However, the above is not an exhaustive list. Investors are advised to make their own judgment or consult their own investment advisors before making any investment in the Shares.

For further details, please refer to the section headed "Risk Factors" in the Prospectus.

### **Environmental Policies and Performance**

The Group is committed to fulfilling social responsibility, promoting employee benefits and development, protecting the environment and giving back to the community and achieving sustainable growth.

### **Compliance with Relevant Laws and Regulations**

As far as the Board and management are aware, the Group has complied in all material aspects with the relevant laws and regulations that have a significant impact on the business and operation of the Group. During the year ended December 31, 2022, there was no material breach of, or non-compliance with, applicable laws and regulations by the Group.

## Key Relationship with Stakeholders

The Group recognizes that various stakeholders including employees, medical experts, patients, customers, suppliers and other business associates are key to the Group's success. The Group strives to achieve corporate sustainability through engaging, educating, collaborating, and cultivating strong relationships with them. The Group believes that it is vital to attract, recruit and retain quality employees. To maintain the quality, knowledge and skill levels of the Group's workforce, the Group provides the employees with periodic training, including introductory training for new employees, technical training, professional and management training and health and safety training. The Group believes that it maintains a good relationship with its employees and the Group did not experience any significant labor disputes or any difficulty in recruiting staff for its operations. The Group conducts academic marketing activities to establish and maintain relationships with key opinion leaders in the national medical system. The Group provides these experts with detailed information on its products and helps them make independent comparison among competing products in the market. The Group also maintains long-term cooperative relationships with medical experts to help raise the Group's profile, enhance awareness of Group's products in the medical community and among patients, provide it with valuable clinical data to improve the Group's products, and collect feedback from the real world clinical practices and support on the patients group and comply with physicians to manage the side effects. For details of an account of the Company's key relationships with its main stakeholders, please see the "2022 Environmental, Social and Governance Report".

# **FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

A summary of the Group's results, assets and liabilities for the last five financial years are set out on page 9 of this annual report. This summary does not form part of the audited consolidated financial statements.

# **USE OF NET PROCEEDS FROM LISTING**

Our shares were listed on the main board of the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "**Stock Exchange**") on November 3, 2020 (the "**Listing**"). The Group received net proceeds (after deducting the underwriting fees and related costs and expenses) from the issue of new shares by the Company in its Listing and the subsequent over-allotment option partially exercised by the Joint Global Coordinators (as defined in the Prospectus) of approximately HKD2,495.8 million. There was no change in the intended use of net proceeds as previously disclosed in the Prospectus and the Company will gradually utilize the residual amount of the net proceeds in accordance with such intended purposes depending on actual business needs.

The net proceeds (adjusted on a pro rata basis based on the actual net proceeds) have been and will be utilized in accordance with the purposes set out in the Prospectus. The table below sets out the planned applications of the net proceeds and actual usage up to December 31, 2022:

Intended Applications	Amount of net proceeds (HKD million)	Percentage of total net proceed		Actual usage up to December 31, 2022 (HKD million)	Unutilized net proceeds as at December 31, 2022 (HKD million)
Research and development activities relating to					
relma-cel	748.74	30%	338.64	203.18	135.46
Building a focused in-house sales and marketing					
team to market relma-cel across Mainland					
China	249.58	10%	58.01	58.01	—
Research and development activities relating to					
JWCAR129	149.75	6%	83.13	4.79	78.34
Research and development activities relating to					
our other pre-clinical product candidates					
including our JWATM203 Program, our					
JWATM204 Program and Nex-G	698.82	28%	617.02	162.33	454.69
Acquisition of the Acepodia license through		10/			
exercising the Acepodia Option	99.83	4%	99.83	—	99.83
New potential acquisitions and in-licensing	000 50	1001	000 50	00.74	075 70
opportunities	299.50	12%	299.50	23.71	275.79
Working capital and general corporate purposes	249.58	10%	123.83	58.82	65.01
Total	2,495.80	100.0%	1,619.96	510.84	1,109.12

As at December 31, 2022, the net proceeds applied for building a focused in-house sales and marketing team to market relma-cel across Mainland China has been fully utilized and the rest of the planned applications of the net proceeds are expected to be fully utilized by December 31, 2024. The expected timeline for utilizing the remaining proceeds is based on the best estimation of the future market conditions made by the Group. It will be subject to change based on the current and future development of market conditions.

# **MAJOR CUSTOMERS AND SUPPLIERS**

## **Major Customers**

During the Reporting Period, the Group derived revenue from sales of our anti-CD19 autologous CAR-T cell immunotherapy product Carteyva<sup>®</sup>. For the year ended December 31, 2022, the Group's sales to its five largest customers accounted for 100% (2021: 100%) of the Group's total revenue and our single largest customer accounted for 100% (2021:100%) of the Group's total revenue.

## **Major Suppliers**

For the year ended December 31, 2022, the Group's five largest suppliers accounted for 25% (2021: 20%) of the Group's total purchases and our single largest supplier accounted for 6% (2021:7%) of the Group's total purchases.

During the Reporting Period, none of the Directors or any of their close associates or any Shareholders (which, to the best knowledge of the Directors, own more than 5% of the number of issued shares of the Company) had any interest in the Group's five largest customers and suppliers.

# **PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT**

Details of movements in the property, plant and equipment of the Company and the Group during the year ended December 31, 2022 are set out in note 14 to the consolidated financial statements.

# SHARE CAPITAL

Details of movements in the share capital of the Company during the year ended December 31, 2022 are set out in note 26 to the consolidated financial statements.

# RESERVES

Details of movements in the reserves of the Company and the Group during the year ended December 31, 2022 are set out in the consolidated statement of changes in equity on page 134 of this annual report.

# **DISTRIBUTABLE RESERVES**

As at December 31, 2022, the Company's reserves available for distribution, amounted to approximately RMB1.9 billion (as at December 31, 2021: RMB2.7 billion).

# TAXATION

Tax position of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2022 is set out in note 12 to the consolidated financial information.

# **BANK LOANS AND OTHER BORROWINGS**

Particulars of bank loans and other borrowings of the Company and the Group as at December 31, 2022 are set out in note 31 to the consolidated financial statements.

# **FUTURE PLANS FOR MATERIAL INVESTMENTS OR CAPITAL ASSETS**

Save as otherwise disclosed in this annual report, the Company has no other future plans for material investments or capital assets.

# DIRECTORS

The Directors during the Reporting Period and up to the date of this annual report are:

## **Executive Director**

Dr. Yiping James Li (Chairman)

## **Non-executive Directors**

Dr. Krishnan Viswanadhan Ms. Xing Gao Dr. Ann Li Lee Mr. Jinyin Wang Dr. Cheng Liu

## **Independent Non-executive Directors**

Mr. Chi Shing Li *(resigned on January 1, 2023)* Mr. Yiu Leung Andy Cheung Mr. Kin Cheong Kelvin Ho Dr. Debra Yu *(appointed on March 1, 2023)* 

In accordance with article 16.2 of the Articles of Association, any Director appointed by the Board to fill a casual vacancy or as addition to the Board shall hold office only until the next following general meeting of the Company and shall then be eligible for re-election at that meeting.

In accordance with article 16.19 of the Articles of Association, one-third of the Directors for the time being (or, if their number is not three or a multiple of three, then the number nearest to, but not less than, one-third) shall retire from office by rotation and be eligible for re-election and re-appointment at every annual general meeting, provided that every Director shall be subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years.

Accordingly, Mr. Jinyin Wang, Dr. Cheng Liu, Mr. Kin Cheong Kelvin Ho and Dr. Debra Yu will retire and, being eligible, have offered themselves for re-election as Director at the forthcoming AGM.

Details of the Directors to be re-elected at the AGM are set out in the circular to the Shareholders dated April 26, 2023.

# DIRECTORS AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT

Biographical details of the Directors and senior management of the Company are set out on pages 46 to 52 of this annual report.

# CONFIRMATION OF INDEPENDENCE OF INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

The Company has received an annual confirmation of independence pursuant to Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules from each of the independent non-executive Directors and the Company considers such Directors to be independent throughout the year ended December 31, 2022 and remain so as of the date of this annual report.

# **DIRECTORS' SERVICE CONTRACTS AND LETTERS OF APPOINTMENT**

### (a) Executive Director

The executive Director has entered into a service contract with the Company for an initial term of three years with effect from the Listing Date.

### (b) Non-executive Directors

Each of the non-executive Directors has entered into an appointment letter with our Company for a period of three years with effect from the date of the Prospectus (i.e. October 22, 2020) or until the third annual general meeting of the Company after the Listing Date, whichever is earlier.

### (c) Independent Non-executive Director

Mr. Yiu Leung Andy Cheung and Mr. Kin Cheong Kelvin Ho has entered into an appointment letter with our Company for a period of three years with effect from the date of the Prospectus (i.e. October 22, 2020) or until the third annual general meeting of the Company after the Listing Date, whichever is earlier.

Dr. Debra Yu has entered into an appointment letter with the Company for an initial term commencing from March 1, 2023 for a period of three years or until the third annual general meeting of the Company after the commencement date of the term, which ever is earlier.

The appointments are subject to the provisions of retirement and rotation of Directors under the Articles of Association and the applicable Listing Rules.

None of the Directors has entered into a service contract which is not determinable by the Group within one year without payment of compensation (other than statutory compensation).

# DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN TRANSACTIONS, ARRANGEMENTS OR CONTRACTS OF SIGNIFICANCE

None of the Directors had a material interest, either directly or indirectly, in any transaction, arrangement or contract of significance to the business of the Group to which the Company, or any of its subsidiaries or fellow subsidiaries was a party for during the year ended December 31, 2022 and up to the date of this annual report.

# **CONTRACTS OF SIGNIFICANCE WITH CONTROLLING SHAREHOLDERS**

The Company has no controlling shareholder.

# **MANAGEMENT CONTRACTS**

No contracts concerning the management and administration of the whole or any substantial part of the business of the Company were entered into or existed for the year ended December 31, 2022 and up to the date of this annual report.

# **EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION POLICY**

As at December 31, 2022, we had 528 employees. The following table sets forth the total number of employees by function as at December 31, 2022:

	Number of Employees	% of total
- · · · ·	400	07 5
Technical operations	198	37.5
Quality	101	19.1
Medical	81	15.4
Commercial	95	18.0
Business development and general administrative	10	1.9
Support functions	43	8.1
Total	528	100.0

The total remuneration cost (including Directors' emoluments) incurred by the Group for the year ended December 31, 2022 was RMB405.9 million, as compared to RMB392.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2021.

The remuneration of the employees of the Group comprises salaries, bonuses, employees provident fund and social security contributions, other welfare payments and share-based compensation expenses. In accordance with applicable Chinese laws, the Group has made contributions to social security insurance funds (including pension plans, medical insurance, work-related injury insurance, unemployment insurance and maternity insurance) and housing funds for the Group's employees.

The Company has also adopted the Pre-IPO Incentivization Scheme, the Restricted Share Unit Schemes, the Post-IPO Incentivization Scheme and the Post-IPO Restricted Share Unit Scheme. Please refer to the section headed "Statutory and General Information — D. Share Incentivization Schemes" in Appendix V to the Prospectus for further details.

# **PENSION AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS SCHEME**

Our employees' remuneration consists of salaries, bonuses, employees provident fund, and social security contributions, other welfare payments and share-based compensation expenses. In accordance with applicable PRC laws, we have made contributions to social security insurance funds (including pension plans, medical insurance, work-related injury insurance, unemployment insurance and maternity insurance) and housing funds for our employees. Details of the retirement and employee benefits scheme of the Company are set out in note 10 to the consolidated financial statements.

# **CHANGES IN DIRECTOR'S INFORMATION**

Name of Director	Change
Mr. Chi Shing Li	Mr. Li resigned as an independent non-executive Director and the chairman of the Remuneration Committee and Nomination Committee of the Company with effect from January 1, 2023.
Mr. Kin Cheong Kelvin Ho	Mr. Ho resigned as an independent non-executive Director of CECEP COSTIN (HKSE: 2228) with effect from February 8, 2022. He also resigned as an independent non-executive Director of Rosan Resources Holdings Limited (HKSE: 0578) with effect from November 1, 2022.
Dr. Debra Yu	Dr. Yu has been appointed as an independent non-executive Director and a member of each of the Remuneration Committee and Nomination Committee of the Company with effect from March 1, 2023.
Dr. Yiping James Li	Dr. Li has been appointed as the chairman of the Nomination Committee of the Company with effect from March 1, 2023.
Mr. Yiu Leung Andy Cheung	Mr. Cheung has been appointed as a member of the Nomination Committee and the chairman of the Remuneration Committee of the Company with effect from March 1, 2023 and an independent non-executive Director and the chairman of the Audit Committee of Hua Medicine (HKSE: 2552) with effect from January 1, 2023.

Save as disclosed above and in the section headed "Directors and Senior Management" in this annual report, there is no other information required to be disclosed pursuant to Rule 13.51B(1) of the Listing Rules.

# DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITION IN SHARES, UNDERLYING SHARES AND DEBENTURES OF THE COMPANY OR ITS ASSOCIATED CORPORATIONS

As at December 31, 2022, the interests and short positions of the Directors and the chief executive of the Company in the Shares, underlying Shares and debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) which have been notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests and short positions which they were taken or deemed to have taken under such provisions of the SFO), or which were recorded in the register required to be kept pursuant to section 352 of the SFO or as otherwise notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code as set out in Appendix 10 of the Listing Rules were as follows:

## (i) Interest in Shares and underlying Shares

Name of Director	Capacity/Nature of Interest	Number of Shares/ Underlying Shares	•	Long Position/ Short Position/ Lending Pool
Dr. Li <sup>(1)</sup>	Beneficial interest	18,623,515	4.53%	Long position
	Interest in controlled corporation	9,206,460	2.24%	Long position
Mr. Liu Cheng	Beneficial interest	7,137,082	1.74%	Long position

Notes:

(1) Dr. Li held (i) 7,500,000 Shares through his direct interests in JDI Capital Management Limited and (ii) 1,706,460 Shares through his indirect interests in Park Place Capital Management & Consulting Limited. Park Place Capital Management & Consulting Limited is wholly-owned by JDI Capital Management Limited which in turn is whollyowned by Dr. Li.

An aggregate total of 3,090,956 Restricted Share Units granted to Dr. Li, consisting of 2,586,670 Restricted Share Units granted on June 30, 2020 and 504,286 Restricted Share Units granted on September 30, 2021, was vested on April 1, 2022. As at December 31, 2022, Dr. Li is interested in a total of 7,053,489 underlying Shares in the Company, which comprises 3,035,740 Restricted Share Units granted to him pursuant to the Restricted Share Unit Scheme and 4,017,749 share options granted to him pursuant to the Post-IPO Incentivization Scheme.

Accordingly, Dr. Li is interested in an aggregate of 27,829,975 Shares in the Company.

(2) The calculation is based on the total number of 411,035,490 Shares in issue as at December 31, 2022.

# **Report of Directors**

Save as disclosed above, as at December 31, 2022, none of the Directors or the chief executive of the Company had or was deemed to have any interest or short position in the Shares, underlying Shares or debentures of the Company or its associated corporations (within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO) that was required to be notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to Divisions 7 and 8 of Part XV of the SFO (including interests and short positions which they were taken or deemed to have taken under such provisions of the SFO), or required to be recorded in the register required to be kept under Section 352 of the SFO, or as otherwise notified to the Company and the Stock Exchange pursuant to the Model Code.

# **DIRECTORS' RIGHTS TO ACQUIRE SHARES OR DEBENTURES**

Save as otherwise disclosed in this annual report, at no time during the Reporting Period was the Company or any of its subsidiaries a party to any arrangement that would enable the Directors to acquire benefits by means of acquisition of shares in, or debentures of, the Company or any other body corporate, and none of the Directors or any of their spouses or children under the age of 18 were granted any right to subscribe for the equity or debt securities of the Company or any other body corporate or had exercised any such right.

# SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS' INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN SHARES AND UNDERLYING SHARES

As at December 31, 2022, to the best knowledge of the Directors, the following persons (not being a Director or chief executive of the Company) had interests or short positions in the Shares or underlying Shares which fall to be disclosed to the Company under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO as recorded in the register required to be kept by the Company pursuant to section 336 of the SFO:

Name of Shareholder	Capacity/Nature of Interest	Number of Shares/ Underlying Shares	Approximate Percentage of Shareholding in the Company	Long Position/ Short Position/ Lending Pool
Juno <sup>(1)</sup>	Beneficial interest	70,231,140	17.09%	Long position
Celgene Corporation(1)	Interest in controlled corporation	70,231,140	17.09%	Long position
BMS <sup>(1)</sup>	Interest in controlled corporation	70,231,140	17.09%	Long position
Dr. Li <sup>(2)</sup>	Beneficial interest, interest in controlled corporation	27,829,975	6.77%	Long position
Ms. Li Dan <sup>(3)</sup>	Interest of spouse	27,829,975	6.77%	Long position

Notes:

- (1) As at December 31, 2022, Juno directly held 70,231,140 Shares. Pursuant to the BCMA License Agreement, the 4,665,530 Juno Settlement Shares may be issued to Juno upon exercise of the second warrant as part of the second upfront payment in relation to Juno's orva-cel. In February 2021, BMS announced that it would discontinue clinical development of orva-cel and therefore, the 4,665,530 Juno Settlement Shares shall no longer be issued to Juno. Juno is wholly-owned by Celgene which is in turn wholly-owned by BMS. As such, under the SFO, BMS (through its interest in a controlled corporation) is deemed to be interested in 70,231,140 Shares held by Juno.
- (2) As at December 31, 2022, Dr. Li held (i) 7,500,000 Shares through his direct interests in JDI Capital Management Limited and (ii) 1,706,460 Shares through his indirect interests in Park Place Capital Management & Consulting Limited. Park Place Capital Management & Consulting Limited is wholly-owned by JDI Capital Management Limited which in turn is wholly-owned by Dr. Li.

An aggregate total of 3,090,956 Restricted Share Units granted to Dr. Li, consisting of 2,586,670 Restricted Share Units granted on June 30, 2020 and 504,286 Restricted Share Units granted on September 30, 2021, was vested on April 1, 2022. As at December 31, 2022, Dr. Li is interested in a total of 7,053,489 underlying Shares in the Company, which comprises 3,035,740 Restricted Share Units granted to him pursuant to the Restricted Share Unit Scheme and 4,017,749 share options granted to him pursuant to the Post-IPO Incentivization Scheme.

Accordingly, Dr. Li is interested in an aggregate of 27,829,975 Shares in the Company.

- (3) Ms. Li Dan's spouse, Dr. Li, was interested in 27,829,975 Shares and therefore Ms. Li Dan was deemed to be interested in the same number of Shares.
- (4) The calculation is based on the total number of 411,035,490 Shares in issue as at December 31, 2022.

Save as disclosed above, as at December 31, 2022, the Directors were not aware of any persons (who were not Directors or chief executive of the Company) who had an interest or short position in the Shares or underlying Shares of the Company which would fall to be disclosed under Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the SFO, or which would be required, pursuant to Section 336 of the SFO, to be entered in the register referred to therein.

# SHARE INCENTIVIZATION SCHEMES

#### **Pre-IPO Incentivization Scheme**

#### 1. Purpose

The purpose of the Pre-IPO Incentivization Scheme is to attract, retain and motivate employees, Directors and such other eligible persons and to provide a means of compensating them through the grant of options for their contribution to the growth and profits of the Group, and to allow such employees, directors and other persons to participate in the growth and profitability of the Group. Our Company adopted the Pre-IPO Incentivization Scheme on September 4, 2019.

#### 2. Participants

Eligible participants under the Pre-IPO Incentivization Scheme include any person belonging to any of the following classes of participants: (a) any of our employees or employees of our subsidiaries (whether full time or part time), including any executive director, (b) any of our non-executive director or independent non-executive director appointed prior to our listing, or any director of any of our subsidiaries; and (c) any other service provider to our Group who, in the sole opinion of the Board, will contribute or have contributed to our Group.

### 3. Total number of shares available for issue

The maximum number of Shares in respect of which options may be granted under the Pre-IPO Incentivization Scheme and the Post-IPO Share Incentivization Scheme shall not, in aggregate exceed 37,617,622 Shares (subject to possible adjustments) which is a shared common pool, which represents approximately 9.15% of the total issued share capital of the Company as at December 31, 2022. As of the date of this annual report, the total number of Shares available for issue in respect of which options may be granted under the Pre-IPO Incentivization Scheme and the Post-IPO Share Incentivization Scheme is 17,614,195, representing approximately 4.28% of the Shares in issue as of that date. During the Reporting Period, the number of Shares underlying the options that granted under the Pre-IPO Incentivization Scheme divided by the weighted average number of total Shares in issue during the Reporting Period is 0.73%.

## 4. Maximum entitlement of each participant

The maximum entitlement for each participant is that the total number of Shares issued and to be issued upon exercise of the options granted to each participant (including both exercised, cancelled and outstanding options) in any 12-month period shall not exceed 1% of the total number of Shares in issue (the "**Individual Limit**"). Any further grant of options to any one participant in excess of the Individual Limit shall be subject to the Shareholders' approval in general meeting with such participant and his associates abstaining from voting.

## 5. Period within which options may be exercised

An option may be exercised in accordance with the terms of the Pre-IPO Incentivization Scheme at any time for a period of 10 years after the date of grant of the option for each corresponding grantee as set out in their respective offer letters.

## 6. Vesting period

Options granted generally vest over a four-year period. There are two types of vesting schedules: (i) with 30% of total options vesting on the second anniversary of the vesting commencement date and the remaining 30% and 40% shall vest on the third anniversary and fourth anniversary of the vesting commencement date, respectively; and (ii) with 25% of total options vesting on the first anniversary of the vesting commencement date and the remaining 25%, 25% and 25% shall vest on the second anniversary, third anniversary and fourth anniversary of the vesting commencement date, respectively.

## 7. Grant of options and acceptance of offers

Share options may be accepted by a grantee within a certain number of days from the date of the offer of the grant of the share options as indicated in the offer letter. The options under the Pre-IPO Incentivization Scheme were granted to the grantees at nil consideration.

### 8. Exercise price

The exercise price of all options granted under the Pre-IPO Incentivization Scheme is between US\$0.00001 and US\$0.655 per share.

### 9. Duration

The Pre-IPO Incentivization Scheme will remain in force for a period of ten years unless terminated sooner, and has a remaining term of approximately six years as at the date of this annual report.

Weighted average closing price of the shares immediately Number before the Number of options Number dates on Fair value of options granted Number of options which the of options Name of Participant of options Number held at at the date held at during the **Exercise** options January 1, Price or Category of reporting lapsed and of options December 31. were vested of grant Participant Date of grant 2022 period cancelled exercised 2022 (HKD) (HKD) (USD) Other employee September 4, 2019 1,495,200 112.080 147,770 1,235,350 0.775 7.62 0.63 participants 0.33 September 4, 2019 386,730 4,360 382,370 5.07625 8.12 \_ June 30, 2020 1,327,950 214.170 53,120 1,060,660 0.000775 8.11 1.92 September 10, 2020 3,529,840 1.398 3.513.782 0.000078 8.10 2.43 14.660

Movement of the options, which were granted under the Pre-IPO Incentivization Scheme during the Reporting Period is as follows:

Notes:

- (1) The closing price of the Shares immediately before the dates on which the options were granted was not applicable as the Company was not yet listed on the dates of grant.
- (2) During the Reporting Period, no options were granted to any directors, chief executive, Substantial Shareholders of the Company (or their respective associates) or suppliers of goods and services. There were no participants with options granted in excess of the Individual Limit.
- (3) For details of the basis of measurement for the fair value of options granted, please refer to note 28 headed "Share-based payments" of the consolidated financial statements.

### **Post-IPO Incentivization Scheme**

#### 1. Purpose

The purpose of the Post-IPO Incentivization Scheme is to enable our Group to grant options to selected participants as incentives or rewards for their contribution to our Group. Our Directors consider the Post-IPO Incentivization Scheme, with its broadened basis of participation, will enable our Group to reward our employees, our Directors and other selected participants for their contributions to our Group. Given that our Directors are entitled to determine the performance targets to be achieved as well as the minimum period that an option must be held before an option can be exercised on a case by case basis, and that the exercise price of an option cannot in any event fall below the price stipulated in the Listing Rules or such higher price as may be fixed by our Directors, it is expected that grantees of an option will make an effort to contribute to the development of our Group so as to bring about an increased market price of the Shares in order to capitalize on the benefits of the options granted. Our Company adopted the Post-IPO Incentivization Scheme on October 14, 2020.

### 2. Participants

Eligible participants under the Post-IPO Incentivization Scheme include any directors (including executive directors, non-executive directors and independent non-executive directors) and employees of any member of our Group and any advisors, consultants or service providers of any member of our Group who the Board considers, in its sole discretion, have contributed or will contribute to our Group.

### 3. Total number of shares available for issue

The maximum number of Shares in respect of which options may be granted under the Pre-IPO Incentivization Scheme and the Post-IPO Share Incentivization Scheme shall not, in aggregate exceed 37,617,622 Shares (subject to possible adjustments) which is a shared common pool, which represents approximately 9.15% of the total issued share capital of the Company as at December 31, 2022. As of the date of this annual report, the total number of Shares available for issue in respect of which options may be granted under the Pre-IPO Incentivization Scheme and the Post-IPO Share Incentivization Scheme is 17,614,195, representing approximately 4.28% of the Shares in issue as of that date. During the Reporting Period, the number of Shares underlying the options that granted under the Post-IPO Incentivization Scheme divided by the weighted average number of total Shares in issue during the Reporting Period is 0.73%.

## 4. Maximum entitlement of each participant

The maximum entitlement for any one participant is that the total number of Shares issued and to be issued upon exercise of the options granted to each participant (including both exercised, cancelled and outstanding options) in any 12-month period shall not exceed the Individual Limit. Any further grant of options to any one participant in excess of the Individual Limit shall be subject to the Shareholders' approval in general meeting with such participant and his associates abstaining from voting.

### 5. Period within which options may be exercised

An option may be exercised in accordance with the terms of the Post-IPO Incentivization Scheme at any time for a period of ten years after the date of grant of the option for each corresponding grantee as set out in their respective offer letters.

### 6. Vesting period

Options granted generally vest over a four-year period. There are two types of vesting schedules: (i) with 30% of total options vesting on the second anniversary of the vesting commencement date and the remaining 30% and 40% shall vest on the third anniversary and fourth anniversary of the vesting commencement date, respectively; and (ii) with 25% of total options vesting on the first anniversary of the vesting commencement date and the remaining 25%, 25% and 25% shall vest on the second anniversary, third anniversary and fourth anniversary of the vesting commencement date, respectively.

### 7. Grant of options and acceptance of offers

Share options may be accepted by a grantee within a certain number of days from the date of the offer of the grant of the share options as indicated in the offer letter. The options under the Post-IPO Share Incentivization Scheme were granted to the grantees at nil consideration.

#### 8. Exercise price

The date of board meeting for proposing any grant of options under the Post-IPO Incentivization Scheme should be taken as the date of grant for the purpose of calculating the exercise price pursuant to Rule 17.03E of the Listing Rules.

#### 9. Duration

The Post-IPO Incentivization Scheme will remain in force for a period of ten years unless terminated sooner, and has a remaining term of approximately six years as at the date of this annual report.

Movement of the options, which were granted under the Post-IPO Incentivization Scheme during the Reporting Period is as follows:

Name of Participant or Category of Participant	Date of grant	Closing price of shares immediately before the date on which the options were granted (HKD)	Number of options held at January 1, 2022	Number of options granted during the reporting period	Number of options lapsed and cancelled	Number of options exercised	Number of options held at December 31, 2022	Exercise Price (HKD)	Weighted average closing price of the shares immediately before the dates on which the options were vested (HKD)	Fair value of options at the date of grant (HKD)
Directors Dr. Li, CEO and executive Director	September 30, 2021	14.74	4,017,749	_	_	_	4,017,749	_	8.12	6.928
Other employee participants	September 30, 2021 December 17, 2021	14.74 11.36	2,841,579 754,254	-	716,045	_	2,125,534 754,254	16.2 11.992	6.89	6.928/7.336 5.472/5.779
	June 24, 2022 September 29, 2022	8.26 3.25		2,282,395 660,001	69,509 —		2,212,886 660,001	8.94 3.31	-	4.588/4.818 1.578/1.676
	December 16, 2022	4.34	_	41,667	_	-	41,667	4.83	-	2.058/2.194

Notes:

(1) During the Reporting Period, no options were granted to any Substantial Shareholders of the Company (or their respective associates) or suppliers of goods and services. There were no participants with options granted in excess of the Individual Limit.

(2) For details of the basis of measurement for the fair value of options granted, please refer to note 28 headed "Share-based payments" of the consolidated financial statements.

Pre-IPO Restricted Share Unit Scheme and Post-IPO Restricted Share Unit Scheme (the "Restricted Share Unit Schemes")

#### 1. Purpose

The purpose of the Restricted Share Unit Schemes is to attract, retain and motivate employees, Directors and such other eligible persons and to provide a means of compensating them through the grant of RSUs for their contribution to the growth and profits of the Group, and to allow such employees, directors and other persons to participate in the growth and profitability of the Group. Our Company adopted the Pre-IPO Restricted Share Unit Scheme on September 4, 2019 and the Post-IPO Restricted Share Unit Scheme on October 14, 2020.

#### 2. Participants

Eligible participants under the Restricted Share Unit Schemes include any person belonging to any of the following classes of participants: (a) any of our employees or employees of our subsidiaries (whether full time or part time), including any executive director, (b) any of our non-executive director or independent non-executive director appointed prior to our listing, or any director of any of our subsidiaries; and (c) any other service provider to our Group who, in the sole opinion of the Board, will contribute or have contributed to our Group.

#### 3. Total number of shares available for issue

The maximum number of Shares in respect of which RSUs may be granted under the Restricted Share Unit Schemes shall not, in aggregate exceed 36,031,500 Shares (subject to possible adjustments) which is a shared common pool, which represents approximately 8.77% of the total issued share capital of the Company as at December 31, 2022. As of the date of this annual report, the total number of Shares available for issue in respect of which RSUs may be granted under the Restricted Share Unit Schemes is 5,171,473, representing approximately 1.26% of the Shares in issue as of that date. During the Reporting Period, the number of Shares underlying the RSUs that granted under the Restricted Share Unit Schemes divided by the weighted average number of total Shares in issue during the Reporting Period is 0.51%.

