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**Prospectus Supplement No. 18**

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**(to Prospectus dated May 30, 2013)**

**Registration No. 333-187508**

**125,000 Shares of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock**

**12,500,000 Shares of Common Stock Underlying the Preferred Stock**

**Warrants to Purchase up to 6,250,000 Shares of Common Stock and**

**6,250,000 Shares of Common Stock Underlying the Warrants**

**ARCA biopharma, Inc.**

This prospectus supplement supplements the prospectus dated May 30, 2013 (the Prospectus ), as supplemented by that certain Prospectus Supplement No. 1 dated July 17, 2013 ( Supplement No. 1 ), by that certain Prospectus Supplement No. 2 dated July 19, 2013 ( Supplement No. 2 ), by that certain Prospectus Supplement No. 3 dated July 24, 2013 ( Supplement No. 3 ), by that certain Prospectus Supplement No. 4 dated July 30, 2013 ( Supplement No. 4 ), by that certain Prospectus Supplement No. 5 dated August 6, 2013 ( Supplement No. 5 ), by that certain Prospectus Supplement No. 6 dated September 4, 2013 ( Supplement No. 6 ), by that certain Prospectus Supplement No. 7 dated September 23, 2013 ( Supplement No. 7 ), by that certain Prospectus Supplement No. 8 dated October 29, 2013 ( Supplement No. 8 ), by that certain Prospectus Supplement No. 9 dated November 6, 2013 ( Supplement No. 9 ), by that certain Prospectus Supplement No. 10 dated November 13, 2013 ( Supplement No. 10 ), by that certain Prospectus Supplement No. 11 dated November 21, 2013 ( Supplement No. 11 ), by that certain Prospectus Supplement No. 12 dated December 5, 2013 ( Supplement No. 12 ), by that certain Prospectus Supplement No. 13 dated January 8, 2014 ( Supplement No. 13 ), by that certain Prospectus Supplement No. 14 dated February 10, 2014 ( Supplement No. 14 ), by that certain Prospectus Supplement No. 15 dated February 12, 2014 ( Supplement No. 15 ), by that certain Prospectus Supplement No. 16 dated February 18, 2014 ( Supplement No. 16 ), and by that certain Prospectus Supplement No. 17 dated March 3, 2014 ( Supplement No. 17 ), and together with Supplement No. 1, Supplement No. 2, Supplement No. 3, Supplement No. 4, Supplement No. 5, Supplement No. 6, Supplement No. 7, Supplement No. 8, Supplement No. 9, Supplement No. 10, Supplement No. 11, Supplement No. 12, Supplement No. 13, Supplement No. 14, Supplement No. 15, and Supplement No. 16, the Supplements ), which form a part of our Registration Statement on Form S-1 (Registration No. 333-187508). This prospectus supplement is being filed to update and supplement the information in the Prospectus and the Supplements with the information contained in our annual report on Form 10-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission ) on March 20, 2014 (the Annual Report ). Accordingly, we have attached the Annual Report to this prospectus supplement.

The Prospectus, the Supplements and this prospectus supplement relate to the offer and sale of up to 125,000 shares of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock ( Preferred Stock ) which are convertible into 12,500,000 shares of Common Stock, warrants to purchase up to 6,250,000 shares of our Common Stock and 6,250,000 shares of Common Stock underlying the warrants.

This prospectus supplement should be read in conjunction with the Prospectus and the Supplements. This prospectus supplement updates and supplements the information in the Prospectus and the Supplements. If there is any

inconsistency between the information in the Prospectus, the Supplements and this prospectus supplement, you should rely on the information in this prospectus supplement.

Our common stock is traded on the Nasdaq Global Market under the trading symbol ABIO. On March 20, 2014, the last reported sale price of our common stock was \$2.06 per share.

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**Investing in our securities involves a high degree of risk. You should review carefully the risks and uncertainties described under the heading **Risk Factors** beginning on page 5 of the Prospectus and beginning on page 23 of our quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2013 before you decide whether to invest in shares of our common stock.**

**Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if the Prospectus or this prospectus supplement is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.**

**The date of this prospectus supplement is March 20, 2014**

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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 10-K**

**(Mark One)**

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

**For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013**

**or**

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

**For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_**

**Commission File Number: 000-22873**

**ARCA BIOPHARMA, INC.**

**(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)**

**Delaware**  
**(State or Other Jurisdiction of**  
**Incorporation or Organization)**

**36-3855489**  
**(I.R.S. Employer**  
**Identification No.)**

**11080 CirclePoint Road, Suite 140, Westminster, CO**  
**(Address of Principal Executive Offices)**  
**(720) 940-2200**

**80020**  
**(Zip Code)**

**(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)**

**Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act:**

<b>Title of Each Class</b>	<b>Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered</b>
<b>Common Stock \$0.001 par value</b>	<b>Nasdaq Capital Market</b>
<b>Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act: None</b>	

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes  No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 and Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes  No

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

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

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

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

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer  (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company

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

The aggregate market value of the common stock held by non-affiliates of the Registrant on June 28, 2013, the last business day of the most recently completed second fiscal quarter, was \$12,057,265 based on the last sale price of the common stock as reported on that day by the Nasdaq Capital Market.

As of March 17, 2014, the Registrant had 20,979,840 shares of common stock outstanding.

#### **DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE**

Portions of the Registrant's Definitive Proxy Statement, which will be filed with the Commission pursuant to Section 14A in connection with the 2014 annual meeting of stockholders, are incorporated by reference into Part III of this Form 10-K.

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*Some of the statements under Business, Risk Factors, Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and elsewhere in this Annual Report constitute forward-looking statements. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by the following words: may, will, could, would, should, expect, intend, plan, anticipate, believe, estimate, predict, project, potential, continue, ongoing or the negative of these terms or other comparable terminology, although not all forward-looking statements contain these words. Examples of these statements include, but are not limited to, statements regarding the following: the timing and results of any clinical trials, including the planned Gencaro trial for the prevention of atrial fibrillation-our ability to obtain additional funding or enter into a strategic or other transaction, the extent to which our issued and pending patents may protect our products and technology, the potential of such product candidates to lead to the development of safe or effective therapies, our ability to enter into collaborations, our ability to maintain listing of our common stock on a national exchange, our future operating expenses, our future losses, our future expenditures, and the sufficiency of our cash resources to maintain operations. These statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause our actual results, levels of activity, performance or achievements to be materially different from the information expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements. While we believe that we have a reasonable basis for each forward-looking statement contained in this Annual Report, we caution you that these statements are based on a combination of facts and factors currently known by us and our projections of the future, about which we cannot be certain.*

*In addition, you should refer to the Risk Factors section of this Annual Report for a discussion of other important factors that may cause our actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by our forward-looking statements. As a result of these factors, we cannot assure you that the forward-looking statements in this Annual Report will prove to be accurate. Furthermore, if our forward-looking statements prove to be inaccurate, the inaccuracy may be material. In light of the significant uncertainties in these forward-looking statements, you should not regard these statements as a representation or warranty by us or any other person that we will achieve our objectives and plans in any specified time frame, or at all.*

*We undertake no obligation to publicly update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. You are advised, however, to consult any further disclosures we make on related subjects in our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K, and our website.*

The terms ARCA, the Company, we, us, our and similar terms refer to ARCA biopharma, Inc.

**Overview**

We are a biopharmaceutical company principally focused on developing genetically-targeted therapies for cardiovascular diseases. Our lead product candidate is Gencaro (bucindolol hydrochloride), a pharmacologically unique beta-blocker and mild vasodilator that we plan to evaluate in a new clinical trial for the treatment of atrial fibrillation, or AF, in patients with heart failure and/or left ventricular dysfunction, or HFREF. We have identified common genetic variations in receptors in the cardiovascular system that we believe interact with Gencaro's pharmacology and may predict patient response to the drug.

We plan to test this hypothesis in a Phase 2B/3 clinical trial of Gencaro, known as GENETIC-AF. We are pursuing this indication for Gencaro because data from the previously conducted Phase 3 HF trial of Gencaro in 2,708 HF patients, or the BEST trial, suggest that Gencaro may be successful in reducing or preventing AF.



AF is a disorder in which the normally regular and coordinated contraction pattern of the heart's two small upper chambers (the atria) becomes irregular and uncoordinated. The irregular contraction pattern associated with AF causes blood to pool in the atria, predisposing the formation of clots potentially resulting in stroke.

AF is considered an epidemic cardiovascular disease. The estimated number of individuals with AF globally in 2010 was 33.5 million. According to the 2014 American Heart Association report on Heart Disease and Stroke Statistics, the estimated number of individuals with AF in the U.S. in 2010 ranged from 2.7 million to 6.1 million people. AF increases the risk of stroke and may also contribute to worsening heart failure. The approved therapies for the treatment or prevention of AF have certain disadvantages in HFREF patients, such as toxic or cardiovascular adverse effects, and most of the approved drugs for AF are contraindicated or have warnings in their prescribing information for such patients. We believe there is an unmet medical need for new AF treatments that have fewer side effects than currently available therapies and are more effective, particularly in HFREF patients.

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GENETIC-AF is planned as a multi-center, randomized, double-blind clinical trial designed to compare the safety and efficacy of Gencaro to an active comparator, the beta-blocker Toprol XL (metoprolol succinate), in HFREF patients recently diagnosed with persistent AF and having beta-1 389 arginine homozygous genotype, the genotype we believe responds most favorably to Gencaro. The primary endpoint of GENETIC-AF, time to recurrent symptomatic AF or all-cause mortality, will be measured over a twenty-four week period after a patient has been electrically cardioverted to restore normal heart rhythm.

We believe data from the BEST trial indicate that Gencaro may have a genetically regulated effect in reducing or preventing AF, whereas we believe the therapeutic benefit of Toprol XL does not appear to be enhanced in patients with this genotype. A retrospective analysis of data from the BEST trial shows that the entire cohort of patients in the BEST trial treated with Gencaro had a 41% reduction in the risk of new onset AF (time-to-event) compared to placebo ( $p = 0.0004$ ). In the BEST DNA substudy, patients with the beta-1 389 arginine homozygous genotype experienced a 74% ( $p = 0.0003$ ) reduction in risk of AF when receiving Gencaro, based on the same analysis. The beta-1 389 arginine homozygous genotype was present in about 47% of the patients in the BEST pharmacogenetic substudy, and we estimate it is present in about 50% of the US general population.

We have created an adaptive design for GENETIC-AF. It is anticipated that the trial will be initiated as a Phase 2B study in approximately 200 HFREF patients with recent onset, persistent AF who have the beta-1 389 arginine homozygous genotype that we believe responds most favorably to Gencaro. In addition to measuring the primary endpoint of recurrent symptomatic AF or all-cause mortality, an additional efficacy measure in the Phase 2B portion of GENETIC-AF will be AF burden, defined as a patient's percentage of time in AF per day, regardless of symptoms. All 200 patients in the Phase 2B portion of the trial will have either a newly or previously implanted Medtronic device that measures and records AF burden. The GENETIC-AF Data Safety Monitoring Board (DSMB) will analyze certain data from the Phase 2B portion of the trial and recommend based on a comparison to our pre-trial statistical assumptions, whether the trial should proceed to Phase 3 and seek to enroll an additional 420 patients. The DSMB will make their recommendation based on analysis of certain trial data after 200 patients have been enrolled and have completed 24 weeks of follow-up, the period for measuring the trial's primary end-point. The interim analysis will focus on available data regarding AF event rates, AF burden, and safety. Should the DSMB interim analysis conclude that the interim data is consistent with pre-trial statistical assumptions and indicates potential for achieving statistical significance for the Phase 3 endpoint, then the DSMB may recommend the study proceed to Phase 3. The DSMB may also recommend changes to the study design before the trial proceeds to Phase 3, or it may recommend that the study not proceed to Phase 3. Based on the DSMB recommendation, and other factors, including input from the trial's steering committee, the Company, in consultation with the trial's Trial Steering Committee, will make the final determination on the trial's development steps. The full Phase 2B/3 trial is designed for 90 percent power at a p-value of less than 0.01 significance level to detect a 25 percent reduction in the risk of AF recurrence or death in patients in the Gencaro arm compared to patients in the Toprol XL arm. The Company believes the Phase 2B portion of the study will take approximately two and one-half years to complete from the time the first patient is enrolled until the planned DSMB interim analysis of data from the initial 200 patients.

Our GENETIC-AF clinical trial of Gencaro requires a companion diagnostic test to identify the patient's receptor genotype. Accordingly, the GENETIC AF trial will require the use of a third party diagnostic service to perform the genetic testing. We have an agreement with Laboratory Corporation of America, or LabCorp, to provide the companion diagnostic test and services to support our GENETIC-AF trial. LabCorp has developed the genetic test and obtained an Investigational Device Exemption, or IDE, from the FDA for the companion diagnostic test which will be used in our GENETIC-AF clinical trial.

Medtronic, Inc., a leader in medical technologies to improve the treatment of chronic diseases including cardiac rhythm disorders is collaborating with us on the planned GENETIC-AF trial. Under the collaboration with Medtronic,

ARCA plans to conduct a substudy that will include continuous monitoring of the cardiac rhythms of all 200 patients enrolled during the Phase 2B portion of the trial and approximately 100 additional patients in the Phase 3 portion of GENETIC-AF. The collaboration will be administered by a joint ARCA-Medtronic committee. Medtronic will use its proprietary CareLink System to collect and analyze the cardiac rhythm data from the implanted Medtronic devices and the data will be used by the DSMB as part of the interim analysis. Medtronic will support the reimbursement process for patients enrolled in the Phase 2B portion, and will provide financial support of unreimbursed costs for a certain number of patients in the Phase 2B portion up to a certain maximum amount per patient. If GENETIC-AF proceeds to Phase 3, we will seek to enroll an additional 100 patients, with Medtronic devices for monitoring and recording AF burden, in the substudy. Medtronic will provide the agreed-on CareLink System cardiac rhythm data collection and analysis for the Phase 3 portion of the substudy and support the reimbursement process.

We have been granted patents in the U.S., Europe, and other jurisdictions for methods of treating AF and HF patients with Gencaro based on genetic testing, which we believe may provide market exclusivity for these uses of Gencaro into at least 2026 in the US and into 2025 in Europe. In addition we believe that if Gencaro is approved, a Gencaro patent will be eligible for patent term extension based on our current clinical trial plans which, if granted, may provide market exclusivity for Gencaro into 2029 or 2030 in the US and Europe.

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To support the continued development of Gencaro, we completed public equity offerings during 2013 that raised approximately \$19.3 million of net proceeds. In February 2014 we completed a public equity offering that raised approximately \$7.9 million of net proceeds as additional funds for the planned Phase 2B portion of the GENETIC-AF trial and to support our ongoing operations. In light of the significant uncertainties regarding clinical development timelines and costs for developing drugs such as Gencaro, we will need to raise a significant amount of additional capital to finance the completion of GENETIC-AF and our ongoing operations. We anticipate that our current cash and cash equivalents, including the net proceeds from our February 2014 equity offering, will be sufficient to fund our operations, at our projected cost structure, through at least the end of 2015. However, changing circumstances may cause us to consume capital significantly faster or slower than we currently anticipate. We have based these estimates on assumptions that may prove to be wrong, and we could exhaust our available financial resources sooner than we currently anticipate.

On January 27, 2009, we completed a business combination (the Merger ) with ARCA Colorado in accordance with the terms of that Agreement and Plan of Merger and Reorganization, dated September 24, 2008, and amended on October 28, 2008 (as amended, the Merger Agreement ), in which a wholly-owned subsidiary of Nuvelo, Inc. merged with and into ARCA Colorado, with ARCA Colorado continuing after the Merger as the surviving corporation and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Nuvelo, Inc. Immediately following the Merger, we changed our name from Nuvelo, Inc. to ARCA biopharma, Inc., and our common stock began trading on the Nasdaq Global Market under the symbol ABIO on January 28, 2009. On March 7, 2011, the listing of our common stock was transferred from the Nasdaq Global Market to the Nasdaq Capital Market.

On March 4, 2013, we filed a Certificate of Amendment to our Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation, to implement a six-for-one reverse split of our common stock, as previously authorized and approved at our special meeting of stockholders on February 25, 2013. On March 5, 2013, our common stock began trading on The NASDAQ Capital Market on a post-split basis.

The reverse split effected a proportionate adjustment to the per share exercise price and the number of shares issuable upon the exercise or settlement of all outstanding options and warrants to purchase shares of our common stock, and the number of shares reserved for issuance pursuant to our existing stock option plans were reduced proportionately. No fractional shares were issued as a result of the reverse split, and stockholders who otherwise would have been entitled to a fractional share received in lieu thereof, a cash payment based on the closing sale price of our common stock as reported on The NASDAQ Capital Market on March 4, 2013. The reverse split did not alter the par value of our common stock or modify any voting rights or other terms of the common stock.

### ***Our Strategy***

Our mission is to become a leading biopharmaceutical company developing cardiovascular therapies with an emphasis on genetically-targeted therapies. To achieve this goal, we are pursuing the following strategies:

*Advance the development of Gencaro.* We plan to focus our efforts on initiating and completing the GENETIC-AF Trial.

*Raise additional funding or complete a strategic transaction.* To support the continued clinical development of Gencaro, including the planned GENETIC-AF clinical trial, we expect to seek additional funding, through the sale of public or private equity or debt securities, or the completion of a strategic transaction.

*Build a cardiovascular pipeline.* Our management and employees, including our chief executive officer, have extensive experience in cardiovascular research, molecular genetics and clinical development of cardiovascular therapies. We are seeking to leverage this expertise to identify, acquire and develop other cardiovascular products or candidates, with an emphasis on pharmacogenetic applications.

*Leverage our existing assets.* We are pursuing opportunities to leverage certain of our development-stage product candidates. These opportunities include collaborations with institutions conducting proof of concept studies and government funded development.

***Atrial Fibrillation Market Background and Opportunity***

AF is a disorder in which the normally regular and coordinated contraction pattern of the heart's two small upper chambers becomes irregular and uncoordinated. The irregular contraction pattern associated with AF causes blood to pool in the heart's atria, predisposing to the formation of clots. These clots may travel from the heart and become lodged in the arteries leading to the brain and other organs, thereby blocking necessary blood flow and potentially resulting in stroke. In addition, we also believe that the development of AF in a HFREF patient can be associated with increased risk of death and other heart failure related adverse outcomes. AF is considered an epidemic cardiovascular disease. The estimated number of individuals with AF globally in 2010 was 33.5 million. According to the 2014 American Heart Association report on Heart Disease and Stroke Statistics, the estimated number of individuals with AF in the U.S. in 2010 ranged from 2.7 million to 6.1 million. Approximately 300,000-400,000 treated AF patients currently receive a form of beta-blocker as pharmaceutical intervention.

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The goals of current medical therapy for AF are to maintain sinus rhythm or permanent AF control of the ventricular rate response, avoid the risk of complications including stroke and to minimize patient symptoms. Current treatments include pharmaceutical intervention and device intervention. There are several antiarrhythmic drugs approved by the FDA for the treatment and/or prevention of recurrent AF. However, these drugs have safety and/or administration concerns and all but one have contraindications or label warnings regarding their prescription in patients with HFREF.

Current device interventions for the treatment of AF include:

Electrical cardioversion which is used to restore normal heart rhythm with administration of a direct current shock;

Radiofrequency ablation which is effective in some patients for whom medications are ineffective; and,

Atrial pacemakers which are implanted under the skin and then intravenously into the heart to regulate heart rhythm.

### ***Gencaro***

Gencaro (bucindolol hydrochloride) is a pharmacologically unique beta-blocker and mild vasodilator being developed for the treatment of AF. Gencaro is considered part of the beta-blocker class of compounds because of its property of blocking both beta-1 and beta-2, receptors in the heart. The blocking of these receptors prevents the receptor from binding with other molecules, primarily the neurotransmitter norepinephrine (NE), which activate these receptors. We believe that Gencaro is well-tolerated in cardiovascular patients because of its mild vasodilator effects. Originally developed by Bristol-Myers Squibb, or BMS, the active pharmaceutical ingredient, or API, in Gencaro, bucindolol hydrochloride, has been tested clinically in approximately 4,500 patients. Gencaro was the subject of a Phase 3 HF mortality trial of over 2,700 patients, mostly in the U.S., known as the BEST trial. The BEST trial included a DNA bank of over 1,000 patients, which was used to evaluate the effect of genetic variation on patients' response to Gencaro.

At the time of the BEST trial, our founding scientists, Dr. Michael Bristow and Dr. Stephen Liggett, hypothesized that the unique pharmacologic properties of Gencaro would interact with common genetic variations of beta-1, beta-2 and alpha-2C, adrenergic receptors, which are important receptors that regulate cardiac or adrenergic (sympathetic) nerve function. They tested this hypothesis prospectively in a substudy conducted using data from the BEST DNA bank. On the basis of this study, Drs. Bristow and Liggett have determined that patients with certain variations in these receptors had substantially improved outcomes on primary and certain secondary clinical endpoints in the trial, such as mortality, HF progression, hospitalization and prevention of arrhythmias, relative to the counterpart genotype groups and the general patient population of the BEST trial. We believe that these genetically determined receptor variations, which are detectable using standard DNA testing technology, can serve as diagnostic markers for predicting enhanced therapeutic response to Gencaro, and potentially avoiding adverse events, in individual patients. We have patented our methods for treating AF and HF patients with Gencaro in the U.S. and Europe based on genetic testing.

### ***Pharmacology and Pharmacogenetics***

Gencaro's pharmacology appears to be different from other compounds in the beta-blocker class in two fundamental respects. First, the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute of the National Institutes of Health (NHLBI) and the Cooperative Studies Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs sponsored studies conducted by Drs. Bristow and Liggett indicated that in human myocardial preparations, Gencaro leads to inactivation of constitutively active (i.e. functional in the absence of bound agonist) beta-1 receptors through a mechanism separate from beta-blockade, in addition to inhibiting the binding activity of the beta-1 receptor like a typical beta-blocker. Second, other studies, including BEST, indicated that Gencaro lowers the systemic levels of the neurotransmitter NE, released by cardiac and other adrenergic nerves. These two properties interact with common genetic variations in two cardiac receptors, the beta-1 and alpha-2C receptors, to produce the unique pharmacogenetic profile of Gencaro. We believe that these two properties, and their pharmacogenetic implications, are unique to Gencaro.

Gencaro has an important interaction with the beta-1 receptor found on muscle cells, or cardiac myocytes, of the heart. The general role of the beta-1 receptor and its downstream signaling cascades is to regulate the strength and rate of the heart's contractions. NE serves as an activator of the beta-1 receptor, causing the receptor to initiate signaling to the cardiac myocyte. Although this signaling may be beneficial to the failing heart in the short term, in chronic HFREF patients the beta-1 receptor also initiates harmful, or cardiomyopathic, signaling which, over time, exacerbates the heart's structural and functional decline. Beta-blockers counteract this destructive process by reducing beta-1 receptor signaling. They do this by binding to the receptor and blocking NE molecules from binding and activating the signaling activity and, in Gencaro's case, by also inactivating certain beta-1 receptors that are constitutively active (active in the absence of NE stimulation) as well as by lowering NE levels.

There are two common genetic variations of the beta-1 receptor, each of which we estimate is present in approximately 50% of the U.S. population. One of these variations is known as the beta-1 389 arginine receptor variant, exclusively present in the beta-1 389 arginine homozygous or, genotype. Laboratory studies indicate that this variation results in a higher functioning beta-1 receptor, which has a greater ability to mediate the stimulatory effects of NE than the counterpart beta-1 389 glycine or beta-1 389 Gly version of the beta-1 receptor. In addition, the beta-1 389 arginine variant is also more likely to be constitutively active and signal the cardiac

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myocyte to contract in the absence of NE. The beta-1 389 arginine receptor also has much higher affinity for NE as compared to the beta-1 389 glycine version, present in patients with either one or two copies of the beta-1 389 glycine gene allele ( Gly carriers ). Patients with the beta-1 389 glycine version, also present in approximately 50% of the U.S. population who are Gly carriers, results in a beta-1 receptor that is much lower functioning and, according to laboratory studies, has less probability of being in a constitutively active state and has lower NE affinity compared to the beta-1 389 arginine receptor.

We believe Gencaro has a powerful interaction with the higher-function beta-1 389 arginine variation of the beta-1 receptor. Laboratory studies show that constitutively active receptors will continue to signal in the presence of standard beta-blockade with neutral antagonists. Laboratory studies in isolated human heart preparations also show that Gencaro has the novel ability of being able to reduce the signaling of constitutively active receptors. We believe that this property contributes to the enhanced lowering of heart failure and arrhythmia event rates in HFREF patients who are beta-1 389 arginine homozygous genotype relative to individuals who are beta-1 389 Gly carriers or to the general population. In addition, we believe the unique NE lowering properties of Gencaro have a selectively beneficial effect in patients who have only beta-1 389 arginine receptors, because of the high affinity of these receptors for NE.

The efficacy of Gencaro also appears to be influenced by the alpha-2C receptor, located on the terminus of cardiac adrenergic nerves, at the neuromuscular junction with the cardiac myocyte. The role of this receptor is to modulate the release of NE at this junction, which in turn affects the activation of beta-1 receptors and the heart's activity. There are two important genetic variations of this receptor that appear to affect the effects of Gencaro; the alpha-2C -wild type , which is the normal functioning version of the receptor (approximately 87-90% of the U.S. general population), and the deletion variant , a version of the receptor that functions poorly (present in at least one copy in approximately 10-13% of the U.S. general population). The DNA substudy of patients from the BEST trial, conducted by Drs. Bristow and Liggett, indicated that these two variations of the alpha-2C receptor appear to affect Gencaro's heart failure and arrhythmia responses in HFREF patients only if the 389 Gly variant of the beta-1 receptor is also present; in patients with the beta-1 389 Gly variant, the wild type version of the alpha-2C receptor enhances clinical response, whereas the alpha-2C deletion variant reduces efficacy. When only the arginine version of the beta-1 receptor is present (beta-1 389 arginine homozygous genotype), the efficacy of Gencaro does not appear to depend on which version of the alpha-2C receptor is present.

The DNA substudy from the BEST HFREF trial indicated that the combinations of these receptor variations in individual patients appear to influence the response to Gencaro with respect to significant clinical endpoints. However, the beta-1 389 Arg/Arg variant appeared to have the most powerful beneficial effect on Gencaro heart failure and arrhythmia responses. While we believe that the beta-1 389 Gly carrier patients who also are alpha-2C wild type homozygotes may respond favorably to Gencaro, we believe that patients who possess only the beta-1 389 arginine variant (beta-1 389 arginine homozygous genotype) exhibit enhanced clinical responses to Gencaro, and should be the primary targeted population. The beta-1 389 arginine homozygous genotype constitutes an estimated 47-50% of the U.S. population.

*The BEST trial*

The NHLBI and Veterans Affairs Cooperative Studies funded BEST trial began in 1995. It was a double-blind, placebo-controlled, multi-center study of bucindolol's effect on reduction of mortality and morbidity in an advanced chronic HFREF population. The primary endpoint of the BEST trial was all cause mortality (ACM) and the pre-specified main secondary endpoint was progression of heart failure (HF), defined as death from HF, cardiac transplant, HF hospitalization, or emergency room visit for the treatment of worsening HF not requiring hospitalization. The trial was planned to run four and one-half years, and enroll 2,800 patients. The trial enrolled a total of 2,708 chronic HF patients, who were mostly from the United States. Under the umbrella of the BEST trial



substudies program, a DNA bank and substudy was created, and 1,040 of the BEST patients participated by providing blood for DNA analysis. The DNA bank provided data for the DNA substudy of BEST patients conducted by Drs. Bristow and Liggett.