#### 4. Maximum entitlement of each participant

The maximum entitlement for each participant is that the total number of Shares issued and to be issued upon exercise of the RSUs granted to each participant (including both exercised, cancelled and outstanding options) in any 12-month period shall not exceed the Individual Limit. Any further grant of RSUs to any one participant in excess of the Individual Limit shall be subject to the Shareholders' approval in general meeting with such participant and his associates abstaining from voting.

#### 5. Vesting period

RSUs granted generally vest over a four-year period. There are two types of vesting schedules: (i) with 30% of total options vesting on the second anniversary of the vesting commencement date and the remaining 30% and 40% shall vest on the third anniversary and fourth anniversary of the vesting commencement date, respectively; and (ii) with 25% of total options vesting on the first anniversary of the vesting commencement date and the remaining 25%, 25% and 25% shall vest on the second anniversary, third anniversary and fourth anniversary of the vesting commencement date, respectively.

#### 6. Grant of RSUs and acceptance of offers

RSUs may be accepted by a grantee within a certain number of days from the date of the offer of the grant of the share options as indicated in the offer letter. The RSUs under the Restricted Share Unit Schemes were granted to the grantees at nil consideration and were or will be transferred to the grantees upon vesting at nil consideration.

#### 7. Duration

The Restricted Share Unit Schemes will remain in force for a period of ten years unless terminated sooner, and has a remaining term of approximately six years as at the date of this annual report.

Details of RSUs granted under the Pre-IPO Restricted Share Unit Scheme during the Reporting Period are as follows:

Name of Participant or Category of Participant	Date of grant	Number of RSUs held at January 1, 2022	Number of RSUs granted during the reporting period	Number of RSUs lapsed and cancelled	Number of RSUs vested	Number of RSUs held at December 31, 2022	Weighted average closing price of the shares immediately before the dates on which the RSUs were vested (HKD)	Fair value of RSUs at the date of grant (USD)
Directors								
Dr. Li, CEO and executive Director	June 30, 2020	4,109,550	_	_	2,586,670	1,522,880	8.12	1.92
Mr. Hans Edgar Bishop (resigned as a director on December 3, 2021 and remains as a senior advisor)	September 10, 2020	378,825	_	_	378,825	_	8.10	2.43
Other employee participants	September 4, 2019	1,316,180	_	786,760	525,670	3,750	10.65	0.73
γαιτοιγαπισ	June 30, 2020 September 10, 2020	1,239,230 801,881	_	132,300 68,432	395,390 260,775	711,540 472,674	10.56 8.10	1.92 2.43

Notes:

(1) During the Reporting Period, there were no participants with RSUs granted in excess of the Individual Limit and no RSUs were granted to suppliers of goods and services.

(2) For details of the basis of measurement for the fair value of RSUs granted, please refer to note 28 headed "Sharebased payments" of the consolidated financial statements. Details of RSUs granted under the Post-IPO Restricted Share Unit Scheme during the Reporting Period are as follows:

Name of Participant or Category of Participant		Closing price of shares immediately before the date on which the RSUs were granted (HKD)	Number of RSUs held at January 1, 2022	Number of RSUs granted during the reporting period	Number of RSUs lapsed and cancelled	Number of RSUs vested	Number of RSUs held at December 31, 2022	Weighted average closing price of the shares immediately before the dates on which the RSUs were vested (HKD)	Fair value of RSUs at the date of grant (HKD)
Directors Dr. Li, CEO and executive Director	September 30, 2021	14.74	2,017,146	_	_	504,286	1,512,860	8.12	14.92
Other employee participants	September 30, 2021	14.74	2,705,994	_	780,394	532,960	1,392,640	6.08	14.92
Provide and	December 17, 2021	11.36	472,182	_	_	_	472,182	_	11.48
	June 24, 2022	8.26	_	1,703,625	79,381	_	1,624,244	_	8.94
	September 29, 2022	3.25	_	360,001	_	_	360,001	_	3.18
	December 16, 2022	4.34	_	41,667	—	_	41,667	_	4.25

Notes:

(1) During the Reporting Period, there were no participants with RSUs granted in excess of the Individual Limit and no RSUs were granted to suppliers of goods and services.

(2) For details of the basis of measurement for the fair value of RSUs granted, please refer to note 28 headed "Sharebased payments" of the consolidated financial statements.

# **EQUITY-LINKED AGREEMENTS**

Save as disclosed in this annual report, there was no equity-linked agreement entered into by the Company or any of its subsidiaries during the Reporting Period.

# **PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF LISTED SECURITIES**

During the Reporting Period, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries had purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities.

## **PRE-EMPTIVE RIGHTS**

There is no provision for pre-emptive rights under the Articles of Association or the laws of the Cayman Islands that would oblige the Company to offer new Shares on a pro rata basis to existing Shareholders.

# **DIRECTORS' INTEREST IN COMPETING BUSINESS**

Save as disclosed in this annual report, as at December 31, 2022, none of the Directors or their respective associates had engaged in or had any interest in any business which competes or is likely to compete, either directly or indirectly, with the businesses of the Group.

# TAX RELIEF

The Directors are not aware of any tax relief available to the Shareholders by reason of their holding of the Company's securities.

# CONTINUING CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS AND CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS

For the year ended December 31, 2022, the Group had entered into certain partially-exempt continuing connected transactions, non-exempt continuing connected transactions and connected transactions as set out below. For detailed terms of such partially-exempt continuing connected transactions, non-exempt continuing connected transactions and connected transactions, please refer to the section headed "Connected Transactions" in the Prospectus and the announcements of the Company dated March 6, 2022, April 14, 2022 and December 21, 2022.

# PARTIALLY-EXEMPT CONTINUING CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS

#### **Vector Supply Agreements**

#### Principal terms

Our Company entered into vector supply agreements with Juno on June 29, 2020 and June 19, 2020, pursuant to which we agree to procure viral vectors from Juno in connection with the clinical development of relma-cel and JWCAR129, as well as the commercialization of relma-cel, subject to the terms and conditions therein (the "**Vector Supply Agreements**"). The Vector Supply Agreements are effective from the date of the agreement and will expire on the later of (i) three years from the date of agreement or (ii) the completion of services provided under the relevant Vector Supply Agreements prior to the third anniversary of the date of agreement. The terms of the Vector Supply Agreements may be extended only upon mutual agreement.

#### Reasons for and benefits of the transactions

Juno is a global leading company in the development of cell therapies. Juno procures viral vectors from independent contractors globally for both clinical stage developments as well as anticipated commercialization of its own pipeline products. Our pipeline products, relma-cel and JWCAR129, are developed based on the CAR construct we in-licensed from Juno and share similar characteristics and requirements for viral vector supplies. Accordingly, Juno has been providing the Group with high quality and cost effective supply of viral vectors for our research and development of relma-cel and JWCAR129 during the Track Record Period, as well as the anticipated commercialization of relma-cel.

#### Annual cap

For the three years ended/ending December 31, 2020, 2021 and 2022, the total amount payable by our Group to Juno under the Vector Supply Agreements is not expected to exceed US\$0.6 million (equivalent to RMB4,027,560), US\$3.2 million (equivalent to RMB21,480,320) and US\$12.8 million (equivalent to RMB85,921,280), respectively.

During the year ended December 31, 2022, the total amount payable by our Group to Juno under the Vector Supply Agreements amounted to US\$2.16 million (equivalent to RMB14,604,000), which falls within the proposed annual cap as set out above.

#### **Listing Rules Implications**

As at December 31, 2022, the Company was directly owned as to 17.09% by Juno, Juno is therefore one of the Substantial Shareholders. Pursuant to Rule 14A.07(1) of the Listing Rules, Juno is a connected person of our Company. Therefore, the transactions contemplated under the Vector Supply Agreements constitute continuing connected transactions of the Company under the Listing Rules.

#### Annual Review by the Independent Non-executive Directors and the Auditor

The independent non-executive Directors and the auditor of the Company have reviewed the transactions in relation to the Vector Supply Agreements on an annual basis and confirmed the matters set out in Rules 14A.55 and 14A.56 of the Listing Rules, respectively.

# NON-EXEMPT CONTINUING CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS

License and Strategic Alliance Agreement with Juno

#### Principal terms

The Company entered into the License and Strategic Alliance Agreement with Juno on December 13, 2017, pursuant to which the Company has the right of first negotiation to license or obtain the rights to Juno's engineered T-cell pipeline product candidates in the field of treatment or amelioration of cancer or auto-immune disorders for further development and commercialization in Mainland China, Hong Kong and Macau (the "**Territory**"). Juno also granted us an exclusive, sublicensable, transferable and fee-bearing license under Juno's interest in or Juno's license rights to certain patent rights and know-how, and a non-exclusive, sublicensable, transferable and fee-bearing license under certain patent rights and know-how covering Juno's platform technology, solely to research, develop, commercialize, and manufacture or have manufactured relma-cel in Mainland China, Hong Kong and Macau. For further details, please refer to the section headed "Business - Collaboration and License Agreements — License Agreements with Juno" in the Prospectus. In consideration of the rights granted to us, we are required to make various upfront, milestone, royalty payments and reimbursement to Juno and the Company has set caps for milestone payment, royalty payment and reimbursement under the License and Strategic Alliance Agreement (which does not affect the Company's payment obligations under the License and Strategic Alliance Agreement but merely set for the purpose of complying with the Listing Rules) as follows:

# Upfront payment : The Company shall provide Juno upfront share-based payment by (i) issuing Series A1 Preferred Shares to Juno in Series A1 financing with an aggregate value of approximately US\$8.9 million and (ii) issuing such number of Series A2 Preferred Shares to Juno in Series A2 financing such that immediately following closing of the Series A2 financing, Juno will be the holder of such number of Shares, Series

A2 financing such that immediately following closing of the Series A2 financing, Juno will be the holder of such number of Shares, Series A1 Preferred Shares and Series A2 Preferred Shares that together represent an indirect ownership interest of 35% of all of the equity interests in JW Shanghai on a fully-diluted basis.

The Company made the above upfront payment by issuing 641,975 Series A1 Preferred Shares on February 23, 2018 and 3,316,825 Series A2 Preferred Shares to Juno on May 9, 2019. All such Series A1 Preferred Shares and Series A2 Preferred Shares will be converted into ordinary shares upon Listing.

**Milestone payment** : The Company to provide Juno milestone payment in cash in an amount of US\$5 million based on earlier occurrence of (i) milestone events relating to certain regulatory approvals and (ii) treatment of 100 patients with relma-cel in clinical trials.

In 2021, the Company provided Juno milestone payment in cash in an amount of US\$5 million upon the completion of the treatment of 100 patients with relma-cel in clinical trials in January 2021.

Royalty payment	:	We are required to pay Juno royalty payments in cash for relma-cel and any related diagnostic products based on annual net sales in the Territory, subject to certain adjustments in specified circumstances under the License and Strategic Alliance Agreement.
		For the year ended December 31, 2022, the total royalty payment was amounted to US\$1.31 million.
Reimbursement	:	We are required to pay to Juno in cash the sum of, among others,

**Reimbursement** : We are required to pay to Juno in cash the sum of, among others, all milestone payments and royalties owed by Juno to third parties with respect to relma-cel and related diagnostic products in the Territory pursuant to in-license agreements existing at the time of such development or commercialization.

For the year ended December 31, 2022, the total reimbursement amounted to US\$0.15 million was made by the Company to Juno.

Caps for milestone payment, royalty payment, royalty payment and reimbursement (*Note 1*)
 The annual cap for the milestone payment to be paid to Juno pursuant to the License and Strategic Alliance Agreement will be US\$5 million, US\$5 million and nil for 2020, 2021 and 2022 respectively taking into account the uncertainties on the precise timing of the one milestone event triggering the milestone payment (i.e. earlier of treating 100 patients with relma-cel in clinical trials or certain regulatory approvals) which is likely to occur in either 2020 or 2021 but in any event, such milestone payment will not be more than US\$5 million in aggregate.

The annual cap for royalty payment and reimbursement to be paid to Juno pursuant to the License and Strategic Alliance Agreement for 2020, 2021 and 2022 will be determined in accordance with the following formula:

Annual cap for royalty payment and reimbursement =  $16\% \times \text{annual net}$  sales of the relevant products

(1) The caps do not affect the Company's payment obligations under the License and Strategic Alliance Agreement and are merely set for the purpose of complying with the Listing Rules.

The License and Strategic Alliance Agreement became effective on December 13, 2017 and continues until the later of (i) the expiration or termination of all then existing Juno pipeline product licenses; or (ii) the expiration of the royalty term. The royalty term applies on a product-by-product and country-by-country basis commencing upon the first commercial sale of relma-cel or a related diagnostic product in the Territory, with the end date varying depending on the type of royalty owed to Juno. It may also be terminated earlier by mutual agreement, by either party for the other party's uncured material breach that has frustrated the fundamental purpose of this agreement, upon our or JW Shanghai's dissolution, by either party upon the bankruptcy of the other party, or by Juno if either party receives notice from the relevant regulatory authority alleging significant concerns regarding a patient safety issue that Juno reasonably believes would seriously impact the long-term viability of relma-cel. For further details of the License and Strategic Alliance Agreement, please refer to the section headed "Business — License Agreements with Juno — Rights In-licensed from Juno — Relma-cel" in the Prospectus.

#### Reasons for and benefits of the transactions

As the Company is a clinical and pre-clinical stage cell therapy company in the early stages of development, the licenses, technologies and know-how granted by Juno are essential to our development process. Juno and our Company established a strategic alliance to utilize Shanghai Ming Ju to conduct clinical trials in connection with the research, development, manufacturing and commercialization of certain cellular therapy products, including relma-cel, in China.

The royalty payment is a revenue sharing arrangement which was determined after arm's length negotiations between us and Juno, taking into account that it is common practice to share future sales revenue and proceeds from transfer of sub-licensing rights which in turn lowers the upfront fixed payment payable by the licensee in the Chinese biopharmaceutical market, according to Frost & Sullivan.

# Listing Rules Implications and Waivers from the Stock Exchange under the License and Strategic Alliance Agreement with Juno

As at December 31, 2022, the Company was directly owned as to 17.09% by Juno, Juno is therefore one of the Substantial Shareholders. Pursuant to Rule 14A.07(1) of the Listing Rules, Juno is a connected person of our Company. Therefore, the transactions contemplated under the License and Strategic Alliance Agreement with Juno constitute continuing connected transactions of the Company under the Listing Rules.

The Stock Exchange has granted the waiver from strict compliance with the requirement under Rule 14A.53 of the Listing Rules in respect of the continuing connected transactions under the License and Strategic Alliance Agreement and such waiver was set for a term of three years ending on December 31, 2022. In July, 2022, the Company has applied for, and the Stock Exchange has granted the Company, an extension to such waiver, covering the period from January 1, 2023 to August 31, 2024, subject to the following conditions:

- the Company will comply with the announcement, circular and independent shareholders' approval requirements under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules if there is any material change to the terms of the License and Strategic Alliance Agreement;
- (2) the Company will designate a team to execute and ensure that the transactions in relation to the License and Strategic Alliance Agreement are undertaken in accordance with the terms therein;

- (3) the Company's CEO, Dr. Li, will use his best endeavours to supervise the compliance with the terms of the License and Strategic Alliance Agreement and applicable Listing Rules requirements to the extent not waived by the Stock Exchange on a regular basis;
- (4) the independent non-executive Directors and the auditor of the Company will review the transactions in relation to the License and Strategic Alliance Agreement on an annual basis and confirm in our annual reports the matters set out in Rules 14A.55 and 14A.56 of the Listing Rules, respectively;
- (5) the Company will disclose in the announcement the background for entering into the License and Strategic Alliance Agreement, the terms of the License and Strategic Alliance Agreement, the grounds for the waiver sought and the Directors' views on the fairness and reasonableness of the transactions under the License and Strategic Alliance Agreement;
- (6) after three years from the commencement of the commercial sales of relma-cel and related diagnostic products, our Company will set monetary caps by making announcement(s) (where appropriate) for the purpose of Rule 14A.53 of the Listing Rules; and such transaction will be subject to, among others, circular and independent shareholders' approval requirements if the highest applicable percentage ratio is more than 5%. In addition, the Company will disclose in its annual report a clear description of the basis for calculating the fees payable to Juno under the License and Strategic Alliance Agreement and any changes to such basis would be subject to independent shareholders' approval;
- (7) in the event of any future amendments to the Listing Rules imposing more stringent requirements than those as at the date of the Prospectus on the above continuing connected transactions, the Company will take immediate steps to ensure compliance with such new requirements;
- (8) apart from complying with reporting, announcement and independent Shareholders' approval requirements, setting a term of not exceeding three years and setting fixed monetary annual cap for which waivers are sought, our Company will comply with other requirements under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules;
- (9) the entering into the License and Strategic Alliance Agreement with Juno, as long as Juno remains as the connected person of the Company, will comply in full with all applicable reporting, annual review, disclosure and independent shareholders' approval requirement under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules; and
- (10) if there is any material deviation on the arrangement under the License and Strategic Alliance Agreement and the Company has more certainty on the expected milestone, the Company will re-apply for a cap in compliance with Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

The Company will, after taking into account, among other things, the addressable market, the drug pricing and the historical transaction amount of the relevant products, re-assess whether a further waiver is required at the expiry of such initial term.

#### Annual Review by the Independent Non-executive Directors and the Auditor

The independent non-executive Directors and the auditor of the Company have reviewed the transactions in relation to the License and Strategic Alliance Agreement on an annual basis and confirmed the matters set out in Rules 14A.55 and 14A.56 of the Listing Rules, respectively.

#### **BCMA License Agreement with Juno**

#### Principal terms

The Company entered into a license agreement with Juno on April 11, 2019 pursuant to which Juno granted the Company an exclusive, sublicensable, transferable and fee-bearing license under certain patent rights and know-how covering Juno's platform technology, solely to research, develop, commercialize, and manufacture or have manufactured JWCAR129, or related diagnostic products, in the JWCAR129 Field in the Territory. For further details, please refer to the section headed "Business -Collaboration and License Agreements — License Agreements with Juno" in the Prospectus. In consideration of the rights granted to us, we are required to make various upfront, milestone, royalty payments and reimbursement to Juno and the Company has set caps for milestone payment, royalty payment and reimbursement under the BCMA License Agreement (which does not affect the Company's payment obligations under the BCMA License Agreement but merely set for the purpose of complying with the Listing Rules) as follows:

Upfront payment	:	The Company shall provide Juno upfront payment comprising of (i) issuing 466,553 Series X Preferred Shares to Juno shortly after closing of Series A2 financing and (ii) issuing 4,665,530 (as adjusted after the Share Subdivision) Shares at nil consideration by June 11, 2022 if no product failure as defined in the BCMA License Agreement has occurred prior to April 2022, being to the third anniversary of the date of the BCMA License Agreement.
		The Company has issued 466,553 Series X Preferred Shares to Juno on November 20, 2019 under (i) above and in February 2021, BMS announced that it would discontinue clinical development of orva-cel and therefore, no Shares shall longer be issued under item (ii) above. All such Series X Preferred Shares were converted into ordinary shares upon Listing.
Milestone payment	:	The Company shall provide Juno milestone payments in cash in an aggregate amount of up to US\$35 million which are contingent on the occurrence of (i) milestone events relating to obtaining regulatory approvals for JWCAR129 and (ii) a milestone event relating to sales in the Territory relating to JWCAR129.
		For the year ended December 31, 2022, no milestone payment has been made by the Company to Juno.
Royalty payment	:	We are required to pay Juno royalty payments in cash for JWCAR129 and any related diagnostic products based on annual net sales in the Territory, subject to certain adjustments in specified circumstances under the BCMA License Agreement.
		For the year ended December 31, 2022, no royalty payment was made by the Company to Juno.

Reimbursement	:	We are required to pay to Juno in cash the sum of, among others, all milestone payments and royalties owed by Juno to third parties with respect to JWCAR129 and related diagnostic products in the Territory pursuant to in-license agreements existing at the time of such development or commercialization. For the year ended December 31, 2022, no reimbursement was made by the Company to Juno.
Caps for milestone payment, royalty payment and reimbursement (Note 1)	:	The annual cap for the milestone payment to be paid to Juno pursuant to the BCMA License Agreement will be nil, nil and US\$35 million for 2020, 2021 and 2022 respectively taking into account the estimated timing of the milestone events triggering milestone payments which is likely to occur in 2022 or later.
		Taking into account that setting annual cap formula may not be meaningful for JWCAR129 which is currently under pre-clinical development, the royalty payment and reimbursement to be paid to Juno pursuant to the BCMA License Agreement will not be more than US\$10 million in aggregate for 2020, 2021 and 2022.

(1) The caps do not affect the Company's payment obligations under the BCMA License Agreement and are merely set for the purpose of complying with the Listing Rules.

The BCMA License Agreement became effective on April 11, 2019 and will remain in effect and until the expiration of the royalty term. The royalty term applies on a product-by-product and countryby-country basis commencing upon the first commercial sale of JWCAR129 or a related diagnostic product in the Territory, with the end date varying depending on the type of royalty owed to Juno. It may also be terminated earlier by mutual agreement, by either party for the other party's uncured material breach that has frustrated the fundamental purpose of this agreement, upon our or JW Shanghai's dissolution, by either party upon the bankruptcy of the other party, by Juno if either party receives notice from the relevant regulatory authority alleging significant concerns regarding a patient safety issue that Juno reasonably believes would impact the long-term viability of JWCAR129 if attributable to the CAR construct licensed from Juno, by Juno if the additional preferred shares are not issued by the timeline set forth in the BCMA License Agreement, or by us for Juno's termination, suspension, or clinical hold of development in the United States of the BCMA License Agreement, please refer to the section headed "Business — License Agreements with Juno — Rights In-licensed from Juno — BCMA License Agreement" in the Prospectus.

#### Reasons for and benefits of the transactions

As the Company established a stable strategic alliance with Juno, it entered into the BCMA License Agreement to develop JWCAR129 further strengthen such alliance and expand the Company's pipeline products.

The royalty and milestone payment is a revenue sharing arrangement which was determined after arm's length negotiations between us and Juno, taking into account that it is common practice to share future sales revenue and proceeds from transfer of sub-licensing rights which in turn lowers the upfront fixed payment payable by the licensee in the Chinese biopharmaceutical market, according to Frost & Sullivan.

# Listing Rules Implications and Waivers from the Stock Exchange under the BCMA License Agreement

As at December 31, 2022, the Company was directly owned as to 17.09% by Juno, Juno is therefore one of the Substantial Shareholders. Pursuant to Rule 14A.07(1) of the Listing Rules, Juno is a connected person of our Company. Therefore, the transactions contemplated under the BCMA License Agreement with Juno constitute continuing connected transactions of the Company under the Listing Rules.

Under Rule 14A.52 of the Listing Rules, a listed issuer is required to set a contractual term not exceeding three years. It is impracticable and extremely difficult for us to set a contractual term not exceeding three years in respect of the BCMA License Agreement. Therefore, the Company applied to the Stock Exchange for, and the Stock Exchange has granted to the Company, a waiver under Rule 14A.52 of the Listing Rules from strict compliance with the contractual term requirements.

The Company has applied for a waiver from strict compliance with the requirement under Rule 14A.52 of the Listing Rules to set a term of not exceeding three years under the BCMA License Agreement for the following reasons:

(1) the business of research, development, production and commercialization of drug candidates underlying the BCMA License Agreement is the nature of the transaction that requires a longer contractual term. If the renewal of the BCMA License Agreement is subject to the requirements of independent shareholders' approval every three years, even in the absence of any material amendment, change, rescission or re-signing of these agreements, we may face the unnecessary and substantial risks of failing to renew such agreement upon expiry and losing our competitive advantages. This may even prevent us from carrying on our businesses, bringing uncertainty to our continued operation;

- (2) maintaining a long-term, exclusive cooperative relationship with Juno under the BCMA License Agreement is critical to our businesses and developments. The scale of the Chinese biopharmaceutical markets in China is huge. Juno specializes in research, development, production and commercialization of CAR-T product candidates. Our continuous business relationship with Juno provides a strategic advantage for us to expand our drug portfolio covering treatment of immunological diseases to maintain our competitiveness. In addition, the exclusive term to cooperate with Juno under the BCMA License Agreement safeguard the interests of our Company and our Shareholders as a whole by providing our Company with exclusivity in the relevant areas of business. Therefore, a contractual arrangement of indefinite term is necessary and critical to the sustainability of our business and to ensure our smooth and continued operations and also stable revenue and cash flows from the future commercialization of JWCAR129 in terms of indications related to immunological diseases. Subjecting the BCMA License Agreement to independent shareholders' approval will expose our Company to the risks of such agreements not being able to be renewed upon the expiry of a fixed term. This will give rise to unnecessary and substantial uncertainty to our business and therefore will not be in the best interests of our Company and our Shareholders as a whole;
- (3) setting a term of not exceeding three years under the BCMA License Agreement will unduly hinder our development and operation. We engage in the research, development, manufacturing and commercialization of CAR-T product candidates for the treatment of immunological diseases. We rely on the revenue and profits derived from the commercialization of our drug candidates in the upcoming future. A three-year term on the transaction amount under the BCMA License Agreement will place an arbitrary ceiling on our future revenue, hence effectively limiting the scale of our business to meet market demands, which will unduly hinder our development and our ability to grow and create value for all of our Shareholders;
- (4) the BCMA License Agreement is of an indefinite term longer than three years as otherwise normally permitted for the continuing connected transactions under the Listing Rules. Our Directors consider that the terms of the BCMA License Agreement are consistent with normal business practices for agreement of similar nature in the biotechnology pharmaceutical industry and are in the best interest of our Group and our Shareholders as a whole, because (i) the indefinite term of the BCMA License Agreement can secure long-term license rights for us, thus avoiding unnecessary disruptions to our business and enable long-term development and continuity of our operations and (ii) as confirmed by Frost & Sullivan, it is not uncommon in the biotechnology pharmaceutical industry where similar long-term licensing arrangements are adopted;
- (5) the performance of the BCMA License Agreement with Juno will comply in full with all applicable reporting, annual review, disclosure and independent shareholders' approval requirement under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules; and
- (6) if there is any material deviation on the arrangement under the BCMA License Agreement and the Company has more certainty on the expected milestones, the Company will re-apply for a cap in compliance with Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

#### Annual Review by the Independent Non-executive Directors and the Auditor

The independent non-executive Directors and the auditor of the Company have reviewed the transactions in relation to the BCMA License Agreement on an annual basis and confirmed the matters set out in Rules 14A.55 and 14A.56 of the Listing Rules, respectively.

#### **Contractual Arrangements**

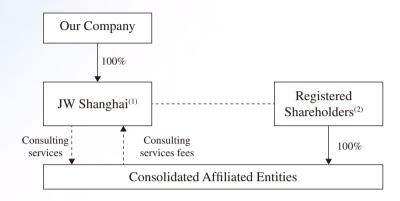
#### **Reasons for Adopting the Contractual Arrangements**

Foreign investment activities in the PRC now are mainly governed by the Industry Guidelines on Encouraged Foreign Investment (2020) (《鼓勵外商投資產業目錄(2020年版)》), the Special Administrative Measures (Negative List) for the Access of Foreign Investment (2020) (《外商投資准 入特別管理措施(負面清單)(2021年版)》) and the Special Administrative Measures (Negative List) for foreign investment access in the pilot free trade zone (2021) (《自由貿易試驗區外商投資准入特 別管理措施(負面清單)(2021年版)》) (the "**Relevant PRC Regulations**"), promulgated jointly by the Ministry of Commerce of the PRC (中華人民共和國商務部) and the National Development and Reform Commission of the PRC (中華人民共和國國家發展和改革委員會), pursuant to which the industries listed therein are divided into three categories in terms of foreign investment, namely, "encouraged" "restricted" and "prohibited". According to the Relevant PRC Regulations, foreign investment is prohibited in the development and application of gene diagnostic and therapeutic technologies.

Our Group engages in the clinical trial of CAR-T therapies (the "**Relevant Businesses**"), which involve the development and application of gene diagnostic and therapeutic technologies, and the latter falls into the "prohibited" category of the Relevant PRC Regulations. As such, we currently do not directly or indirectly hold any equity interest in our Consolidated Affiliated Entities which are involved in the Relevant Businesses.

In order to comply with the PRC laws and regulations and maintain effective control over the Relevant Businesses, we, through our wholly-owned subsidiary, JW Shanghai, entered into the Contractual Arrangements with Shanghai Ju Ming and its relevant shareholders, pursuant to which JW Shanghai acquired effective control over the financial and operational policies of our Consolidated Affiliated Entities and has become entitled to all the economic benefits derived from their operations.

The following simplified diagram illustrates the flow of economic benefits from our Consolidated Affiliated Entities to our Group stipulated under the Contractual Arrangements:



#### Notes:

" $\rightarrow$ " denotes legal and beneficial ownership in the equity interest.

- "- $\rightarrow$ " denotes contractual relationship through the Exclusive Business Cooperation Agreements.
- "- -" denotes the control by JW Shanghai over our Consolidated Affiliated Entities through (i) powers of attorney to exercise all shareholders' rights in Shanghai Ju Ming; (ii) exclusive options to acquire all or part of the equity interest and/or assets in our Consolidated Affiliated Entities; and (iii) equity pledges over the equity interest in Shanghai Ju Ming.
- (1) As of December 31, 2022, JW Shanghai was wholly-owned by JW (Hong Kong) Therapeutics Limited which was in turn wholly-owned by our Company.
- (2) As of December 31, 2022, Shanghai Ju Ming was held by its Registered Shareholders, as to 50% by Mr. Xin Fu and 50% by Ms. Xing Gao, respectively.
- (3) Due to the resignation and departure of Ms. Jing Lv in September 2021, one of the shareholders of Shanghai Ju Ming changed from Ms. Jing Lv to Mr. Xin Fu, a member of the senior management of our Group. The former contractual arrangement that relate to Ms. Jing Lv were terminated and a series of new contractual arrangements were entered into with Mr. Xin Fu, which their terms and conditions substantially the same as those of the former contractual arrangements, save for the identity of the new shareholder of Shanghai Ju Ming.

A brief description of the specific agreements that comprise the Contractual Arrangements is set out below. For details of the specific agreements, please refer to the section headed "Contractual Arrangements" in the Prospectus.

#### (1) Exclusive Business Cooperation Agreements

JW Shanghai and Shanghai Ju Ming entered into the exclusive business cooperation agreement on November 2, 2017 and the supplemental exclusive business cooperation agreements on July 29, 2020 and on September 15, 2020 (collectively, the "**Exclusive Business Cooperation Agreements**"), pursuant to which our Consolidated Affiliated Entities agreed to engage JW Shanghai as its exclusive provider of technical support, consulting services, and other related services, including but not limited to (i) software and technology licensing, (ii) technical services, (iii) network support, (iv) human resource support, (v) collection and research of technology and market information, (vi) business and management consultation, (vii) marketing and promotional services, (viii) development and testing of new products, (ix) equipment or properties leasing; and (x) other related services requested by our Consolidated Affiliated Entities from time to time to the extent permitted under PRC law. Pursuant to the Exclusive Business Cooperation Agreements, the service fee shall be paid on annual basis or any other timing as separately agreed between JW Shanghai and our Consolidated Affiliated Entities. The annual service fees shall consist of a management fee and a fee for services provided, which shall be reasonably determined by JW Shanghai based on certain factors, including, among other things, complexity and difficulty of such services, time commitment to such services, actual service scope, the market price of the same type of services and the operation conditions of Consolidated Affiliated Entities. In addition, the service fee shall be at a reasonable level in accordance with the nature of the services and shall consist of 100% of the total consolidated profit of the Consolidated Affiliated Entities, after deduction of any accumulated deficit in respect of the preceding financial year(s), operating costs, expenses, taxes and other statutory contributions. Apart from the service fee, if JW Shanghai transfers, licenses or develops technology for our Consolidated Affiliated Entities, or leases equipment or properties to our Consolidated Affiliated Entities, such fee shall be determined by JW Shanghai and our Consolidated Affiliated Entities separately. For the year ended December 31, 2022, no service fee was made by the Consolidated Affiliated Entities to JW Shanghai.

#### (2) Powers of Attorney

JW Shanghai and Shanghai Ju Ming entered into, with Ms. Xing Gao the power of attorney and the supplemental power of attorney on July 29, 2020, and with Mr. Xin Fu the power of attorney on September 9, 2021 (collectively, the "**Powers of Attorney**"). Pursuant to the Powers of Attorney, each of the Registered Shareholders irrevocably and exclusively grant JW Shanghai or its designee(s) (being the directors or senior management of JW Shanghai's direct or indirect offshore parent company and liquidators and other successors replacing such directors or senior management) the power to exercise all rights of the Registered Shareholders as set out in the then-valid articles of association of Shanghai Ju Ming and relevant laws and regulations, including but not limited to the rights:

- (i) to convene and attend shareholders' meeting;
- (ii) to exercise all the shareholders' rights and shareholders' voting rights pursuant to the relevant PRC laws and regulations and the articles of association of Shanghai Ju Ming;
- (iii) to handle the sale, transfer, pledge, or disposal of all or part of the equity interest in Shanghai Ju Ming;
- (iv) to execute any resolutions and minutes as a shareholder of Shanghai Ju Ming and to file any required document to relevant government authorities;
- (v) on behalf of the Registered Shareholders, to nominate, elect, designate, appoint or remove the legal representative, directors, supervisors, general managers, chief executive officer and other senior management members of Shanghai Ju Ming;
- (vi) to approve the amendments to the articles of association of Shanghai Ju Ming; and
- (vii) to deal with any asset of Shanghai Ju Ming, including but not limited to managing its assetrelated business and accessing and acquiring its revenue and assets.

#### (3) Exclusive Option Agreements

JW Shanghai and Shanghai Ju Ming entered into, with Ms. Xing Gao entered into the exclusive option agreement and the supplemental exclusive option agreement on July 29, 2020, and with Mr. Xin Fu the exclusive option agreement on September 9, 2021 (collectively, the "**Exclusive Option Agreements**"), pursuant to which the Registered Shareholders and Shanghai Ju Ming irrevocably and unconditionally granted JW Shanghai irrevocable and exclusive rights (the "**Exclusive Option Rights**"), provided that it is permitted under the PRC laws and regulations, to acquire the equity interest in our Consolidated Affiliated Entities from the Registered Shareholders and Shanghai Ju Ming and/or to acquire the assets of our Consolidated Affiliated Entities by JW Shanghai or its designee(s), in whole or in part at any time at the sole and absolute discretion of JW Shanghai.

The equity interest purchase price shall be equal to the amount of registered capital contributed in our Consolidated Affiliated Entities by their shareholders respectively or any other amount as separately agreed between JW Shanghai or its designee(s) and the Registered Shareholders, or the minimum price legally required under the PRC laws and regulations if such minimum price is higher than the aforementioned purchase price. The purchase price received by the Registered Shareholders shall be used to offset their respective loan due to JW Shanghai under the Loan Agreements (as defined below) (the "**Offset Debts**"). If PRC laws impose mandatory requirements on the equity interest purchase price, such that the minimum equity interest purchase price permitted under PRC laws exceeds the price already offset with the Offset Debts, the Registered Shareholders shall promptly gift all of the amount exceeding the Offset Debts they received to JW Shanghai or its designee(s) in the manner permitted under the applicable PRC laws. For further details, please see "— Loan Agreements" in this section.

The asset purchase price shall be free or at a nominal price or the minimum price legally required under the PRC laws and regulations. Upon the assets being duly transferred to JW Shanghai or its designee(s) and after deducting necessary tax expenses, JW Shanghai or its designee(s) shall pay the consideration within seven days to the designated bank accounts of our Consolidated Affiliated Entities. Our Consolidated Affiliated Entities has also undertaken that, subject to the relevant PRC laws and regulations, they will return to JW Shanghai or its designee(s) any consideration they received within seven days in the event that JW Shanghai exercises the Exclusive Option Rights to acquire the assets of our Consolidated Affiliated Entities. If such return is not permissible under the PRC laws, the returned consideration will be in escrow by our Consolidated Affiliated Entities for JW Shanghai and our Consolidated Affiliated Entities shall cooperate with JW Shanghai to sign a custody agreement or other relevant legal documents.

Pursuant to the Exclusive Option Agreements, our Consolidated Affiliated Entities and the Registered Shareholders, covenant, among other things, that:

- (i) without the prior consent of JW Shanghai, they shall not supplement, change, or amend the articles of association of our Consolidated Affiliated Entities, or increase or reduce the registered capital of our Consolidated Affiliated Entities, or otherwise change the structure of the registered capital of our Consolidated Affiliated Entities;
- (ii) they shall maintain the corporate existence of our Consolidated Affiliated Entities in accordance with the good financial and business standards and practices;
- (iii) without the prior consent of JW Shanghai, they shall not sell, transfer, mortgage or dispose of any material assets or legal or beneficial interest in the material business or revenues of our Consolidated Affiliated Entities, or allow to place encumbrances thereon;
- (iv) without the prior consent of JW Shanghai, our Consolidated Affiliated Entities shall not incur, inherit, guarantee or suffer any debt, unless the debts incurred in the ordinary course of business other than through loans;
- (v) they shall operate our Consolidated Affiliated Entities in the ordinary course of business so as to maintain our Consolidated Affiliated Entities' asset value, and shall not take or omit to take any actions which may adversely affect the operating status and asset value of our Consolidated Affiliated Entities;
- (vi) without the prior consent of JW Shanghai, our Consolidated Affiliated Entities shall not enter into any material contracts other than in the ordinary course of business;
- (vii) without the prior consent of JW Shanghai, our Consolidated Affiliated Entities shall not provide any person with any loan or credit;
- (viii) upon request of JW Shanghai, they shall provide JW Shanghai with information regarding the operations and financial condition of our Consolidated Affiliated Entities;
- (ix) our Consolidated Affiliated Entities shall purchase and maintain insurance over the assets and business of our Consolidated Affiliated Entities from an insurance carrier acceptable to JW Shanghai, at an amount and type of coverage typical for companies carrying on similar businesses;
- (x) without the prior written consent of JW Shanghai, our Consolidated Affiliated Entities shall not merge, consolidate with, acquire or invest in any person;
- (xi) they shall immediately inform JW Shanghai if assets, business, revenue or equity interest of our Consolidated Affiliated Entities involve in any litigation, arbitration or administrative proceeding;
- (xii) our Consolidated Affiliated Entities shall sign all necessary or appropriate documents, take all necessary or appropriate actions and file all necessary or appropriate complaints, and raise necessary and appropriate defenses against all claims to maintain the ownership of their assets;

- (xiii) without the prior written consent of JW Shanghai, they shall not distribute any dividend to its shareholders. However, upon request of JW Shanghai, our Consolidated Affiliated Entities shall immediately distribute all distributable profits to their shareholders;
- (xiv) at the request of JW Shanghai, they shall appoint any persons designated by JW Shanghai as the director or executive director of our Consolidated Affiliated Entities;
- (xv) without the prior consent of JW Shanghai, they shall not engage in any business in competition with JW Shanghai or its affiliates;
- (xvi) without written consent of JW Shanghai, our Consolidated Affiliated Entities shall not be dissolved or liquidated, unless otherwise mandatorily required by the PRC laws;
- (xvii) once foreign investors are permitted to invest in the principal business of our Consolidated Affiliated Entities in China, and the competent government authorities of China begin to approve such investments, upon JW Shanghai's exercise of this option, the Registered Shareholders shall immediately transfer to JW Shanghai or its designee(s) the equity interest in our Consolidated Affiliated Entities held by them; and
- (xviii) they shall procure the subsidiary and any subsidiary subsequently established, acquired or actually controlled by our Consolidated Affiliated Entities to exercise rights and perform the same obligations as our Consolidated Affiliated Entities and comply with covenants made by our Consolidated Affiliated Entities in accordance with the Exclusive Option Agreements.

(4) Loan Agreements

JW Shanghai entered into, with Ms. Xing Gao the loan agreement and the supplemental loan agreement on July 29, 2020, and with Mr. Xin Fu the loan agreement on September 9, 2021 (collectively, the "Loan Agreements"), pursuant to which JW Shanghai agreed to lend each Registered Shareholder RMB500,000 (the "Loans") for capital contribution to Shanghai Ju Ming or for the payment of the consideration of the equity interest of Shanghai Ju Ming. Such Loans will become immediately due and payable under any of the following circumstances: (i) 30 days after the Registered Shareholders receives a written notice from JW Shanghai requesting repayment of the Loan (and all interest thereon); (ii) death, lack or limitation of civil capacity of the Registered Shareholders; (iii) the Registered Shareholders cease to be a shareholder of Shanghai Ju Ming; (iv) the Registered Shareholders engage in criminal act or is involved in criminal activities; (v) once foreign investors are permitted to invest in the Relevant Businesses in China, with a controlling stake and/or in the form of wholly foreign-owned enterprises, and the competent government authorities of China begin to approve such investments; or the Registered Shareholders or Shanghai Ju Ming breach of the representations, warranties, covenants or other obligations under the Exclusive Option Agreements; and (vi) Shanghai Ju Ming failed to obtain or renew any governmental approval or license necessary for the operation of its core business.

#### (5) Equity Interest Pledge Agreements

JW Shanghai and Shanghai Ming Ju entered into, with Ms. Xing Gao the equity interest pledge agreement and the supplemental equity pledge agreement on July 29, 2020, and with Mr. Xin Fu the equity interest pledge agreement on December 2, 2021 (collectively, the "**Equity Interest Pledge Agreements**"), pursuant to which each of the Registered Shareholders agreed to pledge all of their respective equity interest in Shanghai Ju Ming to JW Shanghai as a security for their and Shanghai Ju Ming's performance of the contractual obligations under the Contractual Arrangements.

Under the Equity Interest Pledge Agreements, the Registered Shareholders agree that, the rights of JW Shanghai with respect to the pledge thereunder shall not be interrupted or harmed by the Registered Shareholders or their successors, heirs or representatives, or any other persons through any legal proceedings. If Shanghai Ju Ming declares any dividend during the term of the pledge, JW Shanghai is entitled to receive all such dividends distributed on the pledged equity interest, if any. In addition, pursuant to the Equity Interest Pledge Agreements, each of the Registered Shareholders has undertaken to JW Shanghai, among other things, not to transfer the interest in their respective equity interest in Shanghai Ju Ming or allow any encumbrance to be placed thereon without the prior written consent of JW Shanghai.

#### (6) Spouse Undertakings

The spouses of each the Registered Shareholders have executed an undertaking (the "**Spouse Undertakings**"), to the effect that (i) he/she acknowledges and consents the execution of the Contractual Arrangements by the respective Registered Shareholder, and the performance, amendments and termination of the Contractual Arrangements do not require his/her further authorization or consents; (ii) he/she undertake not to make any assertions in connection with the equity interest of Shanghai Ju Ming held by the respective Registered Shareholder; (iii) he/she undertakes to execute all necessary documents and to take all necessary actions to ensure the proper performance of the Contractual Arrangements; and (iv) in the event that he/she obtains any interests in Shanghai Ju Ming, he/she shall be bound by the Contractual Arrangements and comply with the obligations thereunder as a shareholder of Shanghai Ju Ming, and upon JW Shanghai's request, he/she shall sign any document in the form and content substantially same as the Contractual Arrangements.

#### Development in the PRC Legislation on Foreign Investment

#### The Foreign Investment Law (the "FIL")

The FIL was adopted at the Second Session of the Thirteenth National People's Congress of the PRC on March 15, 2019 and came into force on January 1, 2020. The FIL replaced the Sino-Foreign Equity Joint Venture Enterprise Law (《中外合資經營企業法》), the Sino-Foreign Cooperative Joint Venture Enterprise Law (《中外合資經營企業法》) and the Wholly Foreign-Invested Enterprise Law (《外資企業法》), and became the legal foundation for foreign investment in the PRC. For further details, please refer to the section headed "Regulatory Overview — Laws and Regulations Relating to Foreign Investment" in the Prospectus.

The FIL stipulates the implementation of the management systems of pre-establishment national treatment and "negative list" for foreign investment. The "negative list" issued by or upon approval by the State Council, refers to special administrative measures for access of foreign investment in specific fields in the PRC. A foreign investor shall not invest in any field in the "negative list" which is prohibited from foreign investment. A foreign investor shall meet the investment conditions stipulated under the "negative list" for any field in the "negative list" which is restricted from foreign investment. Concerning fields not mentioned in the "negative list" management shall be conducted under the principle of consistency between domestic and foreign investment. The FIL does not contain or quote the stipulation of the "negative list".

The definition of "foreign investors" in FIL includes foreign natural persons, enterprises and other organizations.

Moreover, the FIL does not stipulate that the "foreign investment" as defined thereunder shall include contractual arrangements. Instead, it adds a catch-all provision to the definition of foreign investment so that foreign investment, by its definition, includes "investments through other means stipulated under laws or administrative regulations or by the State Council" without elaboration on "other means".

#### Impact of FIL on Contractual Arrangements

Conducting operations through contractual arrangements has been adopted by many PRC-based companies, and has been adopted by our Company in the form of the Contractual Arrangements, to establish control of our Consolidated Affiliated Entities, through which we operate the Relevant Businesses in the PRC. The FIL stipulates four forms of foreign investment, but does not mention concept "actual control", nor does it explicitly stipulate the contractual arrangements as a form of foreign investment. Besides, it does not explicitly prohibit or restrict a foreign investor to rely on contractual arrangements to control the majority of its business that is subject to foreign investment restrictions or prohibitions in the PRC. Provided that no additional laws, administrative regulations, departmental rules or other regulatory documents on contractual arrangements has been issued and enacted, the coming into effect of the FIL does not, by itself, have any material adverse operational and financial impact on the legality and validity of our Contractual Arrangements.

If the operation of our Relevant Businesses is not on the "negative list" and we can legally operate such businesses under PRC laws, JW Shanghai will exercise the option under the Exclusive Option Agreement to acquire the equity interest of our Consolidated Affiliated Entities and unwind the contractual arrangements subject to re-approval by the relevant authorities.

Furthermore, the FIL stipulates that foreign investment includes "foreign investors invest in China through any other methods under laws, administrative regulations or provisions prescribed by the State Council". Although its implementing rules do not expressly stipulate the contractual arrangements as a form of foreign investment, there are possibilities that future laws, administrative regulations or provisions prescribed by the State Council may regard contractual arrangements as a form of foreign investment, there are possibilities that future laws, administrative regulations or provisions prescribed by the State Council may regard contractual arrangements as a form of foreign investment, at which time it will be uncertain whether the Contractual Arrangements will be deemed to be in violation of the foreign investment access requirements and how the above-mentioned Contractual Arrangements will be handled. Therefore, there is no guarantee that the Contractual Arrangements and the business of the Consolidated Affiliated Entities will not be materially and adversely affected in the future due to changes in PRC laws and Regulations. In the event that such measures are not complied with, the Stock Exchange may take enforcement actions against us which may have a material adverse effect on the trading of our Shares. For further details, please refer to the section headed "Risk Factors — Risks Relating to Contractual Arrangements" in the Prospectus.

#### Sustainability of our Relevant Businesses

If any ancillary regulations or implementation rules of the FIL and the negative list subsequently issued mandates further actions for us to retain the Contractual Arrangements, we will take all reasonable measures and actions to comply with the FIL or such ancillary regulations or implementation rules then in force and to minimize the adverse effect of such laws on our Company. However, there is no assurance that we can fully comply with such law. In the event that such measures are not complied with, the Stock Exchange may take enforcement actions against us which may have material adverse effect on the trading of our Shares. If, after the Global Offering, we fail to comply with the new foreign investment law as finally promulgated, we may be required to dispose of our Relevant Businesses operated through our Consolidated Affiliated Entity under the Contractual Arrangements or make necessary corporate structure adjustments so as to comply with the new foreign investment law as finally promulgated.

In the worst case scenario, if any new foreign investment law subsequently promulgated is refined or deviates from the FIL, resulting in the Contractual Arrangements becoming invalid and illegal, we may not be able to operate the Relevant Businesses through the Contractual Arrangements and may lose our rights to receive the economic benefits of the Consolidated Affiliated Entities and the financial results of the Consolidated Affiliated Entities may no longer be consolidated into our Group's financial results and we would have to derecognize their assets and liabilities according to the relevant accounting standards. If our Group does not receive any compensation, an investment loss would be recognized as a result of such derecognition.

Nevertheless, considering that a number of existing entities are operating under contractual arrangements and some of which have obtained listing status abroad, our Directors are of the view that it is unlikely, if any ancillary regulations or implementation rules of the FIL is promulgated, that the relevant authorities will take retrospective effect to require the relevant enterprises to remove the contractual arrangements. However, there is no guarantee that the PRC government will not take a relatively cautious attitude towards the supervision of foreign investments and the enactment of laws and regulations impacting them and make decisions according to different situations in practice.

Our Company will, after the Global Offering, timely announce (i) any updates or material changes to any ancillary regulations or implementation rules of the FIL that will materially and adversely affect us as and when they occur and (ii) in the event that any ancillary regulations or implementation rules of the FIL or any new foreign investment law has been promulgated, a clear description and analysis of law, specific measures adopted by our Company to comply with the law (supported by advice from PRC legal advisor), as well as its material impact on our business operation and financial position.

#### **Risks relating to the Contractual Arrangements**

- If the PRC government finds that the agreements that establish the structure for operating our business in China do not comply with PRC laws and regulations, or if these regulations or their interpretations change in the future, we could be subject to severe consequences and the relinquishment of our interests in the Consolidated Affiliated Entities.
- There is substantial uncertainty with respect to the interpretation and implementation of the newly enacted Foreign Investment Law and how it may impact the viability of our current corporate structure, corporate governance, and business operations.
- The Contractual Arrangements may not be as effective in providing operational control as direct ownership, and the Registered Shareholders and the Consolidated Affiliated Entities may fail to perform their obligations under the Contractual Arrangements.
- The Company may lose the ability to use the permits, licenses, and intellectual properties held by the Consolidated Affiliated Entities that are important to the operation of our business if the Consolidated Affiliated Entities declares bankruptcy or becomes subject to a dissolution or liquidation proceeding.
- The Contractual Arrangements may be subject to scrutiny by the PRC tax authorities and additional taxes may be imposed. A finding that we owe additional taxes could substantially reduce our consolidated net income and the value of the Shares.
- The Registered Shareholders of Shanghai Ju Ming may potentially have a conflict of interest with us, and they may breach their contracts with us or cause such contracts to be amended in a manner contrary to our interests.
- Certain of the terms of the Contractual Arrangements may not be enforceable under PRC laws.
- If the Company exercise the option to acquire equity ownership of Shanghai Ju Ming, the ownership transfer may subject us to certain limitations and substantial costs.

For details, please refer to the section headed "Rick Factors — Risks Relating to Contractual Arrangements" in the Prospectus.

#### **Compliance with the Contractual Arrangements**

Our Group has adopted the following measures to ensure the effective operation of our Group with the implementation of the Contractual Arrangements and our compliance with the Contractual Arrangements:

- (i) as part of the internal control measures, major issues arising from the implementation and compliance with the Contractual Arrangements or any regulatory enquiries from government authorities will be submitted to our Board, if necessary, for review and discussion on an occurrence basis;
- (ii) our Board, particularly our independent non-executive Directors, will review the overall performance of and compliance with the Contractual Arrangements at least once a year, and the confirmation from our independent non-executive Directors will be disclosed in our annual report;
- (iii) our Company will disclose the overall performance and compliance with the Contractual Arrangements in our annual reports and interim reports to update the Shareholders and potential investors;
- (iv) our Company and our Directors undertake to provide periodic updates in our annual and interim reports regarding (a) our status of compliance with the FIL, and (b) the latest regulatory development in relation with the FIL;
- (v) our Company will engage external legal advisors or other professional advisors, if necessary, to assist our Board to review the implementation of the Contractual Arrangements, review the legal compliance of JW Shanghai and our Consolidated Affiliated Entities to deal with specific issues or matters arising from the Contractual Arrangements;
- (vi) our Company will comply with the conditions to be prescribed by the Stock Exchange under the waiver given; and
- (vii) our Group will adjust or unwind (as the case may be) the Contractual Arrangements as soon as practicable in respect of the operation of the Relevant Businesses to the extent permissible and we will directly hold the maximum percentage of ownership interests permissible under relevant PRC laws and regulations which allow the Relevant Businesses to be conducted and operated by owned subsidiaries of our Company without such arrangements in place.

#### Listing Rules Implications and Waivers from the Hong Kong Stock Exchange relating to the Contractual Arrangements

Ms. Xing Gao is one of our non-executive Directors. Pursuant to Rule 14A.07(1) of the Listing Rules, Ms. Xing Gao is a connected person of our Company. As at December 31, 2022, Shanghai Ju Ming is held by Ms. Xing Gao as to 50%. Pursuant to Rule 14A.07(4) of the Listing Rules, Shanghai Ju Ming is an associate of our Director and therefore a connected person of our Company. Therefore, the transactions contemplated under the Contractual Arrangements constitute continuing connected transactions of the Company under the Listing Rules.

In respect of the Contractual Arrangements, the Stock Exchange has granted a waiver from strict compliance with (i) the announcement, circular and independent shareholders' approval requirements under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules in respect of the transactions contemplated under the Contractual Arrangements pursuant to Rule 14A.105 of the Listing Rules, (ii) the requirement of setting an annual cap for the transactions under the Contractual Arrangements under Rule 14A.53 of the Listing Rules and (iii) the requirement of limiting the term of the Contractual Arrangements to three years or less under Rule 14A.52 of the Listing Rules, for so long as the Shares are listed on the Stock Exchange subject however to the following conditions:

- (a) There shall be no change without independent non-executive Directors' approval;
- (b) There shall be no change without independent Shareholders' approval;
- (c) The Contractual Arrangements shall continue to enable the Group to receive the economic benefits derived from the Consolidated Affiliated Entities;
- (d) The Contractual Arrangements may be renewed and/or reproduced (i) upon expiry of the existing arrangements or (ii) in relation to any existing, newly established or acquired wholly foreign-owned enterprise or operating company (including a branch company) engaging in the same business as that of the Group, without obtaining approval of the Shareholders, on substantially the same terms and conditions as the Contractual Arrangements; and
- (e) The Group shall disclose details relating to the Contractual Arrangements on an ongoing basis.

For details, please refer to the section headed "Connected Transactions — 8. Contractual Arrangements — Waiver relating to Contractual Arrangements" in the Prospectus.

#### Annual Review by the Independent Non-executive Directors and the Auditor

The independent non-executive Directors, upon review of the overall performance of and compliance with the Contractual Arrangements, confirmed that:

- (a) the transactions carried out during such year have been entered into in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Contractual Arrangements;
- (b) no dividends or other distributions have been made by the Consolidated Affiliated Entities to the holders of its equity interests which are not otherwise subsequently assigned or transferred to our Group, which is confirmed by the auditor of the Company; and
- (c) any new contracts entered into, renewed or reproduced between our Group and the Consolidated Affiliated Entity during the Reporting Period under paragraph (d) above are fair and reasonable, or advantageous, so far as our Group is concerned and in the interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

Further, the Consolidated Affiliated Entities undertakes that, for so long as the Shares are listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, the Consolidated Affiliated Entities will provide our Group's management and our auditor with full access to its relevant records for the purpose of procedures to be carried out by our auditor on the connected transactions. Save as disclosed above, there is no change in the Contractual Arrangements for the period from the Listing Date to December 31, 2022.

#### **DLL3 License and Collaboration Agreement with Juno**

#### Principal terms

The Company entered into a license and collaboration agreement with Juno on December 19, 2022 (the "License and Collaboration Agreement") pursuant to which the Company and Juno shall establish a strategic alliance for the research, development, manufacturing and commercialization in Greater China of new cellular therapy products specifically directed to a solid tumor antigen known as DLL3. Pursuant to the License and Collaboration Agreement, among other things, Juno granted the Company an exclusive, sub-licensable and transferable license under certain patent and knowhow controlled by Juno, solely to (i) develop, commercialize, manufacture or have manufactured the product in Greater China; and (ii) modify the product (including the licensed construct) in Greater China. This license is subject to Juno's opt-in rights as describe below. For further details, please refer to the announcement of the Company dated December 21, 2022.

In consideration of the rights granted to the Company, it is required to make various milestone, royalty payments and reimbursement to Juno and the Company has set caps for milestone payments, royalty payments and reimbursement under the License and Collaboration Agreement (which does not affect the Company's payment obligations under the License and Collaboration but merely set for the purpose of complying with the Listing Rules) as follows:

Opt-In Right

The Company grants to Juno an exclusive right, exercisable in Juno's sole discretion, to co-commercialize the product and related Juno diagnostic products with the Company in Greater China (the "**Opt-In Right**"). There are two periods during which Juno is allowed to exercise the Opt-In Right.

If Juno exercises the Opt-In Right:

- The Company and Juno shall co-commercialize the product and related Juno Diagnostic Products in Greater China and shall share equally the profits and losses (as the case may be) relating to the development, commercialization and manufacturing of the product in Greater China. Depending on the timing of Juno's exercise of the Opt-In Right, certain allowable development expenses incurred by the Company may be included in the calculation of profit and loss. The aggregate amount of such profit and loss-sharing payments will not in any event exceed 50% of annual net profit/net loss from sales of the product and related Juno diagnostic products.
- Juno shall make a one-time payment to the Company (the "**Opt-In Payment**"). The amount of the Opt-In Payment would be subject to the status of pivotal trial of the product. The amount of the Opt-In Payment will not in any event exceed US\$50 million in aggregate.
- No milestone payments or royalty payments will be due from the Company to Juno in connection with the product and related Juno diagnostic products, except that if, prior to the time at which Juno exercises the Opt-In Right, the Company has reimbursed (or accrued an obligation to reimburse) Juno for milestone payments owed by Juno to third parties with respect to the development of the product and related Juno diagnostic products in Greater China, as described below under "Milestone Payments" and "Royalty Payments", Juno will be entitled to retain such reimbursed amounts (or receive such accrued amounts, as the case may be).

For the year ended December 31, 2022, no Opt-In Payment has been received by the Company from Juno and no profit and loss-sharing payments have been made by the Company to Juno or received by the Company from Juno (as applicable).

Milestone payments If Juno does not exercise the Opt-In Right, the Company will make a development milestone payment to Juno. In addition, the Company is required to reimburse to Juno all milestone payments owed by Juno to third parties with respect to the development or commercialization of the Product in Greater China pursuant to in-license agreements existing at the time of such development milestone payments and reimbursements (being the amount payable by Juno to third parties) with respect to the development and commercialization of the Product (assuming the Product is only developed for one indication) will not in any event exceed US\$35 million in aggregate.

For the year ended December 31, 2022, no milestone payment has been made by the Company to Juno.

Royalty payments If Juno does not exercise the Opt-In Right, the Company will (i) make tiered royalty payments to Juno on annual net sales of the Product and (ii) reimburse to Juno all royalty payments owed by Juno to third parties with respect to the development or commercialization of the Product in Greater China pursuant to in-license agreements existing at the time of such development or commercialization. The aggregate amount of such royalty payments and reimbursements (being the amount payable by Juno to third parties) with respect to the development and commercialization of the Product will not in any event exceed 16% of annual net sales of the Product in Greater China.

Moreover, the Company shall pay royalty payments and reimbursements to Juno with respect to the aggregate annual net sales of any related Juno diagnostic products in Greater China. The aggregate amount of such royalty payments and reimbursement (being the amount payable by Juno to third parties) will not in any event exceed 11% of annual net sales of such related Juno diagnostic products in Greater China.

For the year ended December 31, 2022, no royalty payment and reimbursement have been made by the Company to Juno.

The License and Collaboration Agreement became effective on January 17, 2023 and will remain in effect and until the expiration of the royalty term, unless earlier terminated in accordance with the terms of the License and Collaboration Agreement or by mutual written agreement of the parties. The royalty term with respect of the product and/or related Juno diagnostic product will begin on the first commercial sale of the product in Greater China and end upon the later of: (a) the expiration of the last-to-expire valid claim of the patents licensed to the Company that covers the composition of matter or method of use of the product; and (b) the 10th anniversary of the date of the first commercial sale of the product in Greater China. For further details of the License and Collaboration Agreement, please refer to the announcement of the Company dated December 21, 2022.

#### Reasons for and benefits of the transactions

The Company has established a close cooperative relationship with Juno, and continuation of this relationship with Juno is critical to the Company's business and development. For the Company to continue to execute on its business strategy to focus on potential opportunities in the cell therapy space that it deems to possess high growth or breakthrough technology potential, it is critical that the Company be able to leverage its CAR-T research, development, manufacturing and commercialization strengths in order to build on the foundation of this established relationship with Bristol Myers Squibb, which is one of the few pharmaceutical companies in the world with a track record of completing CAR-T commercialization, and is a much-preferred partner of the Company.

The Company has selected DLL3 as the target of its new CAR-T therapy because DLL3 is widely expressed in a variety of malignant tumors, and increased DLL3 expression is associated with later stage disease. DLL3 has been validated as a target in a type of solid tumor in several different platforms, but most have had limited results.