In 1999, the BEST trial was terminated prior to the completion of follow-up, in response to a recommendation of the BEST trial Data and Safety Monitoring Board. The primary reason for termination was loss of investigator equipoise; in other words, the fact that the BEST investigators were no longer uncertain regarding the comparative therapeutic merits of giving a placebo versus giving a beta-blocker to a HFREF patient. Positive mortality results from two other HF trials involving other beta-blockers had been reported, and a substantial number of BEST trial investigators concluded that it was unethical to continue to give placebo to BEST trial participants. As a result, some investigators began to prescribe these other beta-blockers to patients in the trial, which threatened to destroy the trial's integrity; therefore the trial was terminated early.

**Table of Contents***Clinical Results and the DNA Substudy*

Following termination, the preliminary results of the study were analyzed and published. The preliminary determination and general perception were that the BEST trial had failed on the basis of not meeting its primary endpoint of ACM. The published values were a 10% risk reduction in mortality with a p-value of 0.10. Subsequently, we reanalyzed the results from BEST, in accordance with the FDA approved, pre-specified statistical analysis plans, which had not been performed by the sponsors of BEST when the trial was terminated. Our reanalysis appeared to show a 13% risk reduction on the primary endpoint of all-cause mortality in the BEST trial with a p-value of 0.053.

In 2003 and 2004, the results of the DNA substudy conducted by Drs. Bristow and Liggett began to be analyzed and released. The DNA substudy results indicated a significant enhancement of response on the major heart failure clinical endpoints from the BEST trial in patients with the beta-1 389 arginine homozygous genotype. The risk reduction on HF clinical efficacy endpoints such as mortality and hospitalization ranged from 34% to 48% in this genotype. In addition, in arrhythmia endpoints of atrial fibrillation or ventricular fibrillation/ventricular tachycardia, tracked by adverse events and surveillance ECGs, the risk reduction by bucindolol in the beta-1 389 arginine homozygous genotype appeared to be even greater, with hazard ratios of 74% for both endpoints.

Shown below are certain of the primary and secondary endpoint data from the BEST HF DNA substudy results, by genotype:

*BEST Trial Clinical Responses by Genotype Groups*

<b>Endpoint</b>	<b>{beta-1 389 Arg/ Arg + any alpha-2C} Very Favorable Patient Type (47%)</b>	<b>{beta-1 389 Gly carrier+ alpha-2C Wt/Wt} Favorable Patient Type (40%)</b>	<b>{beta-1 389 Gly carrier + alpha-2C Del carrier} Unfavorable Patient Type (13%)</b>
All Cause Mortality (ACM), TTE	i 38%*	i 25%	h 4%
Cardiovascular Mortality (CVM), TTE	i 48%*	i 40%*	h 11%
ACM + transplantation	i 43%*	i 24%	h 4%
HF (HF) Progression	i 34%**	i 20%	i 1%
HF Hosp days/patient	i 48%**	i 17%	h 19%
AF prevention (from AE and ECG db)	i 74%**	i 6%	h 33%
VT/VF prevention (from AE db)	i 74%**	i 49%*	i 24%

1 Covariate adjusted, transplant censored analysis with 1 hazard ratio estimates presented

\*£ p<0.05; \*\*p 0.007; TTE: Time To Event; CRF: Case Report Form; Adj.: Adjudicated

*Analysis of BEST trial for AF*

The BEST study data were further analyzed focusing on AF prevention, rate control in patients with persistent AF, and on clinical outcomes of patients with AF. Although there was no pre-determined AF endpoint, including reduction in risk of AF, in the BEST trial, according to our analysis of adverse events and surveillance ECG s during the trial, 7.9% of patients developed new onset AF, with a greater incidence observed in the placebo group (9.7%) compared to the bucindolol group (6.2%). This corresponded to a 36% reduction in the incidence of new onset AF (based on crude event rates) for patients receiving bucindolol ( $p = 0.002$ ). In a time to event analysis, the risk of new onset AF was reduced by 41% ( $p = 0.0004$ ) with bucindolol treatment. Patients in the BEST study with the beta-1 389 Arg/Arg genotype who received Gencaro had a 74% reduction in the risk of developing new onset AF ( $p = 0.0003$ ).

Further published analyses of the data from BEST suggest that Gencaro may also have potential efficacy for other clinical endpoints and outcomes related to AF. A published analysis of the BEST data revealed that of the 303 patients in the BEST trial with established AF, 67% of those who received Gencaro achieved ventricular response rate control, defined as a resting heart rate of less than or equal to 80 beats per minute without symptomatic bradycardia ( $p < 0.005$ ). In AF patients who achieved ventricular response rate control, Gencaro produced a 39% reduction ( $p = 0.025$ ) in cardiovascular mortality/cardiovascular hospitalizations. In addition, Gencaro also improved cardiovascular clinical endpoints for those AF patients possessing the beta-1 389 arginine genotype that ARCA believes is most favorable for Gencaro response. In a substudy of 1,040 patients in BEST in which patient genotypes were analyzed, Gencaro was associated with a 72% decrease ( $p = 0.039$ ) in cardiovascular mortality/cardiovascular hospitalizations in those 52 AF patients in the substudy with the beta-1 389 arginine homozygous genotype.

Analysis of the BEST Study data also shows that Gencaro has potential efficacy against the serious arrhythmias of VT/VF, which also appears to be genetically regulated. A published report demonstrated that patients in the BEST Trial who received Gencaro experienced a 58% reduction in the incidence of VT/VF ( $p = 0.00006$ ), adjusted for the competing risk of mortality. In addition, the authors of this report determined that Gencaro reduced the incidence of VT/VF by 74% ( $p = 0.00005$ ) in patients with the beta-1 389 arginine homozygous genotype.

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As with the overall study cohort, most patients (89%) in the 1,040 patient DNA substudy were free of AF (91% sinus rhythm, 9% other non-AF rhythms) at baseline. The proportion of patients free of AF at baseline was also similar in the two treatment groups for the overall DNA substudy cohort, as well as in the beta-1 389 genotype subgroups. In the BEST DNA substudy, the proportion of patients who developed new onset AF was similar compared to the overall study cohort for both the placebo group (11% and 10%, respectively) and the Gencaro group in the DNA substudy population compared to the overall study cohort (7% and 6%, respectively). Also, there was a similar reduction in new onset AF observed in the bucindolol group compared to placebo (43% and 41%, respectively, by time to event analysis). Therefore, the overall results from the genetic substudy population are consistent with the results from the overall study population.

In patients with all genotypes, the AF risk reduction of 41-43% by Gencaro in BEST is based on an analysis of adverse events and surveillance ECGs which was similar to AF risk reductions observed in a meta-analysis of data regarding seven placebo-controlled beta-blocker trials in HFREF patients. In the meta-analysis, beta-blockers appeared to reduce the incidence of new onset AF in all but one trial, with an overall relative risk reduction of 27%. Despite what we believe to be potential evidence for the prevention of AF in HFREF trials, no beta-blocker has FDA approval for use in this indication. However, the evidence of modest efficacy by beta-blockers approved for other indications will require that any Phase 3 trials with Gencaro will have an active beta-blocker comparator instead of a comparison against placebo. The Phase 2b/3 trial GENETIC-AF trial will only enroll patients with the beta-1 389 arginine homozygous genotype. In the BEST trial, the post hoc analysis of patients with the beta-1 389 arginine homozygous genotype who received Gencaro had a 74% reduction in the risk of developing AF. In another trial, the active comparator we plan to use in GENETIC-AF, metoprolol CR/XL, reduced the risk of developing AF by 48% in all genotypes. Because these are not the same trials, the results should not be relied on as direct comparisons. However, we believe that these two data points indicate that Gencaro may have an advantage in preventing AF when compared to metoprolol in GENETIC-AF, in part due to our plan to only enroll beta-1 389 arginine homozygous genotype patients who appear to respond best to Gencaro.

***Clinical and Regulatory Strategy***

The regulatory strategy for Gencaro is to conduct our adaptive design Phase 2b/3 clinical trial, GENETIC-AF, to obtain an AF approval in a genotype specific HFREF population. We will seek to enroll certain patients with the beta-1 389 arginine homozygous genotype in our AF clinical trial because our analysis of the BEST DNA substudy indicated this group had a 74% reduction in risk for new AF events.

We have created an adaptive design for GENETIC-AF. The trial will be initiated as a Phase 2B study in approximately 200 HFREF patients. Depending on the results of the Phase 2B portion, the trial could then be expanded to a Phase 3 study by enrolling an estimated additional 420 patients. The secondary endpoint of the Phase 2B portion of the trial will be AF burden, defined as a patient's percentage of time in AF per day, regardless of symptoms. Under our proposed trial design, all 200 patients in the Phase 2b portion of the trial will have AF burden measured by continuous monitoring, either by previously implanted cardiac resynchronization or defibrillation devices, or newly or previously inserted implantable loop recorders. When the first 200 patients have been enrolled and completed 24 weeks of follow-up, certain data related to the primary endpoint of recurrent symptomatic AF or all-cause mortality, and certain data related to the secondary endpoint of AF burden will be evaluated by the trial's Data and Safety Monitoring Board to determine if the interim data is consistent with pre-trial assumptions and if it indicates potential for achieving statistical significance for the Phase 3 endpoint. If the interim evaluation confirms our assumptions and acceptable safety is observed, the trial would then proceed to the Phase 3 portion and full enrollment.

We have received guidance from the FDA regarding our Phase 2B/3 clinical study comparing Gencaro to Toprol XL for the prevention of AF in approximately 620 patients. Based on this FDA guidance, we believe that a successful

GENETIC-AF Phase 3 clinical trial, with a p-value of less than 0.01, could be sufficient evidence of efficacy upon which to base a New Drug Application ( NDA ) for the approval of Gencaro for an AF indication in HFREF patients. Our Investigational New Drug (IND) application for atrial fibrillation, under which we anticipate our GENETIC-AF trial will be performed, has been accepted by FDA and is now active.

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### ***The Gencaro Test***

If approved, we believe that Gencaro will be the first cardiovascular drug to be integrated with a companion diagnostic to predict enhanced efficacy. We believe the drug label we will propose for Gencaro would identify the patient receptor genotype studied in the trial that can expect enhanced efficacy and, and that the label would recommend receptor genotype testing prior to initiation of therapy. Therefore, the commercialization of Gencaro may require an FDA approved diagnostic test for this genotype be available, the Gencaro Test. We believe the Genaro Test could be developed and commercialized through a preferred diagnostic provider, by the company marketing Gencaro, or a combination of approaches.

For our GENETIC-AF clinical trial, we have an agreement with LabCorp to provide the companion diagnostic test and services to support the trial. To provide those services, LabCorp has developed the genetic test and obtained from the FDA an Investigational Device Exemption, or IDE, for the companion diagnostic test we anticipate using in our GENETIC-AF clinical trial.

### ***Licensing and Royalty Obligations***

We have licensed worldwide rights to Gencaro, including all preclinical and clinical data from Cardiovascular Pharmacology and Engineering Consultants, LLC, or CPEC, who has licensed rights in Gencaro from BMS. In addition, we have sublicensed CPEC's rights from BMS. CPEC is a licensing entity which holds the rights of the biotechnology companies that were the commercial sponsors of the BEST trial. If the FDA grants marketing approval for Gencaro, the license agreements state that we are required to make a milestone payment of \$8.0 million within six months after FDA approval. The license agreements also state that we are required to make milestone payments of up to \$5.0 million in the aggregate upon regulatory marketing approval in Europe and Japan. The licenses state that our royalty obligations range from 12.5% to 25% of revenue from the related product based on achievement of specified product sales levels including a 5% royalty that CPEC is obligated to pay BMS. We have the right to buy down the royalties to a range of 12.5% to 17% by making a payment within six months of regulatory approval. We also have licensed worldwide rights to intellectual property covering the pharmacogenetic response of Gencaro based on the cardiac receptor polymorphisms, which is owned by the University of Colorado. We have no material future financial obligations under this license. We also have licensed exclusive, worldwide rights to develop and commercialize diagnostics for these receptor polymorphisms, for the purpose of prescribing Gencaro, from the licensee of these rights, the University of Cincinnati.

### ***Development Pipeline***

Our development activities are substantially focused on our lead product candidate, Gencaro, for the treatment of AF. We also believe, based upon data from the BEST trial, that Gencaro may have additional potential for the treatment of AF rate control, VT/VF and prevention of heart failure endpoints in HFREF patients. We do not expect to pursue development of Gencaro for disease indications beyond AF without entering into a strategic partnership or collaboration. We believe Gencaro has potential to address these additional indications, and that the clinical response of patients with these diseases may be genetically influenced, based on the same genetic markers we have identified for our proposed treatment of AF with Gencaro.

We also have exclusive pharmacogenetic and other patent rights to drug candidates that have potential indications in cardiovascular disease, oncology and other therapeutic areas, in both early and later stages of development. We may seek partners to assist us in the development of these candidates or who may license them. We may also seek funds to advance the development of the compounds on our own.

***Competition***

Current treatments include pharmaceutical intervention and device intervention. There are several antiarrhythmic drugs approved by the FDA for the treatment and/or prevention of recurrent AF. However, these drugs have safety and/or administration concerns and all but one have contraindications or label warnings regarding their prescription in patients with heart failure.

Considering that most of the approved drugs and device interventions for the treatment or prevention of AF have notable risks or adverse side effects, we believe there is an unmet medical need for new AF treatments that have fewer side effects than currently available therapies and are more effective, particularly in patients with HF where the approved drugs are contra-indicated or have warnings regarding their prescribing information. We believe that Gencaro's prevention of AF in HF patients would provide this patient population a safer treatment option than other treatments currently approved by the FDA.

The pharmaceutical industry is highly competitive. We face significant competition from pharmaceutical companies and biotechnology companies that are researching and selling products designed to treat cardiovascular conditions. Most of these companies have significantly greater financial, product development, manufacturing, and commercial resources than we have.

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In addition, our proposed prescribing information for Gencaro includes a recommendation for genetic testing, which will add additional cost and procedures to the process of prescribing Gencaro, and which could make it more difficult for us to compete against existing therapies.

### ***Manufacturing and Product Supply***

Gencaro is a small molecule drug with an established manufacturing history. Multiple manufacturers of both the API and drug product have successfully produced Gencaro for use in clinical trials over the course of its clinical development. We outsource all manufacturing and analytical testing of the Gencaro API and drug product. We have selected third party contract manufacturing organizations on the basis of their technical and regulatory expertise. Our approach with our contract manufacturing partners has been to replicate the manufacturing processes that were used to support the prior pivotal clinical trial with Gencaro, and to minimize any changes from these baseline processes, thereby reducing technical and regulatory risk. We contracted with Groupe Novasep to complete the drug substance registration batches required for the Gencaro NDA. These batches were successful, and the resulting drug substance was used to supply the drug product registration campaign. Remaining inventory was placed in current Good Manufacturing Practice, or cGMP, storage to provide a backup supply for the planned GENETIC-AF trial, and for use as an initial source of drug substance to support eventual product launch, if approved.

For drug product production, we have contracted with Patheon, Inc. to manufacture the Gencaro tablets. Gencaro is produced in a tablet form, utilizing standard solid oral dosage processing techniques. Six separate dosage strengths are manufactured, with the maximum recommended dose of 50mg twice daily for patient weighing 75kg or less and 100mg twice daily for patients weighing more than 75kg. Registration batches were successfully completed by Patheon, Inc. and tablets from these runs have been placed in cGMP storage to supply the planned GENETIC-AF trial.

Our manufacturing focus for 2014 is to supply the blinded clinical trial materials for Gencaro and the comparator compound, and to manage the clinical distribution channels necessary for the successful execution of the planned GENETIC-AF trial.

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

Our research and development expenses totaled \$2.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2013 as compared to \$1.1 million for 2012, an increase of approximately \$1.8 million. R&D expense in 2014 is expected to be substantially higher than 2013 as we initiate our planned GENETIC-AF clinical trial.

### ***Government Regulation***

Governmental authorities in the U.S. at the federal, state, and local levels and foreign countries extensively regulate, among other things, the research, development, testing, manufacture, labeling, promotion, advertising, marketing, distribution, sampling, and import and export of pharmaceutical and medical device products. In the U.S., the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulates these activities at the federal level pursuant to the Federal Food Drug and Cosmetic Act (FDCA) and the regulations promulgated thereunder. We anticipate that all of our products will require regulatory approval by governmental agencies prior to commercialization. The process of obtaining approval and the subsequent process of maintaining compliance with appropriate federal, state, local and foreign statutes and regulations require the expenditure of substantial time and financial resources. In addition, these statutes, rules, regulations and policies may change and our products may be subject to new legislation or regulations. Both before and after approval or clearance, failure to comply with the requirements of the FDA and other state and federal statutes can lead to significant penalties or could disrupt our ability to manufacture and sell these products. In addition, the FDA could refuse to provide certificates needed to export our products if the agency determines that we



are not in compliance.

*Premarket Approval of Drugs*

FDA approval is required for marketing of any new drug, dosage form, indication, or strength. The steps required before new human therapeutic drug products are marketed in the U.S. and foreign countries include rigorous preclinical and clinical testing and other approval requirements by regulatory agencies, such as the FDA and comparable agencies in foreign countries. There is no guarantee that products will be approved in a specific timeframe or at all.

*Preclinical Phase.* Preclinical studies are generally conducted in the laboratory to identify potential drug candidates and to evaluate their potential efficacy and safety. These studies include laboratory evaluation of product chemistry, formulation and stability, as well as studies to evaluate short and long-term toxicity in animals. Preclinical studies are governed by numerous regulations, including but not limited to FDA's Good Laboratory Practices.

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*Clinical Phase.* Before human clinical trials can commence, an Investigational New Drug, or IND, application, submitted to FDA must become effective. For an IND to become effective, the applicant must submit, among other things, information on design of the proposed investigation, reports necessary to assess the safety of the drug for use in clinical investigation, and information on the chemistry and manufacturing of the drug, controls available for the drug, and primary data tabulations from animal or human studies. The clinical phase of development involves the performance of human studies, including adequate and well-controlled human clinical trials to establish the safety and efficacy of the product candidate for each proposed indication. Typically, clinical evaluation involves three sequential phases, which may overlap. During Phase 1, clinical trials are conducted with a relatively small number of subjects or patients to determine the early safety profile of a product candidate, as well as dose tolerance, absorption, and the pattern of drug distribution and drug metabolism. Phase 2 trials are conducted with groups of patients afflicted by a specific target disease to determine preliminary efficacy, optimal dosages and dosage tolerance and to identify possible adverse effects and safety risks. In Phase 3, larger-scale, multi-center trials are conducted with patients afflicted with a specific target disease over a longer term to confirm Phase 2 results and provide reliable and conclusive data supporting efficacy and safety of a drug as required by regulatory agencies for drug approval. The conduct of clinical trials is subject to extensive regulation. FDA may delay or suspend clinical trials through clinical holds.

*NDA Submission.* In the U.S., the results of preclinical and clinical testing along with chemistry, manufacturing and controls information, are submitted to the FDA in the form of an NDA. Under the current Prescription Drug User Fee Act, or PDUFA, after submission of an NDA and payment, or waiver, of the required fee, the FDA's goal is to review most standard NDAs within 10 months from the time that a sponsor's application is accepted as filed by FDA, which can occur within a 60-day window following the initial submission of the application. At the end of the 10 months, the FDA's goal is to issue a complete response, or approve the NDA. While FDA's goal is to issue a complete response within 10 months, the process may take longer than 10 months, particularly if multiple review cycles are required.

In responding to an NDA, the FDA may grant marketing approval or deny the application if the FDA determines that the application does not satisfy the statutory and regulatory approval criteria. A denial may include a request for additional information, including additional clinical data and/or an additional Phase 3 clinical trial. Data from clinical trials are not always conclusive and FDA may interpret data differently than we interpret data. Under the Food and Drug Modernization Act of 1997, the FDA is authorized to approve a drug based on a single adequate and well-controlled study if such study and other confirmatory data are sufficient to establish the drug's effectiveness. However, it has long been the FDA's general position that the standard of proof of a drug's effectiveness generally requires at least two well-controlled and adequate Phase 3 clinical studies demonstrating statistically significant results as compared to a placebo or active control (with p-values of less than 0.05) with respect to the primary endpoint or endpoints of the trial.

In addition, in accordance with current FDA law and regulations, the FDA may refer a drug to an advisory committee for review prior to approval. Most new compounds are referred to an FDA advisory committee, which could add additional time to the review process. There is no guarantee that the advisory committee will recommend approval of a drug candidate. In some cases, FDA may require completion, within a specified time period, of additional clinical studies after approval, referred to as Phase 4 clinical studies, to monitor the effect of a new product and may prevent or limit future marketing of the product based on the results of these post-marketing programs. Furthermore, prior to granting approval, the FDA generally conducts an inspection of the facilities, including outsourced facilities that will be involved in the manufacture, production, packaging, testing and control of the drug substance and finished drug product for compliance with current Good Manufacturing Practice, or cGMP, requirements.

If the FDA approves the NDA, the sponsor is authorized to begin commercialization of the drug in accordance with the approval. Even if the FDA approves the NDA, the FDA may decide later to suspend or withdraw product approval

if compliance with regulatory standards is not maintained or if safety problems are recognized after the product reaches the market. In addition, the FDA requires surveillance programs to monitor approved products that have been commercialized, and the agency has the power to require additional clinical studies, to require changes in labeling or to prevent further marketing of a product based on the results of these post-marketing programs. The FDA also has authority to request implementation of a risk evaluation and mitigation strategy, or REMS that could restrict distribution of Gencaro or require us to provide additional risk information to prescribers. Whether or not FDA approval has been obtained, approval of a product candidate by comparable foreign regulatory authorities is necessary prior to the commencement of marketing of a product candidate in those countries. The approval procedures vary among countries and can involve additional testing. The time required to obtain approval may differ from that required for FDA approval.

*Post-approval Compliance.* If regulatory approval for a drug or medical device is obtained, the product and the facilities manufacturing the product are subject to periodic inspection and continued regulation by regulatory authorities, including compliance with cGMP, as well as labeling, advertising, promotion, recordkeeping, and reporting requirements, including the reporting of adverse events. In addition, the FDA closely regulates the post-approval marketing and promotion of drugs, including standards and regulations for labeling, promotion to health care professionals, direct-to-consumer advertising, off-label promotion, industry-sponsored scientific and educational activities and promotional activities involving the Internet. Drugs may be marketed only for the approved indications and in accordance with the provisions of the approved labeling. Companies are responsible for compliance with such requirements and would be responsible to ensure that all contract manufacturing organizations who perform work for them also

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comply with such requirements. Similarly, if a drug manufacturer hires contract sales representatives or consultants to promote its products, such organizations or individuals must comply with all of the same requirements applicable to the drug manufacturer. The FDA regularly inspects companies to determine compliance with cGMPs and other post-market requirements. Failure to comply with statutory requirements and the FDA's regulations can result in a variety of administrative or enforcement actions, including but not limited to an FDA Form 483 (which is issued by FDA at the conclusions of an inspection when an investigator has observed any conditions that may constitute violations), a public warning letter, suspension or withdrawal of regulatory approvals, product recalls, product detentions, refusal to provide export certificates, seizure of products and criminal prosecution.

*Drug Price Competition and Patent Term Restoration Act of 1984.* Under the Drug Price Competition and Patent Term Restoration Act of 1984, also known as the Hatch-Waxman Act, Congress created an abbreviated FDA review process for generic versions of pioneer (brand name) drug products. The Hatch-Waxman Act also provides for patent term restoration and the award, in certain circumstances, of non-patent marketing exclusivities.

*Generic Drug Approval.* The Hatch-Waxman Act established an abbreviated FDA review process for drugs that are shown to be equivalent to approved pioneer drugs. Approval for a generic drug is obtained by filing an abbreviated NDA, or ANDA. Generic drug applications are abbreviated because they generally do not include clinical data to demonstrate safety and effectiveness. Instead, an ANDA applicant must establish that its product is bioequivalent to an approved drug and that it is the same as the approved drug with respect to active ingredient(s), route of administration, dosage form, strength and recommended conditions of use (labeling). The FDA will approve the generic as suitable for an ANDA if it finds that the generic does not raise questions of safety and effectiveness as compared to the pioneer drug. A drug is not eligible for ANDA approval if the FDA determines that it is not equivalent to the pioneer drug or if it is intended for a different use. Any applicant who files an ANDA seeking approval of a generic version of an approved drug listed in FDA's Approved Drug Products with Therapeutic Equivalence Evaluations, or the Orange Book must certify to the FDA that (i) no patent information on the drug has been listed in the Orange Book; (ii) that each patent listed in the Orange Book for that approved drug has expired; (iii) FDA should approve the product on the date on which a listed patent expires; or (iv) that such patent is invalid, unenforceable or will not be infringed by the manufacture, use or sale of the generic drug. If the ANDA applicant makes a certification pursuant to (iv) above, or a Paragraph IV certification, and the NDA holder files an infringement suit against the ANDA applicant within 45 days of receiving the Paragraph IV notification, the NDA owner is entitled to an automatic 30-month stay of FDA's ability to approve the ANDA. This 30-month stay will end early upon any decision by a court that the patent is invalid, unenforceable or not infringed by the generic drug.

*Patent Term Extension.* While the term of a U.S. patent is 20 years from the earliest priority date of a patent application (excluding a provisional patent application), a U.S. patent that covers subject matter requiring regulatory approval to market is eligible for an extension of that patent term. The Hatch-Waxman Act provides for the restoration of a portion of the patent term lost during product development and FDA review of an application. Patent Term Extension, or PTE, extends the term of an issued patent for generally 1) the length of the FDA approval process, i.e., the complete period of NDA review, and 2) half of the time spent in clinical trials, i.e., the investigational new drug (IND) period. However, the maximum period of restoration cannot exceed five years, or restore the total remaining term of the patent to greater than 14 years from the date of FDA approval of the product.

Under 35 U.S.C. § 156(a), a patent covering a method of using a product is eligible for PTE if the following conditions are met:

- 1) the patent has not yet expired;

- 2) the patent was not previously extended;
- 3) the patent owner submits an application for PTE that includes all necessary supporting information within 60 days of FDA approval;
- 4) the product was subject to regulatory review before its commercial marketing or use; and
- 5) the drug application is for the first permitted commercial marketing of the product.

We have obtained three U.S. patents (U.S. Patent Nos. 7,678,824; 8,080,578; 8,093,286), and have one pending U.S. patent application that generally concern methods for treating patients using Gencaro based on the presence of certain polymorphisms in the beta-1 and/or alpha-2C adrenergic receptors. We believe that, if approved by the FDA, one of the U.S. patents may be eligible for PTE, which could provide approximately 3 years or more of additional patent life based on our current clinical trial plans.

Patent Term Extension, known as a Supplementary Protection Certificate, or SPC, is a form of patent term extension that is available for pharmaceutical products approved for marketing in the European Union. We obtained a patent in Europe on methods for using Gencaro that is similar to the 824 patent (EP 1802775); this patent is in force in certain countries in Europe, including the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Italy and Spain. We believe that this patent may be eligible for an SPC, if Gencaro is approved for marketing in any European country in which the patent is in force, which could provide up to five years of additional patent life.

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*Non-Patent Marketing Exclusivities.* Separate and apart from patent protection, the Hatch-Waxman Act entitles approved drugs to various periods of non-patent statutory protection, known as marketing exclusivity. The Hatch-Waxman Act provides five years of new chemical entity marketing exclusivity to the first applicant to gain approval of an NDA for a product that contains an active moiety not found in any other approved product. This exclusivity means that another manufacturer cannot submit an ANDA or 505(b)(2) NDA until the marketing exclusivity period ends. This exclusivity protects the entire new chemical entity franchise, including all products containing the active ingredient for any use and in any strength or dosage form, but will not prevent the submission or approval of stand-alone NDAs where the applicants have conducted their own clinical studies to demonstrate safety and effectiveness. There is an exception, however, for a competitor that seeks to challenge a patent with a Paragraph IV certification. Four years into the five-year exclusivity period, a manufacturer who alleges that one or more of the patents listed with the NDA is invalid, unenforceable or not infringed may submit an ANDA or 505(b)(2) NDA for a generic or modified version of the product.

The Hatch-Waxman Act also provides three years of new use marketing exclusivity for the approval of NDAs, and supplements, where those applications contain the results of new clinical investigations (other than bioavailability studies) essential to the FDA's approval of the applications. Such applications may be submitted for new indications, dosage forms, strengths, or new conditions of use of approved products. So long as the studies are essential to the FDA's approval or were conducted by or for the applicant, this three-year exclusivity prohibits the final approval of ANDAs or 505(b)(2) NDAs for products with the specific changes associated with those studies. It does not prohibit the FDA from approving ANDAs or 505(b)(2) NDAs for other products containing the same active ingredient, without those changes.

*FDA Premarket Review of Medical Devices*

Unless an exemption applies, each medical device that a company wishes to market in the U.S. requires either approval of a premarket approval application (PMA) or clearance of a premarket notification, commonly known as a 510(k) from the FDA. The FDA classifies medical devices into one of three classes. Devices deemed to pose lower risks are placed in either class I or II, which may require the manufacturer to submit to the FDA a 510(k) requesting permission to commercially distribute the device. Clearance of a 510(k) usually requires between three months and one year from the time of submission of the 510(k), although the process may take longer. The FDA's 510(k) clearance procedure is less rigorous than the PMA approval procedure, but is available only to companies who can establish that their device is substantially equivalent to a legally-marketed predicate device that was (i) on the market prior to the enactment of the Medical Device Amendments of 1976, (ii) reclassified from Class III to Class II, or (iii) has been cleared through the 510(k) procedure. 510(k)s must typically be supported by performance data, including preclinical data, bench testing, and in some cases, clinical data. Some low risk devices are exempted from this requirement. Devices deemed by the FDA to pose the greatest risks, or for which there is no predicate, are placed in class III, and require a PMA.

*PMA Pathway.* Generally, a PMA must be supported by extensive data and valid scientific evidence, including, but not limited to, technical, preclinical, clinical trials, manufacturing and labeling to demonstrate to the FDA's satisfaction a reasonable assurance of the safety and effectiveness of the device for its intended use. After a PMA is sufficiently complete, the FDA will accept the application and begin an in-depth review of the submitted information and will generally conduct a pre-approval inspection of the manufacturing facility or facilities to ensure compliance with FDA's Quality System Regulations (QSR). By statute, the FDA has 180 days to review the accepted application, although, generally, review of the application can take between one and three years, and it may take significantly longer. The PMA application process can be expensive, and there is a substantial user fee that must be paid to FDA in connection with the submission of a PMA application. If the FDA's evaluation of the PMA application or the manufacturing facility is not favorable, the FDA may deny approval of the PMA application or issue a not approvable letter. The

FDA may also require additional clinical trials, which can delay the PMA approval process by several years. In addition, if FDA discovers that an applicant has submitted false or misleading information, FDA may refuse to review submissions until certain requirements are met pursuant to its Application Integrity Policy (AIP). If the FDA approves the PMA, it may place restrictions on the device. After the PMA is approved, if significant changes are made to a device, its manufacturing or labeling, a PMA supplement containing additional information must be filed for prior FDA approval. PMA supplements often must be approved by FDA before the modification to the device, the labeling, or the manufacturing process may be implemented. Delays in receipt of or failure to receive such clearances or approvals, the loss of previously received clearances or approvals, or the failure to comply with existing or future regulatory requirements could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

*Clinical Trials.* Clinical trials are generally required to support a PMA application and are sometimes required for 510(k) clearance. These trials generally require an Investigational Device Exemption, or IDE, application approved in advance by the FDA for a specified number of patients, unless the proposed study is deemed a non-significant risk study, which is eligible for an exemption from the IDE requirements. The IDE application must be supported by appropriate data, such as animal and laboratory testing results. Clinical trials may begin if the IDE application is approved by the FDA and the appropriate institutional review boards or IRBs at the clinical trial sites. Submission of an IDE application does not give assurance that the FDA will issue the IDE. If the IDE application is approved, there can be no assurance the FDA will determine that the data derived from the trials support the safety and effectiveness of the device or warrant the continuation of clinical trials. An IDE supplement must be submitted to and approved by the FDA before a sponsor or investigator may make a change to the investigational plan in such a way that may affect its scientific soundness, study indication or the rights, safety or welfare of human subjects. The trial must also comply with the FDA's regulations, including the requirement that informed consent be obtained from each subject. Even if a trial is completed, the results of clinical testing may not adequately demonstrate the safety and efficacy of the device or may otherwise not be sufficient to obtain FDA clearance to market the product in the United States.

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*In Vitro Diagnostic Companion Diagnostic Devices.* FDA has described IVD companion diagnostic devices as in vitro diagnostic devices that provide information that is essential for the safe and effective use of a corresponding therapeutic product. The use of an IVD companion diagnostic device with a particular therapeutic product is stipulated in the instructions for use in the labeling of both the diagnostic device and the corresponding therapeutic product, as well as in the labeling of any generic equivalents of the therapeutic product. An IVD companion diagnostic device could be used to (i) identify patients who are most likely to benefit from a particular therapeutic product; (ii) identify patients likely to be at increased risk for serious adverse reactions as a result of treatment with a particular therapeutic product; or (iii) monitor response to treatment for the purpose of adjusting treatment (e.g., schedule, dose, discontinuation) to achieve improved safety or effectiveness. Although FDA's regulation of IVD companion diagnostic devices is evolving and implemented on a case-by-case basis, FDA's stated policy for a novel therapeutic product is that an IVD companion diagnostic device should be developed and approved or cleared contemporaneously to support the therapeutic product's safe and effective use. The clinical performance and clinical significance of the IVD companion diagnostic device is to be established using data from the clinical development program of the corresponding therapeutic product. FDA recognizes, however, that there may be cases where contemporaneous development may not be possible. With respect to the Gencaro Test, there is no assurance that we will be able to develop and obtain approval or clearance contemporaneously with Gencaro. Failure to develop the Gencaro Test or obtain clearance or approval could delay approval of Gencaro, if FDA regards the Gencaro Test as an IVD companion diagnostic test that is essential to the safe and effective use of Gencaro.

*Continuing Regulation.* After a device is placed on the market, numerous regulatory requirements apply to the manufacturer, or holder of a PMA approval. Unless subject to an exemption, medical devices distributed in the United States must be manufactured in compliance with the FDA's Quality System Regulations ( QSRs ) and current good manufacturing practices. These regulations govern the manufacturing process, including design, manufacture, testing, release, packaging, distribution, documentation and purchasing, as well as complaint handling, corrective and preventative actions and internal auditing. In complying with the QSRs, manufacturers must expend significant time, money and effort. Companies are also subject to other post-market and general requirements, including but not limited to product listing and establishment registration, post-market surveillance requirements, limitations on promotion, and requirements for recordkeeping and reporting of certain adverse events, malfunctions, corrections and removals. As discussed above, FDA regularly inspects companies to assess compliance with the QSRs and other post-market requirements. Failure to comply with these requirements can result in, among other things, adverse publicity, warning letters, and potential civil and criminal penalties. With respect to the Gencaro Test, we intend to seek a new or amended collaborative arrangement with a diagnostic company in which we could license them certain rights to perform the diagnostic test for patients with AF. As part of such arrangement, we will seek to have the diagnostic company take responsibility for compliance with the FDA's device approval and on-going regulatory requirements.

*International Marketing Approvals.* International sales of medical devices are subject to foreign government regulations, which vary substantially from country to country and are subject to change. The time required to obtain approval by a foreign country may be longer or shorter than that required for FDA clearance or approval, and the requirements may differ.

*Other Regulatory Requirements.* We are also subject to various federal, state and local laws, regulations and recommendations relating to safe working conditions, laboratory and manufacturing practices, the experimental use of animals and the use and disposal of hazardous or potentially hazardous substances, including radioactive compounds and infectious disease agents, used in connection with our work. The extent and character of governmental regulation that might result from future legislation or administrative action cannot be accurately predicted.

*Medical Device Tax*



In March 2010, the U.S. Congress adopted and President Obama signed into law comprehensive health care reform legislation. Among other initiatives, these laws impose significant new taxes on medical device makers in the form of a 2.3% excise tax on U.S. medical device sales, with certain exemptions, beginning on January 1, 2013. The Gencaro Test is likely to be subject to this tax.

***Intellectual Property***

The future success of our business will partly depend on our ability to maintain market exclusivity for Gencaro in the United States and important international markets, and for other products or product candidates that we may acquire or develop. We will rely on statutory protection, patent protection, trade secrets, know-how, and in-licensing of technology rights to maintain protection for our products.

We believe that both patent protection and data exclusivity statutes will give Gencaro market exclusivity in the U.S. and in major international markets. If approved by the FDA or international regulatory agencies, Gencaro will qualify as a New Chemical Entity, or NCE, as it has never received regulatory approval in any jurisdiction. As an NCE, Gencaro will enjoy market exclusivity in the United States and most international markets under data exclusivity statutes. These laws provide for an exclusivity period beginning from regulatory approval, during which any generic competitor is barred from submitting an application that relies on the data that has been submitted in connection with the approval of the NCE. In the U.S., the Hatch-Waxman Act provides for an initial period of up to five

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years from approval of the NCE, during which a generic application attempting to rely on the data submitted for the NCE cannot be filed with the FDA. This period can be effectively extended to seven and one-half years from FDA approval because a provision of the Hatch-Waxman Act provides for an automatic 30-month extension of the exclusivity period if we promptly pursue litigation against a company attempting to enter the market with a generic for a drug that is covered by a composition of matter or method of use patent.

Many international markets have data exclusivity statutes that are analogous to Hatch-Waxman and often more protective. The analogous statute in the European Medicines Evaluation Agency will, in general, provide Gencaro with a minimum of ten years of protection before such a generic application may be approved. Protection under Hatch-Waxman and other data exclusivity statutes is sometimes considered superior to patent protection, as the generic cannot be marketed during the period of exclusivity, thus eliminating the need to initiate patent infringement litigation with its accompanying risks and costs.

In addition to protection under data exclusivity statutes, we believe that Gencaro's patent portfolio provides an alternative protection to market exclusivity. We have been granted patents in the United States and Europe that claim the use of Gencaro in patients predicted to have a favorable response to the drug based on genetic polymorphisms in the genes encoding the beta-1 and/or alpha-2C receptors. We believe that this patent strategy may deter generic competition because of the threat of patent litigation or may exclude generic competition from the market until the patents expire if we are successful in litigation. Consequently, if our patent strategy is successful, we believe we may avoid generic competition with Gencaro in the U.S. or certain countries in Europe until at least the expiration of these patents, which would be no earlier than 2026 in the U.S. and into 2025 in Europe. In addition, we believe that if Gencaro is approved, one of the U.S. patents may be entitled to an extension of its term and the European patent may be entitled to an extension through a supplemental protection certificate in one or more countries in Europe. The length of any such extension may vary by country. We cannot predict whether any such extensions will be granted, but if they are, they may provide market exclusivity for Gencaro into 2029 or 2030 in the U.S. and Europe.

We also have other potential patent rights in additional pharmacogenetic drug candidates having possible indications in cardiovascular disease, oncology, and other therapeutic areas; these are in both early and later stages of development. We may seek collaborators to assist us in the development of these candidates or we may seek to raise funds to advance the development of the compounds on our own.

## ***Employees***

As of December 31, 2013, we had 14 full-time employees. None of our employees are represented by any collective bargaining unit. We believe that we maintain good relations with our employees.

## ***Corporate Information***

On January 27, 2009, we completed a business combination (the Merger) with ARCA Colorado in accordance with the terms of that Agreement and Plan of Merger and Reorganization, dated September 24, 2008, and amended on October 28, 2008 in which a wholly-owned subsidiary of Nuvelo, Inc. merged with and into ARCA Colorado, with ARCA Colorado continuing after the Merger as the surviving corporation and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Nuvelo, Inc. Immediately following the Merger, we changed our name from Nuvelo, Inc. to ARCA biopharma, Inc. Nuvelo was originally incorporated as Hyseq, Inc. in Illinois in 1992 and reincorporated in Nevada in 1993. On January 31, 2003, Nuvelo merged with Variagenics, Inc., a publicly traded Delaware corporation based in Massachusetts, and, in connection with the merger, changed its name to Nuvelo, Inc. On March 25, 2004, Nuvelo was reincorporated from Nevada to Delaware. On January 27, 2009, in connection with the Merger with ARCA Colorado described above, Nuvelo changed its name to ARCA biopharma, Inc. Our principal offices are located in Westminster, Colorado.

On March 4, 2013, we filed a Certificate of Amendment to our Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation, to implement a six-for-one reverse split of our common stock, as previously authorized and approved at our special meeting of stockholders on February 25, 2013. On March 5, 2013, our common stock began trading on The NASDAQ Capital Market on a post-split basis.

The reverse split effected a proportionate adjustment to the per share exercise price and the number of shares issuable upon the exercise or settlement of all outstanding options and warrants to purchase shares of our common stock, and the number of shares reserved for issuance pursuant to our existing stock option plans were reduced proportionately. No fractional shares were issued as a result of the reverse split, and stockholders who otherwise would have been entitled to a fractional share received in lieu thereof, a cash payment based on the closing sale price of our common stock as reported on The NASDAQ Capital Market on March 4, 2013. The reverse split did not alter the par value of our common stock or modify any voting rights or other terms of the common stock.

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We file our annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and current reports on Form 8-K pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 electronically with the SEC. The public may read or copy any materials that have been filed with the SEC at the SEC's Public Reference Rooms at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549 on official business days during the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. The public may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. The SEC maintains an Internet site that contains reports, proxy and information statements, and other information regarding issuers that file electronically with the SEC. The address of that site is <http://www.sec.gov>.

You may obtain a free copy of our annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and amendments to those reports on our website at <http://www.arcabiopharma.com> on the earliest practicable date following the filing with the SEC or by contacting the Investor Relations Department at our corporate office by calling (720) 940-2200. Information found on our website is not incorporated by reference into this report.

**Item 1A. Risk Factors**

*An investment in ARCA's securities involves certain risks, including those set forth below and elsewhere in this report. In addition to the risks set forth below and elsewhere in this report, other risks and uncertainties not known to ARCA, that are beyond its control or that ARCA deems to be immaterial may also materially adversely affect ARCA's business operations. You should carefully consider the risks described below as well as other information and data included in this report.*

**Risks Related to Our Business and Financial Condition**

*Our management and our independent registered public accountant, in their report on our financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2013, have concluded that due to our need for additional capital, and the uncertainties surrounding our ability to raise such funding, substantial doubt exists as to our ability to continue as a going concern.*

Our audited consolidated financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013 were prepared assuming that we will continue as a going concern. The going concern basis of presentation assumes that we will continue in operation for the foreseeable future and will be able to realize our assets and discharge our liabilities and commitments in the normal course of business and do not include any adjustments to reflect the possible future effects on the recoverability and classification of assets or the amounts and classification of liabilities that may result from our inability to continue as a going concern. Our management and our independent registered public accountants concluded as of December 31, 2013 that due to our need for additional capital, and the uncertainties surrounding our ability to raise such funding, substantial doubt exists as to our ability to continue as a going concern. In February 2014, the Company completed an equity financing transaction that raised aggregate net proceeds of \$7.9 million. We believe our cash and cash equivalents balance as of December 31, 2013, together with the net proceeds from such equity financing, will be sufficient to fund our operations, at our projected cost structure, through at least the end of 2015. Changing circumstances may cause us to consume capital significantly faster or slower than we currently anticipate.

We have based these estimates on assumptions that may prove to be wrong, and we could exhaust our available financial resources sooner than we currently anticipate. We may be forced to reduce our operating expenses and raise additional funds to meet our working capital needs, principally through the additional sales of our securities or debt financings. However, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to obtain sufficient additional funds when needed or that such funds, if available, will be obtainable on terms satisfactory to us. If we are unable to raise sufficient additional capital or complete a strategic transaction, we may be unable to continue to fund our operations, develop Gencaro or

our other product candidates, or realize value from our assets and discharge our liabilities in the normal course of business. If we cannot raise sufficient funds, we may have to liquidate our assets, and might realize significantly less than the values at which they are carried on our financial statements, and stockholders may lose all or part of their investment in our common stock.

***We will need to raise substantial additional funds through public or private equity transactions and/or complete one or more strategic transactions, to continue development of Gencaro. If we are unable to raise such financing or complete such a transaction, we may not be able to continue operations.***

In light of the expected development timeline to potentially obtain FDA approval for Gencaro, if at all, the substantial additional costs associated with the development of Gencaro, including the costs associated with the planned GENETIC-AF clinical trial, and the substantial cost of commercializing Gencaro, if it is approved, we will need to raise substantial additional funding through public or private equity transactions or a strategic combination or partnership. If we are delayed in obtaining funding or are unable to complete a strategic transaction, we may discontinue our development activities on Gencaro or discontinue our operations. Even if we are able to fund continued development and Gencaro is approved, we expect that we will need to complete a strategic transaction or raise substantial additional funding through public or private debt or equity securities to successfully commercialize Gencaro.

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We believe our cash and cash equivalents balance as of December 31, 2013, and the net proceeds from our equity financing completed in February 2014, will be sufficient to fund our operations, at our projected cost structure, through at least the end of 2015. Changing circumstances may cause us to consume capital significantly faster or slower than we currently anticipate. We have based these estimates on assumptions that may prove to be wrong, and we could exhaust our available financial resources sooner than we currently anticipate.

Our liquidity, and our ability to raise additional capital or complete any strategic transaction, depends on a number of factors, including, but not limited to, the following:

the costs and timing for additional clinical trials in order to gain possible FDA approval for Gencaro;

progress of GENETIC-AF and enrollment and any data that may become available;

the market price of our stock and the availability and cost of additional equity capital from existing and potential new investors;

our ability to retain the listing of our common stock on the Nasdaq Capital Market;

general economic and industry conditions affecting the availability and cost of capital;

our ability to control costs associated with our operations;

the costs of filing, prosecuting, defending and enforcing any patent claims and other intellectual property rights; and

the terms and conditions of our existing collaborative and licensing agreements.

The sale of additional equity or convertible debt securities would likely result in substantial dilution to our stockholders. If we raise additional funds through the incurrence of indebtedness, the obligations related to such indebtedness would be senior to rights of holders of our capital stock and could contain covenants that would restrict our operations. We also cannot predict what consideration might be available, if any, to us or our stockholders, in connection with any strategic transaction. Should strategic alternatives or additional capital not be available to us in the near term, or not be available on acceptable terms, we may be unable to realize value from our assets and discharge our liabilities in the normal course of business which may, among other alternatives, cause us to further delay, substantially reduce or discontinue operational activities to conserve our cash resources.

***If we are not able to successfully develop, obtain FDA approval for and provide for the commercialization of Gencaro in a timely manner, we may not be able to continue our business operations.***

We currently have no products that have received regulatory approval for commercial sale. The process to develop, obtain regulatory approval for and commercialize potential product candidates is long, complex and costly. We plan to conduct our Phase 2B clinical study of Gencaro in 200 hundred HFREF patients with AF, and it could expand to a Phase 3 clinical study of approximately 420 HFREF additional patients with AF. Clinical trials are typically lengthy, complex and expensive and we do not currently have the resources to fully fund such a trial.

Failure to demonstrate that a product candidate, particularly Gencaro, is safe and effective, or significant delays in demonstrating such safety and efficacy, would adversely affect our business. Failure to obtain marketing approval of Gencaro from appropriate regulatory authorities, or significant delays in obtaining such approval, would also adversely affect our business and could, among other things, preclude us from completing a strategic transaction or obtaining additional financing necessary to continue as a going concern.

Even if approved for sale, a product candidate must be successfully commercialized to generate value. We do not currently have the capital resources or management expertise to commercialize Gencaro and, as a result, will need to complete a strategic transaction, or, alternatively, raise substantial additional funds to enable commercialization of Gencaro, if it is approved. Failure to successfully provide for the commercialization of Gencaro, if it is approved, would damage our business.

***Our clinical trials for our product candidates may not yield results that will enable us to further develop our products and obtain the regulatory approvals necessary to sell them.***

We will receive regulatory approval for our product candidates only if we can demonstrate in carefully designed and conducted clinical trials that the product candidate is safe and effective. We do not know whether any future clinical trials, including the planned GENETIC-AF clinical trial for Gencaro, will demonstrate sufficient safety and efficacy to obtain the requisite regulatory approvals or will result in marketable products.

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For example, GENETIC-AF is designed to be an adaptive trial. The DSMB will analyze certain data from the Phase 2B portion and recommend whether the trial should proceed to Phase 3 and seek to enroll an additional 420 patients. The DSMB will make their recommendation after 200 patients have been enrolled and have completed 24 weeks of follow-up. The interim analysis will focus on data regarding AF event rates, AF burden, and safety. Should the DSMB interim analysis conclude the data is consistent with the pre-trial statistical assumptions and that the data indicates potential for achieving statistical significance for the Phase 3 endpoint, then the DSMB may recommend the study proceed to Phase 3. The DSMB may also recommend changes to the study design before potentially proceeding to Phase 3, or it may recommend that the study not proceed to Phase 3. The Company, in consultation with the trial's clinical steering committee and the DSMB, will make the final determination on the trial's development steps. If we do not see sufficient efficacy and safety in the Phase 2B portion of the trial, we will not initiate the Phase 3 portion of the trial.

Clinical trials are lengthy, complex and expensive processes with uncertain results. We have spent, and expect to continue to spend, significant amounts of time and money in the clinical development of our product candidates. We have never conducted a Phase 2 or Phase 3 clinical trial and do not currently have sufficient staff with the requisite experience to do so, and we therefore expect that we will have to rely on contract research organizations to conduct certain of our clinical trials. While certain of our employees have experience in designing and administering clinical trials, these employees have no such experience as employees of ARCA.

The results we obtain in preclinical testing and early clinical trials may not be predictive of results that are obtained in later studies. We may suffer significant setbacks in advanced clinical trials, even after seeing promising results in earlier studies. Based on results at any stage of clinical trials, we may decide to repeat or redesign a trial or discontinue development of one or more of our product candidates. If we fail to adequately demonstrate the safety and efficacy of our products under development, we will not be able to obtain the required regulatory approvals to commercialize our product candidates, and our business, results of operations and financial condition would be materially adversely affected.

Administering our product candidates to humans may produce undesirable side effects. These side effects could interrupt, delay or halt clinical trials of our product candidates and could result in the FDA or other regulatory authorities denying approval of our product candidates for any or all targeted indications.

If clinical trials for a product candidate are unsuccessful, we will be unable to commercialize the product candidate. If one or more of our clinical trials are delayed, we will be unable to meet our anticipated development timelines. Either circumstance could cause the market price of our common stock to decline.

***We are relying on contract research organizations to conduct substantial portions of our GENETIC AF clinical trial, and as a result, we will be unable to directly control the timing, conduct and expense of the clinical trial.***

We do not currently have sufficient staff with the requisite experience to conduct our clinical trial and are therefore relying primarily on third parties to conduct our clinical trial. We have contracted with Duke University, as our contract research organization (CRO) to conduct the clinical component of our GENETIC-AF trial. As a result of this contract, we will have less control over many details and steps of the trial, the timing and completion of the trial, the required reporting of adverse events and the management of data developed through the trial than would be the case if we were relying entirely upon our own staff. Communicating with outside parties can also be challenging, potentially leading to mistakes as well as difficulties in coordinating activities. Outside parties, such as CROs, may have staffing difficulties, may undergo changes in priorities or may become financially distressed, adversely affecting their willingness or ability to conduct our trial. We may experience unexpected cost increases that are beyond our control. Problems with the timeliness or quality of the work of a CRO may lead us to seek to terminate the relationship and use



an alternative service provider. However, making this change may be costly and may delay ongoing trials, and contractual restrictions may make such a change difficult or impossible. Additionally, it may be impossible to find a replacement organization that can conduct clinical trials in an acceptable manner and at an acceptable cost.

Even though we are using a CRO to conduct our clinical trial, we have to devote substantial resources and rely on the expertise of our employees to manage the work being done by the CRO. We have never conducted a clinical trial and the inability of our current staff to adequately manage any CRO that we engage may exacerbate the risks associated with relying on a CRO.

***If we encounter difficulties enrolling patients in our clinical trials, our trials could be delayed or otherwise adversely affected.***

The GENETIC-AF clinical trial requires that we identify and enroll a large number of patients with the condition under investigation and the trial will enroll only those patients having a specific genotype, and only those patients who have or are willing to have a Medtronic device implanted for monitoring and recording AF burden data. Because of the rigorous enrollment criteria, we may not be able to enroll a sufficient number of patients to complete our clinical trial in a timely manner.

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Patient enrollment is affected by factors including:

design of the protocol;

the size of the patient population;

eligibility criteria for the study in question;

perceived risks and benefits of the drug under study;

availability of competing therapies, including the off-label use of therapies approved for related indications;

efforts to facilitate timely enrollment in clinical trials;

the success of our personnel in making the arrangements with potential clinical trial sites necessary for those sites to begin enrolling patients;

patient referral practices of physicians;

availability of clinical trial sites;

other clinical trials seeking to enroll subjects with similar profiles;

the number of patients having the specific genotype needed for our trial; and

the number of patients having, or willing to have, a Medtronic device implanted for monitoring and recording AF burden data.

If we have difficulty enrolling a sufficient number of patients to conduct our clinical trials as planned, we may need to delay or terminate ongoing or planned clinical trials, either of which would have a negative effect on our business. Delays in enrolling patients in our clinical trials would also adversely affect our ability to generate any product, milestone and royalty revenues under collaboration agreements, if any, and could impose significant additional costs on us or on any future collaborators.

***We may not achieve our projected development goals in the time frames we announce and expect.***

We set goals for, and make public statements regarding, the timing of certain accomplishments, such as, the commencement and completion of clinical trials, particularly with respect to steps for commencing and continuing GENETIC-AF, the disclosure of trial results, the obtainment of regulatory approval and the sale of drug product, which we sometimes refer to as milestones. These milestones may not be achieved, and the actual timing of these events can vary dramatically due to a number of factors such as delays or failures in our clinical trials, disagreements with any collaborative partners, the uncertainties inherent in the regulatory approval process and manufacturing scale-up and delays in achieving manufacturing or marketing arrangements sufficient to commercialize our products. FDA approval of Gencaro, if it occurs, is expected to require years of additional clinical development, including the completion of genetic trials. There can be no assurance that our genetic trials will be initiated or completed, or that we will make regulatory submissions or receive regulatory approvals as planned. If we fail to achieve one or more of these milestones as planned, our business will be materially adversely affected.

***If we are not able to maintain the requirements for listing on the Nasdaq Capital Market, we could be delisted, which could have a materially adverse effect on our ability to raise additional funds as well as the price and liquidity of our common stock.***

Our common stock is currently listed on the Nasdaq Capital Market. To maintain the listing of our common stock on the Nasdaq Capital Market we are required to meet certain listing requirements, including, among others, either: (i) a minimum closing bid price of \$1.00 per share, a market value of publicly held shares (excluding shares held by our executive officers, directors and 10% or more stockholders) of at least \$1 million and stockholders' equity of at least \$2.5 million; or (ii) a minimum closing bid price of \$1.00 per share, a market value of publicly held shares (excluding shares held by our executive officers, directors and 10% or more stockholders) of at least \$1 million and a total market value of listed securities of at least \$35 million.

During 2012 our stock price fell below the Nasdaq Capital Market's minimum bid price requirements and we became subject to delisting from the exchange. On March 4, 2013 we executed a 1 for 6 reverse split of our common stock and have subsequently regained compliance with the minimum bid price requirements. In future periods, if we do not meet the minimum stockholders' equity, minimum closing bid price requirements, or any other listing requirements, we would be subject to delisting from the Nasdaq Capital Market.

As of March 17, 2014, the closing price of our common stock was \$2.07 per share, and the total market value of our listed securities was approximately \$43.4 million. As of December 31, 2013, we had stockholders' equity of \$15.6 million.