The Company believes that the right CAR construct and use of T cells is necessary to see durable responses. The Company has selected a DLL3 construct produced by Juno because the preclinical data are promising, robust and trusted, and the Company believes that the Licensed Construct is more likely to provide low toxicity and a high level of killing of targets with lower level target expression. Other pharmaceutical companies are seeking to develop treatments for the said type of solid tumor that are directed to DLL3. However, no clear front-runner has emerged to date. Accordingly, the Company believes that a CAR-T therapy directed to DLL3 for the treatment of the said type of solid tumor has significant potential.

# Listing Rules Implications and Waivers from the Stock Exchange under the License and Collaboration Agreement

As at December 31, 2022, the Company was directly owned as to 17.09% by Juno, Juno is therefore one of the Substantial Shareholders. Pursuant to Rule 14A.07(1) of the Listing Rules, Juno is a connected person of our Company. Therefore, the transactions contemplated under the License and Collaboration Agreement with Juno constitute connected transactions of the Company under the Listing Rules.

Under Rule 14A.52 of the Listing Rules, a listed issuer is required to set a contractual term not exceeding three years. The Company believes that it is a market practice in the biotechnology industry for similar collaboration agreements to be entered into for a long term or for an indefinite term, due to the substantial amount of time and capital committed by the collaboration parties and the risks involved in developing and commercializing any biological products.

The Company also believes that strict compliance with the requirements of Rule 14A.53 of the Listing Rules for setting monetary caps in relation to the (i) the royalties and profit-sharing payments to be made by the Company to Juno; and (ii) certain development costs/loss-sharing payments to be made by Juno to the Company as contemplated under the License and Collaboration Agreement is unduly burdensome, impractical and not in the best interests of Shareholders.

The Company has applied for, and the Stock Exchange has granted the Company, a waiver from strict compliance with the requirements under Rules 14A.52 and 14A.53 of the Listing Rules for setting a term of not exceeding three years and setting monetary caps in relation to the (i) the royalties and profit-sharing payments to be made by the Company to Juno; and (ii) certain development costs/loss-sharing payments to be made by Juno to the Company contemplated under the License and Collaboration Agreement, subject to the following conditions:

- in the event that sufficient financial and/or historical data in relation to the commercialization of the Product could be obtained by the end of an initial term ending on December 31, 2030 (the "Initial Term"), the Company will duly re-comply with the annual caps requirements after the Initial Term in accordance with Rule 14A.53 of the Listing Rules;
- (2) if the commercialization of the Product takes place earlier than the Company's current estimation, the Company shall set monetary caps by making announcement (where appropriate) for the purpose of Rule 14A.53 of the Listing Rules after three years from the commencement of the sales of the Product and the Juno Diagnostic Products; and such transaction shall be subject to, among others, circular and independent shareholders' approval requirements if the highest applicable percentage ratio is more than 5%. In addition, the Company shall disclose in its annual report the basis for calculating the fees payable to Juno under the License and Collaboration Agreement and any changes to such basis would be subject to Independent Shareholders' approval;
- (3) the Company will comply with the announcement, circular and independent shareholders' approval requirements under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules if there is any material change to the terms of the License and Collaboration Agreement;
- (4) the Company will designate a team to execute and ensure that the transactions in relation to the License and Collaboration Agreement are undertaken in accordance with the terms therein;
- (5) the Company's chief executive officer, Dr. Li, will use his best endeavor to supervise the compliance with the terms of the License and Collaboration Agreement and applicable Listing Rules requirements to the extent not waived by the Stock Exchange on a regular basis;
- (6) the independent non-executive Directors and the auditors of the Company will review the transactions in relation to the License and Collaboration Agreement on an annual basis and confirm in the Company's annual reports the matters set out in Rules 14A.55 and 14A.56 of the Listing Rules, respectively;
- (7) the Company will disclose in the announcement and circular the background for entering into the License and Collaboration Agreement, the terms of the License and Collaboration Agreement, the grounds for the waiver sought and the Directors' and Independent Financial Advisors' views on the fairness and reasonableness of the transactions under the License and Collaboration Agreement;
- (8) in the event of any future amendments to the Listing Rules imposing more stringent requirements than those as at the date of the announcement and circular on the above continuing connected transactions, the Company will take immediate steps to ensure compliance with such new requirements;

- (9) apart from setting a term of not exceeding three years and setting fixed monetary annual cap for which waivers are sought, the Company will comply with other requirements under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules; and
- (10) the entering into the License and Collaboration Agreement with Juno, as long as Juno remains as a connected person of the Company, will comply in full with all applicable reporting, annual review, disclosure and independent shareholders' approval requirement under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

#### Annual Review by the Independent Non-executive Directors and the Auditor

The independent non-executive Directors and the auditor of the Company have reviewed the transactions in relation to the License and Collaboration Agreement on an annual basis and confirmed the matters set out in Rules 14A.55 and 14A.56 of the Listing Rules, respectively.

## Non-exempt one-off connected transactions

#### **Financial Assistance**

#### Principal terms

The Company, JW Shanghai and Dr. Li entered into a tri-party agreement (the "**Tri-Party Agreement**"), pursuant to which JW Shanghai agrees to withhold the individual income tax in China for Dr. Li in respect of the restricted share units and share options granted to Dr. Li by the Company, which will be funded by a loan provided by the Company to Dr. Li (the "**Loan**") in an aggregate principal amount of up to HK\$43 million at an interest rate of 3.6% per annum for a term of one year from the drawdown date. The principal amount of the Loan shall be repaid on the maturity date of the Loan. The Loan is secured by the Shares legally and beneficially owned by Dr. Li himself or through JDI Capital or Park Place, which were charged in favor of a security agent. For further details, please refer to the announcements of the Company dated March 6, 2022 and April 14, 2022.

#### Reasons for and benefit of the Loan

Dr. Li joined the Group in 2016 and is an executive Director, the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer of the Company. He has played a pivotal and irreplaceable role in the Group since the founding of the Group up to the present. Dr. Li has continued to spend tremendous effort to lead the Group to develop breakthrough cell-based immunotherapies to bring hope to patients, it is necessary for the Group to support and retain key management personnel, in particular, Dr. Li, so that he can continue to lead and make valuable contribution to the Group in the future. The provision of the Loan is important and relevant to supporting Dr. Li's continual leadership in the Group. Further from treasury management perspectives, the Group was able to receive a higher interest rate from granting the Loan than the interest rate received by the Group by placing cash deposits with commercial banks in the PRC.

#### Listing Rules Implications and Waivers from the Stock Exchange under the financial assistance

Dr. Li is an executive Director and is therefore a connected person of the Company pursuant to Rule 14A.07(1) of the Listing Rules. Therefore, the transactions contemplated under the Tri-Party Agreement constitute connected transactions of the Company under the Listing Rules.

#### Annual Review by the Independent Non-executive Directors and the Auditor

The independent non-executive Directors and the auditor of the Company have reviewed the transactions in relation to the Tri-Party Agreement on an annual basis and confirmed the matters set out in Rules 14A.55 and 14A.56 of the Listing Rules, respectively.

Save as disclosed above, the related party transactions as disclosed in note 35 to the consolidated financial statements do not constitute connected transactions or continuing connected transactions as defined in Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

Save as disclosed in this annual report, and except the continuing connected transactions that were granted full exemptions on the requirements under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules by the Stock Exchange, there were no connected transactions or continuing connected transactions which are required to be disclosed by the Company during the Reporting Period in accordance with the provisions concerning the disclosure of connected transactions under Chapter 14A of the Listing Rules.

## DONATIONS

During the Reporting Period, the Group made charitable donations of approximately RMB0.1 million (2021: nil).

# SIGNIFICANT LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

For the year ended December 31, 2022, the Company was not engaged in any litigation or arbitration of material importance and no litigation or claim of material importance is known to the Directors to be pending or threatening against the Company.

## **PERMITTED INDEMNITY PROVISION**

Under the Articles of Association, every Director or other officers of the Company acting in relation to any of the affairs of the Company shall be entitled to be indemnified against all actions, costs, charges, losses, damages and expenses which he may incur or sustain in or about the execution of his duties in his office; be indemnified and secured harmless out of the assets of the Company; provided that this indemnity shall not extend to any matter in respect of any fraud or dishonesty.

The Company has arranged appropriate insurance cover in respect of legal action against its Directors and officers.

# **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

The Audit Committee of the Company had, together with the management and external auditor of the Company, reviewed the accounting principles and policies adopted by the Group and the consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2022.

# **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

The Company is committed to maintaining high standards of corporate governance practices. Information on the corporate governance practices adopted by the Company is set out in the Corporate Governance Report on pages 105 to 124 of this annual report.

# SUFFICIENCY OF PUBLIC FLOAT

Based on information publicly available to the Company and to the best knowledge of the Directors, at least 25% of the Company's total issued shares, the prescribed minimum percentage of public float approved by the Stock Exchange and permitted under the Listing Rules, was held by the public at all times during the Reporting Period and as of the latest practicable date prior to the issue of this annual report.

# AUDITOR

PricewaterhouseCoopers was appointed as the Auditor for the year ended December 31, 2022. The accompanying financial statements prepared in accordance with IFRSs have been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers.

PricewaterhouseCoopers shall retire at the forthcoming annual general meeting and, being eligible, will offer itself for re-appointment. A resolution for the re-appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers as Auditor will be proposed at the AGM.

On behalf of the Board **Yiping James Li** *Chairman and Executive Director* 

Shanghai, PRC, March 29, 2023

The Board is pleased to present the corporate governance report of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2022.

# **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES**

The Group is committed to maintaining high standards of corporate governance to safeguard the interests of the Shareholders and to enhance corporate value and accountability. The Company has adopted the CG Code as set out in Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules as its own code of corporate governance during the year ended December 31, 2022.

Save as disclosed in this annual report, the Company has complied with all applicable code provisions set out in Part 2 of the CG Code during the year ended December 31, 2022.

The Company will continue to review and monitor its corporate governance practices to ensure compliance with the CG Code.

# **THE BOARD**

#### **Responsibilities**

The Board is responsible for the overall leadership of the Group, overseeing the Group's strategic decisions and monitors business and performance. The Board has delegated the authority and responsibility for day-to-day management and operation of the Group to the senior management of the Group. To oversee particular aspects of the Company's affairs, the Board has established three Board Committees including the Audit Committee, the Remuneration Committee and the Nomination Committee. The Board has delegated to the Board Committees responsibilities as set out in their respective terms of reference.

All Directors have carried out duties in good faith and in compliance with applicable laws and regulations and have acted in the interests of the Company and the Shareholders at all times.

The Company has arranged appropriate liability insurance in respect of legal action against the Directors. The insurance coverage will be reviewed on an annual basis.

## **Corporate Governance Report**

#### **Board Composition**

As of the date of this annual report, the Board comprises 1 executive Director, 5 non-executive Directors and 3 independent non-executive Directors as follows:

#### **Executive Director**

Dr. Yiping James Li (Chairman)

#### **Non-executive Directors**

Dr. Krishnan Viswanadhan Ms. Xing Gao Dr. Ann Li Lee Mr. Jinyin Wang Dr. Cheng Liu

#### Independent Non-executive Directors

Mr. Yiu Leung Andy Cheung Mr. Kin Cheong Kelvin Ho Dr. Debra Yu

The biographies of the Directors are set out under the section headed "Directors and Senior Management" of this annual report.

Save as disclosed in the Directors' biographies set out in the section headed "Directors and Senior Management" in this annual report, none of the Directors have any personal relationship (including financial, business, family or other material or relevant relationship) with any other Director and chief executive.

Following the resignation of Mr. Chi Shing Li ("**Mr. Li**") as Director on January 1, 2023, the Company failed to meet the following requirements:

- (a) at least three independent non-executive directors on the Board under Rule 3.10(1) of the Listing Rules;
- (b) the Remuneration Committee chaired by an independent non-executive director and comprising a majority of independent non-executive directors under Rule 3.25 of the Listing Rules and the relevant terms of reference of the Company; and
- (c) the Nomination Committee chaired by the chairman of the board or an independent nonexecutive director and comprising a majority of independent non-executive directors under Rule 3.27A of the Listing Rules and the relevant terms of reference of the Company.

Following the appointment of Dr. Debra Yu as a Director which took effect from March 1, 2023, the Company has fully complied with the requirements as set out in Rules 3.10(1), 3.25 and 3.27A of the Listing Rules. For details, please refer to the Company's announcement dated March 1, 2023.

As each of the independent non-executive Directors has confirmed his/her independence pursuant to Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules, the Company considers all of them to be independent parties.

#### **Board Diversity Policy**

We recognize and embrace the benefits of having a diverse Board to capture different talents so as to further bolster our Board's performance. This would also enable us in achieving a sustainable and balanced development in the long run. Our Board has adopted a board diversity policy (the "**Board Diversity Policy**") which sets out the approach to achieve and maintain its diversity. The Board Diversity Policy provides that the selection of Board candidates should be based on a range of diversity considerations, including but not limited to professional experience, skills, knowledge, gender, age, cultural and educational background, ethnicity and length of service. Our Directors have a balanced mix of knowledge and skills, including knowledge and experience in the areas of business management, biotechnology, clinical research, life science, finance, investment, and accounting. They obtained degrees in various areas including microbiology, chemistry, pharmacy, biochemical engineering, chemical engineering, business administration, economics, mathematics, accounting and business law. Our board diversity policy is well implemented as evidenced by the fact that there are three female and six male Directors ranging from 38 years old to 63 years old with experience from different industries and sectors.

We will continue to implement measures and steps to promote and enhance gender diversity at all levels of our Company. We will select potential Board candidates based on merit and his/her potential contribution to our Board while taking into account our Board Diversity Policy and other factors, including but not limited to, his/her integration into our management mindset and business model and any specific requirements from time to time.

The Nomination Committee is responsible for ensuring the diversity of the Board members. The Nomination Committee reviews the Board Diversity Policy and its implementation on an annual basis to ensure its implementation and monitor its continued effectiveness.

During the Reporting Period, the Board, through the Nomination Committee, has reviewed the implementation and effectiveness of the Board Diversity Policy and confirm that the Board has an appropriate mix of skills and experience to deliver the Company's strategy.

The Board is comprised of nine Directors, including six male Directors and three female Directors. The Board is of the view that the existing gender diversity in respect of the Board is sufficient. The Company will use its best endeavours to ensure the principle of board and gender diversity is integrated into the recruitment processes of suitable candidates for the Board and of the Company's employees to ensure there shall be a pipeline of potential successors to the Board and to its workforce while maintaining the existing board and gender diversity.

Accordingly, the Company considers that gender diversity is also achieved in its workforce generally. As at December 31, 2022, we had a total of 528 employees, of which 222 were male and 306 were female. The gender ratio in our workforce (including senior management) was approximately 40.0% males to 60.0% females.

#### Mechanisms to Ensure Independent Views and Input

In order to ensure that independent views and input of the Independent non-Executive Directors are made available to the Board, the Nomination Committee and the Board are committed to assess the Directors' independence annually with regards to all relevant factors related to the Independent non-Executive Directors including the following:

- required character, integrity, expertise, experience and stability to fulfill their roles;
- time commitment and attention to the Company's affairs;
- firm commitment to their independent roles and to the Board;
- declaration of conflict of interest in their roles as independent non-executive Directors;
- no involvement in the daily management of the Company nor in any relationship or circumstances which would affect the exercise of their independent judgement; and
- the Chairman meets with the Independent non-executive Directors regularly without the presence of the Executive Directors.

All Directors are entitled to seek advice the independent professional advisors at the Company's expenses.

During the Reporting Period, the Company has reviewed the implementation and effectiveness of such mechanisms and considered they are effective and adequate.

#### **Anti-Corruption**

The Company has adopted an anti-corruption policy to promote an ethical culture with the Company, to minimize the Group's operation risks and to protect the Company and its shareholders' interests as a whole. Such policy encourages all employees (including senior management) to report any suspicious fraudulent activities or misconducts through relevant procedures in accordance with the policy. Identities and information reported will be kept strictly confidential and whistle-blowers will be protected from potential retaliation, unfair termination or victimization. During the Reporting Period, the Company has provided anti-corruption training to all employees.

#### **Induction and Continuous Professional Development**

Each newly appointed Director is provided with necessary induction and information to ensure that he/she has a proper understanding of the Company's operations and businesses as well as his/ her responsibilities under relevant statues, laws, rules and regulations. The Company also arranges regular seminars to provide Directors with updates on the latest development and changes in the Listing Rules and other relevant legal and regulatory requirements from time to time. The Directors are also provided with regular updates on the Company's performance, position and prospects to enable the Board as a whole and each Director to discharge their duties.

Directors are encouraged to participate in continuous professional development to develop and refresh their knowledge and skills. The company secretary of the Company has from time to time updated and provided written training materials relating to the roles, functions and duties of a Director.

According to the information provided by the Directors, a summary of training received by the Directors throughout the year ended December 31, 2022 is as follows:

Name of Directors	Nature of Continuous Professional Development Programs
Executive Director	
Dr. Yiping James Li <i>(Chairman)</i>	A & B
Non-Executive Directors	
Dr. Krishnan Viswanadhan	A & B
Ms. Xing Gao	A & B
Dr. Ann Li Lee	A & B
Mr. Jinyin Wang	A & B
Dr. Cheng Liu	A & B
Independent Non-Executive Directors	
Mr. Chi Shing Li (Resigned on January 1, 2023)	A & B
Mr. Yiu Leung Andy Cheung	A & B
Mr. Kin Cheong Kelvin Ho	A & B

#### Notes:

A: Attending training relevant to the Company's business conducted by lawyers

B: Reading materials relevant to corporate governance, director's duties and responsibilities, listing rules and other relevant ordinances

#### **Chairman and Chief Executive Officer**

Dr. Li is currently the Chairman and CEO. We consider that having Dr. Li acting as both the Chairman and CEO will provide a strong and consistent leadership to us and allow for more effective planning and management of our Group. Pursuant to code provision C.2.1 of the CG Code, the roles of the chairman of the Board and CEO should be separate and should not be performed by the same individual. However, in view of Dr. Li's extensive experience in the industry, personal profile and critical role in our Group and our historical development, we consider that it is beneficial to the business prospects of our Group that Dr. Li continues to act as both the Chairman of the Board and CEO upon Listing.

### **Corporate Governance Report**

#### **Appointment and Re-election of Directors**

Details relating to the service contracts of Directors are set out in the section headed "Directors' Service Contracts and Letters of Appointment" in the Report of Directors of this annual report.

None of the Directors has a service contract which is not determinable by the Group within one year without payment of compensation (other than statutory compensation).

The procedures and process of appointment, re-election and removal of Directors are set out in the Articles of Association. The Nomination Committee is responsible for reviewing the Board composition and making recommendations to the Board on the appointment or re-appointment of Directors and succession planning for Directors.

#### **Board Meetings**

The Company adopts the practice of holding Board meetings regularly, at least four times a year, and at approximately quarterly intervals. Notices of not less than fourteen days are given for all regular Board meetings to provide all Directors with an opportunity to attend and include matters in the agenda for a regular meeting.

For other Board and Board Committee meetings, reasonable notice is generally given. The agenda and accompanying board papers are dispatched to the Directors or Board Committee members at least three days before the meetings to ensure that they have sufficient time to review the papers and are adequately prepared for the meetings. When Directors or Board Committee members are unable to attend a meeting, they will be advised of the matters to be discussed and given an opportunity to make their views known to the Chairman prior to the meeting. Minutes of meetings are kept by the company secretary with copies circulated to all Directors for information and records.

Minutes of the Board meetings and Board Committee meetings are recorded in sufficient detail about the matters considered by the Board and the Board Committees and the decisions reached, including any concerns raised by the Directors. Draft minutes of each Board meeting and Board Committee meeting are sent to the Directors for comments within a reasonable time after the date on which the meeting is held. Minutes of the Board meetings are open for inspection by Directors.

During the Reporting Period, five Board meetings and two general meetings were held and the attendance of each Director at these meetings is set out in the table below:

Directors	Attended/ Eligible to attend the Board meeting(s)	Attended/ Eligible to attend the general meeting(s)
Executive Director		
Dr. Yiping James Li <i>(Chairman)</i>	5/5	2/2
Non-Executive Directors		
Dr. Krishnan Viswanadhan	5/5	2/2
Ms. Xing Gao	5/5	2/2
Dr. Ann Li Lee	5/5	1/2
Mr. Jinyin Wang	4/5	2/2
Dr. Cheng Liu	4/5	2/2
Independent Non-Executive Directors		
Mr. Chi Shing Li (resigned on January 1, 2023)	5/5	1/2
Mr. Yiu Leung Andy Cheung	5/5	2/2
Mr. Kin Cheong Kelvin Ho	5/5	1/2
Dr. Debra Yu (appointed on March 1, 2023)	N/A	N/A

#### Model Code for Securities Transactions

We have also adopted our own code of conduct regarding securities transactions, namely the Code for Securities Transactions by Directors (the "**Securities Transactions Code**"), which applies to all Directors of the Company on terms no less than the required standard indicated by the Model Code.

Specific enquiry has been made of all the Directors and they have confirmed that they have complied with the Securities Transactions Code during the year ended December 31, 2022.

The Company's employees, who are likely to be in possession of unpublished inside information of the Company, are subject to the Model Code. No incident of non-compliance of the Model Code was noted by the Company as at the date of this report.

#### **Delegation by the Board**

The Board reserves for its decision all major matters of the Company, including: approval and monitoring of all policy matters, overall strategies and budgets, internal control and risk management systems, material transactions (in particular those that may involve conflict of interests), financial information, appointment of Directors and other significant financial and operational matters. Directors could have recourse to seek independent professional advice in performing their duties at the Company's expense and are encouraged to access and to consult with the Company's senior management independently.

The daily management, administration and operation of the Group are delegated to the senior management. The delegated functions and responsibilities are periodically reviewed by the Board. Approval has to be obtained from the Board prior to any significant transactions entered into by the management.

#### **Corporate Governance Function**

The Board recognizes that corporate governance should be the collective responsibility of the Directors which includes but not limited to the following:

- (a) to review and monitor the Company's policies and practices on compliance with legal and regulatory requirements;
- (b) to review and monitor the training and continuous professional development of Directors and senior management;
- (c) to develop, review and monitor the code of conduct and compliance manual applicable to employees and Directors;
- (d) to develop and review the Company's policies and practices on corporate governance and make recommendations to the Board and report to the Board on matters;
- (e) to review the Company's compliance with the CG Code and disclosure in the corporate governance report; and
- (f) to review and monitor the Company's compliance with the Company's whistleblowing policy.

## **BOARD COMMITTEES**

#### Audit Committee

The Audit Committee comprises three members and is chaired by an independent non-executive Director, Mr. Yiu Leung Andy Cheung, and consists of one independent non-executive Director, Mr. Kin Cheong Kelvin Ho, and one non-executive Director, Ms. Xing Gao. Among the members, both Mr. Yiu Leung Andy Cheung and Mr. Kin Cheong Kelvin Ho have seasoned finance and risk management expertise, and Ms. Xing Gao has over 10 years of healthcare investment related experience.

The principal duties of the Audit Committee include but not limited to:

- 1. making recommendation to the Board on the appointment, reappointment and removal of the external auditor, and to approve the remuneration and terms of engagement of the external auditor, and to consider any questions of resignation or dismissal of that auditor;
- 2. reviewing and monitoring the external auditor's independence and objectivity and the effectiveness of the audit process in accordance with applicable standards;
- 3. reviewing the financial statements, reports and accounts and consider any significant or unusual items raised by the Company's qualified accountant, compliance officer or auditor before submission of the Board;
- 4. reviewing the Company's financial controls and, unless expressly addressed by a separate Board risk committee or by the Board itself, reviewing the Company's risk management and internal control systems;
- 5. discussing the risk management and internal control system with the Senior Management and to ensure that the Senior Management has performed its duties in establishing and maintaining effective systems, including adequacy of resources, staff qualifications and experience, training programs and budget of the Company's accounting and financial reporting function;
- 6. ensuring co-ordination between the internal and external auditors, and to ensure that the internal audit function is adequately resourced and has appropriate standing within the Company, and to review and monitor its effectiveness; and
- 7. considering any other topics, as defined by the Board.

The written terms of reference of the Audit Committee are available on the websites of the Stock Exchange and the Company.

For the year ended December 31, 2022, three meetings of the Audit Committee were held to discuss and consider the following matters:

 reviewed annual results of the Company and its subsidiaries for the year ended December 31, 2021 as well as the audit report prepared by the auditor relating to accounting issues and major findings in course of audit;

- reviewed interim results of the Company and its subsidiaries for the six months ended June 30, 2022;
- reviewed the 2021 internal control and risk management report, and discussed the risk management and internal control system with the Senior Management;
- reviewed the representation letters for 2021 consolidated financial statement and connected party transactions;
- reviewed the connected transactions, including continuing connected party transactions;
- ensured the internal audit function is adequately resourced, periodically conducted meetings to review and monitor the effectiveness of internal audit function;
- reviewed the financial reporting system, compliance procedures, risk management and internal control systems (including the adequacy of resources, staff qualifications and experience, training programs and budget of the Company's accounting and financial reporting function) and the re-appointment of the Auditor; the Board had not deviated from any recommendation given by the Audit Committee on the selection, appointment, resignation or dismissal of the auditor;
- reviewed the Company's audit plans in 2022 prepared by the internal audit and external auditor of the Company; and
- conducted separate discussion with external auditor.

Attendance of each Audit Committee member is set out in the table below:

Directors	Attended/ Eligible to attend
Mr. Yiu Leung Andy Cheung <i>(Chairman)</i>	3/3
Ms. Xing Gao	3/3
Mr. Kin Cheong Kelvin Ho	3/3

#### **Nomination Committee**

The Nomination Committee comprises five members and is chaired by a non-executive Director, Dr. Yiping James Li, and consists of one non-executive Director, Dr. Krishnan Viswanadhan, and three independent non-executive Directors, Mr. Yiu Leung Andy Cheung, Mr. Kin Cheong Kelvin Ho and Dr. Debra Yu.

The principal duties of the Nomination Committee include the following:

1. reviewing the structure, size and composition (including the skills, knowledge and experience) required of the Board annually and making recommendations on any proposed changes to the Board to complement the Company's corporate strategy;

- 2. making recommendations to the board on the appointment or re-appointment of directors and succession planning for directors in particular the chairperson and the chief executive;
- 3. identifying individuals suitably qualified to become Directors and selecting or making recommendations to the Board on the selection of individuals nominated for directorships; and
- 4. assessing the independence of independent non-executive Directors.

The Nomination Committee assesses the candidate or incumbent on criteria such as integrity, experience, skill and ability to commit time and effort to carry out the duties and responsibilities. The recommendations of the Nomination Committee will then be put to the Board for decision.

#### **Director Nomination Policy**

The Board has adopted a nomination policy which sets out the selection criteria and process in relation to the selection, appointment and re-appointment of the Directors and aims to ensure that the Board has a balance of skills, experience, knowledge and diversity of perspectives appropriate to the Company's business.

The nomination policy sets out the factors for assessing the suitability and the potential contribution to the Board of a proposed candidate, including but not limited to the following:

- reputation for integrity;
- skills, qualification and experiences;
- commitment in respect of available time and relevant interest;
- independence of proposed independent non-executive Directors; and
- diversity in all aspects, including but not limited to gender, age (18 years or above), cultural and educational background, ethnicity, professional experience, skills, knowledge, and length of service.

The Nomination Committee shall identify, consider and recommend to the Board appropriate candidates to serve as Directors and to make recommendations to the Shareholders. The ultimate responsibility for selection and appointment of Directors rests with the entire Board.

The written terms of reference of the Nomination Committee are available on the websites of the Stock Exchange and the Company.

For the year ended December 31, 2022, one meeting of the Nomination Committee was held to discuss and consider the following matters:

- reviewed the structure, size, and composition of the Board;
- confirmed the independence of the independent non-executive Directors;
- considered the qualifications of the retiring Directors standing for election at the annual general meeting; and

• reviewed the resignation of the non-executive Directors and the independent non-executive Directors and proposed new composition of the Nomination Committee and the Remuneration Committee.

Attendance of each Nomination Committee member is set out in the table below:

Directors	Attended/ Eligible to attend
Mr. Chi Shing Li (Chairman) (resigned on January 1, 2023)	1/1
Dr. Krishnan Viswanadhan	1/1
Mr. Kin Cheong Kelvin Ho	1/1
Dr. Yiping James Li (Chairman) (appointed on March 1, 2023)	N/A
Mr. Yiu Leung Andy Cheung (appointed on March 1, 2023)	N/A
Dr. Debra Yu (appointed on March 1, 2023)	N/A

#### **Remuneration Committee**

The Remuneration Committee comprises three members and is chaired by an independent nonexecutive Director, Mr. Yiu Leung Andy Cheung, and consists of one non-executive Director, Dr. Ann Li Lee and one independent non-executive Director, Dr. Debra Yu.

The principal duties of the Remuneration Committee include the following:

- making recommendations to the Board on the Company's policy and structure for all Directors' and senior management remuneration and on the establishment of a formal and transparent procedure for developing remuneration policy, and proper human resources review process is in place to ensure that no Director, senior management or any of his associate is involved in deciding his own remuneration;
- 2. reviewing and approving Director and senior management's remuneration proposals with reference to the Board's goals and objectives;
- 3. considering salaries paid by comparable companies, time commitment and responsibilities, and employment conditions elsewhere in the Group;
- 4. determining with delegated responsibility and making recommendations to the Board on the remuneration packages of individual executive Directors, non-executive Directors and senior management;
- 5. reviewing and approving the compensation payable to executive Directors and senior management for any loss or termination of office or appointment in order to ensure that such compensation is consistent with the contractual terms and is otherwise fair and not excessive;

- 6. reviewing and approving compensation arrangements relating to dismissal or removal of executive Directors and senior management for misconduct in order to ensure they are consistent with contractual terms and are otherwise reasonable and appropriate; and
- 7. reviewing and/or approving matters relating to share schemes under Chapter 17 of the Listing Rules.

The written terms of reference of the Remuneration Committee are available on the websites of the Stock Exchange and the Company.

For the year ended December 31, 2022, seven meetings of the Remuneration Committee were held to discuss and consider the following matters:

- reviewed and made recommendation to the Board on the remuneration policy;
- reviewed and made recommendation to employees merit increase and bonus budget;
- reviewed and made recommendation to the Board on the remuneration packages of the Directors and senior management; and
- reviewed and made recommendation to the Board on the share incentivization schemes and arranged regular signing on the grant documents.