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*We expect to depend on existing and future collaborations with third parties for the development of some of our product candidates. If those collaborations are not successful, we may not be able to complete the development of these product candidates.*

We currently have a collaboration agreement with Medtronic, Inc., or Medtronic for the support of our planned GENETIC-AF trial. Medtronic can terminate its collaboration with us for various reasons including uncured material breach, an ARCA bankruptcy, if, after FDA communication, it is reasonably concluded that the FDA will not allow GENETIC-AF to enroll or proceed, or if Medtronic's obligations are unilaterally expanded. We may seek additional third party collaborators for the development of Gencaro or other product candidates.

Under our current arrangement with Medtronic, we have limited control over the amount and timing of resources that they dedicate to the development of Gencaro. This is also likely to be true in any future collaboration with third parties. Our ability to generate revenues from these arrangements will depend on our collaborators' abilities to successfully perform the functions assigned to them in these arrangements.

Collaborations involving our product candidates pose the following risks to us:

collaborators have significant discretion in determining the efforts and resources that they will apply to these collaborations;

collaborators may not pursue development and commercialization of our product candidates or may elect not to continue or renew development or commercialization programs based on clinical trial results, changes in the collaborator's strategic focus or available funding, or external factors such as an acquisition that diverts resources or creates competing priorities;

collaborators may delay clinical trials, provide insufficient funding for a clinical trial program, stop a clinical trial or abandon a product candidate, repeat or conduct new clinical trials or require a new formulation of a product candidate for clinical testing;

collaborators could independently develop, or develop with third parties, products that compete directly or indirectly with our product candidates if the collaborators believe that competitive products are more likely to be successfully developed or can be commercialized under terms that are more economically attractive than ours;

collaborators may not properly maintain or defend our intellectual property rights or may use our proprietary information in such a way as to invite litigation that could jeopardize or invalidate our proprietary information or expose us to potential litigation;

disputes may arise between the collaborators and us that result in the delay or termination of the research, development or commercialization of our product candidates or that result in costly litigation or arbitration that diverts management attention and resources;

collaborations may be terminated and, if terminated, may result in a need for additional capital to pursue further development or commercialization of the applicable product candidates;

collaborators may elect to take over manufacturing rather than retain us as manufacturers and may encounter problems in starting up or gaining approval for their manufacturing facility and so be unable to continue development of product candidates;

we may be required to undertake the expenditure of substantial operational, financial and management resources in connection with any collaboration;

we may be required to issue equity securities to collaborators that would dilute our existing stockholders percentage ownership;

we may be required to assume substantial actual or contingent liabilities;

collaborators may not commit adequate resources to the marketing and distribution of our product candidates, limiting our potential revenues from these products; and

collaborators may experience financial difficulties.

We face a number of challenges in seeking additional collaborations. Collaborations are complex and any potential discussions may not result in a definitive agreement for many reasons. For example, whether we reach a definitive agreement for a collaboration will depend, among other things, upon our assessment of the collaborator's resources and expertise, the terms and conditions of the proposed collaboration, and the proposed collaborator's evaluation of a number of factors, such as the design or results of our clinical trials, the potential market for our product candidates, the costs and complexities of manufacturing and delivering our product candidates to patients, the potential of competing products, the existence of uncertainty with respect to ownership or the coverage of our intellectual property, and industry and market conditions generally. If we were to determine that additional collaborations for our Gencaro development is necessary and were unable to enter into such collaborations on acceptable terms, we might elect to delay or scale back the development or commercialization of Gencaro in order to preserve our financial resources or to allow us adequate time to develop the required physical resources and systems and expertise ourselves.

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Collaboration agreements may not lead to development or commercialization of product candidates in the most efficient manner, or at all. In addition, there have been a significant number of recent business combinations among large pharmaceutical companies that have resulted in a reduced number of potential future collaborators. If a present or future collaborator of ours were to be involved in a business combination, the continued pursuit and emphasis on our product development or commercialization program could be delayed, diminished or terminated.

***Our planned GENETIC-AF clinical trial will require the use of a third-party diagnostic services provider to administer the genetic test needed to identify the patient receptor genotypes of clinical trial participants, and as a result, we will be unable to directly control the timing, conduct and expense of the genetic test.***

Our planned GENETIC-AF clinical trial of Gencaro requires a companion diagnostic test that identifies the patient's receptor genotype. The trial will only enroll those patients with the receptor that has the potential for enhanced efficacy, the beta-1 389 Arg receptor as detected by a beta-1 389 Arg/Arg genotype. Accordingly, the GENETIC-AF trial will require use of a third-party diagnostic service to perform the genetic testing. There has been limited experience in our industry in prospective development of companion diagnostics required to perform the required molecular profiling. We entered into an agreement with Laboratory Corporation of America, LabCorp, to provide the diagnostic services of the genetic test needed to support our GENETIC-AF trial. To provide those services, LabCorp obtained from the FDA an Investigational Device Exemption, or IDE, for the companion diagnostic test to be used in our Genetic AF clinical trial.

The FDA and similar regulatory authorities outside the United States regulate companion diagnostics. Companion diagnostics require separate or coordinated regulatory approval prior to commercialization. Changes to regulatory advice could delay our development programs or delay or prevent eventual marketing approval for our product candidates that may otherwise be approvable. In July 2011, the FDA issued draft guidance that stated that if safe and effective use of a therapeutic depends on an *in vitro* diagnostic, then the FDA generally will not approve the therapeutic unless the FDA approves or clears this *in vitro* companion diagnostic device at the same time that the FDA approves the therapeutic. The approval or clearance of the companion diagnostic would occur through the FDA's Center for Devices and Radiological Health. The draft guidance on companion diagnostics remains in draft form, and it is unclear how closely the final guidance, when published, will track the 2011 draft guidance. It is also difficult to predict how FDA will implement the guidance once finalized. For example, the draft guidance allows for flexibility by the FDA in the case of therapeutic products to treat serious conditions for which no alternative treatment exists and the benefits of using the companion diagnostic outweigh the risk, but it is unclear how this discretion will be applied by the agency. The FDA's evolving position on the topic of companion diagnostics could affect our clinical development programs that utilize companion diagnostics. In particular, the FDA may limit our ability to use retrospective data, otherwise disagree with our approaches to trial design, biomarker qualification, clinical and analytical validity, and clinical utility, or make us repeat aspects of a trial or initiate new trials.

Given our limited experience in developing diagnostics, we expect to rely primarily on third parties for their design and manufacture. If we, or any third parties that we engage to assist us, are unable to successfully develop companion diagnostics for our product candidates that require such diagnostics, or experience delays in doing so, the development of our product candidates may be adversely affected, our product candidates may not receive marketing approval and we may not realize the full commercial potential of any products that receive marketing approval. As a result, our business could be materially harmed.

***We will need to establish a collaborative arrangement with a third-party diagnostics services provider to obtain marketing clearance or approval of the companion genetic test. There is no guarantee that the FDA will grant timely clearance or approval of the genetic test, if at all, and failure to obtain such timely clearance or approval would adversely affect our ability to market Gencaro.***

The drug label we intend to seek for Gencaro would identify the patient receptor genotype for which the drug is approved. Accordingly, we believe developing a genetic test that is simple to administer and widely available will be critical to the successful commercialization of Gencaro and also to the ability to conduct our planned GENETIC-AF clinical trial. The genetic test will be subject to regulation by the FDA and by comparable agencies in various foreign countries. The process of complying with the requirements of the FDA and comparable agencies is costly, time consuming and burdensome.

Despite the time and expense expended, regulatory clearance or approval is never guaranteed. If regulatory clearance or approval is delayed, or if one or more third-party diagnostic services providers are unable to obtain FDA approval of the genetic test at all or in parallel with the approval of Gencaro, or are unable to commercialize the test successfully and in a manner that effectively supports the commercial efforts for Gencaro, or if the information concerning the differential response to Gencaro resulting from certain genetic variation is not included in the approval label for Gencaro, the commercial launch of Gencaro may be significantly and adversely affected.

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***Regulatory approval will be required for the genetic test to be used in the GENETIC-AF trial and to support the commercialization of the test, if approved. Delays or failures in obtaining such regulatory approval, including any required validation analyses may prevent a third-party diagnostics provider from commercializing such genetic test and will adversely affect our business, operating results and prospects.***

Before a genetic test can be used commercially, including in conjunction with Gencaro, if it is approved for marketing, the third-party diagnostics provider must obtain FDA Premarket Approval, or PMA, for such test. The FDA may require additional validation of the genetic test we plan to use in GENETIC-AF prior to any approval of Gencaro or the genetic test. We anticipate the genetic test will be required as a condition to prescribing Gencaro. There is no guarantee the FDA will approve the anticipated PMA submission for the genetic test. Even if the genetic test is eventually approved, performing additional validation work necessary to support the PMA, if required, for current or future genetic test products, including one associated with Gencaro, would require additional time and expense and the outcome would be uncertain. Moreover, such delays or increased costs or failures could adversely affect our business, operating results and prospects for commercializing the genetic test.

***If a third-party diagnostics provider responsible for the genetic test or certain of its third-party suppliers fails to comply with ongoing FDA or other foreign regulatory authority requirements, or if there are unanticipated problems with the genetic test, these products could be subject to restrictions or withdrawal from use in trial or from the market.***

Any diagnostic for which a third-party diagnostics provider obtains clearance or approval, and the manufacturing processes, reporting requirements, post-approval clinical data and promotional activities for such product, will be subject to continued regulatory review, oversight and periodic inspections by the FDA and other domestic and foreign regulatory bodies. With respect to the genetic test, to the extent applicable, any third-party diagnostics provider and certain of its suppliers will be required to comply with the FDA's Quality System Regulation, or QSR, and International Standards Organization, or ISO, requirements which cover the methods and documentation of the design, testing, production, control, quality assurance, labeling, packaging, storage and shipping of any product for which clearance or approval is obtained. Regulatory bodies, such as the FDA, enforce the QSR and other regulations through periodic inspections. The failure by a third-party diagnostics provider, or certain of its third-party manufacturers or suppliers, as the case may be, to comply with applicable statutes and regulations administered by the FDA and other regulatory bodies, or the failure to timely and adequately respond to any adverse inspectional observations or product safety issues, could result in, among other things, enforcement actions. If any of these actions were to occur, it could harm our reputation and cause product sales and profitability of Gencaro to suffer and may prevent us from generating revenue or utilizing the genetic test further in any clinical trial. Even if regulatory clearance or approval is granted, such clearance or approval may be subject to limitations on the intended uses for which the product may be marketed and reduce our potential to successfully commercialize the product and generate revenue from the product.

***Future sales of Gencaro may suffer if its marketplace acceptance is negatively affected by the genetic test.***

The genetic test is an important component of the commercial strategy for Gencaro in addition to being required to proceed with our planned AF trial. We believe that the genetic test helps predict patient response to Gencaro, and that this aspect of the drug is important to its ability to compete effectively with current therapies. The genetic test adds an additional step in the prescribing process, an additional cost for the patient and payors, the risk that the test results may not be rapidly available and the possibility that it may not be available at all to hospitals and medical centers. Although we anticipate that Gencaro, if approved in a timely manner, would be the first genetically-targeted cardiovascular drug, Gencaro will be one of a number of successful drugs in the beta-blocker class currently on the market. Prescribers may be more familiar with these other beta-blockers, and may be resistant to prescribing Gencaro as an AF therapy in patients with HF. Any one of these factors could affect prescriber behavior, which in turn may



substantially impede market acceptance of the genetic test, which could cause significant harm to Gencaro's ability to compete, and in turn harm our business.

***Our failure to raise substantial additional funding or enter into a strategic transaction may materially and adversely affect our business.***

Unless we are able to raise substantial additional funding for the development of Gencaro through other means, we will need to complete a strategic transaction to continue the development of Gencaro through the clinical development and commercialization phases, and to continue our other operations. The strategic transactions that we may consider include a potential combination or partnership. Our board of directors and management team has and will continue to devote substantial time and resources to obtaining additional capital or the consideration and implementation of any such strategic transaction. In addition, conditions in the financial markets may lead to an increased number of biotechnology companies that are also seeking to enter into strategic transactions, which may limit our ability to negotiate favorable terms for any such transaction. Further, our current employees do not have experience in the strategic transaction process, and our previous efforts to enter into a strategic transaction have not been successful. As a result of these and other factors, there is substantial risk that we may not be able to complete a strategic transaction on favorable terms, or at all. The failure to complete such a strategic transaction may materially and adversely affect our business.

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***We may be limited in our ability to access sufficient funding through a private equity or convertible debt offering.***

Nasdaq rules impose restrictions on our ability to raise funds through a private offering of our common stock, convertible debt or similar instruments without obtaining stockholder approval. Under Nasdaq rules, an offering of more than 20% of our total shares outstanding for less than the greater of book or market value requires stockholder approval unless the offering qualifies as a public offering for purposes of the Nasdaq rules. As of February 7, 2014 we had approximately 21 million shares of common stock outstanding, 20% of which is approximately 4.2 million shares. To the extent we seek to raise funds through a private offering of stock, convertible debt or similar instruments, we are limited in how much funding we could raise privately without requiring a stockholder vote. SEC rules impose restrictions on our ability to raise funds through the registered offering of our securities pursuant to our shelf registration statement on Form S-3. Under SEC rules, we are prohibited from selling securities under such registration statement if the aggregate market value of the securities sold thereunder in any twelve-month period exceeds one-third of the market value of our outstanding common stock held by non-affiliates. Our February 2014 equity financing substantially exhausted the availability under our shelf registration statement until the one year anniversary of such financing. In addition, we are currently subject to certain contractual rights of investors arising from our public and private equity financing transactions that limit the nature and price of future public and private financing transactions that we may effect. For example, in January 2013, we entered into separate subscription agreements with certain institutional investors in connection with a private investment in public equity, pursuant to which we sold shares of our common stock and warrants to purchase shares of our common stock to the investors. In connection with this transaction, we agreed that, subject to certain exceptions, we would not, while the warrants issued in such financing are outstanding, effect or enter into an agreement to effect any issuance of common stock or securities convertible into, exercisable for or exchangeable for common stock in a variable rate transaction, which means a transaction in which we issue or sell any convertible securities either (A) at a conversion price, exercise price or exchange rate or other price that is based upon and/or varies with the trading prices of, or quotations for, the shares of common stock at any time after the initial issuance of such convertible securities, or (B) with a conversion, exercise or exchange price that is subject to being reset at some future date after the initial issuance of the convertible securities or upon the occurrence of the specified or contingent events directly or indirectly related to our business or the market for our common stock. The restrictions imposed by the terms of our previous offerings, and that could be imposed in future offerings, may limit our access to capital on agreeable terms and delay or make impossible certain otherwise available equity financing opportunities and could severely restrict our access to the capital necessary to conduct our business.

***Unless we are able to generate sufficient product revenue, we will continue to incur losses from operations and will not achieve or maintain profitability. We are years away from commercializing a product and generating product revenue.***

Our historical losses have had and will continue to have an adverse effect on our stockholders' equity and working capital, among other things. We are years away from commercializing a product and generating any product revenue. As a result, we expect to continue to incur significant operating losses for the foreseeable future. Even if we ultimately receive regulatory approval for Gencaro or our other product candidates, sales of such products may not generate sufficient revenue for it to achieve or maintain profitability. Because of the numerous risks and uncertainties associated with developing therapeutic drugs, we may experience larger than expected future losses and may never reach profitability.

***Our product candidates are subject to extensive regulation, which can be costly and time-consuming, and unsuccessful or delayed regulatory approvals could increase our future development costs or impair our future revenue.***

The preclinical and clinical development, testing, manufacture, safety, efficacy, labeling, storage, recordkeeping, and subsequent advertising, promotion, sale, marketing, and distribution, if approved, of our product candidates are subject to extensive regulation by the FDA and other regulatory authorities in the United States and elsewhere. These regulations also vary in important, meaningful ways from country to country. We are not permitted to market a potential drug in the United States until we receive approval of an NDA from the FDA. We have not received an NDA approval from the FDA for Gencaro or any of our other product candidates. There can be no guarantees with respect to our product candidates that clinical studies will adequately support an NDA, that the products will receive necessary regulatory approvals, or that they will prove to be commercially successful.

To receive regulatory approval for the commercial sale of any product candidates, we must demonstrate safety and efficacy in humans to the satisfaction of regulatory authorities through preclinical studies and adequate and well-controlled clinical trials of the product candidates. This process is expensive and can take many years, and failure can occur at any stage of the testing. Our failure to adequately demonstrate the safety and efficacy of our product candidates will prevent regulatory approval and commercialization of such products. In 2008, we submitted and the FDA accepted our NDA filing for Gencaro for the treatment of chronic HF. In 2009, the FDA issued a Complete Response Letter (CRL) in which the FDA stated that it could not approve the Gencaro NDA in its current form and specified actions required for approval of the NDA, including conducting an additional Phase 3 clinical trial of Gencaro in patients with HF. We plan to conduct a clinical study of Gencaro in HFREF patients to assess its efficacy in reducing or preventing AF. We currently anticipate that GENETIC-AF will begin patient enrollment in the first quarter of 2014. This trial is planned to begin as a Phase 2B study in approximately 200 patients and, depending on the outcome of the Phase 2B portion, may be expanded to a Phase 3 study with up to an estimated additional 420 patients. We believe the Phase 2B study would take approximately two and a half years to complete. This product candidate will require years of clinical development. Even if we conduct additional studies in accordance with further FDA guidance and submit or file a new or amended NDA, the FDA may ultimately decide that the NDA does not satisfy the criteria for approval.

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In the event that we or our collaborators conduct preclinical studies that do not comply with Good Laboratory Practices or GLP or incorrectly design or carry out human clinical trials in accordance with Good Clinical Practices or GCP or those clinical trials fail to demonstrate clinical significance, it is unlikely that we will be able to obtain FDA approval for product development candidates. Our inability to successfully initiate and effectively complete clinical trials for any product candidate on schedule, or at all, will severely harm our business. Significant delays in clinical development could materially increase product development costs or allow our competitors to bring products to market before we do, impairing our ability to effectively commercialize any future product candidate. We do not know whether planned clinical trials will begin on time, will need to be redesigned or will be completed on schedule, if at all. Clinical trials can be delayed for a variety of reasons, including:

delays or failures in obtaining regulatory authorization to commence a trial because of safety concerns of regulators relating to our product candidates or similar product candidates of our competitors or failure to follow regulatory guidelines;

delays or failures in obtaining clinical materials and manufacturing sufficient quantities of the product candidates for use in trials;

delays or failures in reaching agreement on acceptable terms with prospective study sites;

delays or failures in obtaining approval of our clinical trial protocol from an institutional review board, or IRB, to conduct a clinical trial at a prospective study site;

delays in recruiting patients to participate in a clinical trial, which may be due to the size of the patient population, eligibility criteria, protocol design, perceived risks and benefits of the drug, availability of other approved and standard of care therapies, availability of clinical trial sites;

other clinical trials seeking to enroll subjects with similar profile;

failure of our clinical trials and clinical investigators to be in compliance with the FDA's Good Clinical Practices;

unforeseen safety issues, including negative results from ongoing preclinical studies;

inability to monitor patients adequately during or after treatment;

difficulty recruiting and monitoring multiple study sites;

failure of our third-party contract research organizations, clinical site organizations and other clinical trial managers, to satisfy their contractual duties, comply with regulations or meet expected deadlines; and

an insufficient number of patients who have, or are willing to have, a Medtronic device implanted for monitoring and recording AF burden data.

In addition, any approvals we may obtain may not cover all of the clinical indications for which we seek approval or permit us to make claims of superiority over currently marketed competitive products. Also, an approval might contain significant limitations in the form of narrow indications, warnings, precautions or contraindications with respect to conditions of use. If the FDA determines that a risk evaluation and mitigation strategy, or REMS, is necessary to ensure that the benefits of the drug outweigh the risks, we may be required to include as part of the NDA a proposed REMS that may include a package insert directed to patients, a plan for communication with healthcare providers, restrictions on a drug's distribution, or a Medication Guide, to provide better information to consumers about the drug's risks and benefits. Finally, an approval could be conditioned on our commitment to conduct further clinical trials, which we may not have the resources to conduct or which may negatively impact our financial situation.

The manufacture and tableting of Gencaro is done by third party suppliers, who must also meet current Good Manufacturing Practices, or cGMP, requirements and pass a pre-approval inspection of their facilities before we can obtain marketing approval.

All of our product candidates are prone to the risks of failure inherent in drug development. The results from preclinical animal testing and early human clinical trials may not be predictive of results obtained in later human clinical trials. Further, although a new product may show promising results in preclinical or early human clinical trials, it may subsequently prove unfeasible or impossible to generate sufficient safety and efficacy data to obtain necessary regulatory approvals. The data obtained from preclinical and clinical studies are susceptible to varying interpretations that may delay, limit or prevent regulatory approval, and the FDA and other regulatory authorities in the United States and elsewhere exercise substantial discretion in the drug approval process. The numbers, size and design of preclinical studies and clinical trials that will be required for FDA or other regulatory approval will vary depending on the product candidate, the disease or condition for which the product candidate is intended to be used and the regulations and guidance documents applicable to any particular product candidate. The FDA or other regulators can delay, limit or deny approval of any product candidate for many reasons, including, but not limited to:

Side effects;

Safety and efficacy;

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Defects in the design of clinical trials;

The fact that the FDA or other regulatory officials may not approve our or our third party manufacturer's processes or facilities; or

The fact that new regulations may be enacted by the FDA or other regulators may change their approval policies or adopt new regulations requiring new or different evidence of safety and efficacy for the intended use of a product candidate.

In light of widely publicized events concerning the safety of certain drug products, regulatory authorities, members of Congress, the Government Accountability Office, medical professionals and the general public have raised concerns about potential drug safety issues. These events have resulted in the withdrawal of certain drug products, revisions to certain drug labeling that further limit use of the drug products and establishment of risk management programs that may, for instance, restrict distribution of drug products. The increased attention to drug safety issues may result in a more cautious approach by the FDA to clinical trials and approval. Data from clinical trials may receive greater scrutiny with respect to safety and the product's risk/benefit profile, which may make the FDA or other regulatory authorities more likely to terminate clinical trials before completion, or require longer or additional clinical trials that may result in substantial additional expense, and a delay or failure in obtaining approval or approval for a more limited indication than originally sought. Aside from issues concerning the quality and sufficiency of submitted preclinical and clinical data, the FDA may be constrained by limited resources from reviewing and determining the approvability of the Gencaro NDA in a timely manner.

In pursuing clinical development of Gencaro for an AF indication, we will be required to amend the Gencaro HF NDA or prepare a new NDA. The FDA could approve Gencaro, but without including some or all of the prescribing information that we have requested. For instance, the FDA could approve Gencaro for AF in a more limited patient population or included additional warnings in the drug's label. This, in turn, could substantially and detrimentally impact our ability to successfully commercialize Gencaro and effectively protect our intellectual property rights in Gencaro.

***If our product candidates receive regulatory approval, we would be subject to ongoing regulatory obligations and restrictions, which may result in significant expenses and limit our ability to develop and commercialize other potential products.***

If a product candidate of ours is approved by the FDA or by another regulatory authority, we would be held to extensive regulatory requirements over product manufacturing, testing, distribution, labeling, packaging, adverse event reporting and other reporting to regulatory authorities, storage, advertising, marketing, promotion, distribution, and record keeping. Regulatory approvals may also be subject to significant limitations on the indicated uses or marketing of the product candidates. Potentially costly follow-up or post-marketing clinical studies may be required as a condition of approval to further substantiate safety or efficacy, or to investigate specific issues of interest to the regulatory authority. Previously unknown problems with the product candidate, including adverse events of unanticipated severity or frequency, may result in additional regulatory controls or restrictions on the marketing or use of the product or the need for post marketing studies, and could include suspension or withdrawal of the products from the market.

Furthermore, our third-party manufacturers and the manufacturing facilities that they use to make our product candidates are regulated by the FDA. Quality control and manufacturing procedures must continue to conform to cGMP after approval. Drug manufacturers and their subcontractors are required to register their facilities and products

manufactured annually with the FDA and certain state agencies and are subject to periodic unannounced inspections by the FDA, state and/or other foreign authorities. Any subsequent discovery of problems with a product, or a manufacturing or laboratory facility used by us or our collaborators, may result in restrictions on the product, or on the manufacturing or laboratory facility, including a withdrawal of the drug from the market or suspension of manufacturing. Any changes to an approved product, including the way it is manufactured or promoted, often require FDA approval before the product, as modified, can be marketed. We and our third-party manufacturers will also be subject to ongoing FDA requirements for submission of safety and other post-market information.

The marketing and advertising of our drug products by our collaborators or us will be regulated by the FDA, certain state agencies or foreign regulatory authorities. Violations of these laws and regulations, including promotion of our products for unapproved uses or failing to disclose risk information, are punishable by criminal and civil sanctions and may result in the issuance of enforcement letters or other enforcement action by the FDA, U.S. Department of Justice, state agencies, or foreign regulatory authorities that could jeopardize our ability to market the product.

In addition to the FDA, state or foreign regulations, the marketing of our drug products by us or our collaborators will be regulated by federal, state or foreign laws pertaining to health care fraud and abuse, such as the federal anti-kickback law prohibiting bribes, kickbacks or other remuneration for the order or recommendation of items or services reimbursed by federal health care programs. Many states have similar laws applicable to items or services reimbursed by commercial insurers. Violations of these laws are punishable by criminal and civil sanctions, including, in some instances, imprisonment and exclusion from participation in federal and state health care programs, including the Medicare, Medicaid and Veterans Affairs healthcare programs. Because of the far-reaching nature of these laws, we may be required to discontinue one or more of our practices to be in compliance with these laws. Health care fraud and abuse regulations are complex, and even minor irregularities can potentially give rise to claims that a statute or prohibition has been violated. Any violations of these laws, or any action against us for violations of these laws, even if we successfully defend against it, could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

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We could also become subject to false claims litigation under federal statutes, which can lead to civil money penalties, restitution, criminal fines and imprisonment, and exclusion from participation in Medicare, Medicaid and other federal and state health care programs. These false claims statutes include the False Claims Act, which allows any person to bring a suit on behalf of the federal government alleging submission of false or fraudulent claims, or causing to present such false or fraudulent claims, under federal programs or contracts claims or other violations of the statute and to share in any amounts paid by the entity to the government in fines or settlement. These suits against pharmaceutical companies have increased significantly in volume and breadth in recent years. Some of these suits have been brought on the basis of certain sales practices promoting drug products for unapproved uses. This new growth in litigation has increased the risk that a pharmaceutical company will have to defend a false claim action, pay fines or restitution, or be excluded from the Medicare, Medicaid, Veterans Affairs and other federal and state healthcare programs as a result of an investigation arising out of such action. We may become subject to such litigation and, if we are not successful in defending against such actions, those actions may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. We could also become subject to false claims litigation and consumer protection claims under state statutes, which also could lead to civil monetary penalties, restitution, criminal fines and imprisonment, and exclusion from participation in state health care programs. Of note, over the past few years there has been an increased focus on the sales and marketing practices of the pharmaceutical industry at both the federal and state level. Additionally, the law or regulatory policies governing pharmaceuticals may change. New statutory requirements may be enacted or additional regulations may be adopted that could prevent or delay regulatory approval of our product candidates or limit our ability to commercialize our products. We cannot predict the likelihood, nature or extent of adverse government regulation that may arise from future legislation or administrative action, either in the U.S. or elsewhere.

If we, our collaborators or our third-party manufacturers fail to comply with applicable continuing regulatory requirements, our business could be seriously harmed because a regulatory agency may:

issue untitled or warning letters;

suspend or withdraw our regulatory approval for approved products;

seize or detain products or recommend a product recall of a drug or medical device, or issue a mandatory recall of a medical device;

refuse to approve pending applications or supplements to approved applications filed by us;

suspend our ongoing clinical trials;

restrict our operations, including costly new manufacturing requirements, or restrict the sale, marketing and/or distribution of our products;

seek an injunction;



pursue criminal prosecutions;

close the facilities of our contract manufacturers; or

impose civil or criminal penalties.

***Reliance on third parties to commercialize Gencaro could negatively impact our business. If we are required to establish a direct sales force in the U.S. and are unable to do so, our business may be harmed.***

Commercialization of Gencaro, particularly the establishment of a sales organization, will require substantial additional capital resources. We currently intend to pursue a strategic partnership alternative for the commercialization of Gencaro, if it is approved, and we have suspended our efforts to build internal sales, marketing and distribution capabilities. If we elect to rely on third parties to sell Gencaro and any other products, then we may receive less revenue than if we sold such products directly. In addition, we may have little or no control over the sales efforts of those third parties. If we are unable to complete a strategic transaction, we would be unable to commercialize Gencaro or any other product candidate without substantial additional capital. Even if such capital were secured, we would be required to build internal sales, marketing and distribution capabilities to market Gencaro in the U.S. None of our current employees have experience in establishing and managing a sales force.

In the event we are unable to sell Gencaro and other selected product candidates, either directly or through third parties via a strategic transaction, the commercialization of Gencaro, if it is approved, may be delayed indefinitely.

***We are dependent on our key personnel.***

The success of our business is highly dependent on the principal members of our board of directors and executive management, including our President and Chief Executive Officer, Michael R. Bristow. The loss of the services of any such individual might seriously harm our product development, partnering and financing efforts. Recruiting and training personnel with the requisite skills is challenging and we compete for talent with companies that are larger and have more financial resources.

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***We have no manufacturing capacity which puts us at risk of lengthy and costly delays of bringing our products to market.***

We do not currently operate manufacturing facilities for clinical or commercial production of our product candidates, including their active pharmaceutical ingredients, or API. We have no experience in drug formulation or manufacturing, and we lack the resources and the capabilities to manufacture any of our product candidates on a clinical or commercial scale. We do not intend to develop facilities for the manufacture of product candidates for clinical trials or commercial purposes in the foreseeable future. We have contracted with Groupe Novasep to manufacture commercial quantities of the API for Gencaro. For drug production, we have contracted with Patheon, Inc. to manufacture the Gencaro tablets. These contract manufacturers may not perform as agreed or may not remain in the contract manufacturing business for the time required to successfully produce, store and distribute our products. In addition, these manufacturers may have staffing difficulties, may not be able to manufacture our products on a timely basis or may become financially distressed. In the event of errors in forecasting production quantities required to meet demand, natural disaster, equipment malfunctions or failures, technology malfunctions, strikes, lock-outs or work stoppages, regional power outages, product tampering, war or terrorist activities, actions of regulatory authorities, business failure, strike or other difficulty, we may be unable to find an alternative third-party manufacturer in a timely manner and the production of our product candidates would be interrupted, resulting in delays and additional costs, which could impact our ability to commercialize and sell our product candidates. We or our contract manufacturers may also fail to achieve and maintain required manufacturing standards, which could result in patient injury or death, product recalls or withdrawals, an order by governmental authorities to halt production, delays or failures in product testing or delivery, cost overruns or other problems that could seriously hurt our business. Contract manufacturers also often encounter difficulties involving production yields, quality control and quality assurance, as well as shortages of qualified personnel. In addition, our contract manufacturers are subject to ongoing inspections and regulation by the FDA, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency and corresponding foreign and state agencies and they may fail to meet these agencies' acceptable standards of compliance. If our contract manufacturers fail to comply with applicable governmental regulations, such as quality control, quality assurance and the maintenance of records and documentation, we may not be able to continue production of the API or finished product. If the safety of any API or product supplied is compromised due to failure to adhere to applicable laws or for other reasons, this may jeopardize our regulatory approval for Gencaro and other product candidates, and we may be held liable for any injuries sustained as a result. Upon the occurrence of one of the aforementioned events, the ability to switch manufacturers may be difficult for a number of reasons, including:

the number of potential manufacturers is limited and we may not be able to negotiate agreements with alternative manufacturers on commercially reasonable terms, if at all;

long lead times are often needed to manufacture drugs;

the manufacturing process is complex and may require a significant learning curve; and

the FDA must approve any replacement prior to manufacturing, which requires new testing and compliance inspections.

***Transitioning from a developmental stage company will require successful completion of a number of steps, many of which are outside of our control and, consequently, we can provide no assurance of our successful and timely***

*transition from a developmental stage company.*

We are a development stage biopharmaceutical company with a limited operating history. To date we have not generated any product revenue and have historically funded our operations through investment capital. Our future growth depends on our ability to emerge from the developmental stage and successfully commercialize or provide for the commercialization of Gencaro and our other product candidates which in turn, will depend, among other things, on our ability to:

conduct an additional clinical trial and develop and obtain regulatory approval for Gencaro or other product candidates;

successfully partner a companion genetic test with the commercial launch of Gencaro;

enter into a strategic transaction enabling the continued development and commercialization of Gencaro, or alternatively, raise significant additional capital to enable these activities;

pursue additional indications for Gencaro and develop other product candidates, including other cardiovascular therapies; and

obtain commercial quantities of Gencaro or other product candidates at acceptable cost levels.

Any one of these factors or other factors discussed in this report could affect our ability to successfully commercialize Gencaro and other product candidates, which could impact our ability to earn sufficient revenues to transition from a developmental stage company and continue our business.

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***If approved by the FDA, Gencaro will be entering a competitive marketplace and may not succeed.***

Gencaro is a new type of beta-blocker and vasodilator being developed for AF. While we anticipate that this drug, if approved, would be the first genetically-targeted cardiovascular drug, and potentially the only beta-blocker approved for AF, Gencaro will be one of a number of accepted treatments for AF. In addition, our proposed prescribing information for Gencaro is expected to include a requirement for genetic testing of the patient to ascertain if they have the genotype that we believe responds most favorably to Gencaro. This additional step will add incremental cost and procedures to prescribing Gencaro, which could make it more difficult to compete against existing therapies.

Our commercial opportunity may be reduced or eliminated if competitors develop and commercialize products that are safer, more effective, have fewer side effects, are more convenient or are less expensive than Gencaro. If products with any of these properties are developed, or any of the existing products are better marketed, then prescriptions of Gencaro by physicians and patient use of Gencaro could be significantly reduced or rendered obsolete and noncompetitive. Further, public announcements regarding the development of any such competing drugs could adversely affect the market price of our common stock and the value of our assets.

***Future sales of our products may suffer if they are not accepted in the marketplace by physicians, patients and the medical community.***

Gencaro or our other product candidates may not gain market acceptance among physicians, patients and the medical community. The degree of market acceptance of Gencaro or our other product candidates will depend on a number of factors, such as its effectiveness and tolerability, as compared with competitive drugs. Also, prevalence and severity of side-effects could negatively affect market acceptance of Gencaro or our other product candidates. Failure to achieve market acceptance of Gencaro would significantly harm our business.

If we are unable to obtain acceptable prices or adequate reimbursement from third-party payors for Gencaro, or any other product candidates that we may seek to commercialize, then our revenues and prospects for profitability will suffer.

Our or any strategic partner's ability to commercialize Gencaro, or any other product candidates that we may seek to commercialize, is highly dependent on the extent to which coverage and reimbursement for these product candidates will be available from:

governmental payors, such as Medicare and Medicaid;

private health insurers, including managed-care organizations; and

other third-party payors.

Many patients will not be capable of paying for our potential products themselves and will rely on third-party payors to pay for their medical needs. A primary current trend in the U.S. health care industry is toward cost containment. Large private payors, managed-care organizations, group purchasing organizations and similar organizations are exerting increasing influence on decisions regarding the use of, and reimbursement levels for, particular treatments. Such third-party payors, including Medicare, are challenging the prices charged for medical products and services, and many third-party payors limit reimbursement for newly approved health care products.

Cost-control initiatives could decrease the price we might establish for products, which could result in product revenues lower than anticipated. If the prices for our product candidates decrease, or if governmental and other third-party payors do not provide adequate coverage and reimbursement levels, then our revenue and prospects for profitability will suffer.

***Health care reform measures could materially and adversely affect our business.***

The business and financial condition of pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies are affected by the efforts of governmental and third-party payors to contain or reduce the costs of health care. The U.S. Congress has enacted legislation to reform the health care system. While we anticipate that this legislation may, over time, increase the number of patients who have insurance coverage for pharmaceutical products, it also imposes cost containment measures that may adversely affect the amount of reimbursement for pharmaceutical products. These measures include increasing the minimum rebates for products covered by Medicaid programs and extending such rebates to drugs dispensed to Medicaid beneficiaries enrolled in Medicaid managed care organizations as well as expansion of the 340(B) Public Health Services drug discount program. In addition, such legislation contains a number of provisions designed to generate the revenues necessary to fund the coverage expansion, including new fees or taxes on certain health-related industries, including medical device manufacturers. Each medical device manufacturer has to pay an excise tax (or sales tax) in an amount equal to 2.3% of the price for which such manufacturer sells its medical devices. Such excise taxes may impact any potential sales of the genetic test if it is approved for marketing. In foreign jurisdictions there have been, and we expect that there will continue to be, a number of legislative and regulatory proposals aimed at changing the health care system. For example, in some countries other than the United States, pricing of prescription drugs is subject to government control and we expect to see continued efforts to reduce healthcare costs in international markets.

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Some states are also considering legislation that would control the prices of drugs, and state Medicaid programs are increasingly requesting manufacturers to pay supplemental rebates and requiring prior authorization by the state program for use of any drug for which supplemental rebates are not being paid. Managed care organizations continue to seek price discounts and, in some cases, to impose restrictions on the coverage of particular drugs. Government efforts to reduce Medicaid expenses may lead to increased use of managed care organizations by Medicaid programs. This may result in managed care organizations influencing prescription decisions for a larger segment of the population and a corresponding constraint on prices and reimbursement for drugs. It is likely that federal and state legislatures and health agencies will continue to focus on additional health care reform in the future although we are unable to predict what additional legislation or regulation, if any, relating to the health care industry or third-party coverage and reimbursement may be enacted in the future or what effect such legislation or regulation would have on our business. We or any strategic partner's ability to commercialize Gencaro, or any other product candidates that we may seek to commercialize, is highly dependent on the extent to which coverage and reimbursement for these product candidates will be available from government payors, such as Medicare and Medicaid, private health insurers, including managed care organizations, and other third-party payors, and any change in reimbursement levels could materially and adversely affect our business. Further, the pendency or approval of future proposals or reforms could result in a decrease in our stock price or limit our ability to raise capital or to obtain strategic partnerships or licenses.

***Our competitors may be better positioned in the marketplace and thereby may be more successful than us at developing, manufacturing and marketing approved products.***

Many of our competitors currently have significantly greater financial resources and expertise in conducting clinical trials, obtaining regulatory approvals, managing manufacturing and marketing approved products than us. Other early-stage companies may also prove to be significant competitors, particularly through collaborative arrangements with large and established companies. In addition, these third parties compete with us in recruiting and retaining qualified scientific and management personnel, establishing clinical trial sites and patient registration for clinical trials, as well as in acquiring therapies and therapy licenses complementary to our programs or advantageous to our business. We expect that our ability to compete effectively will depend upon our ability to:

successfully and rapidly complete clinical trials for any product candidates and obtain all requisite regulatory approvals in a cost-effective manner;

build an adequate sales and marketing infrastructure, raise additional funding, or enter into strategic transactions enabling the commercialization of our products;

develop competitive formulations of our product candidates;

attract and retain key personnel; and

identify and obtain other product candidates on commercially reasonable terms.

***If we fail to identify and license or acquire other products or product candidates, then we may be unable to expand our business, and the acquisition or licensing of other products or product candidates may put a strain on our operations and will likely require us to seek additional financing.***

One of our strategies is to license or acquire clinical-stage products or product candidates and further develop them for commercialization. The market for licensing and acquiring products and product candidates is intensely competitive and many of our competitors may have greater resources than us. If we undertake any additional acquisitions, whether of product candidates or other biopharmaceutical companies, the process of integrating an acquired product candidate or complementary company into our business may put a strain on our operations, divert personnel, financial resources and management's attention. In 2014, we expect our research and development activities will be dedicated to Gencaro. If we are not able to substantially expand our research and development efforts, or identify, or license or acquire other products or product candidates or complete future acquisitions, then we will likely be unable to expand our pipeline of product candidates. In addition, any future acquisition would give rise to additional operating costs and will likely require us to seek additional financing. Future acquisitions could result in additional issuances of equity securities that would dilute the ownership of existing stockholders. Future acquisitions could also result in the incurrence of debt, contingent liabilities or the amortization of expenses related to other intangible assets, any of which could adversely affect our operating results.

***We would be subject to applicable regulatory approval requirements of the foreign countries in which we market our products, which are costly and may prevent or delay us from marketing our products in those countries.***

In addition to regulatory requirements in the United States, we would be subject to the regulatory approval requirements in each foreign country where we market our products. In addition, we might be required to identify one or more collaborators in these foreign countries to develop, seek approval for and manufacture our products and any companion genetic test for Gencaro. If we decide to pursue regulatory approvals and commercialization of our product candidates internationally, we may not be able to obtain the required foreign regulatory approvals on a timely basis, if at all, and any failure to do so may cause us to incur additional costs or prevent us from marketing our products in foreign countries, which may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

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***If our internal control over financial reporting is not considered effective, our business and stock price could be adversely affected.***

Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 requires us to evaluate the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of the end of each fiscal year, and to include a management report assessing the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting in our annual report on Form 10-K for that fiscal year. Our management, including our chief executive officer and chief financial officer, does not expect that our internal control over financial reporting will prevent all error and all fraud. During the first quarter of 2011 there was a reduction in our workforce which included personnel involved in financial reporting and our internal control processes. Since that time we have continued to operate with a reduced staff for financial reporting. Though the process and design of our internal controls over financial reporting have not been altered, the small number of staff involved in financial reporting may limit our ability to properly segregate internal control procedures which could result in deficiencies or material weaknesses in our internal controls in the future. A control system, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the control system's objectives will be met. Further, the design of a control system must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints, and the benefits of controls must be considered relative to their costs. Because of the inherent limitations in all control systems, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud involving a company have been, or will be, detected. The design of any system of controls is based in part on certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events, and we cannot assure you that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions. Over time, controls may become ineffective because of changes in conditions or deterioration in the degree of compliance with policies or procedures. Because of the inherent limitations in a cost-effective control system, misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected. We cannot assure you that we or our independent registered public accounting firm will not identify a material weakness in our internal control over financial reporting in the future. A material weakness in our internal control over financial reporting would require management to consider our internal control over financial reporting as ineffective. If our internal control over financial reporting is not considered effective, we may experience a loss of public confidence, which could have an adverse effect on our business and on the market price of our common stock.

## **Risks Related to Intellectual Property and Other Legal Matters**

***If product liability lawsuits are successfully brought against us, then we will incur substantial liabilities and may be required to limit commercialization of Gencaro or other product candidates.***

We face product liability exposure related to the testing of our product candidates in human clinical trials, and may face exposure to claims by an even greater number of persons once we begin marketing and distributing our products commercially. If we cannot successfully defend against product liability claims, then we will incur substantial liabilities.

Regardless of merit or eventual outcome, liability claims may result in:

decreased demand for our products and product candidates;

injury to our reputation;



withdrawal of clinical trial participants;

costs of related litigation;

substantial monetary awards to patients and others;

loss of revenues; and

the inability to commercialize our products and product candidates.

We have obtained limited product liability insurance coverage. Such coverage, however, may not be adequate or may not continue to be available to us in sufficient amounts or at an acceptable cost, or at all. We may not be able to obtain commercially reasonable product liability insurance for any product candidate.

***Defending against claims relating to improper handling, storage or disposal of hazardous chemicals, radioactive or biological materials could be time consuming and expensive.***

Our research and development of product candidates may involve the controlled use of hazardous materials, including chemicals, radioactive and biological materials. We cannot eliminate the risk of accidental contamination or discharge and any resultant injury from the materials. Various laws and regulations govern the use, manufacture, storage, handling and disposal of hazardous materials. We may be sued or be required to pay fines for any injury or contamination that results from our use or the use by third parties of these materials. Compliance with environmental laws and regulations may be expensive, and current or future environmental regulations may impair our research, development and production efforts.

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***The loss of any rights to market key products would significantly impair our operating results.***

We have licensed from CPEC, who has licensed rights in Gencaro from Bristol Meyers Squibb (BMS), the exclusive rights to Gencaro for all therapeutic and diagnostic uses in any country until the later of (i) 10 years from the first commercial sale of Gencaro in such country, or (ii) the termination of our commercial exclusivity in such country. This license includes a sublicense to us from BMS. We are obligated to use commercially reasonable efforts to develop and commercialize Gencaro, including obtaining regulatory approvals. Our ability to develop and commercialize Gencaro is dependent on numerous factors, including some factors that are outside of our control. CPEC has the right to terminate our license if we materially breach our obligations under the license agreement and fail to cure any such breach within the terms of the license.

If our license agreement with CPEC is terminated for reasons related to non-payment of fees, or for any other breach, then we would have no further rights to develop and commercialize Gencaro for any indication. The termination of this license, or of any other agreement which enables us to market a key product or product candidate, could significantly and adversely affect our business.

Certain intellectual property licensed by us is the subject of additional licensing arrangements to which the party that has licensed rights to us is subject. If such parties were to breach the terms of such licenses or such licenses were otherwise to terminate, our and our partners' rights to use such technology and develop and commercialize their products such as the genetic test may terminate and our business would be materially harmed.

***Third parties may own or control patents or patent applications that we may be required to license to commercialize our product candidates or that could result in litigation that would be costly and time consuming.***

Our or any strategic partner's ability to commercialize Gencaro and other product candidates depends upon our ability to develop, manufacture, market and sell these drugs without infringing the proprietary rights of third parties. A number of pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, universities and research institutions have or may be granted patents that cover technologies similar to the technologies owned by or licensed to us. We may choose to seek, or be required to seek, licenses under third party patents, which would likely require the payment of license fees or royalties or both. We may also be unaware of existing patents that may be infringed by Gencaro, the genetic testing we intend to use in connection with Gencaro or our other product candidates. Because patent applications can take many years to issue, there may be other currently pending applications that may later result in issued patents that are infringed by Gencaro or our other product candidates. Moreover, a license may not be available to us on commercially reasonable terms, or at all.

There is a substantial amount of litigation involving patent and other intellectual property rights in the biotechnology and biopharmaceutical industries generally. If a third party claims that we are infringing on its technology, then our business and results of operations could be harmed by a number of factors, including:

infringement and other intellectual property claims, even if without merit, are expensive and time-consuming to litigate and can divert management's attention from our core business;

monetary damage awards for past infringement can be substantial;

a court may prohibit us from selling or licensing product candidates unless the patent holder chooses to license the patent to us; and

if a license is available from a patent holder, we may have to pay substantial royalties.

We may also be forced to bring an infringement action if we believe that a competitor is infringing our protected intellectual property. Any such litigation will be costly, time-consuming and divert management's attention, and the outcome of any such litigation may not be favorable to us.

***Our intellectual property rights may not preclude competitors from developing competing products and our business may suffer.***

Our competitive success will depend, in part, on our ability to obtain and maintain patent protection for our inventions, technologies and discoveries, including intellectual property that we license. The patent positions of biotechnology companies involve complex legal and factual questions, and we cannot be certain that our patents and licenses will successfully preclude others from using our technology. Consequently, we cannot be certain that any of our patents will provide significant market protection or will not be circumvented or challenged and found to be unenforceable or invalid. In some cases, patent applications in the U.S. and certain other jurisdictions are maintained in secrecy until patents issue, and since publication of discoveries in the scientific or patent literature often lags behind actual discoveries, we cannot be certain of the priority of inventions covered by pending patent applications. Moreover, we may have to participate in interference proceedings declared by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to determine priority of invention or in opposition proceedings in a foreign patent office, any of which could result in substantial cost to us, even if the eventual outcome is favorable. There can be no assurance that a court of competent jurisdiction would hold any claims in any issued patent to be valid. An adverse outcome could subject us to significant liabilities to third parties, require disputed rights to be licensed from third parties or require us to cease using such technology. Regardless of merit, the listing of patents in the FDA Orange Book for Gencaro may be challenged as being improperly listed. We may have to defend against such claims and possible associated antitrust issues. We could also incur substantial costs in seeking to enforce our proprietary rights against infringement.

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While the composition of matter patents on the compound that comprises Gencaro have expired, we hold the intellectual property concerning the interaction of Gencaro with the polymorphisms of the beta-1 and alpha-2C receptors. We have obtained patents that claim methods involving Gencaro after a patient's receptor genotype has been determined. Our NDA requested a label that will include a claim that efficacy varies based on receptor genotype and a recommendation in the prescribing information that prospective patients be tested for their receptor genotype. We believe that under applicable law, a generic bucindolol label would likely be required to include this recommendation as it pertains directly to the safe or efficacious use of the drug. Such a label may be considered as inducing infringement, carrying the same liability as direct infringement. If the label with the genotype information for Gencaro is not approved, or if generic labels are not required to copy the approved label, competitors could have an easier path to introduce competing products and our business may suffer. The approved label may not contain language covered by the patents, or we may be unsuccessful in enforcing them.

We may not be able to effectively protect our intellectual property rights in some foreign countries, as our patents are limited by jurisdiction and many countries do not offer the same level of legal protection for intellectual property as the U.S.

We require our employees, consultants, business partners and members of our scientific advisory board to execute confidentiality agreements upon the commencement of employment, consulting or business relationships with us. These agreements provide that all confidential information developed or made known during the course of the relationship with us be kept confidential and not disclosed to third parties except in specific circumstances. In the case of employees, the agreements provide that all inventions resulting from work performed for us, utilizing the property or relating to our business and conceived or completed by the individual during employment shall be our exclusive property to the extent permitted by applicable law.

Third parties may breach these and other agreements with us regarding our intellectual property and we may not have adequate remedies for the breach. Third parties could also fail to take necessary steps to protect our licensed intellectual property, which could seriously harm our intellectual property position.

If we are not able to protect our proprietary technology, trade secrets and know-how, then our competitors may develop competing products. Any issued patent may not be sufficient to prevent others from competing with us. Further, we have trade secrets relating to Gencaro, and such trade secrets may become known or independently discovered. Our issued patents and those that may issue in the future, or those licensed to us, may be challenged, opposed, invalidated or circumvented, which could allow competitors to market similar products or limit the patent protection term of our product candidates. All of these factors may affect our competitive position.

***If the manufacture, use or sale of our products infringe on the intellectual property rights of others, we could face costly litigation, which could cause us to pay substantial damages or licensing fees and limit our ability to sell some or all of our products.***

Extensive litigation regarding patents and other intellectual property rights has been common in the biopharmaceutical industry. Litigation may be necessary to assert infringement claims, enforce patent rights, protect trade secrets or know-how and determine the enforceability, scope and validity of certain proprietary rights. Litigation may even be necessary to defend disputes of inventorship or ownership of proprietary rights. The defense and prosecution of intellectual property lawsuits, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office interference proceedings, and related legal and administrative proceedings (e.g., a reexamination) in the U.S. and internationally involve complex legal and factual questions. As a result, such proceedings are costly and time-consuming to pursue, and their outcome is uncertain.

Regardless of merit or outcome, our involvement in any litigation, interference or other administrative proceedings could cause us to incur substantial expense and could significantly divert the efforts of our technical and management personnel. Any public announcements related to litigation or interference proceedings initiated or threatened against us could cause our stock price to decline. Adverse outcomes in patent litigation may potentially subject us to antitrust litigation which, regardless of the outcome, would adversely affect our business. An adverse determination may subject us to the loss of our proprietary position or to significant liabilities, or require us to seek licenses that may include substantial cost and ongoing royalties. Licenses may not be available from third parties, or may not be obtainable on satisfactory terms. An adverse determination or a failure to obtain necessary licenses may restrict or prevent us from manufacturing and selling our products, if any. These outcomes could materially harm our business, financial condition and results of operations.

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**Risks Related to Stock Price Volatility**

***Our stock price is expected to be volatile.***

Our common stock could be subject to significant fluctuations. Market prices for securities of early-stage pharmaceutical, biotechnology and other life sciences companies have historically been particularly volatile. Some of the factors that may cause the market price of our common stock to fluctuate include:

the regulatory status of Gencaro and the genetic test, and whether and when they are approved for sale, if at all, and the labeling or other conditions of use imposed by the FDA;

our ability to secure additional funding or complete a strategic transaction or to complete development of and commercialize Gencaro;

progress of GENETIC-AF and enrollment and any data that may become available;

the results of our future clinical trials and any future NDAs of our current and future product candidates;

the entry into, or termination of, key agreements, including key strategic alliance agreements;

the results and timing of regulatory reviews relating to our product candidates;

failure of any of our product candidates, if approved, to achieve commercial success;

general and industry-specific economic conditions that may affect our research and development expenditures;

the results of clinical trials conducted by others on drugs that would compete with our product candidates;

issues in manufacturing our product candidates or any approved products;

the initiation of or material developments in or the conclusion of litigation to enforce or defend any of our intellectual property rights;

the loss of key employees;

the introduction of technological innovations or new commercial products by our competitors;

changes in estimates or recommendations by securities analysts, if any, who cover our common stock;

future sales of our common stock;

changes in the structure of health care payment systems;

period-to-period fluctuations in our financial results; and

our ability to retain the listing of our common stock on the Nasdaq Capital Market.

Moreover, the stock markets in general have experienced substantial volatility that has often been unrelated to the operating performance of individual companies. These broad market fluctuations may also adversely affect the trading price of our common stock. In the past, following periods of volatility in the market price of a company's securities, stockholders have often instituted class action securities litigation against those companies. Such litigation, if instituted, could result in substantial costs and diversion of management attention and resources, which could significantly harm our profitability and reputation.

***Future sales or the possibility of future sales of our common stock may depress the market price of our common stock.***

Sales in the public market of substantial amounts of our common stock could depress prevailing market prices of our common stock. As of December 31, 2013, approximately 15.7 million shares of common stock were outstanding. During January 2014, warrant holders exercised warrants for common shares totaling 157,250. On February 7, 2014 we issued 5.1 million additional shares of common stock as part of our equity financing that closed on February 7, 2014. All of these shares are freely transferable without restriction or further registration under the Securities Act, except for shares held by our directors, officers and other affiliates and unregistered shares held by non-affiliates. The sale of these additional shares, or the perception that such sales may occur, could depress the market price of our common stock.

As of December 31, 2013 approximately 8.1 million shares of our common stock were issuable upon the exercise of outstanding warrants. Once a warrant is exercised, if the shares of our common stock issued upon the exercise of any such warrant are not available for sale in the open market without further registration under the Securities Act, then the holder can arrange for the resale of shares either by invoking any applicable registration rights, causing the shares to be registered under the Securities Act and thus freely transferable, or by relying on an exemption to the Securities Act. If these registration rights, or similar registration rights that may apply to securities we may issue in the future, are exercised, it could result in additional sales of our common stock in the market, which may have an adverse effect on our stock price.

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As of December 31, 2013, there were approximately 1.3 million shares of our common stock which may be issued upon the exercise of outstanding stock options and the vesting of restricted stock units. If and when these options are exercised, such shares will be available for sale in the open market without further registration under the Securities Act. The existence of these outstanding options may negatively affect our ability to complete future equity financings at acceptable prices and on acceptable terms. The exercise of those options, and the prompt resale of shares of our common stock received, may also result in downward pressure on the price of our common stock.

In the absence of a significant strategic transaction, we will need to raise significant additional capital to finance the research, development and commercialization of Gencaro. If future securities offerings occur, they would dilute our current stockholders' equity interests and could reduce the market price of our common stock.

***We do not expect to pay cash dividends, and accordingly, stockholders must rely on stock appreciation for any return on their investment.***

We anticipate that we will retain our earnings, if any, for future growth and therefore do not anticipate paying cash dividends in the future. As a result, only appreciation of the price of our common stock will provide a return to stockholders. Investors seeking cash dividends should not invest in our common stock.