Attendance of each Remuneration Committee member is set out in the table below:

Directors	Attended/ Eligible to attend
Mr. Chi Shing Li (李志成) <i>(Chairman) (resigned on January 1, 2023)</i>	7/7
Dr. Ann Li Lee	6/7
Mr. Yiu Leung Andy Cheung (張耀樑)	7/7
Dr. Debra Yu <i>(appointed on March 1, 2023)</i>	N/A

#### **Emolument Policy**

The Company has established the Remuneration Committee to review the Company's policy and structure for the remuneration of all Directors and senior management and formulate remuneration policy. The remuneration of the Directors and senior management are determined based on their individual performance, responsibilities, qualification, position and seniority. The remuneration of all Directors and senior management is recommended by the Remuneration Committee.

### **Corporate Governance Report**

#### **Remuneration of Directors and Senior Management**

The remuneration payable to the senior management of the Company (who are not the Directors) is shown in the following table by band:

	Year ended D	Year ended December 31,	
	2022	2021	
	no. of	no. of	
Remuneration band (in RMB)	individuals	individuals	
Less than RMB1,000,000	—	_	
RMB1,000,001 to RMB1,500,000	—	_	
RMB1,500,001 to RMB3,000,000	—	—	
RMB3,000,001 to RMB4,500,000	—	1	
RMB4,500,001 to RMB6,000,000	2		
RMB6,000,001 to RMB7,500,000	—	1	
RMB7,500,001 to RMB9,000,000	—		
RMB10,500,001 to RMB12,000,000	—	2	
RMB12,000,001 to RMB13,500,000	2		
	4	4	

Details of the remuneration payable to the Directors and the five highest paid individuals for the year ended December 31, 2022 are set out in note 10 to the consolidated financial statements.

## DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING IN RESPECT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Directors acknowledge their responsibility for preparing the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2022 which give a true and fair view of the affairs of the Company and the Group and of the Group's results and cash flows.

The management has provided to the Board such explanation and information as are necessary to enable the Board to carry out an informed assessment of the Company's financial statements, which are put to the Board for approval.

The Directors were not aware of any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions which may cast significant doubt upon the Group's ability to continue as a going concern.

The statement by the auditor of the Company regarding their reporting responsibilities on the consolidated financial statements of the Company is set out in the Independent Auditor's Report on pages 125 to 129 of this annual report.

## **RISK MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL CONTROL**

The Board acknowledges that it is the responsibility of the Board for maintaining an adequate internal control system to safeguard shareholder investments and Company assets and reviewing the effectiveness of such system on an annual basis. The risk management and internal control systems are designed to manage rather than eliminate the risk of failure to achieve business objectives, and can only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance against material misstatements or loss.

The Board had conducted a review of the effectiveness of the risk management and internal control systems of the Group for the year ended December 31, 2022 and considered them effective and adequate.

#### **Risk Management**

We have adopted a series of risk management policies which set out a risk management framework to identify, assess, evaluate and monitor key risks associated with our strategic objectives on an ongoing basis. Risks identified by the management will be analyzed on the basis of likelihood and impact, and will be properly followed up, mitigated and rectified by the Group then reported to the Directors. Our Audit Committee, and ultimately the Directors supervise the implementation of the Company's risk management policies. The Directors and the senior management possess the necessary knowledge and experience in providing good corporate governance oversight in connection with risk management and internal control. The following key principles outline our approach of risk management:

- Our Audit Committee will oversee and manage the overall risks associated with our business operation, including (i) reviewing and approving our risk management policies to ensure that it is consistent with our corporate objectives; (ii) reviewing and approving our corporate risk tolerance; (iii) monitoring the most significant risks associated with our business operation and our management's handling of such risks; (iv) reviewing our corporate risk in light of our corporate risk tolerance; and (v) monitoring and ensuring the appropriate application of our risk management framework across the Group.
- Our chief finance officer, Mr. Xin Fu, will be responsible for (i) formulating and updating our risk management policy and targets; (ii) reviewing and approving major risk management issues of our Company; (iii) promulgating risk management measures; (iv) providing guidance on our risk management approach to the relevant departments in our Company; (v) reviewing the relevant departments' reporting on key risks and providing feedback; (vi) supervising the implementation of our risk management measures by the relevant departments; (vii) ensuring that the appropriate structure, processes and competencies are in place across our Group; and (viii) reporting to our Audit Committee on our material risks.
- The Company has established the corporate risk management committee chaired by our CEO and composed of critical department heads as the primary corporate governance structure. There are regular meetings held for the risk management committee to review and discuss the corporate annual risk assessment, supervise the mitigation to the risks associated with our business, and review the ESG related work, to ultimately ensure to achieve the company objectives.

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- The Internal Audit department of the Group will assist the Board and the Audit Committee in their review of the adequacy and effectiveness of the risk management and internal control systems. The Internal Audit function will drive the corporate risk management committee execution, independently examine key risks in relation to those material controls, and conduct supervision on the Company's daily operations, to reasonably ensure the Company's business operations continue to meet the Company's system requirements and the external regulatory requirements.
- The relevant departments in our Company, including but not limited to the finance department, the legal & compliance department and the human resources department, are responsible for implementing our risk management policy and carrying out our day-to-day risk management practice. In order to standardize risk management across our Group and set a common level of transparency and risk management performance, the relevant departments will (i) gather information about the risks relating to their operation or function; (ii) conduct risk assessments, which include the identification, prioritization, measurement and categorization of all key risks that could potentially affect their objectives; (iii) continuously monitor the key risks relating to their operation or function; the key risks relating to their operation or function; (iv) implement appropriate risk responses where necessary: and (v) develop and maintain an appropriate mechanism to facilitate the application of our risk management framework.

#### Internal Control

Our Board of Directors is responsible for establishing and ensuring effective internal controls to safeguard our Shareholder's investments at all times. Our Audit Committee assists the Board in leading the management and overseeing the design, implementation and monitoring of the internal control systems.

During the Reporting Period, we regularly reviewed and enhanced our internal control system designed to manage the risks and uncertainties that may cause the Group's financial conditions or business performance to be materially different from the expected results.

Below is a summary of the internal control policies, measures and procedures we have implemented:

- We adopted various measures and procedures regarding each aspect of our business operation, such as company code of conduct, anti-corruption and whistleblowing, policies of protection of intellectual property, environmental protection, legal and compliance, pharmacovigilance, product quality and safety, and occupational health and safety, etc. We provided periodic training on these measures and procedures to our employees as part of our employee training program. We also constantly monitor the implementation of those measures and procedures during each stage of the business development process.
- Our Directors (who are responsible for monitoring the corporate governance of our Group), with help from our legal advisors, conducted periodically review on our compliance status with all relevant laws and regulations.

- Our Audit Committee assists the Board to monitor the effectiveness of the risk management and internal control systems, regularly review the results and effectiveness of the Company's internal audit team, and provide recommendation regarding the risk management and internal control system. Our Audit Committee also (i) makes recommendations to our Directors on the appointment and removal of external auditors; (ii) reviews the financial information and renders advice in respect of financial reporting as well as oversee internal control procedures of our Group; and (iii) maintains regular dialogue with the Company's external auditors and internal audit.
- Our Internal Audit function independently conducts audit programs per the annual risk assessment result endorsed by the management and Audit Committee, perform annual risk assessment and accordingly monitors the remediation status and reports the result to the management and our Audit Committee.
- To ensure compliance to applicable laws and regulations, we have engaged a law firm, Fangda Partners to advise us on and keep us abreast of Hong Kong laws and regulations. We continuously arrange various trainings sessions provided by external legal advisors from time to time when necessary, and/or any appropriate accredited institution to update our Directors, senior management and relevant employees on the latest Hong Kong laws and regulations.
- We maintain strict anti-fraud, anti-corruption and medical compliance policies on personnel conducts business activities and external communications. We also provided periodic trainings to our commercial team to ensure them to comply with applicable promotion and advertising requirements, which include restrictions on promoting products for unapproved uses or patient populations and limitations on industry-sponsored scientific and educational activities.
- We have put in place an internal policy for the handling and disclosure of inside information in compliance with the SFO. The internal policy sets out the procedures and internal controls for the handling and dissemination of inside information in a timely manner and provides the Directors, senior management and relevant employees a general guide in monitoring information disclosure and responding to enquiries. Control procedures have been implemented to ensure that unauthorized access and use of inside information are strictly prohibited.
- We have developed standard operating procedures governing our activities including an integrated procurement-to-payment process, standardized financial reporting and accounting manual, expense accrual methodology, overall budgeting and tracking mechanism.
- Our Directors believe that compliance creates value for our stakeholders and dedicate to cultivating a compliance culture among all of our employees. To ensure such compliance culture is embedded into everyday workflow and set the expectations for individual behavior across the organization, we regularly conduct internal compliance checks and inspections, adopt strict accountability internally and deliver ongoing compliance training.

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The Audit Committee, on behalf of the Board, continuously reviews the risk management and internal control systems. The review process comprises, among other things, meetings with management of business groups, internal audit team, legal personnel and the external auditors, reviewing the relevant work reports and information of key performance indicators, and discussing the major risks with the senior management of the Company.

During the Reporting Period, among other things, the Board and the Audit Committee have reviewed the Group's financial operation and compliance controls, the adequacy of resources, staff qualifications and experience, training programs and budget of the Group's accounting, internal audit and financial reporting functions. The corporate risk management committee would review the reporting of the internal audit function from time to time. The Audit Committee has reviewed the Company's internal audit function and the internal control systems for the year ended December 31, 2022. A confirmation regarding the effectiveness of these systems has been provided to the Board for the year ended December 31, 2022.

In addition, the Board believes that the Company's accounting and financial reporting functions have been performed by staff of the appropriate qualifications and experience and that such staff receives appropriate and sufficient training and development. There were no material internal control defects or significant areas of concerns identified during the Reporting Period. The Board is of the opinion that the Group's risk management and internal control systems were effective and adequate during the Reporting Period.

## **AUDITOR'S REMUNERATION**

The remuneration for the audit and non-audit services provided by the auditor to the Group during the year ended December 31, 2022 was approximately as follows:

#### Type of Services

Type of Services	Amount (RMB'000)
Audit services Non-audit services related to interim financial review and tax	2,661 934
Total	3,595

## **COMPANY SECRETARY**

The company secretary of the Company is responsible for advising the Board on corporate governance matters and ensuring that the Board policies and procedures, as well as the applicable laws, rules and regulations are followed.

In order to uphold good corporate governance and ensure compliance with the Listing Rules and applicable Hong Kong laws, the Company engages Ms. Ng Ka Man (吳嘉雯) ("Ms. Ng"), a senior manager of the Listing Services Department of TMF Hong Kong Limited (a company secretarial service provider), as the company secretary. Mr. Xin Fu, the chief financial officer of the Company, is the primary corporate contact person at the Company whom Ms. Ng contacts.

For the year ended December 31, 2022, Ms. Ng has undertaken not less than 15 hours of relevant professional training respectively in compliance with Rule 3.29 of the Listing Rules.

## **COMMUNICATION WITH SHAREHOLDERS AND INVESTOR RELATIONS**

The Company considers that effective communication with the Shareholders is essential for enhancing investor relations and understanding of the Group's business, performance and strategies. The Company also recognizes the importance of timely and non-selective disclosure of information, which will enable Shareholders and investors to make the informed investment decisions.

The annual general meeting of the Company provides opportunity for the Shareholders to communicate directly with the Directors. The Chairman of the Company and the chairmen of the Board Committees of the Company will attend the AGMs to answer Shareholders' questions. The Auditor will also attend the AGMs to answer questions about the conduct of the audit, the preparation and content of the auditor's report, the accounting policies and auditor independence.

To promote effective communication, the Company adopts a shareholders' communication policy which aims at establishing a two-way relationship and communication between the Company and the Shareholders and maintains a website of the Company at www.jwtherapeutics.com, where up-to-date information on the Company's business operations and developments, financial information, corporate governance practices and other information are available for public access.

During the Reporting Period, the Company has reviewed the implementation and effectiveness of the shareholders' communication policy. The Company is of the view that the shareholders' communication policy of the Company has facilitated sufficient shareholders' communication and considered the policy is effective and adequate.

## SHAREHOLDERS' RIGHTS

To safeguard Shareholders' interests and rights, a separate resolution will be proposed for each issue at general meetings, including the election of individual Directors.

All resolutions put forward at general meetings will be voted by poll pursuant to the Listing Rules and poll results will be posted on the websites of the Company and the Stock Exchange in a timely manner after each general meeting.

#### Convening of extraordinary general meeting and putting forward proposals

General meetings shall be convened on the written requisition of any one or more members holding together, as at the date of deposit of the requisition, shares representing not less than one-tenth of the voting rights, on a one vote per share basis, of the Company which carry the right of voting at general meetings of the Company. The written requisition shall be deposited at the principal office of the Company in Hong Kong or, in the event the Company ceases to have such a principal office, the registered office of the Company, specifying the objects of the meeting and the resolutions to be added to the meeting agenda, and signed by the requisitionist(s). If the Board does not within 21 days from the date of deposit of the requisition proceed duly to convene the meeting to be held within a further 21 days, the requisitionist(s) themselves or any of them representing more than one-half of the total voting rights of all of them, may convene the general meeting in the same manner, as nearly as possible, as that in which meetings may be convened by the Board provided that any meeting so convened shall not be held after the expiration of three months from the date of deposit of

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the requisition, and all reasonable expenses incurred by the requisitionist(s) as a result of the failure of the Board shall be reimbursed to them by the Company.

As regards proposing a person for election as a Director, the procedures are available on the website of the Company.

Shareholders may put forward proposals at general meetings by sending written notice of their proposals to the headquarters of Company at 5F, Building B, No. 699 Zhong Ke Road, Pudong New District, Shanghai, PRC, or by email to IR\_JW@jwtherapeutics.com.

#### **Enquiries to the Board**

Shareholders who intend to put forward their enquiries about the Company to the Board could send their enquiries to the headquarters of the Company at 5F, Building B, No. 699 Zhong Ke Road, Pudong New District, Shanghai, PRC (email address: IR\_JW@jwtherapeutics.com).

#### **DIVIDEND POLICY**

With respect to dividend policy, the Group currently intends to retain all available funds and earnings, if any, to fund the development of its business and it does not anticipate paying any cash dividends in the foreseeable future. Any future determination to pay dividends will be made at the discretion of the Directors and may be based on a number of factors, including the Group's future operations and earnings, capital requirements and surplus, general financial condition, contractual restrictions and other factors that the Directors may deem relevant.

## **CHANGE IN CONSTITUTIONAL DOCUMENTS**

During the Reporting Period, the eighth amended and restated memorandum and articles of association were approved by the Shareholders at the annual general meeting of the Company held on June 29, 2022.

## **Independent Auditor's Report**

#### To the Shareholders of JW (Cayman) Therapeutics Co. Ltd

(incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

## **OPINION**

#### What we have audited

The consolidated financial statements of JW (Cayman) Therapeutics Co. Ltd (the "the Company") and its subsidiaries (the "Group"), which are set out on pages 130 to 199, comprise:

- the consolidated balance sheet as at December 31, 2022;
- the consolidated statement of profit or loss for the year then ended;
- the consolidated statement of comprehensive loss for the year then ended;
- the consolidated statement of changes in equity for the year then ended;
- the consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended; and
- the notes to the consolidated financial statements, which include significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

#### Our opinion

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the consolidated financial position of the Group as at December 31, 2022, and of its consolidated financial performance and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRSs") and have been properly prepared in compliance with the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

## **BASIS FOR OPINION**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing ("ISAs"). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements section of our report.

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

#### Independence

We are independent of the Group in accordance with the International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants ("IESBA Code"), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the IESBA Code.

## **KEY AUDIT MATTERS**

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the consolidated financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

The key audit matter identified in our audit is related to Impairment assessment of intangible assets not ready for use.

#### **Key Audit Matter**

#### How our audit addressed the Key Audit Matter

#### Impairment assessment of intangible assets not ready for use

financial statements.

The Group recorded intangible assets not ready for use of approximately RMB748,277,000, which represent 27% of the Group's total assets as of that date.

Management conducted an annual impairment assessment with the assistance of an independent external valuer and concluded no impairment charge was necessary as at December 31, 2022. Management has determined the recoverable amounts of the intangible assets not ready for use based on value in use calculations using the discounted cash flow model. The key assumption used in estimating the recoverable amounts of related intangible assets not ready for use include revenue growth rates, gross margins and discount rates.

We focused on auditing the impairment assessment of intangible assets not ready for use because of the involvement of significant management's judgments and assumptions involved, which are subject to high degree of estimation uncertainty and level of subjectivity.

Refer to notes 2.11 and 16 to the consolidated We performed the following procedures to address the key audit matter:

- (1) Obtained an understanding of the management's internal control and assessment process of impairment assessment of intangible assets not ready for use and assessed the inherent risk of material misstatement by considering the degree of estimation uncertainty and level of subjectivity;
- (2) Assessed the competence, capabilities and objectivity of the independent external valuer;
- (3) Assessed the appropriateness of the valuation methodologies used to determine the value-inuse calculations;
- (4) Assessed the reasonableness of key assumptions including revenue growth rates, gross margins and discount rates applied by management, based on approved budget and observable market data of the industry;
- (5) Assessed management's sensitivity analysis on the key assumptions, to consider the extent to which adverse changes, would result in the intangible assets not ready for use being impaired.

Based on the audit procedures performed, we found the significant management's judgments and assumptions used in the impairment assessment of intangible assets not ready for use to be supported by available evidence.

## **OTHER INFORMATION**

The directors of the Company are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises all of the information included in the annual report other than the consolidated financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

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

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

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

## **RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND THE AUDIT COMMITTEE FOR THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation of the consolidated financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with IFRSs and the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

The Audit Committee is responsible for overseeing the Group's financial reporting process.

## AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. We report our opinion solely to you, as a body, and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility towards or accept liability to any other person for the contents of this report. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these consolidated financial statements.

## AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Group's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with the Audit Committee regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

## AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

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

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

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Mang, Kwong Fung Frederick.

**PricewaterhouseCoopers** *Certified Public Accountants* 

Hong Kong, March 29, 2023

## **Consolidated Statement of Profit or Loss**

For the year ended December 31, 2022

		Year ended December 31,			
		2022	2021		
	Note	RMB'000	RMB'000		
Revenue	6	145,702	30,797		
Cost of sales	9	(86,946)	(21,752)		
Gross profit		58,756	9,045		
Other income	7	23,380	6,444		
Other (losses)/gains — net	8	(159,561)	12,075		
Selling expenses	9	(190,877)	(170,732)		
General and administrative expenses	9	(179,763)	(201,518)		
Research and development expenses	9	(407,818)	(414,397)		
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Operating loss		(855,883)	(759,083)		
Finance income	11	16,535	8,296		
Finance costs	11	(6,787)	(2,692)		
Finance income — net	11	9,748	5,604		
Fair values gain of warrants			51,151		
Loss before income tax		(846,135)	(702,328)		
Income tax expense	12	(0.10,100)	(102,020)		
Loss for the year and attribute to the equity holders			(=)		
of the Company		(846,135)	(702,328)		
Loss per share for the loss attributable to owners of the Company					
— Basic and diluted (in RMB)	13	(2.06)	(1.76)		

The above consolidated statement of profit or loss should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

## **Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Loss**

For the year ended December 31, 2022

		Year ended December 31,		
	Note	2022 RMB'000	2021 <i>RMB'000</i>	
Loss for the year		(846,135)	(702,328)	
<b>Other comprehensive income/(loss):</b> <i>Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss</i> — Exchange differences on translation	27	326,966	(83,539)	
Other comprehensive income/(loss) for the year, net of tax		326,966	(83,539)	
Total comprehensive loss for the year and attribute to the equity holders of the Company		(519,169)	(785,867)	

The above consolidated statement of comprehensive loss should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

# **Consolidated Balance Sheet**

As at December 31, 2022

		As at December 31,		
		2022	2021	
	Note	RMB'000	RMB'000	
ASSETS				
Non-current assets				
Property, plant and equipment	14	348,107	319,894	
Right-of-use assets	15	45,112	45,784	
Intangible assets	16	893,684	816,289	
Prepayment for license	17	6,965	6,376	
Other non-current assets	18	12,311	33,223	
		1,306,179	1,221,566	
Current assets				
Inventories	21	40,159	31,402	
Other current assets	23	9,700	17,405	
Trade receivable	19	5,305		
Amount due from related party	20	24,115		
Other receivables and prepayments	20	22,553	11,834	
Cash and cash equivalents	24	1,383,336	1,834,399	
Cash and Cash equivalents	24	1,303,330	1,034,399	
		1,485,168	1,895,040	
		0		
Total assets		2,791,347	3,116,606	

## **Consolidated Balance Sheet**

#### As at December 31, 2022

		As at December 31,		
		2022	2021	
	Note	RMB'000	RMB'000	
EQUITY				
Equity attributable to owners of the Company				
Share capital	26	27	27	
Reserves	27	6,551,595	6,142,033	
Accumulated losses		(4,197,338)	(3,351,203)	
Total equity		2,354,284	2,790,857	
LIABILITIES				
Non-current liabilities				
Borrowings	31	92,500	95,000	
Lease liabilities	32	33,728	31,849	
Total non-current liabilities		126,228	126,849	
Current liabilities				
Borrowings	31	142,300	5,000	
Lease liabilities	32	10,600	15,186	
Trade and other payables	30	157,935	178,714	
Total current liabilities		310,835	198,900	
Total liabilities		437,063	325,749	
Total equity and liabilities		2,791,347	3,116,606	

The above consolidated balance sheet should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

The financial statements on pages 130 to 199 were approved by the Board of Directors on March 29, 2023 and were signed on its behalf.

**Dr. Yiping James Li** *Director* 

**Ms. Xing Gao** Director

# **Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity**

For the year ended December 31, 2022

		Attributable to equity holders of the Company			
		Share	Share Accumulated		
Star Star	Note	capital <i>RMB'</i> 000	Reserves <i>RMB</i> '000	losses RMB'000	Total <i>RMB'</i> 000
Balance at January 1, 2021		26	6,078,584	(2,648,875)	3,429,735
Loss for the year Other comprehensive loss	27		(83,539)	(702,328) 	(702,328) (83,539)
Total comprehensive loss			(83,539)	(702,328)	(785,867)
Transactions with owners	06.07	1	57 610		EZ 610
Issuance of ordinary shares Share-based compensation expenses	26,27 10		57,618 89,370		57,619 89,370
Total transactions with owners		1	146,988		146,989
Balance at December 31, 2021		27	6,142,033	(3,351,203)	2,790,857
<b>Balance at January 1, 2022</b> Loss for the year Other comprehensive income	27	27	6,142,033 — 326,966	(3,351,203) (846,135)	2,790,857 (846,135) 326,966
Total comprehensive gain/(loss)	21		326,966	(846,135)	(519,169)
Transactions with owners Issuance of ordinary shares	26,27	0	94	_	94
Share-based compensation expenses	10		82,502		82,502
Total transactions with owners		0	82,596		82,596
Balance at December 31, 2022		27	6,551,595	(4,197,338)	2,354,284

## **Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows**

For the year ended December 31, 2022

		Year ended December 31,	
		2022	2021
	Note	RMB'000	RMB'000
Cook flows used in operating activities			
Cash flows used in operating activities Cash used in operations	33(a)	(552,694)	(569,494)
Interest received	55(a)	(552,094)	(309,494) 8,296
intelest received		15,572	0,230
Net cash used in operating activities		(536,722)	(561,198)
Cash flows used in investing activities			
Purchases of property, plant and equipment		(76,874)	(73,087)
Purchases of intangible assets		(23,709)	(64,043)
Fundings to related party		(23,552)	
Proceeds from the disposal of property,			
plant and equipment	33(b)	52	
Net cash used in investing activities		(124,083)	(137,130)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceeds from issues of shares and other equity			
securities	26	94	697
Payment of lease liabilities	33(d)	(15,753)	(13,020)
Interest paid for lease liabilities	33(d)	(1,463)	(1,086)
Proceeds from bank borrowings	33(d)	234,800	_
Repayments of bank borrowings	33(d)	(100,000)	—
Interest paid for bank borrowings		(5,324)	(4,823)
Payment for listing expenses		—	(15,651)
Decrease in restricted bank deposits			3,262
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing activities		112,354	(30,621)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(548,451)	(728,949)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year		1,834,399	2,630,598
Exchange gain/(loss) on cash and cash equivalents		97,388	(67,250)
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year	24	1,383,336	1,834,399

## Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

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## **1 GENERAL INFORMATION**

JW (Cayman) Therapeutics Co. Ltd (the "Company") was incorporated in the Cayman Islands, with its registered office situate at the offices of Maples Corporate Services Limited, PO Box 309, Ugland House, Grand Cayman, KY1-1104, Cayman Islands, on September 6, 2017 as an exempted company with limited liability.

The Company and its subsidiaries, hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Group" are primarily engaged in research and development ("R&D"), manufacturing, and marketing of anti-tumor drugs in the People's Republic of China (the "PRC").

The Company's shares listed on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") on November 3, 2020 (the "Listing").

The consolidated financial statements are presented in thousands of Renminbi ("RMB'000"), unless otherwise stated.

These consolidated financial statements have been approved by the Directors on March 29, 2023.

## **2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

#### 2.1 Basis of preparation

The consolidated financial statements of the Group has been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") issued by International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB") and disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance Cap. 622 ("HKCO").

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss, which are carried at fair value.

## 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### 2.2 New standards, amendments and interpretation adopted by the Group

A number of new standards, amendments and interpretation became applicable for the current reporting period and the Group changed its accounting policies and make adjustments as a result of adopting these new standards, amendments and interpretation set out below:

- Property, Plant and Equipment: Proceeds before Intended Use Amendments to IAS 16
- Onerous Contracts Cost of Fulfilling a Contract Amendments to IAS 37
- Annual Improvements to IFRS Standards 2018–2020
- Reference to the Conceptual Framework Amendments to IFRS 3
- Covid-19 Related Rent Concessions beyond June 30, 2021 Amendment to IFRS 16
- Amendments to AG 5 Merger Accounting for Common Control Combinations

The adoption of the above new standards, amendments and interpretation to existing standards do not have a material impact on the Group.

## 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### 2.3 New standards and interpretations not yet adopted

The following standards, amendments, interpretation and improvements to existing standards, which are relevant to the operations of the Group, have been published and are mandatory for the Group's accounting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2023 but have not been early adopted by the Group:

Standards	Key requirements	Effective for annual periods beginning on or after
IFRS 17	Insurance Contracts	January 1, 2023
Amendments to IAS 1	Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current	January 1, 2023
Amendments to IAS 1 and IFRS Practice Statement 2	Disclosure of Accounting Policies	January 1, 2023
Amendments to IAS 8	Definition of Accounting Estimates	January 1, 2023
Amendments to IAS 12	Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction	January 1, 2023
Amendments to IFRS 10 and IAS 28	Sale or contribution of assets between an investor and its associate or join venture	
Amendments to IAS 1	Classification by the Borrower of a Term Loan that Contains a Repayment on Demand Clause	January 1, 2023

None of these is expected to have a significant effect on the consolidated financial statements of the Group.

## 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### 2.4 Contractual arrangements

Due to the restrictions imposed by the relevant laws and regulatory regime of the PRC on foreign ownership of companies engaged in the gene therapy business carried out by subsidiaries of the Group, namely Shanghai Ju Ming Medical Technology Co., Ltd (上海炬明 醫療技術有限公司) ("Shanghai Juming") and its wholly owned subsidiaries, Shanghai Ming Ju Biotechnology Co., Ltd (上海明聚生物科技有限公司) and ("Shanghai Juming Group"), JW Therapeutics (Shanghai) Co., Ltd. (上海藥明巨諾生物科技有限公司) ("JW Shanghai") entered into the contractual arrangements (the "Contractual Arrangements") with Shanghai Juming and its equity holders on November 2, 2017 and July 29, 2020, which enable JW Shanghai and the Group to:

- expose, or have rights, to variable returns from their involvement with the investee and have ability to affect those returns through its power over Shanghai Juming;
- exercise equity holders' controlling voting rights of Shanghai Juming;
- receive substantially all of the economic interest returns generated by Shanghai Juming in consideration for the business support, technical and consulting services provided by Shanghai Juming;
- obtain an irrevocable and exclusive right to purchase all or part of equity interests in Shanghai Juming from its equity holders at the same amount of its registered capital, which was loaned from JW Shanghai. JW Shanghai may exercise such options at any time until it has acquired all equity interests and/or all assets of Shanghai Juming. In addition, Shanghai Juming is not allowed to sell, transfer, or dispose of any assets, or make any distributions to its equity holders without prior consent of JW Shanghai; and
- obtain a pledge over the entire equity interest of Shanghai Juming from its equity holders as collateral security to guarantee performance of their contractual obligations under the Contractual Arrangements.

The Group does not have any equity interest in Shanghai Juming Group. However, as a result of the Contractual Arrangements, the Group has power over Shanghai Juming Group, has rights to variable returns from its involvement with Shanghai Juming Group and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over Shanghai Juming Group and is considered to have control over Shanghai Juming Group. Consequently, the Company regards Shanghai Juming Group as indirect subsidiaries for accounting purpose. The Company consolidates the assets, liabilities, income and expenses of Shanghai Juming Group upon the execution of the Contractual Arrangements.

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## 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### 2.5 Subsidiaries

Subsidiaries are all entities (including structured entities) over which the Group has control. The Group controls an entity where the Group is exposed to, or has rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power to direct the activities of the entity. Subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the Group. They are deconsolidated from the date that control ceases.

The acquisition method of accounting is used to account for business combinations by the Group (refer to note 2.6).

Inter-company transactions, balances and unrealised gains on transactions between Group companies are eliminated. Unrealised losses are also eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of an impairment of the transferred asset.

#### 2.6 Business combinations

The acquisition method of accounting is used to account for all business combinations, regardless of whether equity instruments or other assets are acquired. The consideration transferred for the acquisition of a subsidiary comprises the:

- fair values of the assets transferred
- liabilities incurred to the former owners of the acquired business
- equity interests issued by the Group
- fair value of any asset or liability resulting from a contingent consideration arrangement, and
- fair value of any pre-existing equity interest in the subsidiary.

Identifiable assets acquired and liabilities and contingent liabilities assumed in a business combination are, with limited exceptions, measured initially at their fair values at the acquisition date. The Group recognises any non-controlling interest in the acquired entity on an acquisition-by-acquisition basis either at fair value or at the non-controlling interest's proportionate share of the acquired entity's net identifiable assets.

Acquisition-related costs are expensed as incurred.