***We have implemented anti-takeover provisions that could discourage, prevent or delay a takeover, even if the acquisition would be beneficial to our stockholders.***

Provisions of our certificate of incorporation and bylaws, as well as provisions of Delaware law, could make it more difficult for a third party to acquire us, even if doing so would benefit our stockholders. These provisions:

establish a classified board of directors so that not all members of our board may be elected at one time;

authorize the issuance of up to approximately 4.9 million additional shares of preferred stock that could be issued by our board of directors to increase the number of outstanding shares and hinder a takeover attempt;

limit who may call a special meeting of stockholders;

prohibit stockholder action by written consent, thereby requiring all stockholder actions to be taken at a meeting of our stockholders; and

establish advance notice requirements for nominations for election to our board of directors or for proposing matters that can be acted upon at a stockholder meeting.

Specifically, our certificate of incorporation provides that all stockholder action must be effected at a duly called meeting and not by a written consent. The bylaws provide, however, that our stockholders may call a special meeting of stockholders only upon a request of stockholders owning at least 50% of our outstanding common stock. These provisions of our certificate of incorporation and bylaws could discourage potential acquisition proposals and could delay or prevent a change in control. We designed these provisions to reduce our vulnerability to unsolicited acquisition proposals and to discourage certain tactics that may be used in proxy fights. These provisions, however,



could also have the effect of discouraging others from making tender offers for our shares. As a consequence, they also may inhibit fluctuations in the market price of our shares that could result from actual or rumored takeover attempts. Such provisions also may have the effect of preventing changes in our management.

We are permitted to issue shares of our preferred stock without stockholder approval upon such terms as our board of directors determines. Therefore, the rights of the holders of our common stock are subject to, and may be adversely affected by, the rights of the holders of our preferred stock that may be issued in the future. In addition, the issuance of preferred stock could have a dilutive effect on the holdings of our current stockholders.

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We are subject to the Delaware anti-takeover laws regulating corporate takeovers. These anti-takeover laws prevent a Delaware corporation from engaging in a merger or sale of more than 10% of its assets with any stockholder, including all affiliates and associates of the stockholder, who owns 15% or more of the corporation's outstanding voting stock, for three years following the date that the stockholder acquired 15% or more of the corporation's stock unless:

the board of directors approved the transaction where the stockholder acquired 15% or more of the corporation's stock;

after the transaction in which the stockholder acquired 15% or more of the corporation's stock, the stockholder owned at least 85% of the corporation's outstanding voting stock, excluding shares owned by directors, officers and employee stock plans in which employee participants do not have the right to determine confidentially whether shares held under the plan will be tendered in a tender or exchange offer; or

on or after this date, the merger or sale is approved by the board of directors and the holders of at least two-thirds of the outstanding voting stock that is not owned by the stockholder.

The provisions of our governing documents and current Delaware law may, collectively:

lengthen the time required for a person or entity to acquire control of us through a proxy contest for the election of a majority of our board of directors;

discourage bids for our common stock at a premium over market price; and

generally deter efforts to obtain control of us.

**Item 1B. *Unresolved Staff Comments***

Not applicable.

**Item 2. *Properties***

Our headquarters facility consists of approximately 5,300 square feet of office space in Westminster, Colorado, which is leased until September 2016. We believe that this facility is adequate to meet our current needs.

**Item 3. *Legal Proceedings***

Not applicable.

**Item 4. *Mine Safety Disclosures***

Not applicable.

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As of March 7, 2011, our common stock began trading on the Nasdaq Capital Market under the symbol **ABIO**, and was previously traded under the same symbol on the Nasdaq Global Market. Prior to completion of the merger with Nuvelo, Nuvelo's common stock traded under the symbol **NUVO** on the Nasdaq Global Market from January 31, 2003 to January 27, 2009 (except for the period between June 19, 2003 and March 19, 2004, where it temporarily traded under the symbol **NUVOD**).

The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, the high and low sales prices for our common stock, as reported by the Nasdaq Capital Market in 2013 and 2012 (adjusted for the one-for-six reverse stock split effective March 4, 2013):

<b>Year ended December 31, 2013</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>Low</b>
First quarter	\$ 5.94	\$ 2.15
Second quarter	\$ 3.58	\$ 1.13
Third quarter	\$ 1.62	\$ 1.29
Fourth quarter	\$ 2.15	\$ 1.22

<b>Year ended December 31, 2012</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>Low</b>
First quarter	\$ 6.90	\$ 5.22
Second quarter	\$ 5.70	\$ 2.22
Third quarter	\$ 3.66	\$ 1.86
Fourth quarter	\$ 3.18	\$ 1.44

***Stockholders***

As of March 17, 2014, we had approximately 100 stockholders of record of our common stock, and the last sale price reported on the Nasdaq Capital Market for our common stock was \$2.07 per share.

***Dividend Policy***

The holders of our common stock are entitled to dividends in such amounts and at such times, if any, as may be declared by our Board of Directors out of legally available funds. We have not paid any dividends on our common stock and do not anticipate paying any cash dividends in the foreseeable future.

***Securities Authorized for Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans***

Information relating to our equity compensation plans as of December 31, 2013, under which our equity securities were authorized for issuance, is included in Item 12 of Part III of this Annual Report.

***Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds***

None.

***Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities***

None.

***Item 6. Selected Financial Data***

Not applicable.

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

We have included or incorporated by reference into this Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, and from time to time our management may make, statements that constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act and Section 21E of the Exchange Act. Forward-looking statements may be identified by words including anticipate, plan, believe, intend, estimate, expect, should, may, potential and similar expressions. Forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause our actual results, levels of activity, performance or achievements to be materially different from the

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information expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements. While we believe that we have a reasonable basis for each forward-looking statement contained in this Annual Report, we caution you that these statements are based on a combination of facts and factors currently known by us and our projections of the future, about which we cannot be certain. We undertake no obligation to publicly update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. You are advised, however, to consult any further disclosures we make on related subjects in our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K, and our website.

### ***Overview***

We are a biopharmaceutical company principally focused on developing genetically-targeted therapies for cardiovascular diseases. Our lead product candidate is Gencaro (bucindolol hydrochloride), a pharmacologically unique beta-blocker and mild vasodilator that we plan to evaluate in a new clinical trial for the treatment of atrial fibrillation, or AF, in patients with heart failure and left ventricular dysfunction, or HFREF. We have identified common genetic variations in receptors in the cardiovascular system that we believe interact with Gencaro's pharmacology and may predict patient response to the drug.

We believe that that Gencaro has potential efficacy in reducing or preventing AF, and this efficacy may be genetically regulated. We plan to test this hypothesis in a clinical trial of Gencaro, known as GENETIC-AF. We have created an adaptive design for GENETIC-AF. We anticipate that the trial will be initiated as a Phase 2B study in approximately 200 patients with recent on set, persistent AF comparing Gencaro to Toprol XL for prevention of AF in patients with HFREF. Depending on the results of the Phase 2B portion, the trial may then be expanded to a Phase 3 study by enrolling an estimated additional 420 patients. We expect that our GENETIC-AF trial will begin enrolling patients in the first quarter of 2014, and we project the Phase 2B study will take approximately two and one-half years to complete from the time the first patient is enrolled until the planned DSMB interim analysis of data from the initial 200 patients.

We have been granted patents in the U.S., Europe, and other jurisdictions for methods of treating AF and HF patients with Gencaro based on genetic testing, which we believe may provide market exclusivity for these uses of Gencaro into at least 2026 in the U.S. and into 2025 in Europe. In addition, we believe that if Gencaro is approved, a Gencaro patent will be eligible for patent term extension based on our current clinical trial plans which, if granted, may provide market exclusivity for Gencaro into 2029 or 2030 in the U.S. and Europe.

To support the continued development of Gencaro, we completed public equity offerings during 2013 that raised approximately \$19.3 million in net proceeds. In February 2014, we completed a public equity offering of approximately \$7.9 million in net proceeds as additional funds for the planned Phase 2B portion of the trial and to support our ongoing operations. In light of the significant uncertainties regarding clinical development timelines and costs for developing drugs such as Gencaro, we will need to raise a significant amount of additional capital to finance the completion of GENETIC-AF and our ongoing operations. We anticipate that our current cash and cash equivalents, including the net proceeds from our February 2014 equity offering, will be sufficient to fund our operations, at our projected cost structure, through at least the end of 2015. However, changing circumstances may cause us to consume capital significantly faster or slower than we currently anticipate. We have based these estimates on assumptions that may prove to be wrong, and we could exhaust our available financial resources sooner than we currently anticipate.

### ***Results of Operations***

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

Research and development, or R&D, expense is comprised of clinical, regulatory, and manufacturing process development activities and costs. Our research and development expenses totaled \$2.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2013 as compared to \$1.1 million for 2012, an increase of approximately \$1.8 million. During 2013, our R&D efforts and costs were almost entirely related to the development of Gencaro.

Clinical expense increased approximately \$590,000 for the year ended December 31, 2013. The increase is primarily due to project initiation costs for CRO and similar service providers that we have engaged for our planned GENETIC-AF clinical trial. We have also added staff during the year to initiate and oversee our planned GENETIC-AF clinical trial project.

Regulatory and manufacturing process costs increased approximately \$1.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2013 compared to the year-ended December 31, 2012. Approximately \$738,000 of the increase is due to costs incurred for development and production of clinical trial materials, and costs for acquiring the active comparator drug product. Our regulatory costs increased approximately \$351,000 in this same period, which includes costs paid by us to LabCorp for development of the diagnostic test for use in our planned GENETIC-AF clinical trial and includes costs of regulatory audits of suppliers to be used in such clinical trial. A portion of the additional costs is attributable to personnel costs as we have increased staff during the year to prepare the clinical trial.

R&D expense in 2014 will be substantially higher than 2013 if we initiate our GENETIC-AF clinical trial and begin enrolling patients.

**Table of Contents***General and Administrative Expenses*

General and administrative expenses, or G&A, primarily consist of personnel costs, consulting and professional fees, insurance, facilities and depreciation expenses, and various other administrative costs.

G&A expenses were \$4.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2013, compared to \$3.2 million for 2012, an increase of approximately \$800,000. The change included increased personnel, consulting, and board advisory costs of approximately \$546,000 that were primarily attributable to performance bonuses earned and personnel we returned from furlough during the year to assist in our financing efforts and to support our planned initiation of the GENETIC-AF clinical trial. Legal, accounting and other professional services of accounted for approximately \$168,000 of the change and were primarily attributable to our special shareholder meeting held in the first quarter of 2013 and to our financing efforts completed during 2013.

G&A expenses in 2014 are expected to be higher than in 2013 as we increase administrative activities to support initiating our GENETIC-AF clinical trial.

*Interest and Other Income*

Interest and other income was \$5,000 for the year ended December 31, 2013 as compared to \$2,000 for 2012, resulting in an increase of \$3,000. This is due to the increase in cash balances resulting from our June 2013 sale of equity securities. Interest income was nominal in both years due to low investment yields. We expect interest income to continue to be nominal in 2014.

*Interest and Other Expense*

Interest and other expense was \$4,000 for the year ended December 31, 2013, as compared to \$3,000 for 2012. The amounts and related change between years are nominal to our overall operations. Based on our current capital structure, interest expense for 2014 is expected to be comparable to 2013.

*Liquidity and Capital Resources**Cash and Cash Equivalents*

	December 31, 2013	December 31, 2012
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 16,756	\$ 2,920

*Cash Flows from Operating, Investing and Financing Activities*

	Years Ended December 31,	
	2013	2012
Net cash provided by (used in):		
Operating activities	\$ (5,288)	\$ (4,078)
Investing activities	(32)	



Financing activities	19,156	1,055
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	\$ 13,836	\$ (3,023)

Net cash used in operating activities for the year ended December 31, 2013 increased nearly \$1.2 million compared with the 2012 period due to increased R&D and SG&A expenses discussed above.

Net cash provided by financing activities of approximately \$19.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2013 is comprised of approximately \$19.3 million of net proceeds from the sales of our preferred and common stock, less \$174,000 in payments made on a vendor financing arrangement. Net cash provided by financing activities of approximately \$1.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2012 is comprised of approximately \$1.2 million of net proceeds from the sales of our common stock, less \$134,000 in payments made on a vendor financing arrangement.

#### *Sources and Uses of Capital*

Our primary sources of liquidity to date have been capital raised from issuances of shares of our preferred and common stock and funds provided by the merger with Nuvelo. The primary uses of our capital resources to date have been to fund operating activities, including research, clinical development and drug manufacturing expenses, license payments, and spending on capital items.

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We completed three equity-financing transactions in 2013 and raised approximately \$19.3 million, net of offering costs. On January 22, 2013, we sold approximately \$1 million of our common stock and warrants for common stock in a private placement transaction with accredited investors including our Chief Executive Officer. We issued 356,430 shares of common stock together with warrants to purchase 249,501 shares of common stock. The net proceeds, after deducting placement agent fees and other offering expenses, were approximately \$805,000. Each unit, consisting of a share of common stock and a warrant to purchase 0.70 shares of common stock, was sold at a purchase price of \$2.81 per unit. The warrants were exercisable upon issuance, expire seven years from the date of issuance, and have an exercise price of \$2.28 per share. Pursuant to the terms of the Registration Rights Agreements (the Rights Agreements) entered into as part of this and prior Private Placement transactions, we filed a registration statement for the resale of the shares underlying the units sold in these private placements. That registration statement was declared effective by the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 14, 2013.

On January 31, 2013, we sold approximately \$730,000 of common stock and warrants for common stock in a Registered Direct Offering in which we issued 164,636 shares of common stock and warrants to purchase 65,855 shares of common stock. The net proceeds, after deducting placement agent fees and other offering expenses payable by us, was approximately \$616,000. Each unit, consisting of a share of common stock and a warrant to purchase 0.40 shares of common stock, was sold at a purchase price of \$4.43 per unit. The warrants were exercisable upon issuance, expire five years from the date of issuance, and have an exercise price of \$4.13 per share. The Registered Direct Offering was effected pursuant to a prospectus supplement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 1, 2013. The warrants provide for cashless exercise and settlement in unregistered shares if there is no effective registration statement registering, or the prospectus contained therein is not available for, the issuance of the shares of common stock underlying the warrants at the time of exercise.

On June 4, 2013, we sold shares of our Series A Convertible Preferred Stock, or Preferred Stock, and warrants to purchase common stock in a public offering for aggregate gross proceeds of \$20 million. We issued 125,000 shares of Preferred Stock and warrants to up to purchase 6,250,000 shares of common stock at a purchase price of \$160 per share of Preferred Stock. The net proceeds, after deducting placement agent fees and other offering expenses payable by us, were approximately \$17.9 million. Each share of Preferred Stock is convertible into 100 shares of common stock at any time at the option of the holder. As of December 31, 2013, no shares of the Preferred Stock remained outstanding as all shares of the Preferred Stock had been converted into 12,500,000 shares of common stock. The warrants have an exercise price of \$1.60 per share, will expire on the five year anniversary of the date of issuance, and were exercisable immediately upon issuance. Our Chief Executive Officer participated in the offering, purchasing 781 shares of Preferred Stock and warrants to purchase 39,050 shares of common stock.

The securities were sold pursuant to a placement agreement and have been registered under the Securities Act of 1933 pursuant to the our Registration Statement on Form S-1, as amended (No.333-187508), which was declared effective by the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 29, 2013, and the Preferred Stock and warrants were offered and sold pursuant to a prospectus dated May 30, 2013.

In connection with the Preferred Stock financing, the Company recorded a non-cash dividend of approximately \$2.0 million to recognize the intrinsic value of the embedded beneficial conversion feature. Typically, such a deemed dividend would be represented as a reduction in a company's retained earnings and an increase in additional paid in capital in recognition of the reapportionment of common shareholder value to the preferred stock purchasers. However, since we have an accumulated deficit, the deemed dividend is recognized by a reapportionment of additional paid in capital from common shareholders to additional paid in capital of preferred stock purchasers, which are combined in the Company's statement of stockholders' equity.

*Registered Direct Equity Offering Completed Subsequent to December 31, 2013*

On February 3, 2014, we agreed to sell to certain investors an aggregate of 5,116,228 shares of our common stock and warrants to purchase an aggregate of 1,279,057 shares of our common stock at a purchase price of \$1.70 per share of common stock, for aggregate gross proceeds of approximately \$8.7 million, before deducting placement agent fees and other offering related expenses. The offering closed on February 7, 2014, and the net proceeds to us were approximately \$7.9 million.

The common stock and warrants were sold in combination consisting of one share of common stock and a warrant to purchase 0.25 shares of common stock. The warrants were exercisable upon issuance, expire five years from the date of issuance, and have an exercise price of \$2.125 per share, equal to 125% of the closing bid price of our common stock on the Nasdaq Capital Market on February 3, 2014. The offering was effected as a takedown off our Registration Statement on Form S-3, as amended, which became effective on April 4, 2011, pursuant to a prospectus supplement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 4, 2014. The warrants provide for cashless exercise and settlement in unregistered shares if there is no effective registration statement registering, or the prospectus contained therein is not available for, the issuance of the shares of common stock underlying the warrants at the time of exercise.

The common stock and warrants were sold pursuant to a placement agency agreement dated January 21, 2014, as amended.

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In addition to the cash compensation paid to the placement agent in conjunction with the transaction, and pursuant to the placement agency agreement, we issued warrants to the placement agent to purchase 153,486 shares of our common stock, which have not been registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. The warrants issued to the placement agent warrants have substantially the same terms as the warrants issued to the purchasers in the offering, except that such warrants expire on April 4, 2016, or the five year anniversary of the effective date of the registration statement, and are restricted from transfer for a period of 180 days from the date of commencement of sales in connection with the offering.

We believe these financings have positioned us to initiate our planned GENETIC-AF Phase 2B/3 clinical trial for which we currently anticipate initiating patient enrollment in the first quarter of 2014. Our ability to initiate and execute our GENETIC-AF Phase 2B trial in accordance with our projected time line depends on a number of factors, including, but not limited to, the following:

recruitment of sufficient clinical trial sites, enrollment of patients and enrollment at a rate consistent with our projected timeline;

our ability to control costs associated with the clinical trial and our operations;

our ability to retain the listing of our common stock on the Nasdaq Capital Market;

the market price of our stock and the availability and cost of additional equity capital from existing and potential new investors; general economic and industry conditions affecting the availability and cost of capital;

the costs of filing, prosecuting, defending and enforcing any patent claims and other intellectual property rights; and

the terms and conditions of our existing collaborative and licensing agreements.

The sale of additional equity or convertible debt securities will be necessary for us to complete both Phase 2B and Phase 3 of the GENETIC-AF clinical trial and submit for FDA approval of Gencaro. Such financing would likely result in additional dilution to our existing stockholders. If we raise additional funds through the incurrence of indebtedness, the obligations related to such indebtedness would be senior to rights of holders of our capital stock and could contain covenants that would restrict our operations. We anticipate that our current cash and cash equivalents, including the approximately \$7.9 million of net proceeds from our February 2014 equity offering, will be sufficient to fund our operations, at our projected cost structure, through at least the end of 2015. However, our forecast of the period of time through which our financial resources will be adequate to support our current and forecasted operations could vary materially.

## ***Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates***

A critical accounting policy is one that is both important to the portrayal of our financial condition and results of operation and requires management's most difficult, subjective or complex judgments, often as a result of the need to make estimates about the effect of matters that are inherently uncertain. While our significant accounting policies are described in Note 1 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included within Item 8 in this report, we believe the following critical accounting policy affected our most significant judgments, assumptions, and estimates used in the preparation of our consolidated financial statements and, therefore, is important in understanding our financial condition and results of operations.

#### *Accrued Expenses*

As part of the process of preparing our financial statements, we are required to estimate accrued expenses. This process involves identifying services that third parties have performed on our behalf and estimating the level of service performed and the associated cost incurred for these services as of the balance sheet date. Examples of estimated accrued expenses include contract service fees, such as fees payable to contract manufacturers in connection with the production of materials related to our drug product, and professional service fees, such as attorneys, consultants, and clinical research organizations. We develop estimates of liabilities using our judgment based upon the facts and circumstances known at the time.

#### *Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements*

We have not participated in any transactions with unconsolidated entities, such as special purpose entities, which would have been established for the purpose of facilitating off-balance sheet arrangements.

#### *Indemnifications*

In the ordinary course of business, we enter into contractual arrangements under which we may agree to indemnify certain parties from any losses incurred relating to the services they perform on our behalf or for losses arising from certain events as defined within the particular contract. Such indemnification obligations may not be subject to maximum loss clauses. We have entered into indemnity agreements with each of our directors, officers and certain employees. Such indemnity agreements contain provisions, which are in some respects broader than the specific indemnification provisions contained in Delaware law. We also maintain an insurance policy for our directors and executive officers insuring against certain liabilities arising in their capacities as such.

#### **Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk**

Not applicable.

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**Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

The Board of Directors and Stockholders

ARCA biopharma, Inc.:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of ARCA biopharma, Inc. (a development stage enterprise) and subsidiaries (the Company) as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, and the related consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive loss, preferred stock and stockholders' equity (deficit), and cash flows for each of the years in the two-year period ended December 31, 2013 and for the period from December 17, 2001 (date of inception) to December 31, 2013. These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of ARCA biopharma, Inc. (a development stage enterprise) and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the years in the two-year period ended December 31, 2013 and for the period from December 17, 2001 (date of inception) to December 31, 2013, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared assuming that the Company will continue as a going concern. As discussed in note 1 to the consolidated financial statements, the Company has suffered recurring losses from operations and is dependent upon raising additional funds from strategic transactions, sales of equity, and/or issuance of debt. The Company's ability to consummate such transactions is uncertain. As a result, there is substantial doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. Management's plans in regard to these matters are also described in note 1. The consolidated financial statements do not include any adjustments that might result from the outcome of this uncertainty.

/s/ KPMG LLP

Denver, Colorado

March 20, 2014

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**ARCA BIOPHARMA, INC.**  
**(a development stage enterprise)**  
**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**

	<b>As of December 31, 2013      2012 (in thousands, except share and per share amounts)</b>	
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 16,756	\$ 2,920
Other current assets	169	125
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>16,925</b>	<b>3,045</b>
Property and equipment, net	29	23
Other assets	130	144
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 17,084</b>	<b>\$ 3,212</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 597	\$ 65
Accrued compensation and employee benefits	459	103
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	446	121
Deferred rent, current portion		16
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>1,502</b>	<b>305</b>
Deferred rent, net of current portion	1	
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>1,503</b>	<b>305</b>
Commitments and contingencies		
<b>Stockholders equity:</b>		
Series A convertible preferred stock, \$.001 par value; 135,000 shares authorized, no shares issued and outstanding at December 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012		
Common stock, \$.001 par value; 100,000,000 shares authorized at December 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012; 15,685,562 and 2,660,315 shares issued and outstanding at December 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively	16	3
Additional paid-in capital	90,498	70,898
Deficit accumulated during the development stage	(74,933)	(67,994)



<b>Total stockholders equity</b>	15,581	2,907
<b>Total liabilities and stockholders equity</b>	<b>\$ 17,084</b>	<b>\$ 3,212</b>

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

Table of Contents**ARCA BIOPHARMA, INC.****(a development stage enterprise)****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND COMPREHENSIVE LOSS**

	<b>Years Ended December 31,</b>		<b>Period from</b>
	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>December 17,</b>
	<b>(in thousands, except share and</b>		<b>2001 (date</b>
	<b>per share amounts)</b>		<b>of</b>
	<b>per share amounts)</b>		<b>inception) to</b>
	<b>per share amounts)</b>		<b>December 31,</b>
	<b>per share amounts)</b>		<b>2013</b>
Costs and expenses:			
Research and development	\$ 2,928	\$ 1,092	\$ 45,605
General and administrative	4,012	3,227	46,595
Merger transaction costs			5,470
Restructuring expense, net			2,413
Loss on impairment of in-process research and development			6,000
<b>Total costs and expenses</b>	<b>6,940</b>	<b>4,319</b>	<b>106,083</b>
Loss from operations	(6,940)	(4,319)	(106,083)
Gain on assignment of patent rights			2,000
Gain on bargain purchase			25,282
Interest and other income	5	2	2,033
Interest and other expense	(4)	(3)	(446)
<b>Loss before income taxes</b>	<b>(6,939)</b>	<b>(4,320)</b>	<b>(77,214)</b>
Benefit from income taxes			2,281
<b>Net loss and comprehensive loss</b>	<b>\$ (6,939)</b>	<b>\$ (4,320)</b>	<b>\$ (74,933)</b>
Less: Accretion of redeemable convertible preferred stock			(245)
Less: Deemed preferred stock dividend	(2,026)		(2,807)
<b>Net loss available to common stockholders</b>	<b>\$ (8,965)</b>	<b>\$ (4,320)</b>	<b>\$ (77,985)</b>
<b>Net loss available to common stockholders per share:</b>			
Basic and diluted	\$ (1.04)	\$ (1.94)	
<b>Weighted average shares outstanding:</b>			
Basic and diluted	8,629,479	2,223,516	

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## ARCA BIOPHARMA, INC.

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## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF PREFERRED STOCK AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY (DEFICIT)

	Series A		Series B		Series A		Stockholders		Equity (Deficit)	
	Convertible	Convertible	Convertible	Convertible	Convertible	Convertible	Common	Additional	Accumulated	Total
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount	Shares	Capital	During	
	(in thousands, except share and per share amounts)									
<b>Balance, December 17, 2001 (date of inception)</b>		\$		\$		\$		\$	\$	\$
Issuance of common stock to founders on December 31, 2002, for cash, at \$0.36 per share							2,588		1	1
Net loss									(116)	(116)
<b>Balance, December 31, 2003</b>							2,588		1	(116)
Issuance of common stock on September 30, 2004, for cash, at \$0.36 per share							19,720		7	7
Net loss									(511)	(511)
<b>Balance, December 31, 2004</b>							22,308		8	(627)
Issuance of common stock on January 3, 2005, for cash, at \$0.36 per share							2,922		1	1
Issuance of common stock on January 3, 2005, upon conversion of notes payable and related accrued interest at \$0.36 per share							2,978		1	1

Issuance of common stock on October 14, 2005, for intellectual property license rights, at \$48.84 per share		903	44	44
Issuance of common stock on October 14, 2005, upon conversion of notes payable and related accrued interest		31,095	1,354	1,354
Net loss			(1,459)	(1,459)
<b>Balance, December 31, 2005</b>		60,206	1,408	(2,086)
Issuance of common stock on February 21, 2006, for intellectual property license rights, at \$4.32 per share		17,372	75	75
Issuance of Series A on February 22, 2006, for cash, at \$1.6265 per share	5,727,354	9,316		
Issuance of Series A on February 22, 2006, upon conversion of notes payable and related accrued interest, at \$1.6265 per share	420,817	684		
Issuance of common stock upon exercise of stock options, for cash		8,019	3	3
Issuance of common stock on February 22, 2006, for intellectual property and product license rights, at \$4.32 per share		13,907	60	60
Issuance of common stock on June 23, 2006, for intellectual property license rights, at \$5.40 per share		2,505	15	15



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## ARCA BIOPHARMA, INC.