## 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

2.6 Business combinations (Continued)

The excess of the:

- consideration transferred,
- amount of any non-controlling interest in the acquired entity, and
- acquisition-date fair value of any previous equity interest in the acquired entity

over the fair value of the net identifiable assets acquired is recorded as goodwill. If those amounts are less than the fair value of the net identifiable assets of the business acquired, the difference is recognised directly in profit or loss as a bargain purchase.

Any contingent consideration to be transferred by the Group is recognized at fair value at the acquisition date. Subsequent changes to the fair value of the contingent consideration that is deemed to be an asset or liability is recognized in profit or loss. Contingent consideration that is classified as equity is not remeasured, and its subsequent settlement is accounted for within equity.

Where settlement of any part of cash consideration is deferred, the amounts payable in the future are discounted to their present value as at the date of exchange. The discount rate used is the entity's incremental borrowing rate, being the rate at which a similar borrowing could be obtained from an independent financier under comparable terms and conditions. Contingent consideration is classified either as equity or a financial liability. Amounts classified as a financial liability are subsequently remeasured to fair value with changes in fair value recognised in profit or loss.

If the business combination is achieved in stages, the acquisition date carrying value of the acquirer's previously held equity interest in the acquiree is remeasured to fair value at the acquisition date. Any gains or losses arising from such remeasurement are recognised in profit or loss.

#### 2.7 Segment reporting

Operating segments are reported in a manner consistent with the internal reporting provided to the chief operating decision-maker. The chief operating decision-maker, who is responsible for allocating resources and assessing performance of the operating segments, has been identified as the executive directors that makes strategic decisions.

## 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### 2.8 Foreign currency translation

#### (a) Functional and presentation currency

Items included in the financial statements of each of the Group's entities are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates (the "functional currency"). The Company's functional currency is United States Dollars ("USD"); however, the consolidated financial statements are presented in RMB. As the major operations of the Group are within the PRC, the Group determined to present its consolidated financial statements in RMB (unless otherwise stated).

#### (b) Transactions and balances

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions or valuation where items are re-measured. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions are recognized in consolidated statements of comprehensive loss in the period in which they arise.

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the year end are re-translated at the exchange rates prevailing at the balance sheet date. Exchange differences arising upon re-translation at the balance sheet date are recognized in profit or loss.

All foreign exchange gains and losses are presented in the consolidated statements of comprehensive loss within "Other (losses)/gains — net".

#### (c) Group companies

The results and financial position of all the Group entities (none of which has the currency of a hyperinflationary economy) that have a functional currency different from the presentation currency are translated into the presentation currency as follows:

- (i) Assets and liabilities for each balance sheet presented are translated at the closing rate at the date of that balance sheet;
- (ii) Income and expenses for each statement of profit or loss and statement of comprehensive income are translated at average exchange rate; and
- (iii) All resulting exchange differences are recognized in other comprehensive income and accumulated as a separate component of equity.

On consolidation, exchange differences arising from the translation of any net investment in foreign entities are recognized in other comprehensive income. When a foreign operation is sold or any borrowings forming part of the net investment are repaid, the associated exchange differences are reclassified to profit or loss, as part of the gain or loss on sale.

## 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### 2.9 Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items. Borrowing costs incurred during the construction period are capitalized.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognized as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Group and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. The carrying amount of the replaced part is derecognized. All other repairs and maintenance expenses are charged to the statement of profit or loss during the financial period in which they are incurred.

Depreciation of property, plant and equipment is calculated using the straight-line method to allocate their costs less their residual values over their estimated useful lives, as follows:

Machinery5 yearsElectronic equipment5–10 yearsLeasehold improvementsOver the shorter of the lease term or the estimated useful life

The assets' residual value and useful life are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period.

An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount (Note 2.11).

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing the proceeds with carrying amount and are recognized as "Other (losses)/gains — net" in the consolidated statements of comprehensive loss.

Construction in progress represents unfinished construction and equipment under construction or pending installation, and is stated at cost less impairment losses. Cost comprises direct costs of construction including borrowing costs attributable to the construction during the period of construction. Construction in progress is not depreciated but it is tested for impairment annually, or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicated that it might be impaired and is carried at cost less accumulated impairment losses.

# 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

## 2.10 Intangible assets

#### (a) Goodwill

Goodwill on acquisitions of subsidiaries is included in intangible assets. Goodwill is not amortized but it is tested for impairment annually, or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that it might be impaired and is carried at cost less accumulated impairment losses. Gains and losses on the disposal of an entity include the carrying amount of goodwill relating to the entity sold.

Goodwill is allocated to cash generating units for the purpose of impairment testing. The allocation is made to those cash-generating units or groups of cash generating units that are expected to benefit from the business combination in which the goodwill arose. The units or groups of units are identified at the lowest level at which goodwill is monitored for internal management purpose, being the operating segments.

## (b) Software

Computer software contains research and development software and financial software, which is recognized at historical cost and subsequently carried at cost less accumulated amortization and accumulated impairment losses. The Group amortized on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives of 5–10 years based on the current functionalities and the daily operation needs of the software.

## (c) Licenses

Intangible assets acquired separately are measured on initial recognition at cost.

Certain intangible assets are for license of intellectual properties in development, with non-refundable upfront payment, milestone payment and royalty payment. Upfront payment is capitalized when paid. The milestone payment is capitalized as intangible assets when incurred, unless the payment is for outsourced research and development work which would follow the capitalization policy in Note 2.10 (d). Royalty payment would be accrued for in line with the underlying sales and recognized as a cost of sales. However, if the intangible asset is acquired in a business combination, it is measured at fair value at initial recognition.

In-licenses with finite useful life are amortized using the straight-line basis over the commercial lives of the underlying products, commencing from the date when the products are put into commercial production after approval of biologics license application, which is determined by certain factors of the underlying products, including the life cycles, the technology innovation, the stability of CAR-T industry and actions by the Company's competitors, etc..

# 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### 2.10 Intangible assets (Continued)

## (d) Research and development

The Group incurs significant costs and efforts on research and development activities, which include expenditures on drug products. Research expenditures are charged to the profit or loss as an expense in the period the expenditures are incurred. Development costs are recognized as assets if they can be directly attributable to a newly developed drug products and all the following can be demonstrated:

- (i) the technical feasibility of completing the intangible assets so that it will be available for use or sale;
- (ii) the intention to complete the intangible asset and use or sell it;
- (iii) the ability to use or sell the intangible assets;
- (iv) the intangible asset will generate probable future economic benefits;
- (v) the availability of adequate technical, financial and other resources to complete the development and to use or sell the intangible asset; and
- (vi) the ability to measure reliably the expenditure attributable to the intangible asset during its development.

The cost of an internally generated intangible asset is the sum of the expenditures incurred from the date the asset meets the recognition criteria above to the date when it is available for use. The costs capitalized in connection with the intangible asset include costs of materials and services used or consumed, employee costs incurred in the creation of the asset and an appropriate portion of relevant overheads. The Group generally considers capitalization criteria for internally generated intangible assets is met when obtaining regulatory approval of new drug license.

Capitalized development expenditures are amortized using the straight-line method over the life of the related drug products. Amortization shall begin when the asset is available for use. Subsequent to initial recognition, internally generated intangible assets are reported as cost less accumulated amortization and accumulated impairment losses (if any).

Development expenditures not satisfying the above criteria are recognized in the profit or loss as incurred and development expenditures previously recognized as an expense are not recognized as an asset in a subsequent period.

# 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### 2.10 Intangible assets (Continued)

## (e) Construction in progress

Construction in progress represents unfinished production system, and is stated at cost less impairment losses. Cost comprises direct purchase cost and capitalized borrowing costs, if any. Construction in progress is not amortized but it is tested for impairment annually, or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that it might be impaired and is carried at cost less accumulated impairment losses.

## 2.11 Impairment of non-financial assets

Intangible assets, right-of-use assets and property, and plant and equipment that are subject to amortization are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognized for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs of disposal and value in use. For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are Grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash flows (cash generating unit). Non-financial assets other than goodwill that suffered an impairment are reviewed for possible reversal of the impairment at the end of each reporting period.

Goodwill and intangible assets with indefinite useful lives or not ready for use will not be amortized but tested for impairment annually either individually or at the cash-generating unit level. The impairment test would compare the recoverable amount of the cash generating unit to its carrying value. The useful life of an intangible asset with an indefinite life is reviewed annually to determine whether the indefinite life assessment continues to be supportable. If not, the change in the useful life assessment from indefinite to finite is accounted for on a prospective basis.

# 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

## 2.12 Financial assets

## (a) Classification

The Group classifies its financial assets in the following measurement categories:

- Those to be measured subsequently at fair value (either through other comprehensive income or through profit or loss), and
- Those to be measured at amortized cost.

The classification depends on the Group's business model for managing the financial assets and the contractual terms of the cash flows.

For assets measured at fair value, gains and losses will either be recorded in profit or loss or other comprehensive income. For investments in equity instruments that are not held for trading, this will depend on whether the Group has made an irrevocable election at the time of initial recognition to account for the equity investment at fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVOCI").

The Group reclassifies debt investments when and only when its business model for managing those assets changes.

## (b) Measurement

At initial recognition, the Group measures a financial asset at its fair value plus, in the case of a financial asset not at fair value through profit or loss ("FVPL"), transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the financial asset. Transaction costs of financial assets carried at FVPL are expensed in profit or loss.

Financial assets with embedded derivatives are considered in their entirety when determining whether their cash flows are solely payment of principal and interest.

## Debt instruments

Subsequent measurement of debt instruments depends on the Group's business model for managing the asset and the cash flow characteristics of the asset. There are three measurement categories into which the Group classifies its debt instruments:

 Amortized cost: Assets that are held for collection of contractual cash flows where those cash flows represent solely payments of principal and interest are measured at amortized cost. A gain or loss on a debt investment that is subsequently measured at amortized cost and is not part of a hedging relationship is recognized in profit or loss when the asset is derecognized or impaired. Interest income from these financial assets is included in income using the effective interest method.

# 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### 2.12 Financial assets (Continued)

#### (b) Measurement (Continued)

#### Debt instruments (Continued)

- FVOCI: Assets that are held for collection of contractual cash flows and for selling the financial assets, where the assets cash flows represent solely payments of principal and interest, are measured at FVOCI. Movements in the carrying amount are taken through OCI, except for the recognition of impairment gains or losses, interest income and foreign exchange gains and losses which are recognized in profit or loss. When the financial asset is derecognized, the cumulative gain or loss previously recognized in OCI is reclassified from equity to profit or loss and recognized in "Other (losses)/gains ". Interest income from these financial assets is included in finance income using the effective interest method. Foreign exchange gains and losses and impairment expenses are presented in "Other (losses)/gains net".
- FVPL: Assets that do not meet the criteria for amortized cost or FVOCI are measured at fair value through profit or loss. A gain or loss on a debt investment that is subsequently measured at fair value through profit or loss and is not part of a hedging relationship is recognized in profit or loss and presented net in the consolidated statements of comprehensive loss within "Other (losses)/gains net", net in the period in which it arises.

#### Equity instruments

The Group subsequently measures all equity investments at fair value. Where the Group's management has elected to present fair value gains and losses on equity investments in OCI, there is no subsequent reclassification of fair value gains and losses to profit or loss following the derecognition of the investment. Dividends from such investments continue to be recognized in profit or loss as other income when the Group's right to receive payments is established.

Changes in the fair value of financial assets at FVPL are recognized in "Other (losses)/ gains — net" in the statement of profit or loss as applicable. Impairment losses (and reversal of impairment losses) on equity investments measured at FVOCI are not reported separately from other changes in fair value.

## 2.13 Offsetting financial assets and liabilities

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the consolidated balance sheets when there is a legally enforceable right to offset the recognized amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously. The legally enforceable right must not be contingent on future events and must be enforceable in the normal course of business and in the event of default, insolvency or bankruptcy of the company or the counterparty.

# 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

## 2.14 Impairment of financial assets

The Group assesses on a forward-looking basis the expected credit losses associated with its debt instruments carried at amortized cost. The impairment methodology applied depends on whether there has been a significant credit risk. Note 3.1(b) details how the Group determines whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk.

Impairment on other receivables is measured as either 12-month expected credit loss or lifetime expected credit loss, depending on whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition. If a significant increase in credit risk of a receivable has occurred since initial recognition, then impairment is measured as lifetime expected credit loss.

#### 2.15 Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Costs are assigned to individual items of inventory on the basis of weighted average costs. Costs of purchased inventory are determined after deducting discounts. Net realizable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business less the estimated costs of completion and the estimated costs necessary to make the sale.

#### 2.16 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks and other short-term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

## 2.17 Share capital and shares held for employee share scheme

Ordinary shares are classified as equity.

Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of equity instruments are shown in equity as a deduction, net of tax, from the proceeds.

Shares held for the share award scheme are disclosed as "Shares held for Share Award Scheme" and deducted from equity until the shares are vested or cancelled.

## 2.18 Trade and other payables

These amounts represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Group prior to the end of financial year which are unpaid. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition. Trade and other payables are presented as current liabilities unless payment is not due within 12 months after the reporting period. They are recognised initially at their fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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## 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

## 2.19 Warrants

The Group issued warrants for the upfront payments to purchase license as cash-settled share-based payments. The warrants can be exercised and settled with preferred shares upon certain conditions. The fair value of the warrants for cash-settled transaction is remeasured at each reporting date and at the date of settlement. Any changes in fair value of warrants are recognized in profit or loss. Upon exercise of the warrants, the share-based payments are settled with preferred shares and accounted for as financial liabilities measured at fair value.

#### 2.20 Borrowings

Borrowings are recognized initially at fair value, net of transaction costs incurred. Borrowings are subsequently carried at amortized cost; any difference between the proceeds (net of transaction costs) and the redemption value is recognized in consolidated statements of comprehensive loss over the period of the borrowings using the effective interest method.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the Group has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the end of the reporting period.

General and specific borrowing costs directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of a qualifying asset are capitalized during the period of time that is required to complete and prepare the asset for its intended use. Qualifying assets are assets that necessarily take a substantial period of time to get ready for their intended use or sale. Other borrowing costs are expensed as incurred.

## 2.21 Current and deferred income tax

The tax expense for the period comprises current and deferred income tax.

#### (a) Current income tax

The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of the tax laws enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheets date in the countries where the Company and its subsidiaries operate and generate taxable income. Management periodically evaluates positions taken in tax returns with respect to situations in which applicable tax regulation is subject to interpretation. It establishes provisions where appropriate on the basis of amounts expected to be paid to the tax authorities.

# 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

2.21 Current and deferred income tax (Continued)

## (b) Deferred income tax

Deferred income tax is provided in full, using the liability method, on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the consolidated financial statements. However, deferred tax liabilities are not recognized if they arise from the initial recognition of goodwill. Deferred income tax is also not accounted for if it arises from initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction other than a business combination that at the time of the transaction affects neither accounting nor taxable profit or loss. Deferred income tax is determined using tax rates (and laws) that have been enacted or substantially enacted by the end of the reporting period and are expected to apply when the related deferred income tax asset is realized or the deferred income tax liability is settled.

Deferred tax assets are recognized only if it is probable that future taxable amounts will be available to utilize those temporary differences and losses.

Deferred tax liabilities and assets are not recognized for temporary differences between the carrying amount and tax bases of investments in foreign operations where the Company is able to control the timing of the reversal of the temporary differences and it is probable that the differences will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets and liabilities and when the deferred tax balances relate to the same taxation authority. Current tax assets and tax liabilities are offset where the entity has a legally enforceable right to offset and intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Current and deferred tax is recognized in profit or loss, except to the extent that it relates to items recognized in other comprehensive income or directly in equity. In this case, the tax is also recognized in other comprehensive income or directly in equity, respectively.

## 2.22 Employee benefits

## (a) Short-term obligations

Liabilities for wages and salaries, including non-monetary benefits and accumulating sick leave that are expected to be settled wholly within 12 months after the end of the period in which the employees render the related service are recognized in respect of employees' services up to the end of the reporting period and are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled. The liabilities are presented as current employee benefit obligations in the balance sheet.

# 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

2.22 Employee benefits (Continued)

#### (b) Pension obligations

Full-time employees in the PRC are covered by various government-sponsored defined contribution pension plans under which the employees are entitled to a monthly pension based on certain formulas. The relevant government agencies are responsible for the pension liability to these retired employees. The Group contributes on a monthly basis to these pension plans. Under these plans, the Group has no further payment obligation for post-retirement benefits beyond the contributions made. Contributions to these plans are expensed as incurred and contributions paid to the defined-contribution pension plans for an employee are not available to reduce the Group's future obligations to such defined-contribution pension plans even if the employee leaves.

#### (c) Housing funds, medical insurance and other social insurance

Employees in the PRC are entitled to participate in various government-supervised housing funds, medical insurance and other employee social insurance plans. The Group contributes on a monthly basis to these funds based on certain percentages of the salaries of the employees, subject to certain ceiling. The Group's liability in respect of these funds is limited to the contribution payable.

#### (d) Bonus plan

The expected cost of bonus is recognized as a liability when the Group has a present legal or constructive obligation for payment of bonus as a result of services rendered by employees and a reliable estimate of the obligation can be made. Liabilities for bonus plans are expected to be settled within 12 months and are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when they are settled.

# 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

2.23 Share-based payment

## (a) Equity-settled share-based payment transactions

The Group operates stock options and restricted share units ("RSUs") granted to employees, under which the entity receives services from employees as consideration for equity instruments of the Group. The fair value of the employee services received in exchange for the grant of equity instruments (options and RSUs) is recognized as an expense on the consolidated financial statements. The total amount to be expensed is determined by reference to the fair value of the equity instruments granted:

- (i) including any market performance conditions;
- (ii) excluding the impact of any service and non-market performance vesting conditions (for example, the requirement for employees to serve); and
- (iii) including the impact of any non-vesting conditions.

At the end of each reporting period, the Group revises its estimates of the number of options and RSUs that are expected to vest based on the non-market vesting performance and service conditions. It recognizes the impact of the revision to original estimates, if any, in the consolidated statements of comprehensive loss, with a corresponding adjustment to equity.

In addition, in some circumstances employees may provide services in advance of the grant date and therefore the grant date fair value is estimated for the purposes of recognizing the expense in full on grant date as these equity instruments granted can be vested immediately.

Where there is any modification of terms and conditions which increases the fair value of the equity instruments granted, the Group includes the incremental fair value granted in the measurement of the amount recognized for the services received over the remainder of the vesting period. The incremental fair value is the difference between the fair value of the modified equity instrument and that of the original equity instrument, both estimated as at the date of the modification. An expense based on the incremental fair value is recognized over the period from the modification date to the date when the modified equity instruments vest in addition to any amount in respect of the original instrument, which should continue to be recognized over the remainder of the original vesting period.

## (b) Share-based payment transaction among Group entities

The grant by the Company of options over its equity instruments to the employees of subsidiaries in the Group is treated as a capital contribution. The fair value of employee services received, measured by reference to the grant date fair value, is recognized over the vesting period as an increase to investment in subsidiaries undertakings, with a corresponding credit to equity in separate financial statements of the Company.

# 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

## 2.24 Government grants

Government grants are recognized at their fair value where there is a reasonable assurance that the grant will be received and the Group will comply with all the attached conditions. Government grants related to costs are recognized in consolidated statements of comprehensive loss on a systematic basis over the periods in which the Group recognizes expenses for the related costs for which the grants are intended to compensate.

Government grants related to property, plant and equipment are recognized as non-current liabilities and are amortized to consolidated statements of comprehensive loss over the estimated useful lives of the related assets using the straight-line method.

#### 2.25 Provisions

Provisions are recognized when the Group has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events, it is probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation and the amount can be reliably estimated. Provisions are not recognized for future operating losses.

Where there are a number of similar obligations, the likelihood that an outflow will be required in settlement is determined by considering the class of obligations as a whole. A provision is recognized even if the likelihood of an outflow with respect to any one item included in the same class of obligations may be small.

Provisions are measured at the present value of management's best estimate of the expenditure required to settle the present obligation at the end of the reporting period. The discount rate used to determine the present value is a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the liability. The increase in the provision due to the passage of time is recognized as interest expense.

## 2.26 Revenue recognition

Revenues are recognised when, or as, the control of the goods or services is transferred to the customer.

Revenue from goods are recognised when control of the goods are transferred, being when the goods are delivered to the customers, and the customers have accepted the goods in accordance with the sales contracts, or the Group has objective evidence that all criteria for acceptance have been satisfied.

# 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

## 2.27 Leases and right of use assets

The Group leases various properties. Property leases are typically made for fixed periods of one to five year. Lease terms are negotiated on an individual basis and contain various different terms and conditions.

Leases are recognized as a right-of-use asset and a corresponding liability at the date at which the leased asset is available for use by the Group. Each lease payment is allocated between the liability and finance cost. The finance cost is charged to profit or loss over the lease period so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability for each period. The right-of-use asset is depreciated over the shorter of the asset's useful life and the lease term on a straight-line basis.

Assets and liabilities arising from a lease are initially measured on a present value basis. Lease liabilities include the net present value of the following lease payments:

- fixed payments (including in-substance fixed payments), less any lease incentives receivable;
- variable lease payment that are based on an index or a rate, initially measured using the index or rate as at the commencement date;
- amounts expected to be payable by the lessee under residual value guarantees;
- the exercise price of a purchase option if the lessee is reasonably certain to exercise that option; and
- payments of penalties for terminating the lease, if the lease term reflects the lessee exercising that option.

The lease payments are discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease, if that rate can be determined, or the Group's incremental borrowing rate. Right-of-use assets are measured at cost comprising the following:

- the amount of the initial measurement of lease liabilities;
- any lease payments made at or before the commencement date, less any lease incentive received;
- any initial direct costs; and
- restoration costs.

Payments associated with short-term leases and leases of low-value assets are recognized on a straight-line basis as an expense in profit or loss. Short-term leases are leases with a lease term of less than 12 months. Low-value assets comprise equipment and small items of office furniture.

## 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

## 2.28 Interest income

Interest income is calculated by applying the effective interest rate to the gross carrying amount of a financial asset except for financial assets that subsequently become credit-impaired. For credit-impaired financial assets, the effective interest rate is applied to the net carrying amount of the financial asset (after deduction of the loss allowance).

Interest income is presented as finance income where it is earned from financial assets that are held for cash management purposes. Any other interest income is included in other income.

#### 2.29 Dividend distribution

Dividend distribution to the Company's shareholders is recognized as a liability in the Group's and the Company's financial statements in the period in which the dividends are approved by the Company's directors or shareholders, where applicable.

#### 2.30 Separate financial statements

Investments in subsidiaries are accounted for at cost less impairment. Cost includes direct attributable costs of investment. The results of subsidiaries are accounted for by the company on the basis of dividend received and receivable.

Impairment testing of the investments in subsidiaries is required upon receiving a dividend from these investments if the dividend exceeds the total comprehensive income of the subsidiary in the period the dividend is declared or if the carrying amount of the investment in the separate financial statements exceeds the carrying amount in the consolidated financial statements of the investee's net assets including goodwill.

## **3 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT**

## 3.1 Financial risk factors

The Group's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks: market risk (including foreign exchange risk, cashflow and fair value interest rate risk), credit risk and liquidity risk. The Group's overall risk management program focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimize potential adverse effects on the Group's financial performance.

## (a) Market risk

(i) Foreign exchange risk

Foreign exchange risk arises when future commercial transactions or recognized assets and liabilities are denominated in a currency that is not the Group entities' functional currency. The Company's functional currency is USD. The Company's primary subsidiaries were incorporated in the PRC and these subsidiaries considered RMB as their functional currency.

# 3 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

## 3.1 Financial risk factors (Continued)

- (a) Market risk (Continued)
  - (i) Foreign exchange risk (Continued)

Certain bank balances and other receivables and other payables are denominated in foreign currencies of respective Group entities which are exposed to foreign currency risk. Foreign exchange risk arises from future commercial transactions and recognized assets and liabilities denominated in a currency that is not the functional currency of the relevant Group entity. The Group has entities operating in USD, Hong Kong Dollar ("HKD") and RMB, and the Group will constantly review the economic situation and its foreign exchange risk profile, and will consider appropriate hedging measures in the future, as may be necessary.

Most foreign exchange transactions were denominated in USD for the Group companies that have functional currency in RMB. At December 31, 2022, if the USD strengthened/weakened by 5% against the RMB with all other variables held constant, net loss for the year would have been RMB56,258,523 (2021: RMB22,570,695) higher/lower.

(ii) Cash flow and fair value interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The Group's exposure to the risk of changes in market interest rates relates primarily to the Group's interest-bearing borrowings. Borrowings obtained at variable rates expose the Group to cash flow interest-rate risk. The Group does not anticipate significant impact to interest to interesting-bearing borrowings with floating interest rate.

## (b) Credit risk

The Group has no significant concentrations of credit risk. The carrying amounts of cash and cash equivalents, restricted bank deposits, trade receivable, other receivables, amount due from related party included in the statements of financial position represent the Group's maximum exposure to credit risk in relation to its financial assets.

As at December 31, 2022, cash and cash equivalents were all deposited in high quality financial institutions without significant credit risk.

The Group applies the simplified approach permitted by IFRS 9, which requires expected lifetime losses to be recognised from initial recognition of trade receivable. Management has assessed that during the years presented, amount due from related party and other receivables have not had a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition. Thus, a 12-month expected credit loss approach that results from possible default event within 12 months of each reporting date is adopted by management. The Group does not expect any losses from non-performance by the counterparties of above receivables and no loss allowance provision for these receivables was recognized.

# 3 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

## 3.1 Financial risk factors (Continued)

## (c) Liquidity risk

The Group aims to maintain sufficient cash and cash equivalents. Due to the dynamic nature of the underlying business, the policy of the Group is to regularly monitor the Group's liquidity risk and to maintain adequate cash and cash equivalents or adjust financing arrangements to meet the Group's liquidity requirements.

The table below analyzes the Group's non-derivative financial liabilities that will be settled into relevant maturity Grouping based on the remaining period at each balance sheet date to the contractual maturity date. The amounts disclosed in the table are the contractual undiscounted cash flows.

	Less than 1 year <i>RMB'</i> 000	Between 1 and 2 years RMB'000	Between 2 and 5 years RMB'000	Over 5 years RMB'000	Total RMB'000
<b>As at December 31, 2022</b> Trade and other payables Borrowings (including interest payables) Lease liabilities	113,966 148,767 12,436	8,031 7,748	 37,467 16,990	 61,675 14,159	113,966 255,940 51,333
	275,169	15,779	54,457	75,834	421,239
As at December 31, 2021					
Trade and other payables	131,326	_	_	_	131,326
Borrowings (including interest payables)	9,672	16,323	87,951	_	113,946
Lease liabilities	16,519	10,430	13,058	12,803	52,810
	157,517	26,753	101,009	12,803	298,082

# 3 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

## 3.2 Capital management

The Group's objectives of managing capital are to safeguard the Group's ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide returns for equity holders and benefits for other stakeholders and to maintain an optimal capital structure to reduce the cost of capital.

In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Group may adjust the amount of dividends paid to equity holders, return capital to equity holders, issue new shares or sell assets to reduce debt.

The Group monitors capital on the basis of the net debt equity ratio. This ratio is calculated as "net debt" divided by "total equity". Net debt is calculated as total borrowings, total lease liabilities and preferred shares less cash and cash equivalents and restricted bank deposits. The net debt ratio was summarized as follows:

	As at Dece	mber 31,
	2022 RMB'000	2021 <i>RMB'000</i>
Borrowings	234,800	100,000
Lease liabilities	44,328	47,035
Less: cash and cash equivalents	(1,383,336)	(1,834,399)
Net debts	(1,104,208)	(1,687,364)
Total equity	2,354,284	2,790,857
Net debt equity ratio	N/A	N/A

## 3.3 Fair value estimation

The carrying amounts of the Group's financial instruments not measured at fair value (including cash and cash equivalents, restricted bank deposits, other receivables and prepayments (excluding prepayments), borrowings and accruals and other payables) approximate their fair values.

The Group applies IFRS 13 for financial instruments that are measured in the consolidated balance sheets at fair value, which requires disclosure of fair value measurements by levels of the following fair value measurement hierarchy:

Level 1: The fair value of financial instruments traded in active markets (such as trading and available-for-sale securities) is based on quoted market prices at the end of the reporting period. The quoted market price used for financial assets held by the Group is the current bid price.

Level 2: The fair value of financial instruments that are not traded in an active market is determined using valuation techniques which maximise the use of observable market data and rely as little as possible on entity-specific estimates. If all significant inputs required to fair value an instrument are observable, the instrument is included in level 2.

## 3 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

#### 3.3 Fair value estimation (Continued)

Level 3: If one or more of the significant inputs is not based on observable market data, the instrument is included in level 3.

Specific valuation techniques used to value financial instruments include the use of quoted market prices or dealer quotes for similar instruments or discounted cash flow analysis.

There were no changes in valuation techniques during the year ended December 31, 2022 (2021:nil).

There were no transfers between levels 1, 2 and 3 for recurring fair value measurements during the year ended December 31, 2022 (2021:nil).

# **4 CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGMENTS**

Estimates and judgments are continually evaluated. They are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that may have a financial impact on the entity and that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

The Group makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are addressed below.

## (a) Intangible assets acquired in a business combination

If an intangible asset is acquired in a business combination, the cost of that intangible asset is its fair value at the acquisition date. The fair value of an intangible asset will reflect market participants' expectations at the acquisition date about the probability that the expected future economic benefits embodied in the asset will flow to the entity. In other words, the entity expects there to be an inflow of economic benefits, even if there is uncertainty about the timing or the amount of the inflow. If an asset acquired in a business combination is separable or arises from contractual or other legal rights, sufficient information exists to measure reliably the fair value of the asset.

An acquirer recognizes at the acquisition date, separately from goodwill, an intangible asset of the acquiree, irrespective of whether the asset had been recognized by the acquiree before the business combination. This means that the acquirer recognizes as an asset separately from goodwill an in-process research and development project of the acquiree if the project meets the definition of an intangible asset. An acquiree's in-process research and development project meets the definition of an intangible asset when it:

# 4 CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGMENTS (Continued)

- (a) Intangible assets acquired in a business combination (Continued)
  - (i) meets the definition of an asset; and
  - (ii) is identifiable, i.e., is separable or arises from contractual or other legal rights.

If an intangible asset acquired in a business combination is separable or arises from contractual or other legal rights, sufficient information exists to measure reliably the fair value of the asset. Determination of the fair value is an area involving management judgment in order to assess whether the carrying value of the intangible assets not ready for use can be supported by the net present value of future cash flows. In calculating the net present value of the future cash flows, certain assumptions are required to be made in respect of highly uncertain matters including management's expectations of (i) timing of commercialization, productivity and market penetration rate; (ii) revenue growth rate; (iii) costs and operating expenses; (iv) the selection of discount rates; and (v) success rate of commercialization to reflect the risks involved.