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**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF PREFERRED STOCK AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY  
(DEFICIT) (Continued)**

	Series A		Series B		Series A		Stockholders Equity (Deficit)		Total	
	Convertible Preferred Shares	Convertible Preferred Amount	Convertible Preferred Shares	Convertible Preferred Amount	Convertible Preferred Shares	Convertible Preferred Amount	Common stock Shares	Common stock Amount		Additional Paid In Capital
Issuance of common stock on November 7, 2006, for intellectual property license rights, at \$5.40 per share							38			
Issuance of Series A on December 8, 2006, for cash, at \$1.6265 per share	3,074,086	5,000								
Series A offering costs		(98)								
Share-based compensation								39		39
Accretion of offering costs of redeemable convertible preferred stock		17						(17)		(17)
Net loss									(5,241)	(5,241)
<b>Balance, December 31, 2006</b>	9,222,257	14,919	3,688,902	9,000			102,047	1,583	(7,327)	(5,744)

Issuance of Series B convertible redeemable preferred stock, on May 31, 2007 for \$2.439 per share				
Issuance of Series B convertible redeemable preferred stock, on December 28, 2007 for \$3.253 per share	2,766,677	9,000		
Series B offering Costs		(147)		
Accretion of Series A offering costs	19		(19)	(19)
Accretion of Series B offering costs		18	(18)	(18)
Issuance of common stock for intellectual property license rights, on January 18, 2007 at \$10.08 per share			1,303	13
Issuance of common stock for intellectual property license rights, on June 30, 2007 at \$10.80 per share			642	7
Issuance of common stock for commercial license rights, on July 19, 2007, vests upon achievement of			2,783	



specified criteria								
Share-based compensation						50		50
Issuance of shares to executive on February 19, 2007, vesting upon achievement of specified criteria, subject to repurchase					13,915			
Issuance of common stock upon exercise of stock options for cash					2,227	16		16
Net loss							(13,994)	(13,994)

<b>Balance, December 31, 2007</b>	9,222,257	14,938	6,455,579	17,871	122,917	1,632	(21,321)	(19,689)
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**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF PREFERRED STOCK AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY  
(DEFICIT) (Continued)**

	Series A Redeemable Convertible Preferred Stock		Series B Redeemable Convertible Preferred Stock		Series A Convertible Preferred Stock	Stockholders Common stock	Equity (Deficit) Additional Paid In Capital	Deficit Accumulated During the Development Stage	Total
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount	Shares	Shares	Amount		
	(in thousands, except share and per share amounts)								
<b>Balance, December 31, 2007</b>	9,222,257	14,938	6,455,579	17,871		122,917	1,632	(21,321)	(19,689)
Accretion of Series A offering costs		20						(20)	(20)
Accretion of Series B offering costs				36				(36)	(36)
Share-based compensation							545		545
Estimated fair value of warrants issued in connection with convertible notes payable							399		399
Issuance of common stock upon exercise of stock options, for cash						36,154	54		54
Net loss								(19,431)	(19,431)
<b>Balance, December 31, 2008</b>	9,222,257	14,958	6,455,579	17,907		159,071	2,574	(40,752)	(38,178)
						(7)			

Adjustment for fractional shares on common conversion								
Deemed preferred stock dividend for additional common shares issuable under anti-dilution provision			781				(781)	(781)
Accretion of Series A offering costs	42						(42)	(42)
Accretion of Series B offering costs			93				(93)	(93)
Conversion of preferred stock	(9,222,257)	(15,000)	(6,455,579)	(18,781)	507,123	1	33,780	33,781
Restricted stock release from restriction							75	75
Conversion of convertible notes and related accrued interest					145,465		8,501	8,501
Conversion of warrants for preferred stock							36	36
Merger with Nuvelo, Inc.					447,826		11,913	11,913
Adjustment for fractional shares					(102)			
Share-based compensation							845	845
Issuance of common stock upon exercise of stock options for cash					10,521		114	114
Issuance of common stock under employee					177		2	2

stock purchase plan and upon vesting of restricted stock units					
Estimated fair value of warrants issued in connection with lease termination			377		377
Net loss				(9,138)	(9,138)
<b>Balance, December 31, 2009</b>	1,270,074	1	57,301	(49,890)	7,412
Issuance of common stock for cash, net of offering costs	194,100		7,182		7,182
Issuance of common stock upon exercise of stock options for cash	8,248		139		139
Share-based compensation			458		458
Net loss				(8,420)	(8,420)
<b>Balance, December 31, 2010</b>	1,472,422	1	65,080	(58,310)	6,771

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## ARCA BIOPHARMA, INC.

(a development stage enterprise)

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF PREFERRED STOCK AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY  
(DEFICIT) (Continued)**

	Series		Series A		Stockholders Equity (Deficit)		Total	
	A Redeemable Convertible Preferred Shares Amount	Series B Redeemable Convertible Preferred Stock Shares Amount	Series A Convertible Preferred Stock Shares Amount	Common stock Shares	Additional Paid In Capital	Deficit Accumulated During the Development Stage		
(in thousands, except share and per share amounts)								
Issuance of common stock for cash, net of offering costs				557,890	1	4,016	4,017	
Issuance of common stock upon exercise of stock options for cash				188				
Share-based compensation						308	308	
Net loss						(5,364)	(5,364)	
<b>Balance, December 31, 2011</b>				2,030,500	2	69,404	(63,674)	5,732
Issuance of common stock for cash, net of offering costs				629,815	1	1,188		1,189
Issuance of common stock upon exercise of stock options for cash								
Share-based compensation						306		306
Net loss						(4,320)		(4,320)
<b>Balance, December 31, 2012</b>				2,660,315	3	70,898	(67,994)	2,907
Issuance of common stock for cash, net of offering costs				521,066		1,421		1,421
Adjustment for fractional shares				(64)				

Issuance of common stock upon exercise of warrants for cash		4,245		12		12
Issuance of Series A convertible preferred stock, net of offering costs	125,000			17,917		17,917
Deemed preferred stock dividend for beneficial conversion feature				2,026		2,026
Impact of deemed preferred stock dividend for beneficial conversion feature on common stockholders				(2,026)		(2,026)
Conversion of preferred stock to common stock, net of conversion costs	(125,000)	12,500,000	13	(33)		(20)
Share-based compensation				283		283
Net loss					(6,939)	(6,939)
<b>Balance, December 31, 2013</b>	\$	\$	\$ 15,685,562	\$ 16	\$ 90,498	\$ (74,933) \$ 15,581

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

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	<b>Period from</b>		
	<b>December 17,</b>		
	<b>2001 (date</b>		
	<b>of</b>		
	<b>inception) to</b>		
	<b>Years Ended December 31,</b>		<b>December 31,</b>
	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>
	<b>(in thousands)</b>		
<b>Cash flows used in operating activities:</b>			
Net loss	\$ (6,939)	\$ (4,320)	\$ (74,933)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operating activities:			
Gain on patent rights assignment			(2,000)
Gain on bargain purchase			(25,282)
Depreciation and amortization	26	43	1,806
Non-cash interest expense			211
Share-based compensation	283	306	2,871
Issuance of warrants for lease termination			377
Accretion of liabilities			152
Impairment of property and equipment			125
Impairment of in-process research and development			6,000
Write-off of deferred tax liability			(2,281)
Gain on marketable securities available for sale			(263)
Loss from disposal of property and equipment			83
Other, net			267
Change in operating assets and liabilities (net of amounts acquired):			
Other current assets	130	278	2,950
Other assets	14	80	7,340
Accounts payable	532	(195)	(1,593)
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	681	(237)	(18,540)
Deferred rent	(15)	(33)	1
<b>Net cash used in operating activities</b>	<b>(5,288)</b>	<b>(4,078)</b>	<b>(102,709)</b>
<b>Cash flows provided by investing activities:</b>			
Cash received from merger			30,392

Payment of deferred transaction costs			(1,186)
Purchase of property and equipment	(32)		(1,911)
Proceeds from sale of marketable securities			15,369
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment			358
Proceeds from patent rights assignment			2,000
<b>Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities</b>	<b>(32)</b>		<b>45,022</b>

**Cash flows provided by financing activities:**

Proceeds from issuance of convertible notes payable and related warrants for common stock			10,841
Proceeds from issuance of bank note payable			4,000
Proceeds from stock subject to repurchase			38
Proceeds from the issuance of preferred stock	20,000		52,316
Preferred stock offering costs	(2,083)		(2,329)
Proceeds from the issuance of common stock	1,741	1,528	15,850
Payment of offering costs	(328)	(339)	(1,714)
Repayment of principal on bank note payable			(4,000)
Repayment of principal on convertible notes payables			(105)
Repayment of principal on vendor finance agreement	(174)	(134)	(454)

<b>Net cash provided by financing activities</b>	<b>19,156</b>	<b>1,055</b>	<b>74,443</b>
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<b>Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>13,836</b>	<b>(3,023)</b>	<b>16,756</b>
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Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	2,920	5,943	
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<b>Cash and cash equivalents, end of period</b>	<b>\$ 16,756</b>	<b>\$ 2,920</b>	<b>\$ 16,756</b>
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## Supplemental cash flow information:

Interest paid	\$ 3	\$ 3	\$ 118
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## Supplemental disclosure of noncash investing and financing transactions:

Accrued interest on notes payable converted to equity	\$	\$	\$ 163
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Warrant issued in connection with credit facility	\$	\$	\$ 111
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Accrued deferred transaction costs	\$	\$	\$ 482
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**ARCA BIOPHARMA, INC.**

**(a development stage enterprise)**

**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**(1) The Company and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

***Description of Business***

ARCA biopharma, Inc., or the Company or ARCA, a Delaware corporation, is headquartered in Westminster, Colorado and is a biopharmaceutical company principally focused on developing genetically-targeted therapies for cardiovascular diseases. The Company's lead product candidate, Gencaro (bucindolol hydrochloride), a pharmacologically unique beta-blocker and mild vasodilator that ARCA plans to evaluate in a new clinical trial for the treatment of atrial fibrillation, or AF, in patients with heart failure and left ventricular dysfunction, or HFREF. The Company has identified common genetic variations in receptors in the cardiovascular system that it believes interact with Gencaro's pharmacology and may predict patient response to the drug.

The Company plans to test this hypothesis in a Phase 2B/3 clinical trial of Gencaro, known as GENETIC-AF. The AF indication for Gencaro was chosen based on prior clinical data from the previously conducted Phase 3 heart failure (HF) trial of Gencaro in 2,708 HF patients, or the BEST trial, suggest that Gencaro may be successful in reducing or preventing AF. GENETIC-AF is planned as a multi-center, randomized, double-blind clinical trial designed to compare the safety and efficacy of Gencaro to an active comparator in HFREF patients recently diagnosed with persistent AF and having beta-1 389 arginine homozygous genotype, the genotype the Company believes responds most favorably to Gencaro. The primary endpoint of GENETIC-AF is time to recurrent symptomatic AF or all-cause mortality.

ARCA has created an adaptive design for GENETIC-AF. It is anticipated that the trial will be initiated as a Phase 2B study in approximately 200 HFREF patients. The GENETIC-AF Data Safety Monitoring Board (DSMB) will analyze certain data from the Phase 2B portion of the trial and recommend based on a comparison to the pre-trial statistical assumptions, whether the trial should proceed to Phase 3 and seek to enroll an additional 420 patients. The DSMB will make their recommendation based on analysis of certain trial data after 200 patients have been enrolled and have completed 24 weeks of follow-up, the period for measuring the trial's primary end-point. The interim analysis will focus on available data regarding AF event rates, AF burden, and safety. Should the DSMB interim analysis conclude the data is consistent with the pre-trial statistical assumptions and indicates potential for achieving statistical significance for the Phase 3 endpoint, then the DSMB may recommend the study proceed to Phase 3. The DSMB may also recommend changes to the study design before potentially proceeding to Phase 3, or it may recommend that the study not proceed to Phase 3. The Company, in consultation with the trial's clinical steering committee and the DSMB, will make the final determination on the trial's development steps. The Company believes the Phase 2B portion of the study would take approximately two and one-half years to complete from the time the first patient is enrolled until the planned DSMB interim analysis of data from the initial 200 patients.

The Company has been granted patents in the U.S., Europe, and other jurisdictions for methods of treating AF and HF patients with Gencaro based on genetic testing, which the Company believes may provide market exclusivity for these uses of Gencaro into at least 2026 in the U.S. and into 2025 in Europe. In addition, the Company believes that if Gencaro is approved, a Gencaro patent will be eligible for patent term extension based on our current clinical trial plans which, if granted, may provide market exclusivity for Gencaro into 2029 or 2030 in the U.S. and Europe.

To complete both phases of the GENETIC-AF clinical trial and submit for FDA approval, the Company will need to raise additional capital. If the Company is unable to obtain additional funding or is unable to complete a strategic transaction, it may have to discontinue development activities on Gencaro or discontinue its operations.

***Development Stage Risks, Liquidity and Going Concern***

The Company is in the development stage and devotes substantially all of its efforts towards obtaining regulatory approval, exploring strategic alternatives for further developing Gencaro, and raising capital necessary to fund its operations. The Company has not generated revenue to date and is subject to a number of risks similar to those of other development stage companies, including dependence on key individuals, the development of and regulatory approval of commercially viable products, the need to raise adequate additional financing necessary to fund the development and commercialization of its products, and competition from larger companies. The Company has historically funded its operations through issuances of common and preferred stock, as well as through the business combination with Nuvelo, Inc. or Nuvelo.

Since ARCA was founded on December 17, 2001, or Inception, the Company has incurred substantial losses and negative cash flows from operations. Since Inception, the Company incurred a loss from operations of \$106.1 million and had negative cash flows from operations of \$102.7 million.

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During 2013, the Company raised approximately \$19.3 million, net of offering costs, through sales of its convertible preferred and common stock. The Company believes the financings have positioned it to initiate the planned Phase 2B/3 GENETIC-AF trial. In February 2014, the Company completed a public equity offering to secure additional funds for the planned Phase 2B/3 GENETIC-AF trial and its ongoing operations. The Company anticipates that its current cash and cash equivalents, including the approximately \$7.9 million of net proceeds from its February 2014 equity offering, will be sufficient to fund its operations, at its projected cost structure, through at least the end of 2015. However, in light of the significant uncertainties regarding clinical development timelines and costs for developing drugs such as Gencaro, the Company expects to need to raise additional capital to finance the completion of GENETIC-AF and its ongoing operations. If the Company is delayed in completing or is unable to complete additional funding and/or a strategic transaction, the Company may discontinue its development activities or discontinue its operations.

The Company's liquidity, and its ability to raise additional capital or complete any strategic transaction, depends on a number of factors, including, but not limited to, the following:

the costs and timing for the planned GENETIC-AF clinical trial in order to gain possible FDA approval for Gencaro;

progress of GENETIC-AF and enrollment and any data that may become available;

the market price of the Company's stock and the availability and cost of additional equity capital from existing and potential new investors;

the Company's ability to retain the listing of its common stock on the Nasdaq Capital Market;

general economic and industry conditions affecting the availability and cost of capital;

the Company's ability to control costs associated with its operations;

the costs of filing, prosecuting, defending and enforcing any patent claims and other intellectual property rights; and

the terms and conditions of the Company's existing collaborative and licensing agreements.

The sale of additional equity or convertible debt securities would likely result in substantial additional dilution to the Company's stockholders. If the Company raises additional funds through the incurrence of indebtedness, the obligations related to such indebtedness would be senior to rights of holders of the Company's capital stock and could contain covenants that would restrict the Company's operations. The Company also cannot predict what consideration might be available, if any, to the Company or its stockholders, in connection with any strategic transaction. Should strategic alternatives or additional capital not be available to the Company in the near term, or not be available on

acceptable terms, the Company may be unable to realize value from its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of business which may, among other alternatives, cause the Company to further delay, substantially reduce or discontinue operational activities to conserve its cash resources.

The significant uncertainties surrounding the clinical development timelines and costs and the need to raise a significant amount of capital raises substantial doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time. These consolidated financial statements have been prepared with the assumption that the Company will continue as a going concern and will be able to realize its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of business and do not include any adjustments to reflect the possible future effects on the recoverability and classification of assets or the amounts and classification of liabilities that may result from the inability of the Company to continue as a going concern. The Company may not be able to raise sufficient capital on acceptable terms, or at all, to continue development of Gencaro or to otherwise continue operations and may not be able to execute any strategic transaction.

***Merger with Nuvelo, Inc.***

On January 27, 2009, the Company completed a business combination, or the Merger, with ARCA Colorado in accordance with the terms of that Agreement and Plan of Merger and Reorganization, dated September 24, 2008, and amended on October 28, 2008 (as amended, the Merger Agreement), in which a wholly-owned subsidiary of Nuvelo merged with and into ARCA Colorado, with ARCA Colorado continuing after the Merger as the surviving corporation and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Nuvelo. Immediately following the Merger, the Company changed its name from Nuvelo, Inc. to ARCA biopharma, Inc. The business combination is treated as a reverse merger for accounting purposes, and ARCA Colorado is the accounting acquirer, and the entity formerly known as Nuvelo, Inc. is the acquired company (Nuvelo). Pursuant to the rules and regulations of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC, the historical financial statements of ARCA Colorado replaced the historical financial statements of the acquired company, and the disclosures in this report relating to the pre-Merger business of the Company, unless noted as being the business of Nuvelo prior to the Merger, pertain to the business of ARCA Colorado prior to the Merger. See Note 3 for further discussion of the Merger.

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In conjunction with and immediately prior to the Merger, Nuvelo effected a 1-for-20 reverse stock split. As a result, and in accordance with the Merger Agreement, each outstanding common share and warrant or option to purchase ARCA Colorado's common stock prior to the Merger was converted into the right to receive or purchase 0.16698070, or the Exchange Ratio, shares of the Company's common stock, which Exchange Ratio incorporates the effect of the reverse stock split. All common shares, options and warrants to purchase common shares and per common share amounts for all periods presented in the accompanying financial statements and notes have been adjusted retroactively to reflect the effect of the Exchange Ratio, except for the par value per share and the number of shares authorized, which are not affected by the Exchange Ratio. The accompanying consolidated financial statements and notes have not been adjusted to retroactively reflect the effect of the Exchange Ratio on preferred shares and per preferred share amounts.

### ***Reverse Stock Split***

On March 4, 2013, the Company completed a 1-for-6 reverse split of its common stock. All common shares and per common share amounts in the financial statements and footnotes have been adjusted retroactively to reflect the effects of this action.

### ***Basis of Presentation***

The Company has generated no revenue to date and its activities have consisted of seeking regulatory approval, research and development, exploring strategic alternatives for further developing and commercializing Gencaro, and raising capital. Accordingly, the Company is considered to be in the development stage at December 31, 2013.

### ***Recent Accounting Pronouncements***

### ***Accounting Estimates in the Preparation of Financial Statements***

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of expenses during the reporting period. The Company bases estimates on various assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The Company believes significant judgment was involved in estimating the fair value of assets acquired and liabilities assumed in the Merger, including in-process research and development, facility exit costs, clinical trial accruals, and in estimating other accrued liabilities, stock-based compensation, and income taxes. Management is continually evaluating and updating these estimates, and it is possible that these estimates will change in the future or that actual results may differ from these estimates.

### ***Cash Equivalents***

Cash equivalents generally consist of money market funds and debt securities with maturities of 90 days or less at the time of purchase. The Company invests its excess cash in securities with strong ratings and has established guidelines relative to diversification and maturity with the objective of maintaining safety of principal and liquidity.

The Company classifies all cash equivalents as available-for-sale securities, and records investments at fair value. The specific identification method is utilized to calculate the cost to determine realized gains and losses from the sale of available-for-sale securities. Realized gains and losses are included in interest income in the consolidated statements of operations.

***Concentrations of Credit Risk***

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to significant concentrations of credit risk consist primarily of cash and cash equivalents. The Company has no off-balance-sheet concentrations of credit risk, such as foreign exchange contracts, option contracts, or foreign currency hedging arrangements. The Company maintains cash and cash equivalent balances in the form of bank demand deposits, money market fund accounts and debt securities with financial institutions that management believes are creditworthy. Such balances may at times exceed the insured amount.

***Property and Equipment***

Property and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and amortization. Cost includes expenditures for equipment, leasehold improvements, replacements, and renewals. Maintenance and repairs are charged to expense as incurred. When assets are sold, retired, or otherwise disposed of, the cost and accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounts and any resulting gain or loss is reflected in operations. The cost of property and equipment is depreciated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the related assets. Leasehold improvements are amortized over the shorter of the life of the lease or the estimated useful life of the assets. Property and equipment acquired in the Merger were recorded at the estimated fair value as of the date of the Merger, and are subsequently depreciated using the straight-line method over the estimated remaining useful lives of the related assets.

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### ***Accrued Expenses***

As part of the process of preparing its financial statements, the Company is required to estimate accrued expenses. This process involves identifying services that third parties have performed on the Company's behalf and estimating the level of service performed and the associated cost incurred for these services as of the balance sheet date. Examples of estimated accrued expenses include contract service fees, such as fees payable to contract manufacturers in connection with the production of materials related to the Company's drug product, and professional service fees, such as attorneys, consultants, and clinical research organizations. The Company develops estimates of liabilities using its judgment based upon the facts and circumstances known at the time.

### ***Segments***

The Company operates in one segment. Management uses one measure of profitability and does not segment its business for internal reporting.

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

Research and development costs are expensed as incurred. These consist primarily of salaries, contract services, and supplies.

Costs related to clinical trial and drug manufacturing activities are based upon estimates of the services received and related expenses incurred by contract research organizations, or CROs, clinical study sites, drug manufacturers, collaboration partners, laboratories, consultants, or otherwise. Related contracts vary significantly in length, and could be for a fixed amount, a variable amount based on actual costs incurred, capped at a certain limit, or for a combination of these elements. Activity levels are monitored through communications with the vendors, including detailed invoices and task completion review, analysis of expenses against budgeted amounts, and pre-approval of any changes in scope of the services to be performed. Certain significant vendors may also provide an estimate of costs incurred but not invoiced on a periodic basis. Expenses related to the CROs and clinical studies, as well as contract drug manufacturers, are primarily based on progress made against specified milestones or targets in each period.

### ***Stock-Based Compensation***

The Company's stock-based compensation cost recognized includes: (a) compensation costs for current period vesting of all share-based awards granted prior to January 1, 2006, based on the intrinsic value method, and (b) compensation cost for current period vesting of all share-based awards granted or modified subsequent to January 1, 2006, based on the estimated grant date fair value. The Company recognizes compensation costs for its share-based awards on a straight-line basis over the requisite service period for the entire award, as adjusted for expected forfeitures.

From Inception through December 31, 2005, the Company accounted for issuances of stock-based compensation under the intrinsic-value-based method of accounting. Under this method, compensation expense is generally recorded on the date of grant only if the estimated fair value of the underlying stock exceeds the exercise price.

### ***Income Taxes***

The current benefit for income taxes represents actual or estimated amounts payable or refundable on tax returns filed or to be filed each year. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the estimated future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases and operating loss and tax credit carryforwards. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of

a change in tax rates is recognized in the period that includes the enactment date. The overall change in deferred tax assets and liabilities for the period measures the deferred tax expense or benefit for the period. The measurement of deferred tax assets may be reduced by a valuation allowance based on judgmental assessment of available evidence if deemed more likely than not that some or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. The Company has recorded a valuation allowance against all of its deferred tax assets, as management has concluded that it is more likely than not that the net deferred tax asset will not be realized through future taxable income, based primarily on the Company's history of operating losses. The Company has not performed an Internal Revenue Code Section 382 limitation study. Depending on the outcome of such a study, the gross amount of net operating losses recognizable in future tax periods could be limited.

## **(2) Net Loss Per Share**

The Company calculates basic earnings per share by dividing (loss) earnings attributable to common stockholders by the weighted average common shares outstanding during the period, excluding common stock subject to vesting provisions. Diluted earnings per share is computed by dividing (loss) attributable to common stockholders by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period increased to include, if dilutive, the number of additional common shares that would have been outstanding if the potential common shares had been issued. The Company's potentially dilutive shares include options and warrants.



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A reconciliation of the numerator and denominator used in the calculation of basic and diluted loss per share follows:

(In thousands, except shares and per share data)	Years Ended December 31,	
	2013	2012
Net loss	\$ (6,939)	\$ (4,320)
Less: Series A Preferred Stock deemed dividend	(2,026)	
Net loss available to common shareholders	\$ (8,965)	\$ (4,320)
Weighted average shares of common stock outstanding	8,631,668	2,226,299
Less: Weighted-average shares of unvested common stock	(2,188)	(2,783)
Total weighted-average shares used in computing net loss per share attributed to common stockholders	8,629,480	2,223,516
Basic and diluted loss per share	\$ (1.04)	\$ (1.94)

Potentially dilutive securities representing 7,366,000 and 762,000 weighted average shares of common stock were excluded for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively, because including them would have an anti-dilutive effect on net loss attributable to common stockholders per share.

Subsequent to December 31, 2013, the Company sold 5,116,228 shares of ARCA common stock and warrants to purchase 1,279,057 shares of ARCA common stock (see Note 8). Those shares, and the potentially dilutive securities represented by the warrants, had the transactions occurred before December 31, 2013, would have changed the number of common shares and potential common shares outstanding at December 31, 2013.

**(3) Merger with Nuvelo, Inc. on January 27, 2009**

On January 27, 2009, the Company completed the Merger, with ARCA Colorado in accordance with the terms of the Merger Agreement, in which a wholly-owned subsidiary of Nuvelo merged with and into ARCA Colorado, with ARCA Colorado continuing after the Merger as the surviving corporation and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Nuvelo. Immediately following the Merger, the Company changed its name from Nuvelo, Inc. to ARCA biopharma, Inc., and its common stock began trading on the Nasdaq Global Market under the symbol ABIO on January 28, 2009.

The Merger was treated as a reverse merger and accounted for as a business combination using the acquisition method of accounting in accordance with Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 805. For accounting purposes, ARCA Colorado was considered to have acquired Nuvelo in the Merger, as the stockholders of ARCA Colorado prior to the Merger had a controlling interest in the combined company and the Company's management is the former management of ARCA Colorado. Pursuant to the rules and regulations of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC, the historical financial statements of ARCA Colorado replaced the historical financial statements of Nuvelo, and the disclosures in this report relating to the pre-Merger business of the Company, unless noted as being the business of Nuvelo prior to the Merger, pertain to the business of ARCA Colorado prior to the Merger.

The estimated total acquisition consideration of \$11.9 million to acquire Nuvelo was based on the market capitalization of Nuvelo as of January 27, 2009 and the estimated fair values of its vested stock options and warrants outstanding on that date, as this was deemed the most reliable measure of the consideration effectively transferred to acquire Nuvelo on that date. The Company estimated the net assets acquired in the Merger to be \$37.2 million, including \$45.5 million of cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities. In accordance with ASC 805, any excess of fair value of net assets acquired in a business combination over the acquisition consideration results in a gain on bargain purchase, and as a result, the Company recorded a gain on bargain purchase of \$25.3 million.

#### **(4) Financial Instruments**

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date (exit price). Inputs used to measure fair value are classified into the following hierarchy:

Level 1 Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities

Level 2 Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for similar assets or liabilities; unadjusted quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active; or inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability

Level 3 Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability

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The Company's financial assets include \$16.5 million at December 31, 2013 and \$2.8 million at December 31, 2012, in money market funds, classified as cash equivalents, which are measured at fair value based on Level 1 inputs on a recurring basis. There were no transfers between any fair value hierarchy levels in 2013 or 2012.

**Fair Value of Other Financial Instruments**

The carrying amount of other financial instruments, including cash and accounts payable, approximated fair value due to their short maturities. As of December 31, 2013 and 2012, the Company did not have any debt outstanding.

**(5) Property and Equipment**

Property and equipment consist of the following (in thousands):

	Estimated Life	December 31, 2013	December 31, 2012
Computer equipment	3 years	\$ 99	\$ 104
Lab equipment	5 years	142	142
Furniture and fixtures	5 years	89	93
Computer software	3 years	176	176
Leasehold improvements	Lesser of useful life or life of the lease	8	18
		514	533
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization		(485)	(510)
		\$ 29	\$ 23

For the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, and for the period from Inception through December 31, 2013, depreciation and amortization expense was \$26,000, \$43,000 and \$1.8 million, respectively.

**(6) Related Party Arrangements***Transactions with the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer*

The Company has entered into unrestricted research grants with its President and Chief Executive Officer's academic research laboratory at the University of Colorado, or the Lab. Funding of any unrestricted research grants is contingent upon the Company's financial condition, and can be deferred or terminated at the Company's discretion. Total expense under these arrangements for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012 was \$297,000 and \$63,000 respectively, and \$1.8 million from Inception through December 31, 2013.