An intangible asset acquired in a business combination might be separable, but only together with a related contract, identifiable asset or liability. In such cases, the acquirer recognizes the intangible asset separately from goodwill, but together with the related item.

## (b) Impairment of property, plant and equipment

The Group assesses impairment based on its subjective judgment and determines the separate cash flows of a specific Group of assets, useful lives of assets and the future possible income and expenses arising from the assets depending on how assets are utilized and industrial characteristics. Any changes of economic circumstances or estimates due to the change of Group strategy might cause material impairment on assets in the future.

## (c) Impairment testing of intangible assets not ready for use

Intangible assets not ready for use are not subject to amortization and are tested annually for impairment, or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that they might be impaired. The Group obtained in-licenses through separate acquisition or business combination to continue research and development work and commercialize the products, which are classified as intangible assets not ready for use.

An impairment loss is recognized for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs of disposal and value in use. For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are Grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash flows (cash-generating units).

The calculation of the fair value less costs of disposal is based on available data from binding sales transactions in an arm's length transaction of similar assets or observable market prices less incremental costs for disposing of the asset.

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## 4 CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGMENTS (Continued)

#### (d) Deferred income tax

The Group recognises deferred tax assets based on estimates that is probable to generate sufficient taxable profits in the foreseeable future against which the deductible losses will be utilised. The recognition of deferred tax assets mainly involved management's judgements and estimations about the timing and the amount of taxable profits of the companies who had tax losses. During the year ended December 31, 2022, deferred tax assets have not been recognised in respect of these accumulated tax losses and other deductible temporary differences based on the fact that there were several drug candidates of the Company and most of them were in earlier research and development stage and the future taxable profits would be uncertain.

#### (e) Research and development expenses

Development costs incurred on the Group's drug product pipelines are capitalized only when the Group can demonstrate the technical feasibility of completing the intangible asset so that it will be available for use or sale, the Group's intention to complete and the Group's ability to use or sell the asset, how the asset will generate future economic benefits, the availability of resources to complete the pipeline and the ability to measure reliably the expenditure during the development. Development costs which do not meet these criteria are expensed when incurred. Determining the amounts to be capitalized requires management to make judgment regarding the expected future cash generation of the assets, discount rates to be applied and the expected period of benefits. During the year ended December 31, 2022, all expenses incurred for research and development activities were regarded as research expenses and therefore were expensed when incurred.

## **5 SEGMENT INFORMATION**

The Group's business activities are regularly reviewed and evaluated by the chief operating decision-makers.

As a result of this evaluation, the executive directors of the Group consider that the Group's operations are operated and managed as a single reportable segment. Since this is the only reportable operating segment of the Group, no further operating segment analysis thereof is presented.

# **6 REVENUE**

	Year ended December 31,		
	2022		
	<b>RMB</b> '000	RMB'000	
Revenue from sales of goods — at point in time	145,702	30,797	

# **7 OTHER INCOME**

	Year ended December 31,	
	2022 2	
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Government grants — cost related (Note)	23,380	6,444

#### Note:

The government grants and subsidies related to funding received to compensate for the Group's research and development expenses. Some of the grants received are related to future costs expected to be incurred and require the Group to comply with conditions attached to the grants and the government to acknowledge the compliance of these conditions. When the required conditions set by the government for such grants are met, the proportion of the qualified funds is recognized as "Other income" and the remaining balance is recorded as "Trade and other payables — deferred income".

# 8 OTHER (LOSSES)/GAINS - NET

	Year ended D	Year ended December 31,		
	2022 RMB'000	2021 <i>RMB'000</i>		
Net foreign exchange (losses)/gains Net loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment Fair value loss of contingent consideration for business combination Others	(158,540) (168) — (853)	14,842 (120) (2,089) (558)		
Total	(159,561)	12,075		

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# 9 EXPENSES BY NATURE

	Year ended December 31	
	2022	2021
	<b>RMB'000</b>	RMB'000
Employee benefit expenses (including Directors' emoluments)		
(Note 10)	404,328	386,915
Materials and consumables	113,972	109,051
Business promotion fee	77,385	70,124
Testing and clinical expenses	63,729	64,285
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment (Note 14(a))	54,474	27,084
Professional service expenses	51,281	64,190
Office expenses	31,320	33,852
Depreciation-right of use assets (Note 15)	13,718	13,314
Amortization of license	11,055	3,563
Royalty fee	8,742	1,857
Short term lease and low value lease expenses	6,749	9,168
Amortization of other intangible assets	5,563	1,687
Auditors' remuneration-audit service	3,595	3,651
— Audit service	2,661	2,490
— Non-audit service	934	1,161
Other expenses	19,493	19,658
Total cost of sales, selling expenses, general and administrative		
expenses and research and development expenses	865,404	808,399

# **10 EMPLOYEE BENEFIT EXPENSE**

2022	2021
RMB'000	RMB'000
221,429 82,502 100,397	197,295 89,370 100,250 386,915
	82,502

# 10 EMPLOYEE BENEFIT EXPENSE (Continued)

## (a) Pensions — defined contribution plans

The employees of the Group's PRC subsidiaries participate in defined contribution retirement plans organized by the relevant provincial governments under which these subsidiaries are required to make monthly contributions to these plans at certain percentages of the employee's monthly salaries and wages subject to certain ceilings.

During the year ended December 31, 2022, the Group had no forfeited contributions under these plans which may be utilized by the Group to reduce its contributions for the current year (2021:Nil).

The Group has no other material obligation for the payment of retirement benefit associated with these schemes beyond the annual contribution described above.

## (b) Directors' and senior management's emoluments

Directors and chief executives' emoluments for the reporting period is set out as follows:

	Fees RMB'000	Basic salaries, housing allowances, other allowances and benefits in kind <i>RMB'000</i>	Discretionary bonus RMB'000	Pension scheme contributions RMB'000	Share-based compensation expenses <i>RMB</i> '000	Total RMB'000
Year ended December 31, 2022						
Chairman and executive director Yiping James Li	-	3,354	2,419	-	25,345	31,118
Non-executive Director Krishnan Viswanadhan	331	-	-	-	-	331
Xing Gao Ann Li Lee Jinyin Wang				-	-	
Cheng Liu	331	-	-	-	-	331
Independent Director Yiu Leung Andy Cheung Kin Cheong Kelvin Ho	323 224	-	-	-	-	323 224
Chi Shing Li (iii)	323					323
	1,863	3,354	2,419		25,345	32,981

# 10 EMPLOYEE BENEFIT EXPENSE (Continued)

## (b) Directors' and senior management's emoluments (Continued)

	Fees RMB'000	Basic salaries, housing allowances, other allowances and benefits in kind <i>RMB'000</i>	Discretionary bonus <i>RMB</i> '000	Pension scheme contributions <i>RMB'000</i>	Share-based compensation expenses <i>RMB'000</i>	Total <i>RMB'000</i>
Year ended December 31, 2021						
Chairman and executive director Yiping James Li	_	1,826	2,461	_	36,617	40,904
Non-executive Director Hans Edgar Bishop (i) Krishnan Viswanadhan Xing Gao Ann Li Lee Jinyin Wang Cheng Liu	 99  99  25	- - - - -	- - - - -	- - - -	5,399 — — — — —	5,399 99  99  25
Independent Director Yanling Cao (ii) Yiu Leung Andy Cheung Kin Cheong Kelvin Ho Chi Shing Li (iii)	253 131 253 860	   1,826	   2,461			253 131 253 47,163

(i) Mr. Hans Edgar Bishop resigned as a director on December 3, 2021.

(ii) Mr. Yanling Cao was appointed as director on May 22, 2020 and resigned on December 3, 2021.

(iii) Mr. Chi Shing Li was appointed as a director on October 22, 2020 and resigned on January 1, 2023.

#### (c) Directors' retirement benefits

None of the directors received or will receive any retirement benefits during the year ended December 31, 2022 (2021:nil).

#### (d) Directors' termination benefits

None of the directors received or will receive any termination benefits during the year ended December 31, 2022 (2021:nil).

# 10 EMPLOYEE BENEFIT EXPENSE (Continued)

(e) Consideration provided to third parties for making available directors' services

During the year ended December 31, 2022, the Company did not pay consideration to any third parties for making available directors' services (2021: nil).

# (f) Information about loans, quasi-loans and other dealings in favour of directors, bodies corporate controlled by or entities connected with directors

On March 6, 2022, the Company, JW Shanghai and Dr. Yiping James Li, the Chairman of the Company entered into a tri-party agreement (the "Agreement"). Pursuant to the Agreement, JW Shanghai provides Dr. Li one year loan facility of up to HK\$43 million for the purpose to withhold the individual income tax in relation to the restricted share units and share options granted to Dr. Li by the Company. Total amount of RMB23.6 million was drew in April and May of 2022. This loan is secured by certain shares legally and beneficially owned by Dr. Li himself or through companies wholly-owned by him and bearing an interest rate of 3.6% per annum (2021:nil).

## (g) Directors' material interests in transactions, arrangements or contracts

No significant transactions, arrangements and contracts in relation to the Group's business to which the Company was a party and in which a director of the Company had a material interest, whether directly or indirectly, subsisted at the end of the year or at any time during the year ended December 31, 2022 (2021:nil).

## (h) Emolument as an inducement to join or upon joining the Company

None of the directors received any emolument from the Company as an inducement to join or upon joining the Company as compensation for loss of office during the year ended December 31, 2022 (2021: nil)

## (i) Five highest paid individuals

The five individuals whose emoluments were the highest in the Group for the year include one director (2021: one), whose emolument is reflected in the analysis shown above. The emoluments payable to the remaining four individuals during the year are as follows:

	Year ended De	Year ended December 31,		
	2022 RMB'000	2021 <i>RMB'000</i>		
Basic salaries, housing allowances, share options, other allowances and benefits in kind	31,407	29,282		
Discretionary bonuses	3,476	3,440		
Contribution to pension scheme	839	550		
Inducement fee to join or upon joining the Group	-	—		
Compensation for loss of office: – contractual payments				
– other payment	_	_		
	35,722	33,272		

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# 10 EMPLOYEE BENEFIT EXPENSE (Continued)

## (i) Five highest paid individuals (Continued)

The emoluments to the four (2021: four) individuals fell within the following bands:

	Year ended D	Year ended December 31,		
	2022	2021		
	no. of	no. of		
	individuals	individuals		
Emolument bands (in RMB)				
_ess than RMB1,000,000	_	_		
RMB1,000,001 to RMB1,500,000	_	_		
RMB1,500,001 to RMB3,000,000	_	_		
RMB3,000,001 to RMB4,500,000	—	1		
RMB4,500,001 to RMB6,000,000	2	_		
RMB6,000,001 to RMB7,500,000	_	1		
RMB7,500,001 to RMB9,000,000	—	_		
RMB9,000,001 to RMB10,500,000	—	_		
RMB10,500,001 to RMB12,000,000	—	2		
RMB12,000,001 to RMB13,500,000	2	—		
	4	4		

# **11 FINANCE INCOME — NET**

	Year ended I	December 31,
	2022 RMB'000	2021 <i>RMB'000</i>
Finance income: Interest income on bank deposits	16,535	8,296
Total finance income	16,535	8,296
<b>Finance costs</b> Interest expense on bank borrowings Less: amounts capitalized in property, plant and equipment	(5,324)	(4,823) 3,217
Interest expense on lease liabilities	(5,324) (1,463)	(1,606) (1,086)
Total finance costs	(6,787)	(2,692)
Finance income — net	9,748	5,604

# **12 INCOME TAX EXPENSE**

The Group is subject to income tax on an entity basis on profits arising in or derived from the jurisdictions in which members of the Group are domiciled and operated.

## (a) Cayman Islands income tax

The Company is incorporated in the Cayman Islands as an exempted company with limited liability under the Companies Law of the Cayman Islands. There is no income tax in the Cayman Islands and accordingly, the operating results reported by the Company, is not subject to any income tax in the Cayman Islands.

## (b) Hong Kong income tax

No provision for Hong Kong profits tax has been provided for at the rate of 16.5% as the Company has no estimated assessable profit.

## (c) The PRC corporate income tax

Subsidiaries in Mainland China are subject to income tax at a rate of 25% pursuant to the Corporate Income Tax Law of the PRC and the respective regulations (the "CIT Law"), with the exception of JW Shanghai obtained its High-Tech Enterprise status in year 2022 and hence is entitled to a preferential tax rate of 15% for a three-year period commencing 2022.

No provision for Mainland China corporate income tax was provided for, as there's no assessable profit.

The taxation of the Group's profit before taxation differs from the theoretical amount that would arise using the rates prevailing in the jurisdictions in which the Group operates as follows:

	Year ended December 31,		
	2022 RMB'000	2021 <i>RMB'000</i>	
<b>Loss before income tax</b> Tax calculated at applicable tax rate of 25% Effect of different tax rate Expenses not deductible for taxation purposes Super deduction in respect of research and development	(846,135) (211,534) 90,443 21,849	(702,328) (175,582) (8,316) 24,317	
expenditures Utilization of previously unrecognized tax loss Tax loss not recognized as deferred tax assets	(48,421) (1,926) 149,589	(44,126) — 203,707	
Income tax expense			

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# 12 INCOME TAX EXPENSE (Continued)

## (d) Deferred tax assets not recognized:

The Group has not recognized any deferred tax assets in respect of the following items:

	Year ended December 31,		
	2022 RMB'000	2021 <i>RMB'000</i>	
Deductible losses	2,430,398	1,763,945	

(e) Deductible losses that are not recognized as deferred tax assets will be expired as follows:

	Year ended December 31,	
	2022	2021
	RMB'000	RMB'000
2022	_	64,115
2023	32,294	161,340
2024	30,799	274,756
2025	36,925	448,906
2026	129,585	814,828
2027	161,159	
2028	128,430	—
2029	240,510	—
2030	345,384	—
2031	664,536	—
2032	660,776	
	2,430,398	1,763,945

The tax losses of the Company's Mainland China subsidiaries with the exception of those of JW Shanghai and JW Therapeutics R&D (Shanghai) Co., Ltd ("JW R&D") will expire within five years. JW Shanghai as a High-Tech Enterprise and JW R&D as a Small and Medium-sized Technological Enterprise can carry forward losses for 10 years. No deferred tax asset has been recognized in respect of the tax losses due to the unpredictability of future profit streams.

# **13 LOSS PER SHARE**

## (a) Basic loss per share

Basic loss per share is calculated by dividing the loss of the Group attribute to owners of the Company by weighted average number of ordinary shares issued during the year ended December 31, 2022.

	Year ended December 31,		
	2022 RMB'000	2021 <i>RMB'000</i>	
Loss attributable to the ordinary equity holders of the Company (RMB'000) Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue (in thousand)	(846,135) 410,093	(702,328) 399,749	
Basic loss per share (RMB)	(2.06)	(1.76)	

## (b) Diluted loss per share

Diluted loss per share is calculated by adjusting the weighted average number of additional ordinary shares that would have been outstanding assuming the conversion of all dilutive potential ordinary shares.

For the year ended December 31, 2022, the Company had one category of potential ordinary shares: the stock options granted to employees (2021: the Company had one category of potential ordinary shares: the stock options granted to employees). As the Group incurred losses for the year ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, the potential ordinary shares were not included in the calculation of diluted loss per share as their inclusion would be anti-dilutive. Accordingly, diluted loss per share for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021 are the same as basic loss per share.

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# **14 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT**

	<b>Machinery</b> <i>RMB'000</i>	Electronic equipment RMB'000	Leasehold improvements RMB'000	Construction in progress RMB'000	<b>Total</b> RMB'000
At January 1, 2021					
Cost	43,408	22,935	25,596	217,523	309,462
Accumulated depreciation	(10,701)	(5,330)	(8,207)		(24,238)
Net book amount	32,707	17,605	17,389	217,523	285,224
Year ended December 31, 2021					
Opening net book amount	32,707	17,605	17,389	217,523	285,224
Additions	1,458	2,042	514	60,226	64,240
Transfer	71,739	6,580	182,270	(260,589)	·
Disposals	(57)	(63)	, 	_	(120)
Depreciation charges	(9,562)	(5,798)	(14,090)		(29,450)
Closing net book amount	96,285	20,366	186,083	17,160	319,894
At December 31, 2021					
Cost	116,514	30,952	208,380	17,160	373,006
Accumulated depreciation	(20,229)	(10,586)	(22,297)		(53,112)
Net book amount	96,285	20,366	186,083	17,160	319,894
Year ended December 31, 2022					
Opening net book amount	96,285	20,366	186,083	17,160	319,894
Additions	· _	13	3,845	81,168	85,026
Transfer	39,795	3,206	22,432	(65,433)	· –
Disposals	(6)	(214)	· –	_	(220)
Depreciation charges	(18,900)	(4,981)	(32,712)		(56,593)
Closing net book amount	117,174	18,390	179,648	32,895	348,107
At December 31, 2022					
Cost	156,291	33,026	234,657	32,895	456,869
Accumulated depreciation	(39,117)	(14,636)	(55,009)		(108,762)
Net book amount	117,174	18,390	179,648	32,895	348,107

# 14 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (Continued)

(a) Depreciation of the Group charged to profit or loss is analyzed as follows:

	Year ended December 31,	
	2022 RMB'000	2021 <i>RMB'000</i>
Cost of Sales Selling expenses General and administrative expenses Research and Development expenses	10,324 9 4,888 39,253 54,474	1,780 3 2,808 22,493 27,084

(b) No capitalized borrowing cost during the year ended December 31, 2022 (2021: RMB3,217,000). Capitalization rate of borrowings for the year ended December 31, 2022 is 0% (2021: 4.70%).

## **15 RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS**

The Group leases offices for its own use. Information about leases for which the Group is a lessee is presented below:

	Buildings <i>RMB'000</i>
Cost <b>At January 1, 2021</b> Additions	43,931 36,462
At December 31, 2021	80,393
Accumulated amortization At January 1, 2021 Additions	(21,295) (13,314)
At December 31, 2021	(34,609)
Net book amount	45,784

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# 15 RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS (Continued)

	Buildings
	RMB'000
Cost	
At January 1, 2022 Additions	80,393 13,046
Disposals	(15,442)
At December 31, 2022	77,997
Accumulated amortization	
At January 1, 2022	(34,609)
Additions	(13,718)
Disposals	15,442
At December 31, 2022	(32,885)
Net book amount	45,112

The consolidated statement of profit or loss and the consolidated statement of cash flows contain the following amounts relating to leases:

	Year ended December 31,		
	<b>2022</b> 202		
	RMB'000	RMB'000	
Depreciation charge of right-to-use assets	(13,718)	(13,314)	
Interest expenses	(1,463)	(1,086)	
The cash outflow for leases as operating activities	(6,749)	(9,168)	
The cash outflow for leases as financing activities	(15,753)	(13,020)	

# **16 INTANGIBLE ASSETS**

	Computer software <i>RMB'000</i>	Licenses RMB'000	Construction in progress <i>RMB'000</i>	Total <i>RMB'000</i>
At January 1, 2021				
Cost Accumulated amortization	5,226 (710)	756,953 —	13,505 —	775,684 (710)
Net book amount	4,516	756,953	13,505	774,974
Year ended December 31, 2021				
Opening net book amount Additions	4,516	756,953 31,879	13,505 32,164	774,974 64,043
Transfer Amortization charges	44,092 (1,898)	(3,563)	(44,092)	(5,461)
Currency translation differences		(17,267)		(17,267)
Closing net book amount	46,710	768,002	1,577	816,289
At December 31, 2021				
Cost	49,318	771,565	1,577	822,460
Accumulated amortization	(2,608)	(3,563)		(6,171)
Net book amount	46,710	768,002	1,577	816,289
Year ended December 31, 2022				
Opening net book amount	46,710	768,002	1,577	816,289
Additions Transfer	 3,220	21,938	1,771 (3,220)	23,709
Amortization charges	(5,708)	(11,055)	(0,220)	(16,763)
Currency translation differences		70,449		70,449
Closing net book amount	44,222	849,334	128	893,684
At December 31, 2022				
Cost Accumulated amortization	52,538 (8,316)	863,952 (14,618)	128	916,618 (22,934)
Net book amount	44,222	849,334	128	893,684

## 16 INTANGIBLE ASSETS (Continued)

(a) Amortization of intangible assets has been charged to the consolidated statements of comprehensive loss as follows:

	Year ended De	Year ended December 31,	
	2022 RMB'000	2021 <i>RMB'000</i>	
Cost of Sales Selling expenses Administrative expenses Research and development Expenses	12,206 219 3,122 1,071 16,618	3,748 61 1,017 424 5,250	

#### (b) Licenses

#### Recognition

*(i)* License and Strategic Alliance Agreement

In December 2017, the Group entered into License and Strategic Alliance Agreement ("License and Strategic Alliance Agreement") with Juno Therapeutics, Inc. ("Juno") to develop and commercialize Relma-cel in Mainland China, Hong Kong and Macau. The Group recognized a total amount of USD11,570,000 (equivalent to RMB75,601,000) as intangible assets based on the fair value in year 2017.

In January 2021, the Group completed the treatment of 100 patients with Relma-cel in clinical trials. As such, the Group provided Juno milestone payment in cash in an amount of USD5,000,000 (equivalent to RMB32,462,000) in connection with the License and Strategic Alliance Agreement and further recognized it as intangible assets.

In December 2022, the Group provided Juno reimbursement in cash in an amount of USD150,000 (equivalent to RMB1,045,000) and further recognized it as intangible assets.

(ii) BCMA license

In April 2019, the Group entered into License Agreement — BCMA ("BCMA License Agreement") with Juno to develop and commercialize JWCAR129 in Mainland China, Hong Kong and Macau. The Group recognized a total amount of USD9,140,000 (equivalent to RMB61,318,000) as intangible assets based on the fair value in year 2019.

# 16 INTANGIBLE ASSETS (Continued)

(b) Licenses (Continued)

## Recognition (Continued)

(iii) Eureka licenses

Licenses acquired in a business combination are recognized at fair value at the acquisition date ("Eureka Licenses"), which includes certain licenses under development and commercialization in Mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan and the member countries of Association of South East Asia Nation. The Group recognized a total amount of USD95,300,000 (equivalent to RMB674,676,000) as intangible assets based on the fair value.

#### (iv) 2seventy license

In October 2022, the Group entered into the Collaboration Agreement with 2seventy bio, Inc. ("2seventy") for the development and commercialization a cell therapy product directed to MAGE-A4 in Greater China. The Group provided 2seventy upfront payment in cash in an amount of USD3,000,000 (equivalent to RMB20,894,000) and recognized it as intangible assets.

As at December 31, 2022, BCMA license, Eureka license and 2seventy license with total net book value of RMB748,277,000 were not ready for use.

## Impairment

The impairment test of intangible assets not ready for use was performed by engaging an independent valuer to estimate the value in use as the recoverable amount of each drug. The fair value is based on value in use calculations using the discounted cash flow model. The estimated revenue of each drug is based on management's expectations of timing of commercializing related products to respective drug. The cost and operating expenses are estimated by considering margins levels of the Group's business, expected revenue contribution of respective drug to the Group's total revenue and appropriate adjustments to reflect the characteristics of respective license. The discount rates used are pre-tax and reflect specific risks relating to the relevant drug that would be considered by market participants.

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# 16 INTANGIBLE ASSETS (Continued)

(b) Licenses (Continued)

## Impairment (Continued)

The key assumption used for recoverable amount calculation is as followed:

## **JWCAR 129:**

	As at Dece	As at December 31,		
	2022	2021		
Gross margin	73.2%~78.1%	78.8%~83.7%		
Pre-tax discount rate	29.3%	23.9%		
Revenue growth rate	3.0%~63.4%	3%~135.9%		
Recoverable amount (in RMB million)	110	178		

## Eureka licenses:

	As at December 31,		
	2022	2021	
Gross margin	73.7%~85.9%	83.7%~87.5%	
Pre-tax discount rate	27.8%	24.8%	
Revenue growth rate	2.7%~229.4%	3.1%~229.4%	
Recoverable amount (in RMB million)	809	728	

Based on the result of above assessment, these was no impairment for the intangible asset during the year ended December 31, 2022 (2021:nil)

## 2seventy licenses:

	As at December 31,	
	2022	
Gross margin Pre-tax discount rate Revenue growth rate Recoverable amount (in RMB million)	67.5%~78.1% 27.6% -18.6%~108.6% 48	

# 16 INTANGIBLE ASSETS (Continued)

## (b) Licenses (Continued)

## Impairment test-sensitivity

The Company performed sensitivity test by increasing 1% of pre-tax discount rate or decreasing 1% of revenue growth rate, which are the key assumptions determine the recoverable amount of each intangible asset, with all other variables held constant. The impacts on the amount by which the intangible asset's recoverable amount above its carrying amount (headroom) are as below:

## JWCAR 129:

	As at Dece	As at December 31,	
	2022	2021	
Headroom	23	74	
Impact by increasing pre-tax discount rate	(12)	(17)	
Impact by decreasing revenue growth rate	(8)	(2)	

## Eureka licenses:

	As at December 31,	
	2022	2021
Headroom Impact by increasing pre-tax discount rate Impact by decreasing revenue growth rate	145 (115) (67)	121 (111) (8)

## 2seventy licenses:

	As at December 31, 2022	
Headroom	27	
Impact by increasing pre-tax discount rate	(6)	
Impact by decreasing revenue growth rate	(3)	

Considering there was still sufficient headroom based on the assessment, management believes that a reasonably possible change in any of the key assumptions on which management has based its determination of each CGU's recoverable amount would not cause its carrying amount to exceed its recoverable amount.

# **17 PREPAYMENT FOR LICENSE**

As at Dece	As at December 31,	
2022 <i>RMB</i> '000	2021 <i>RMB'000</i>	
6,965	6,376	
	2022 RMB'000	

Note:

In January 2020, the Company entered into an Option and License Agreement with Acepodia Biotechnologies, Ltd. ("Acepodia"), pursuant to which, the Company was granted an exclusive option to acquire an exclusive right and license to manufacture, develop, use, sell, offer for sale, import and otherwise commercialize certain products. On February 3, 2020, the Company paid first instalment of USD1,000,000 to Acepodia.

## **18 OTHER NON-CURRENT ASSETS**

	As at December 31,	
	2022 RMB'000	2021 <i>RMB'000</i>
	7.007	10.050
Value-added tax recoverable Rental deposits	7,227 4,590	13,359 4,452
Prepayments for property, plant and equipment	4,590	4,452 15,292
Others		120
	12,311	33,223

# **19 TRADE RECEIVABLE**

	As at Dec	As at December 31,	
	2022 <i>RMB</i> '000	2021 <i>RMB'000</i>	
Trade receivables from contracts with customer	5,305	_	
Trade receivables from contracts with customer	5,305		

As of December 31 2022 and 2021, the aging analysis of the trade receivables based on invoice date is as follows:

	As at Dece	As at December 31,	
	2022 <i>RMB</i> '000	2021 <i>RMB'000</i>	
Within 30 days	5,305	_	

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# 19 TRADE RECEIVABLE (Continued)

The maximum exposure to credit risk at December 31, 2022 and 2021 is the carrying value of each class of receivables mentioned above.

The carrying amounts of the Group's trade receivables approximate their fair values.

The carrying amounts of trade receivables are primarily denominated in RMB.

## **20 AMOUNT DUE FROM RELATED PARTY**

	As at Dece	As at December 31,	
	2022 RMB'000	2021 <i>RMB'000</i>	
Yiping James Li <i>(Note 10(f))</i>	24,115		

## **21 INVENTORIES**

	As at Dec	As at December 31,	
	2022 <i>RMB</i> '000	2021 <i>RMB'000</i>	
Raw materials Work in progress	29,821 10,338	22,643 8,759	
	40,159	31,402	

### **22 OTHER RECEIVABLES AND PREPAYMENTS**

	As at December 31,	
	2022 RMB'000	2021 <i>RMB'000</i>
Prepayments to suppliers	16,263	7,580
Deposits	5,544	695
Receivables on behalf of employees	—	2,860
Others	746	699
Total	22,553	11,834

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## 22 OTHER RECEIVABLES AND PREPAYMENTS (Continued)

The carrying amounts of the Group's other receivables and prepayments are denominated in following currencies.

	As at December 31,	
	2022 RMB'000	2021 <i>RMB'000</i>
RMB USD	19,723 2,830	11,812 22
Total	22,553	11,834

None of the above assets is past due or impaired. The financial assets included in the above balances related to deposits for which there was no history of default and the expected credit losses are considered minimal.

The carrying amounts of the Group's other receivables approximate their fair values.

The amounts are non-traded, unsecured, interest-free and repayable on demand.

# **23 OTHER CURRENT ASSETS**

	As at Dec	As at December 31,	
	2022 <i>RMB</i> '000	2021 <i>RMB'000</i>	
Value-added tax recoverable Other	3,275 6,425	15,825 1,580	
	9,700	17,405	

# 24 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

(a) Cash and cash equivalents

	As at December 31,	
	2022 RMB'000	2021 <i>RMB'000</i>
Cash at bank — RMB — USD — HKD Cash at hand — RMB	535,807 843,573 3,955 1	251,698 1,567,555 15,145 1
Total	1,383,336	1,834,399

The carrying amount of bank deposits approximates their fair value.

# **25 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS BY CATEGORY**

	As at December 31,	
	2022	2021
	RMB'000	RMB'000
<b>-</b>		
Financial assets at amortized costs: — Cash and cash equivalents	1,383,336	1,834,399
- Amount due from related party	24,115	1,034,399
- Deposit	10,134	3,438
- Trade receivable	5,305	
- Receivables on behalf of employees	—	2,860
Total	1,422,890	1,840,697
	As at Dec	ember 31,
	2022	2021
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Liabilities		
Financial liabilities at amortized costs:	110.000	101.000
<ul> <li>Trade and other payables</li> <li>Borrowings-current</li> </ul>	113,966 142,300	131,326 5,000
- Borrowings-current	92,500	95,000
Lease liabilities-current	10,600	15,186
Lease liabilities-non-current	33,728	31,849
Total	393,094	278,361

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### **26 SHARE CAPITAL**

Authorized:

	Number of shares In thousands	Nominal value of shares USD	RMB equivalent value <i>RMB'000</i>
As at December 31, 2022 and 2021	5,000,000	50,000	332

#### Issued and fully paid:

	Number of shares In thousands	Nominal value of shares USD	RMB equivalent value RMB'000
As at December 31, 2021	407,630	4,076	27
Issuance of ordinary shares (Note (a))	3,406	34	0
As at December 31, 2022	411,036	4,110	27

Note (a):

During the year ended December 31, 2022, the Group issued a total of 3,406,393 ordinary shares to the Group's employees as the result of exercise of stock option and RSU after vesting period with a total exercise price of USD15,000 (equivalent to RMB94,000).

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# **27 RESERVES**

	Share premium RMB'000 Note (a)	Share-based compensation reserve RMB'000 Note (b)	Treasury shares held in trust RMB'000	Foreign currency translation RMB'000 Note (c)	Capital reserve RMB'000 Note (d)	<b>Total</b> RMB'000
Balance at January 1, 2021	6,023,049	149,693	(1)	(106,383)	12,226	6,078,584
Share based compensation expenses (Note 10)	_	89,370	_	_	_	89,370
Currency translation differences	_	-	_	(83,539)	_	(83,539)
Issuance of ordinary shares (Note 26)	57,618					57,618
Balance at December 31, 2021	6,080,667	239,063	(1)	(189,922)	12,226	6,142,033
Balance at January 1, 2022	6,080,667	239,063	(1)	(189,922)	12,226	6,142,033
Share based compensation expenses (Note 10)	-	82,502	_	_	-	82,502
Currency translation differences	-	-	-	326,966	-	326,966
Issuance of ordinary shares (Note 26)	94					94
Balance at December 31, 2022	6,080,761	321,565	(1)	137,044	12,226	6,551,595

Note:

(a) Share premium arose from the issuance of the Company in excess of their par value.

(b) Share-based compensation reserve arises from share-based payment granted to employees of the Group.

- (c) Foreign currency translation represents the difference arising from the translation of financial statements of companies within the Group that have a functional currency different from the presentation currency of RMB for the financial statements of the Company and the Group.
- (d) Capital reserve represents the difference of aggregate consideration paid by the Group and the aggregate capital of the subsidiaries acquired before the year ended December 31, 2020.

## **28 SHARE-BASED PAYMENTS**

#### (a) Stock option and restricted share unit of the Company

Pursuant to a resolution dated September 30, 2021, the Company adopted 2021 September Stock Option and 2021 September RSU (together, "2021 September Plan"). The Company granted 6,812,000 stock options and 4,819,617 RSUs to certain directors, senior management and employees of the Group as rewards for their services, full time devotion and professional expertise to certain of the Group's subsidiaries. In addition, the Company granted 226,930 stock options and 113,465 RSUs to one consultant, as reward of his past services.

Pursuant to a resolution dated December 17, 2021, the Company adopted 2021 December Stock Option and 2021 December RSU (together, "2021 December Plan"). The Company granted 754,254 stock options and 472,182 RSUs to certain directors, senior management and employees of the Group as rewards for their services, full time devotion and professional expertise to certain of the Group's subsidiaries.

Pursuant to a resolution dated June 24, 2022, the Company adopted 2022 June Stock Option and 2022 June RSU (together, "2022 June Plan"). The Company granted 2,282,395 stock options and 1,703,625 RSUs to certain senior management and employees of the Group as rewards for their services, full time devotion and professional expertise to certain of the Group's subsidiaries.

Pursuant to a resolution dated September 29, 2022, the Company adopted 2022 September Stock Option and 2022 September RSU (together, "2022 September Plan"). The Company granted 660,001 stock options and 360,001 RSUs to certain senior management and employees of the Group as rewards for their services, full time devotion and professional expertise to certain of the Group's subsidiaries.

Pursuant to a resolution dated December 16, 2022, the Company adopted 2022 December Stock Option and 2022 December RSU (together, "2022 December Plan"). The Company granted 41,667 stock options and 41,667 RSUs to certain senior management and employees of the Group as rewards for their services, full time devotion and professional expertise to certain of the Group's subsidiaries.

There are two types of vesting schedules for the remaining 2021 September Plan, 2021 December Plan, 2022 June Plan, 2022 September Plan and 2022 December Plan (i) with 30% will vest on the second anniversary of the vesting commencement date and the remaining 30% and 40% will vest on the third anniversary and fourth anniversary of the vesting commencement date, respectively; and (ii) with 25% will vest on each anniversary of the vesting commencement date, respectively.

# 28 SHARE-BASED PAYMENTS (Continued)

## (a) Stock option and restricted share unit of the Company (Continued)

The following table summarizes the Group's stock option activities:

	Year ended December 31,				
	202	22	2021		
	Weighted average exercise price (in USD)	Number of stock options	Weighted average exercise price <i>(in USD</i> )	Number of stock options	
As at beginning of year	1.14	14,353,302	0.12	9,023,920	
Granted from 2021 September Plan	—	-	2.08	7,038,930	
Granted from 2021 December Plan	_	—	1.54	754,254	
Granted from 2022 June Plan	1.14	2,282,395	—	—	
Granted from 2022 September Plan	0.42	660,001	_	_	
Granted from 2022 December Plan	0.62	41,667	_	_	
Exercised during the year	0.07	(202,288)	0.09	(1,171,390)	
Forfeited during the year	1.40	(1,130,824)	0.32	(1,292,412)	
As at end of year	1.11	16,004,253	1.14	14,353,302	
Vested and exercisable at end of year	0.78	4,422,324	0.12	1,202,485	

The following table summarizes the Group's restricted shares activities:

	Year ended December 31,		
	2022 Numbers of	2021 Numbers of	
	shares	shares	
As at beginning of year	17,932,828	21,968,420	
Granted from 2021 September Plan	—	4,933,082	
Granted from 2021 December Plan	—	472,182	
Granted from 2022 June Plan	1,703,625	—	
Granted from 2022 September Plan	360,001	_	
Granted from 2022 December Plan	41,667	_	
Exercised during the year	(8,095,945)	(8,262,974)	
Forfeited during the year	(1,847,267)	(1,177,882)	
As at end of year	10,094,909	17,932,828	
Vested and exercisable at end of year	1,980,471	4,891,840	

## 28 SHARE-BASED PAYMENTS (Continued)

#### (b) Fair value of stock option and RSU granted of the Company

Fair value of RSU is measured based on the fair value of the Group's ordinary shares, which is USD7.26 for 2019 Plan,USD19.16 for 2020 June Plan (before subdivision) and USD2.43 for 2020 September Plan (after subdivision). The fair value of ordinary shares is determined by discounted cash flow method. The key assumption for discounted cash flow model is the discount rate, which is 18% for 2019 Plan, 17% for 2020 June Plan and 16.5% for 2020 September Plan.

Fair value of RSU is HKD14.92 for 2021 September Plan and HKD11.48 for 2021 December Plan, which is the closing price of the grant shares in the stock market on the grant date. Fair value of RSU is HKD8.94 for 2022 June Plan, HKD3.18 for 2022 September Plan and HKD4.25 for 2022 December Plan, which is the closing price of the grant shares in the stock market on the grant date.

Based on fair value of the underlying ordinary shares, the Group has used Binomial option-pricing model to determine the fair value of the stock option as of the grant date. Key assumptions are set as below:

	2022 December Plan (after	2022 September Plan (after	2022 June Plan (after	2021 December Plan (after	2021 September Plan (after	2020 September Plan (after	2020 June Plan (before	2019 Plan (before
	subdivision)	subdivision)	subdivision)	subdivision)	subdivision)	subdivision)	subdivision)	subdivision)
Risk-free interest rate	3.30%	3.87%	2.82%	1.14%	1.14%	0.69%	0.66%	1.47%
Volatility	61%	58%	58%	58%	58%	45%	47%	47%
Grant date option fair value	HKD2.058,	HKD1.578,	HKD4.588,	HKD5.472,	HKD6.928,	USD2.43	USD19.16	USD3.32,
per share	HKD2.194	HKD1.676	HKD4.818	HKD5.779	HKD7.336			USD6.31
Exercise price	HKD4.83	HKD3.31	HKD8.94	HKD11.99	HKD16.20	USD0.00001	USD0.001	USD1, USD6.55

#### (c) Expenses arising from share-based payment transactions

Expenses for the share-based payments have been charged to the consolidated statements of profit or loss as follows:

	Year ended D	Year ended December 31,		
	2022 RMB'000	2021 <i>RMB'000</i>		
Administrative expenses Research and development expenses Selling expenses	50,282 19,445 12,775	55,909 25,100 8,361		
Total	82,502	89,370		

#### **29 DIVIDEND**

No dividend has been paid or declared by the Company or the companies now comprising the Group during the year ended December 31, 2022 (2021:nil).

# **30 TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES**

	As at December 31,		
	2022 RMB'000	2021 <i>RMB'000</i>	
Trade payables	7,604	2,565	
Payables for purchase of services and R&D materials	63,551	69,514	
Staff salaries and welfare payables	38,941	40,479	
Accrued expenses	32,523	42,313	
Payables for purchase of property, plant and equipment	10,288	16,934	
Payroll tax	4,028	5,468	
Deferred income	1,000	1,441	
Total	157,935	178,714	

As of December 31 2022 and 2021, the aging of trade payables based on the demand note are as follows:

	As at December 31,		
	2022 RMB'000	2021 <i>RMB'000</i>	
Less than 1 year	7,604	2,565	

The carrying amounts of trade and other payables (excluding accrued expenses) of the Group are denominated in the following currencies:

	As at December 31,		
	2022 RMB'000	2021 <i>RMB'000</i>	
RMB USD SGD	109,356 15,573 483	119,306 17,095 	
	125,412	136,401	

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## **31 BORROWINGS**

	As at December 31,		
	2022 RMB'000	2021 <i>RMB'000</i>	
Non-current unsecured bank borrowings Less: Current portion of long-term borrowings	97,500 (5,000)	100,000 (5,000)	
Total non-current unsecured bank borrowings	92,500	95,000	
Current unsecured bank borrowings Current portion of long-term borrowings	137,300 5,000	5,000	
Total current unsecured bank borrowings	142,300	5,000	

For the year ended December 31, 2022, the Group's borrowings were repayable as follows:

	As at December 31,		
	2022	2021	
	RMB'000	RMB'000	
Within 1 year	142,300	5,000	
Between 1 and 2 year	5,000	12,000	
Between 2 and 3 year	8,000	31,000	
Between 3 and 4 year	10,000	52,000	
Between 4 and 5 year	12,000		
Over 5 years	57,500		
	234,800	100,000	

The weighted average effective interest rates at each balance sheet date were as follows:

	As at December 31,		
	2022 RMB'000	2021 <i>RMB'000</i>	
Bank borrowings — RMB	3.18%	4.70%	

The fair values of borrowings equal to their carrying amounts as the discounting impact is not significant.

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# **32 LEASE LIABILITIES**

	As at December 31,	
	2022 RMB'000	2021 <i>RMB'000</i>
Minimum lease payments due		
— Within 1 year	12,436	16,519
<ul> <li>Between 1 and 2 year</li> <li>Between 2 and 5 year</li> </ul>	7,748 16,990	10,430 13,058
— Over 5 year	14,159	12,803
	51,333	52,810
Less: future finance charges	(7,005)	(5,775)
Present value of lease liabilities	44,328	47,035
Less: current portion of lease liabilities	(10,600)	(15,186)
Non-current portion of lease liabilities	33,728	31,849
	As at December 31,	

2022 BMB'000	2021 <i>RMB'000</i>
10,600	15,186
6,326	9,336
14,068	10,730
13,334	11,783
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44,328	47,035
	RMB'000 10,600 6,326 14,068 13,334

The Group leases properties and lease liabilities were measured at net present value of the lease payments to be paid during the lease terms.

Lease liabilities were discounted at incremental borrowings rates of the Group.

For the total cash outflows for leases including payments of lease liabilities and payments of interest expenses on leases are disclosed in Note 15.

## **33 CASH FLOW INFORMATION**

(a) Reconciliation of loss before income tax to cash used in operation

	Year ended December 31,	
	2022	2021
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Loss before income tax	(846,135)	(702,328)
Adjustments for		
— Depreciation (Notes 14 and 15)	70,311	42,764
— Amortization (Note 16)	16,763	5,461
- Share-based compensation expenses (Note 28)	82,502	89,370
- Finance income - net (Note 11)	(9,748)	(5,604)
<ul> <li>Net foreign exchange losses</li> </ul>	158,540	
- Fair value change on warrants	_	(51,151)
- Fair value change on contingent liabilities	_	2,089
- Disposal loss of property, plant and equipment	168	120
	(537,599)	(619,279)
Changes in working capital:		
- Increase in Trade receivable	(5,305)	
- Increase in prepayments and other receivable	(10,719)	(9,040)
- Decrease in other assets	13,819	15,943
- (Decrease)/increase in accruals and other payable	(14,133)	71,666
- Increase in inventories	(8,757)	(28,784)
Cash used in operations	(552,694)	(569,494)

(b) In consolidated statement of cash flows, proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment comprise:

	Year ended December 31,	
	2022 RMB'000	2021 <i>RMB'000</i>
Net book amount Losses on disposal of property, plant and equipment	220 (168)	120 (120)
Proceeds from the disposal	52	

# 33 CASH FLOW INFORMATION (Continued)

## (c) Major non-cash transactions

	Year ended December 31,	
	2022 RMB'000	2021 <i>RMB'000</i>
		NIVID 000
Issuance of ordinary shares Decrease of warrants	94 —	56,914 (51,742)

## (d) Changes in liabilities from financing activities

January 1, 2022	47.025	100.000
	Liabilities RMB'000	Borrowings RMB'000
	Lease	Demonia
At December 31, 2021	47,035	100,000
Other non-cash movement	35,376	
Interest expenses	1,086	
Cash flows	(13,020)	
January 1, 2021	23,593	100,000
	Liabilities <i>RMB'000</i>	Borrowings <i>RMB'000</i>
	Lease	

January 1, 2022	47,035	100,000
Cash flows	(15,753)	134,800
Interest expenses	1,463	
Other non-cash movement	11,583	—
At December 31, 2022	44,328	234,800

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#### **34 COMMITMENTS**

#### (a) Capital commitments

Capital expenditure contracted for by the Group at the balance sheet date but not yet incurred is as follows:

	As at December 31,	
	2022 RMB'000	2021 <i>RMB'000</i>
Intangible assets Property, plant and equipment	306 2,906	679 13,925
	3,212	14,604

#### (b) Operating lease commitments — where the Group is the lessee

At the balance sheet dates, lease commitments of the Group for leases not yet commenced for short-term lease and low-value lease are as follows:

	As at December 31,	
	2022 <i>RMB</i> '000	2021 <i>RMB'000</i>
No later than 1 year Later than 1 year and no later than 2 year Later than 2 year and no later than 5 year	1,073 48 12	920 92 49
	1,133	1,061

#### **35 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

Save as disclosed elsewhere in the report, the major related parties that had transactions and balances with the Group were as follows:

Name of rel	ated parties	Relationship with the Group
Juno Yiping Jame	es Li	Shareholder Connected person

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# 35 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (Continued)

#### (a) Key management compensation

The directors are regarded as the key management of the Group. The compensation paid or payable to the key management for employment services is disclosed in Note 10.

#### (b) Transactions with related parties

#### (i) Purchase of materials

	Year ended D	Year ended December 31,	
	2022	<b>2022</b> 2021	
	<b>RMB</b> '000	RMB'000	
Juno	14,604	8,990	

#### (ii) Purchase of license

	Year ended De	Year ended December 31,	
	2022	2021	
	RMB'000	RMB'000	
Juno	—	31,879	

#### (iii) Reimbursement

	Year ended De	cember 31,
	2022	2021
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Juno	1,045	

#### (iv) Royalty fee

	Year ended December 31,	
	2022 RMB'000	2021 <i>RMB'000</i>
Juno	8,742	1,857

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# 35 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (Continued)

- (b) Transactions with related parties (Continued)
  - (v) Loan to connected person

		Year ended De	cember 31,
		2022	2021
		RMB'000	RMB'000
	Yiping James Li	23,552	
(vi)	Interest of loan to connected person		
		Year ended De	cember 31,
		2022	2021
		RMB'000	RMB'000
	Yiping James Li	563	
(c) Ba	lances with related parties		
(i)	Amount due from related party		
		As at Decer	mber 31,
		2022	2021
		<b>RMB</b> '000	RMB'000

#### (ii) Trade and other payables

Yiping James Li

	As at December 31,	
	2022 RMB'000	2021 <i>RMB'000</i>
Juno	11,838	11,766

24,115

*Note:* The balances due to Juno were unsecured, trade in nature and non-interest bearing. These balances were due within 15 to 30 days.

Their fair values approximated their carrying amounts due to their short maturities.

# **36 PARTICULARS OF PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARIES**

The Group's subsidiaries are as follows:

Company name	Country/place and date of incorporation	Principal activities	Type of legal entity	lssued/registered and fully paid up capital	Attributable equi equity holders	
					2022	2021
JWS Therapeutics Investment Co. Ltd.	Cayman Islands, June 19, 2020	Holding company	Exempted company with limited liability	US\$50,000	100%	100%
JW (Hong Kong) Therapeutics Limited	Hong Kong, October 3, 2017	Holding company	Limited liability company	USD6,200,000 & HKD10,000	100%	100%
JW Therapeutics (Shanghai) Co., Ltd. (上海蔡明巨諾生物科技有限公司)	The PRC, February 18, 2016	Drug research and development and import and export handling	Limited liability company	USD45,500,000	100%	100%
Shanghai Ju Ming Medical Technology Co., Ltd. (上海炬明醫療技術有限公司)	The PRC, July 10, 2017	Medical research and experimental development	Limited liability company	RMB1,000,000	100%	100%
Shanghai Ming Ju Biotechnology Co., Ltd. (上海明聚生物科技有限公司)	The PRC, August 30, 2017	Clinical trial and CRO	Limited liability company	RMB1,000,000	100%	100%
JW Therapeutics R&D (Shanghai) Co., Ltd (上海藥明巨諾生物醫藥研發 有限公司)	The PRC, December 5, 2018	Drug research and development	Limited liability company	USD15,000,000	100%	100%
JW Therapeutics (Suzhou) Co., Ltd. (蘇州藥明巨諾生物科技有限公司)	The PRC, September 12, 2018	Drug research and development and manufacturing and import and export handling	Limited liability company	USD30,000,000	100%	100%
Syracuse Biopharma (Hong Kong) Limited	Hong Kong, June 7, 2018	Holding company	Limited liability company	USD13,894,000	100%	100%
Eureka (Beijing) Biotechnology Co., Ltd (優瑞科(北京)生物技術有限公司)	The PRC, April 2, 2007	Conducts clinical studies of T-cell therapies in China	Limited liability company	RMB40,000,000	100%	100%
Syracuse Biopharma (Jiangsu) Co., Ltd. (賽諾思遠生物科技(江蘇) 有限公司) Note (b)	The PRC, September 18, 2018	Conducts clinical studies of T-cell therapies in China	Limited liability company	RMB100,000,000	-	100%
Aeon Therapeutics (Beijing) Limited (頤昂生物科技(北京)有限公司)	The PRC, March 8, 2017	Conducts clinical studies of T-cell therapies in China	Limited liability company	RMB40,000,000	100%	100%
Wuhan Guanggu Aeon Therapeutics Limited (武漢光谷頤昂生物科技 有限公司) Note (c)		Conducts clinical studies of T-cell therapies in China	Limited liability company	RMB10,000,000	-	100%
JW Therapeutics LLC	The USA, January 31, 2022	Medical research and experimental development	Limited liability company	USD1	100%	-

Note (a): The principally operating country of all the companies mentioned above is PRC.

Note (b): The subsidiary was liquidated on August 19, 2022.

Note (c): The subsidiary was liquidated on January 14, 2022.

## **37 BALANCE SHEET AND RESERVE MOVEMENT OF THE COMPANY**

2022 RMB '0002021 RMB '000ASSETS Non-current assets Intangible assets Prepayment for license Investments in subsidiaries185,608 6,965 6,965 990,533160,398 6,376 850,536Current assets Other receivables and prepayments Cash and cash equivalents Other current assets1,183,106 1,017,3101,017,310Current assets Cash and cash equivalents Other current assets1,746,338 1,553,4471,746,338 1,553,447Total assets4,596,581 4,317,0954,317,095EQUITY Equity attributable to owners of the Company Share capital Reserves Accumulated losses27 6,565,745 6,115,399 (1,978,266)27 (1,839,874)Total equity4,587,506 4,275,5524,275,552LIABILITIES Non-current liabilities— — —— — —		As at December 31,	
Non-current assets         185,608         160,398           Prepayment for license         6,965         6,376           Investments in subsidiaries         1,183,106         1,017,310           Current assets         1,183,106         1,017,310           Other receivables and prepayments         2,360,567         1,746,338           Cash and cash equivalents         1,052,773         1,553,47           Other current assets         3,413,475         3,299,785           Total assets         4,596,581         4,317,095           EQUITY         Equity attributable to owners of the Company         27         27           Share capital         6,565,745         6,115,399         6,115,399           Accumulated losses         4,587,506         4,275,552         1,839,874)           Total equity         4,587,506         4,275,552         1,839,874)           Itabilities			
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LIABILITIES       Non-current liabilities       Total non-current liabilities	Equity attributable to owners of the Company Share capital Reserves	6,565,745	6,115,399
Non-current liabilities        Total non-current liabilities	Total equity	4,587,506	4,275,552
	Total non-current liabilities		
Current liabilitiesTrade and other payables9,07541,543	<b>Current liabilities</b> Trade and other payables	9,075	41,543
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Total equity and liabilities4,317,095	Total equity and liabilities	4,596,581	4,317,095

The balance sheet of the Company were approved by the Board of Directors on March 29, 2023 and were signed on its behalf.

**Dr. Yiping James Li** Director

Ms. Xing Gao Director

# 37 BALANCE SHEET AND RESERVE MOVEMENT OF THE COMPANY

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	Share premium RMB'000	Share-based compensation reserve RMB'000	Treasury Shares held in trust RMB'000	Foreign currency translation RMB'000	Capital reserve RMB'000	<b>Total</b> RMB'000
Balance at January 1, 2021 Share based compensation	6,023,049	149,116	(1)	(124,654)	1	6,047,511
expenses	_	89,015	_	_	_	89,015
Currency translation differences	_	_	_	(78,745)	—	(78,745)
Issuance of ordinary shares	57,618					57,618
Balance at December 31, 2021	6,080,667	238,131	(1)	(203,399)	1	6,115,399
Balance at January 1, 2022 Share based compensation	6,080,667	238,131	(1)	(203,399)	1	6,115,399
expenses	_	82,502	_	_	_	82,502
Currency translation differences	_		_	367,750	_	367,750
Issuance of ordinary shares	94					94
Balance at December 31, 2022	6,080,761	320,633	(1)	164,351	1	6,565,745

In this report, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings set out below. These expressions and their definitions may not correspond to any industry standard definitions, and may not be directly comparable to similarly titled expressions adopted by other companies operating in the same industries as our Company.

"associate(s)"	has the meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules
"AGM(s)"	annual general meeting(s) of the Company
"Articles of Association"	the eighth amended and restated articles of association of the Company adopted by special resolution passed on June 29, 2022
"Audit Committee"	the audit committee of the Board
"BCMA License Agreement"	the license agreement entered into between our Company and Juno dated April 11, 2019
"Board", "our Board" or "Board of Directors"	the board of Directors of our Company
"Board Committees"	the Audit Committee, the Nomination Committee and the Remuneration Committee
"CAR"	chimeric antigen receptor
"CAR-T"	chimeric antigen receptor T-cell
"CEO"	the chief executive officer of our Group
"CG Code"	the Corporate Governance Code as set out in Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules
"Chairman"	the chairman of the Board
"CMC"	chemistry, manufacturing, and controls processes in the development, licensure, manufacturing, and ongoing marketing of pharmaceutical products
"Companies Ordinance"	the Companies Ordinance (Chapter 622 of the Laws of Hong Kong), as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time
"Company", "our Company", "the Company" or "JW Therapeutics"	JW (Cayman) Therapeutics Co. Ltd (Stock code: 2126), an exempted company with limited liability incorporated under the laws of the Cayman Islands on September 6, 2017, the shares of which are listed on the Main Board of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange
"connected person(s)"	has the meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules

"connected transaction(s)"	has the meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules
"Consolidated Affiliated Entities"	the entities we control through the Contractual Arrangements, namely Shanghai Ju Ming and its subsidiaries Shanghai Ming Ju and Suzhou Ming Ju Biotechnology Co., Ltd. (蘇州明聚生物科技有 限公司)
"Contractual Arrangements"	a series of contractual arrangements entered into among Shanghai Ju Ming, JW Shanghai and the Registered Shareholders for control over the Consolidated Affiliated Entities, details of which are described in the section headed "Contractual Arrangements" in this report
"Director(s)"	the director(s) of the Company
"Dr. Li"	Dr. Yiping James Li, our executive Director, the Chairman and the CEO
"Frost & Sullivan"	Frost & Sullivan (Beijing) Inc., Shanghai Branch Co., a global market research and consulting company, which is an independent industry consultant
"Global Offering"	the Hong Kong public offering and the international offering of the Shares
"Group", "our Group", "the Group", "we", "us", or "our"	the Company, its subsidiaries and the Consolidated Affiliated Entities from time to time
"HKD" or "HK\$" or "HK dollars"	Hong Kong Dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong
"HKD" or "HK\$" or "HK dollars"	Hong Kong Dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong
"HKD" or "HK\$" or "HK dollars" "Hong Kong" or "HK"	Hong Kong Dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the PRC
"HKD" or "HK\$" or "HK dollars" "Hong Kong" or "HK" "IFRS"	Hong Kong Dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the PRC International Financial Reporting Standards investigational new drug or investigational new drug application,
"HKD" or "HK\$" or "HK dollars" "Hong Kong" or "HK" "IFRS" "IND"	<ul> <li>Hong Kong Dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong</li> <li>the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the PRC</li> <li>International Financial Reporting Standards</li> <li>investigational new drug or investigational new drug application, also known as clinical trial application in China</li> <li>Goldman Sachs (Asia) L.L.C., UBS AG Hong Kong Branch, China International Capital Corporation HongKong Securities Limited and</li> </ul>

"JW Shanghai"	JW Therapeutics (Shanghai) Co., Ltd. (上海藥明巨諾生物科技有限公司), a limited liability company established under the laws of the PRC on February 18, 2016, and one of the Company's subsidiaries
"License and Strategic Alliance Agreement"	the license and strategic alliance agreement entered into between our Company and Juno in December 2017
"Listing"	the listing of the Shares on the Main Board of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange
"Listing Date"	November 3, 2020, being the date on which the Shares were listed on the Main Board
"Listing Rules"	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time
"Main Board"	the stock exchange (excluding the option market) operated by the Stock Exchange which is independent from and operates in parallel with the Growth Enterprise Market of the Stock Exchange
"Memorandum" or "Memorandum of Association"	the eighth amended and restated memorandum of association of the Company adopted by special resolution passed on June 29, 2022
"Model Code"	the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers contained in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules
"NDA"	new drug application
"NMPA"	National Medical Products Administration (國家藥品監督管理局) and its predecessor, China Food and Drug Administration (國家食 品藥品監督管理總局)
"Nomination Committee"	the nomination committee of the Board
"Post-IPO Incentivization Scheme"	the Post-IPO Share Incentivization Scheme adopted by the Company on October 14, 2020
"Post-IPO Restricted Share Unit Scheme"	the Post-IPO Restricted Share Unit Scheme adopted by the Company on October 14, 2020
"Pre-IPO Incentivization Scheme"	the Pre-IPO Incentivization Scheme adopted by the Company on September 4, 2019
"Prospectus"	the prospectus of the Company dated October 22, 2020
"R&D"	research and development

"Registered Shareholders"	the registered shareholders of Shanghai Ju Ming, being Mr. Fu Xin (傅欣), an employee of our Group and Ms. Xing Gao (高星), our non-executive Director, as at the date of this annual report
"Remuneration Committee"	the remuneration committee of the Board
"Reporting Period"	the one-year period from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022
"Restricted Share Unit Scheme"	the Restricted Share Unit Scheme adopted by the Company on September 4, 2019
"Restricted Share Unit Schemes"	the Restricted Share Unit Scheme and the Post-IPO Restricted Share Unit Scheme
"RMB" or "Renminbi"	Renminbi, the lawful currency of China
"RSU(s)"	the restricted share unit(s) granted pursuant to the Restricted Share Unit Scheme
"Series A2 Preferred Shares"	the series A2 preferred shares of the Company
"Series X Preferred Shares"	the series X preferred shares of the Company
"SFO"	the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong), as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time
"Shanghai Ming Ju"	Shanghai Ming Ju Biotechnology Co., Ltd.* (上海明聚生物科技有限 公司), a limited liability company established under the laws of the PRC on August 30, 2017 and our Consolidated Affiliated Entity
"Shanghai Ju Ming"	Shanghai Ju Ming Medical Technology Co., Ltd.* (上海炬明醫療技 術有限公司), a limited liability company established under the laws of the PRC on July 10, 2017 and our Consolidated Affiliated Entity
"Share(s)"	ordinary share(s) in the capital of the Company with nominal value of US\$0.00001 each
"Share Incentivization Schemes"	our Pre-IPO Incentivization Scheme, Restricted Share Unit Schemes and Post-IPO Incentivization Scheme
"Shareholder(s)"	holder(s) of Share(s)
"sNDA"	supplemental new drug application
"Stock Exchange" or "Hong Kong Stock Exchange"	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited

"subsidiary" or "subsidiaries"	has the meaning ascribed to it thereto in section 15 of the Companies Ordinance
"Substantial Shareholder(s)"	has the meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules
"Syracuse Cayman"	Syracuse Biopharma (Cayman) Ltd., a limited liability company established under the laws of Cayman Islands on December 7, 2017 under its former name, Warrior Biopharma (Cayman) Ltd., and one of our Substantial Shareholders
"United States", "U.S." or "US"	the United States of America, it territories, its possessions and all areas subject to its jurisdiction
"US dollars", "U.S. dollars" or "US\$"	United States dollars, the lawful currency of the United States
"WuXi AppTec" or "WXAT"	WuXi AppTec Co., Ltd. (無錫藥明康德新藥開發股份有限公司), a joint stock company with limited liability incorporated under the laws of PRC in December 2000 and whose H shares are listed on the Stock Exchange (SEHK: 2359) and A shares are listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange (SSE: 603259)
"WXAT Shanghai"	WuXi AppTec (Shanghai) Co., Ltd. (上海藥明康德新藥開發有限公司), a company incorporated under the laws of PRC on April 2, 2002, and a directly wholly-owned subsidiary of WXAT, and directly owns WXAT HK
"%"	per cent

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