**(7) Commitments and Contingencies**

The Company has or is subject to the following commitments and contingencies:

***Employment Agreements***

The Company maintains employment agreements with several key executive employees. The agreements may be terminated at any time by the Company with or without cause upon written notice to the employee, and entitle the employee to wages in lieu of notice for periods not exceeding one calendar year from date of termination without cause or by the employee for good reason. Certain of these agreements also provide for payments to be made under certain conditions related to a change in control of the Company.

***Operating Leases***

The Company was party to a lease agreement, dated February 8, 2008. The original lease provided for approximately 15,000 square feet of an office facility in Broomfield, Colorado. The office location served as the Company's primary business office. In June 2011, the Company and its landlord amended the lease mutually agreeing for the Company to relocate to another suite, comprising approximately 4,500 square feet within the same building. The original five year term of the Lease remained unchanged. The Company's facility lease which would have originally expired in June 2013 was extended by a letter of extension through September 30, 2013.

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Effective August 1, 2013 the Company entered into a lease agreement for approximately 5,300 square feet of office facilities in Westminster, Colorado that has served as the Company's primary business office since October 1, 2013. The lease has a three year term and expires on September 30, 2016. Below is a summary of the future minimum lease payments committed for the Company's facility in Westminster, Colorado as of December 31, 2013:

2014	\$ 78,000
2015	80,000
2016	62,000
Total future minimum lease payments	\$ 220,000

Rent expense under these leases for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012 was \$63,000 and \$48,000, respectively, and was \$578,000 from Inception through December 31, 2013.

***Duke University***

In November 2013, the Company entered into a clinical research agreement with Duke University (Duke) to serve as the clinical research organization for the Company's planned GENETIC-AF clinical study. Under the agreement the Company is responsible to pay Duke for their work managing certain aspects of the clinical study, including clinical site recruitment and clinical site management. Upon completion of the clinical study, the agreement will terminate. The agreement can be terminated earlier by the Company for any reason with 90 days written notice to Duke. In the event of an early termination, the Company and Duke would coordinate efforts for an orderly wind-down of the study, and the Company would be responsible to pay Duke for time and effort incurred through the date of termination and through the wind-down period.

***University of Cincinnati***

In April 2011, the Company entered into a license agreement with the University of Cincinnati to license exclusive worldwide rights to a portfolio of U.S. and international patents, which includes certain U.S. and international diagnostic patents covering genetic markers for ARCA's lead drug candidate, Gencaro. These patents provide the basis for exclusive worldwide development, use and commercialization of the genetic test which may indicate a patient's likely response to Gencaro as a treatment for chronic HF, AF, and other indications. Under the terms of the agreement, ARCA agreed to pay the University of Cincinnati annual license fees and is obligated to future milestone payments for each United States patent issued subsequent to the date of the agreement. The agreement also requires royalty payments on net sales from genetic testing performed expressly for the purpose of prescribing bucindolol.

***Cardiovascular Pharmacology and Engineering Consultants, LLC, or CPEC***

ARCA has licensed worldwide rights to Gencaro, including all preclinical and clinical data from Cardiovascular Pharmacology and Engineering Consultants, LLC, or CPEC, who has licensed rights in Gencaro from BMS. CPEC is a licensing subsidiary of Indevus Pharmaceuticals Inc. (a wholly owned subsidiary of Endo Pharmaceuticals), holding ownership rights to certain clinical trial data of Gencaro. Under the terms of its license agreement with CPEC, the Company will incur milestone and royalty obligations upon the occurrence of certain events. In August 2008, the Company paid CPEC a milestone payment of \$500,000 based on the July 31, 2008 submission of its NDA with the FDA. If the FDA grants marketing approval for Gencaro, the Company will owe CPEC another milestone payment of \$8.0 million, which is due within six months after FDA approval. The Company also has the obligation to make

milestone payments of up to \$5.0 million in the aggregate upon regulatory marketing approval in Europe and Japan. The Company's royalty obligation ranges from 12.5% to 25% of revenue from the related product based on achievement of specified product sales levels, including a 5% royalty that CPEC is obligated to pay under its original license agreement for Gencaro. The Company has the right to buy down the royalties to a range of 12.5% to 17% by making a payment to CPEC within six months of regulatory approval.

## **(8) Equity Financings and Warrants**

### ***2012 Equity Financings***

#### ***Registered Direct Offering***

On August 2, 2012, the Company entered into subscription agreements with certain institutional investors (the Investors) in connection with its Registered Direct public offering (the 2012 Offering), pursuant to which the Company sold an aggregate of 406,099 shares of its common stock and warrants to purchase up to 304,575 additional shares of its common stock to the Investors for aggregate gross proceeds of approximately \$953,000, before deducting placement agent fees and other estimated offering expenses payable by the Company. The net proceeds to the Company were approximately \$741,000, and the 2012 Offering closed on August 8, 2012.

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The common stock and warrants were sold in units consisting of one share of common stock and a warrant to purchase 0.75 shares of common stock. The purchase price for each unit was \$2.35. Subject to certain ownership limitations, the warrants became exercisable six months after the issuance date, expire six years from their initial exercise date, and have an exercise price of \$2.76 per share, equal to the closing bid price of ARCA's common stock on the Nasdaq Capital Market on August 2, 2012. The 2012 Offering was effected as a takedown off the Company's S-3 Registration Statement, which became effective on April 4, 2011, pursuant to a prospectus supplement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 3, 2012. The warrant agreements provide for settlement of the warrants in unregistered shares should an effective registration statement or current prospectus not be in place at the time a warrant is exercised.

***Private Investment in Public Equity (PIPE) Transactions***

On October 22, 2012, the Company entered into a Subscription Agreement (the "October 2012 Purchase Agreements") with various accredited investors in connection with a private placement of its common stock and warrants. Certain Directors, Officers and Affiliates of ARCA were investors in the private placement. Pursuant to the October 2012 Purchase Agreement, the Company sold an aggregate of 137,530 shares of its common stock and warrants to purchase up to 103,148 additional shares of its common stock for aggregate gross proceeds of approximately \$325,000, before deducting estimated offering expenses payable by the Company. The net proceeds to the Company were approximately \$280,000, and the private placement closed on October 25, 2012.

The common stock and warrants were sold in units consisting of one share of common stock and a warrant to purchase 0.75 shares of common stock. The purchase price for each unit was \$2.36. The warrants were exercisable upon issuance, expire five years from the closing date, and have an exercise price of \$1.80 per share, equal to 100% of the closing bid price of ARCA's common stock on the NASDAQ Capital Market on October 22, 2012.

On December 18, 2012, the Company entered into a Subscription Agreement (the "December 2012 Purchase Agreement") with its Chief Executive Officer in connection with a private placement of ARCA's common stock and warrants. Pursuant to the December 2012 Purchase Agreement, the Company sold an aggregate of 86,186 shares of its common stock and warrants to purchase up to 64,640 additional shares of its common stock for aggregate gross proceeds of approximately \$250,000, before deducting estimated offering expenses payable by the Company. The net proceeds to the Company were approximately \$230,000, and the private placement closed on December 20, 2012.

The common stock and warrants were sold in units consisting of one share of common stock and a warrant to purchase 0.75 shares of common stock. The purchase price for each unit was \$2.90. The warrants were exercisable upon issuance, expire five years from the closing date, and have an exercise price of \$2.34 per share, equal to 100% of the closing bid price of ARCA's common stock on the Nasdaq Capital Market on December 18, 2012.

The Company filed a registration statement for the resale of the shares underlying the units sold in these private placements. The registration statement was declared effective by the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 14, 2013.

***2013 Equity Financings***

***Private Investment in Public Equity (PIPE) Transactions***

On January 22, 2013, the Company entered into a Subscription Agreement (the "January 2013 Purchase Agreement") with various accredited investors and its Chief Executive Officer in connection with a private placement of its common stock and warrants. Pursuant to the January 2013 Purchase Agreement, the Company sold an aggregate of

356,430 shares of its common stock and warrants to purchase up to 249,501 additional shares of its common stock for aggregate gross proceeds of approximately \$1 million, before deducting estimated offering expenses payable by the Company. The net proceeds to the Company were approximately \$805,000, and the private placement closed on January 25, 2013.

The common stock and warrants were sold in units consisting of one share of common stock and a warrant to purchase 0.70 shares of common stock. The purchase price for each unit was \$2.81. The warrants were exercisable upon issuance, expire seven years from the date of issuance, and have an exercise price of \$2.28 per share, equal to 100% of the closing bid price of ARCA's common stock on the Nasdaq Capital Market on January 22, 2013.

The Company filed a registration statement for the resale of the shares underlying the units sold in these private placements. The registration statement was declared effective by the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 14, 2013.



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In connection with this transaction, the Company agreed that, subject to certain exceptions, it would not, while the warrants are outstanding, effect or enter into an agreement to effect any issuance of common stock or securities convertible into, exercisable for or exchangeable for common stock in a variable rate transaction, which means a transaction in which the Company issues or sells any convertible securities either (A) at a conversion price, exercise price or exchange rate or other price that is based upon and/or varies with the trading prices of, or quotations for, the shares of common stock at any time after the initial issuance of such convertible securities, or (B) with a conversion, exercise or exchange price that is subject to being reset at some future date after the initial issuance of the convertible securities or upon the occurrence of the specified or contingent events directly or indirectly related to our business or the market for our common stock. In addition, the Company agreed that, subject to certain exceptions, if it issues securities within one year following the closing of the offering, each investor would have the right to purchase its pro rata share of a specified portion of the securities in the future offering on the same terms, conditions and price provided for in the proposed issuance of securities.

***Registered Direct Offering***

On January 31, 2013, the Company entered into a subscription agreement with certain institutional investors (the Investors ) in connection with its Registered Direct public offering, pursuant to which the Company sold an aggregate of 164,636 shares of its common stock and warrants to purchase up to 65,855 additional shares of its common stock to the Investors for aggregate gross proceeds of approximately \$730,000, before deducting placement agent fee and other estimated offering expenses payable by the Company. The net proceeds to the Company were approximately \$616,000, and the offering closed on February 4, 2013.

The common stock and warrants were sold in units consisting of one share of common stock and a warrant to purchase 0.40 shares of common stock. The purchase price for each unit was \$4.43. The warrants were exercisable upon issuance, expire five years from the date of issuance, and have an exercise price of \$4.13 per share, equal to the closing bid price of ARCA's common stock on the Nasdaq Capital Market on January 31, 2013. The offering was effected as a takedown off the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3, as amended, which became effective on April 4, 2011, pursuant to a prospectus supplement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 1, 2013. The warrants provide for cashless exercise and settlement in unregistered shares if there is no effective registration statement registering, or the prospectus contained therein is not available for, the issuance of the shares of common stock underlying the warrants at the time of exercise.

***Public Offering***

On June 4, 2013, the Company sold shares of its Series A Convertible Preferred Stock (Preferred Stock) and warrants to purchase common stock in a public offering for aggregate gross proceeds of \$20.0 million. The Company issued 125,000 shares of Preferred Stock and warrants to purchase up to 6,250,000 shares of common stock at a purchase price of \$160 per share of Preferred Stock. The net proceeds, after deducting placement agent fees and other offering expenses payable by the Company, were approximately \$17.9 million. ARCA's Director and Chief Executive Officer participated in the offering, purchasing 781 shares of Preferred Stock and warrants to purchase 39,050 shares of common stock.

Each share of Preferred Stock was initially convertible into 100 shares of the Company's common stock at any time at the option of the holder. Each share of Preferred Stock had a liquidation preference of \$.001 per share. The shares of Preferred Stock had no preferential dividends or redemption rights, and no voting rights except as required by law. As of December 31, 2013, 125,000 shares of the Preferred Stock had been converted into 12,500,000 shares of ARCA common stock.

Each purchaser in the offering was issued a warrant to purchase 50 shares of the Company's common stock for each share of Preferred Stock purchased. The warrants have an exercise price of \$1.60 per share, will expire on the five year anniversary of the date of issuance, and were exercisable immediately upon issuance, provided that the holder will be prohibited from exercising the warrants if, as a result of such exercise, the holder, together with its affiliates, would beneficially own more than 9.99% of the total number of shares of common stock then issued and outstanding.

The securities were sold pursuant to a placement agreement and have been registered under the Securities Act of 1933 pursuant to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1, as amended (No.333-187508), which was declared effective by the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 29, 2013, and the Preferred Stock and Warrants were offered and sold pursuant to a prospectus dated May 30, 2013.

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In connection with the Preferred Stock financing, the Company recorded a non-cash dividend of approximately \$2.0 million to recognize the intrinsic value of the embedded beneficial conversion feature. Typically, such a deemed dividend would be represented as a reduction in a company's retained earnings and an increase in additional paid in capital in recognition of the reapportionment of common shareholder value to the preferred stock purchasers. However, since ARCA has an accumulated deficit, the deemed dividend is recognized by a reapportionment of additional paid in capital from common shareholders to additional paid in capital of preferred stock purchasers, which are combined in the Company's statement of stockholders' equity.

### ***2014 Equity Financing***

***Subsequent to December 31, 2013, the Company completed the following equity financing transaction:***

#### ***Registered Direct Offering***

On February 3, 2014, the Company agreed to sell to certain investors an aggregate of 5,116,228 shares of the Company's common stock and warrants to purchase an aggregate of 1,279,057 shares of the Company's common stock at a purchase price of \$1.70 per share of Common Stock, for aggregate gross proceeds of approximately \$8.7 million, before deducting placement agent fees and other offering related expenses. The offering closed on February 7, 2014, and the net proceeds to the Company were approximately \$7.9 million.

The common stock and warrants were sold in combination consisting of one share of common stock and a warrant to purchase 0.25 shares of common stock. The warrants were exercisable upon issuance, expire five years from the date of issuance, and have an exercise price of \$2.125 per share, equal to 125% of the closing bid price of ARCA's common stock on the Nasdaq Capital Market on February 3, 2014. The offering was effected as a takedown off the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3, as amended, which became effective on April 4, 2011, pursuant to a prospectus supplement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 4, 2014. The warrants provide for cashless exercise and settlement in unregistered shares if there is no effective registration statement registering, or the prospectus contained therein is not available for, the issuance of the shares of common stock underlying the warrants at the time of exercise.

#### ***Warrants***

As of December 31, 2013, warrants to purchase 8,147,484 shares of common stock were outstanding at exercise prices ranging from \$1.60 to \$116.89, with a weighted average exercise price per share of \$2.32. These warrants, which were granted as part of various financing and business agreements, expire at various times between October 2016 and January 2020. Warrants were recorded in additional paid-in capital at their estimated fair market value at the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model.

## **(9) Stock-based Compensation**

### ***Stock Plans***

The Company's new equity incentive plan, *the 2013 Equity Incentive Plan* (the Equity Plan), was approved by stockholders on September 17, 2013. The maximum number of shares issuable under this plan is 2,250,000 shares.

The Equity Plan provides for the granting of stock options (including indexed options), restricted stock units, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock purchase rights, restricted stock bonuses, performance shares, performance units and deferred stock units. Under the Equity Plan, awards may be granted to employees, directors and consultants of

ARCA, except for incentive stock options, which may be granted only to employees. As of December 31, 2013, options and awards for 1,156,869 shares were outstanding under the Equity Plan, and 1,093,131 shares were reserved for future awards.

In general, the Equity Plan authorizes the grant of stock options that vest at rates set by the Board of Directors or the Compensation Committee thereof. Generally, stock options granted by ARCA under the equity incentive plans become exercisable ratably for a period of three to four years from the date of grant and have a maximum term of ten years. The exercise prices of stock options under the equity incentive plan generally meet the following criteria: the exercise price of incentive stock options must be at least 100% of the fair market value on the grant date and exercise price of options granted to 10% (or greater) stockholders must be at least 110% of the fair market value on the grant date.

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In conjunction with the adoption of the new Equity Plan, the Company discontinued grants under its previous plan, the *Amended and Restated ARCA biopharma, Inc. 2004 Equity Incentive Plan* (the 2004 Plan), effective September 17, 2013. Options outstanding under the 2004 plan will continue to vest according to the original terms of each grant. As of December 31, 2013, options to purchase 63,255 shares with a weighted average exercise price of \$21.25 per share were outstanding under this plan. Other stock plans that were assumed by ARCA in the Merger still have options outstanding that will continue to vest according to the original terms of each grant, but no new options can be granted under these plans. As of December 31, 2013, options to purchase 42,318 shares with a weighted average exercise price of \$18.98 were outstanding under these plans.

The Company granted options and awards for 1,160,535 and 5,833 shares of common stock in the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively. The fair values of the majority of employee stock options granted in the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012 were estimated at the date of grant using the Black-Scholes model with the following assumptions and had the following estimated weighted average grant date fair value per share:

	<b>Years Ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
Expected term	5.8 years	5.3 years
Expected volatility	96%	108%
Risk-free interest rate	1.62%	0.15%
Expected dividend yield	0%	0%
Weighted-average grant date fair value per share	\$ 1.05	\$ 4.68

A summary of ARCA's stock option activities for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, and related information as of December 31, 2013, is as follows:

	<b>For the years ended December 31,</b>			
	<b>2013</b>		<b>2012</b>	
	<b>Number of</b>	<b>Weighted</b>	<b>Number of</b>	<b>Weighted</b>
	<b>Options</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Options</b>	<b>Average</b>
		<b>Exercise</b>		<b>Exercise</b>
		<b>Price</b>		<b>Price</b>
Options outstanding, beginning of period	144,019	\$ 18.28	144,039	\$ 19.20
Granted	741,535	1.38	5,833	6.00
Exercised				
Forfeited and cancelled	(42,112)	11.62	(5,853)	27.96
Options outstanding, end of period	843,442	\$ 3.76	144,019	\$ 18.28
Options exercisable, end of period	194,550	\$ 11.14	125,666	\$ 18.77
Options vested and expected to vest	832,941	\$ 3.78		

The total intrinsic value of options exercised for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012 was \$0 and \$0, respectively. As of December 31, 2013, the unrecognized compensation expense related to unvested options, excluding estimated forfeitures, was \$701,000 which is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of

2.6 years. The Company recognizes compensation costs for its share-based awards on a straight-line basis over the requisite service period for the entire award, as adjusted for expected forfeitures.

The following table summarizes information about stock options outstanding and exercisable as of December 31, 2013:

Range of Exercise Prices	Options Outstanding			Options Exercisable		
	Number Outstanding	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Term (in years)	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Number Exercisable	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Weighted Average Exercise Price
\$ 0.36	1,433	8.56	\$ 1.21	286	\$ 0.71	
1.38	727,869	9.46	1.38	98,233	1.38	
1.40	96,465	5.85	12.04	78,356	13.18	
22.98	17,168	4.42	32.78	17,168	32.78	
33.42	250	0.33	263.94	250	263.94	
440.40	257	0.30	1,443.56	257	1,443.56	
	843,442	8.94	\$ 3.76	194,550	\$ 11.14	

**Table of Contents*****Restricted Stock Units***

The Company began granting restricted stock units (RSUs) to employees during 2013 in conjunction with the adoption of its 2013 Equity Incentive Plan. The fair value of RSU awards is the closing price of the Company's common stock on the date of grant and is recognized as compensation expense on a straight-line basis over the respective vesting period. The stock awards granted have a requisite service period of three years with annual vesting on the grant anniversary date.

A summary of RSU activity for the year ended December 31, 2013 is presented below:

<b>Restricted Stock Awards</b>	<b>Number of Shares</b>	<b>Weighted- Average Grant Date Fair Value</b>
Unvested RSUs at December 31, 2012		\$
Granted	419,000	1.39
Vested		
Forfeited and cancelled		
Unvested RSUs at December 31, 2013	419,000	\$ 1.39

As of December 31, 2013, the total unrecognized compensation cost related to unvested stock awards was approximately \$529,000. This cost will be recognized on a straight-line basis over the next 2.7 years and will be adjusted for estimated forfeitures.

***Non-cash Stock-based Compensation***

For the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012 and for the period from Inception through December 31, 2013, the Company recognized the following non-cash, share-based compensation expense (in thousands):

	<b>Period from December 17, 2001  (date of inception)  to December 31, 2013</b>		
	<b>Years Ended December 31, 2013</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>to December 31, 2013</b>
Research and Development	\$ 77	\$ 94	\$ 667

Selling, General and Administrative	206	212	1,817
Restructuring Expense			387
Total	\$ 283	\$ 306	\$ 2,871

Stock-based compensation expense related to non-employees was negligible in 2013 and 2012. ARCA did not recognize any tax benefit related to employee stock-based compensation cost as a result of the full valuation allowance on its net deferred tax assets.

#### **(10) Employee Benefit Plans**

The Company has a 401(k) plan and makes a matching contribution equal to 100% of the employee's first 3% of the employee's contributions and 50% of the employee's next 2% of contributions. The Company adopted the plan in 2006 and contributed \$70,000 and \$57,000 for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively, and has contributed \$710,000 from Inception through December 31, 2013.

#### **(11) Income Taxes**

Effective June 1, 2005, the Company changed from an S-Corporation to a C-Corporation. As an S-Corporation, the net operating loss carryforwards were distributed to the Company's stockholders; such amounts were not significant. Since June 2005 through December 31, 2013, for federal income tax purposes, the Company has net operating loss carryforwards of approximately \$104.7 million, and approximately \$820,000 of research and development credits that may be used to offset future taxable income. The net operating loss carryforwards will expire beginning 2025 through 2032. Utilization of net operating losses and tax credits, including those acquired as a result of the Merger, will be subject to an annual limitation due to ownership change limitations provided by IRC Section 382. The annual limitation may result in the expiration of the net operating losses and credits before utilization. As such, a portion of the Company's net operating loss carryforwards may be limited.



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In assessing the realizability of deferred tax assets, management considers whether it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. The ultimate realization of deferred tax assets is dependent upon the generation of future taxable income during the period in which those temporary differences become deductible. Management considers the scheduled reversal of deferred tax liabilities, projected future taxable income and tax planning strategies in making this assessment. Due primarily to the Company's history of operating losses, management is unable to conclude that it is more likely than not that the Company will realize the benefits of these deductible differences, and accordingly has provided a valuation allowance against the entire net deferred tax asset of approximately \$44.8 million at December 31, 2013, reflecting an increase of approximately \$2.6 million from December 31, 2012. The deferred tax assets are primarily comprised of net operating loss carryforwards and research and experimentation credit carryforwards. As of December 31, 2013 the Company has not performed an Internal Revenue Code Section 382 limitation study. Depending on the outcome of such a study, the gross amount of net operating losses recognizable in future tax periods could be limited. A limitation in the carryforwards would decrease the carrying amount of the gross amount of the net operating loss carryforwards, with a corresponding decrease in the valuation allowance recorded against these gross deferred tax assets.

Income tax benefit attributable to our loss from operations before income taxes differs from the amounts computed by applying the U.S. federal statutory income tax rate of 35%, as a result of the following (in thousands):

	<b>Years ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
U.S. federal income tax benefit at statutory rates	(2,429)	\$ (1,512)
State income tax benefit, net of federal benefit	(209)	(130)
Research and experimentation credits	(133)	
Other	184	196
Change in valuation allowance	2,587	1,446
	\$	\$

Without regard to the deferred tax liability on the impaired IPR&D, the Company has had no provision for income taxes since inception due to its S-corporation status and its subsequent net operating losses.

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Deferred income taxes reflect the net tax effects of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting and the amounts used for income tax purposes, as well as operating loss and Tax credit carryforwards. The income tax effects of temporary differences and carryforwards that give rise to significant portions of the Company's net deferred tax assets consisted of the following (in thousands):

	<b>As of December 31,</b>	
	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
Deferred tax assets:		
Current deferred tax assets:		
Vacation accrual	\$ 27	\$ 26
Total current deferred tax assets	27	26
Valuation allowance	(27)	(26)
Net current deferred tax assets	\$	\$
Noncurrent deferred tax assets:		
Net operating loss carryforwards	\$ 39,799	\$ 37,295
Charitable contribution carryforwards	371	368
Research and experimentation credits	820	687
Capitalized intangibles	3,351	3,413
Stock based compensation	454	416
Depreciation and amortization	5	11
Other		25
Total noncurrent deferred tax assets	44,800	42,215
Valuation allowance	(44,800)	(42,215)
Net noncurrent deferred tax assets	\$	\$
Deferred tax liabilities:		
Current deferred tax liabilities	\$	\$
Noncurrent deferred tax liabilities		
Net deferred tax liabilities	\$	\$
Net noncurrent deferred tax assets	\$	\$

Since the Company is in a loss carryforward position, the Company is generally subject to U.S. federal and state income tax examinations by tax authorities for all years for which a loss carryforward is available. Thus, the Company's open tax years extend back to 2009. The Company believes that its tax filing positions and deductions related to tax periods subject to examination will be sustained upon audit and does not anticipate any adjustment will result in a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition, result of operations, or cash flow. For the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, the Company has no reserve for uncertain tax positions. The Company does not expect that the total amounts of unrecognized tax benefits will significantly increase or decrease within the subsequent twelve months. In the event the Company concludes it is subject to interest or penalties arising from uncertain tax positions, the Company will record interest and penalties as a component of other income and expense. No amounts of interest or penalties were recognized in the financial statements for the years ended December 31,

2013 and 2012.

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

Not applicable.

**Item 9A. *Controls and Procedures***

***Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures***

Under the supervision and with the participation of management, including our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer, we have evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures. Disclosure controls and procedures are controls and procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in our reports filed or submitted under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms. Based on this evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of the end of the period covered by this annual report.

***Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting***

Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15(d)-15(f) under the Exchange Act). Our internal control system was designed to provide reasonable assurance to management and our board of directors regarding the preparation and fair presentation of published financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

Under the supervision and with the participation of management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, we have assessed the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2013. In making our assessment of internal control over financial reporting, we used the criteria issued in the report Internal Control-Integrated Framework (1992) by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). We have concluded that our internal control over financial reporting was effective as of December 31, 2013 based on these criteria.

This annual report does not include an attestation report of our independent registered public accounting firm regarding internal control over financial reporting. Management's report was not subject to attestation by our independent registered public accounting firm pursuant to the exemption from Section 404(b) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act for non-accelerated filers provided by the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

***Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting***

During the fourth quarter of 2013, there were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

***Limitations on the Effectiveness of Controls***

Our management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, does not expect that our disclosure controls and procedures or our internal control over financial reporting will prevent all errors and all fraud. A control system, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system are met. Because of the inherent limitations in all control systems, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, within our company have been detected.

**Item 9B. Other Information**

None

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**PART III**

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

The information required by this item is incorporated by reference to Election of Board of Directors, Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance and Executive Officers in our Definitive Proxy Statement to be filed pursuant to Regulation 14A under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, relating to our 2013 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

**Item 11. *Executive Compensation***

The response to this item is incorporated by reference to Executive Compensation in our Definitive Proxy Statement to be filed pursuant to Regulation 14A under the Exchange Act, relating to our 2013 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

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

The response to this item is incorporated by reference to Equity Compensation Plan Information and Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management in our Definitive Proxy Statement to be filed pursuant to Regulation 14A under the Exchange Act, relating to our 2013 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

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

The response to this item is incorporated by reference to Certain Relationships and Related Transactions in our Definitive Proxy Statement to be filed pursuant to Regulation 14A under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, relating to our 2013 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

**Item 14. *Principal Accountant Fees and Services***

The response to this item is incorporated by reference to Ratification of Selection of Independent Auditors in our Definitive Proxy Statement to be filed pursuant to Regulation 14A under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, relating to our 2013 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

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(a) *The following documents are filed as part of this Report:*

1. Consolidated financial statements filed as part of this Report are listed under Part II, Item 8, page 47 of this Form 10-K.
2. No schedules are required because either the required information is not present or is not present in amounts sufficient to require submission of the schedule, or because the information required is included in the consolidated financial statements or the notes thereto.

(b) *Exhibits*

The following documents are filed as part of this annual report on Form 10-K. We will furnish a copy of any exhibit listed to requesting stockholders upon payment of our reasonable expenses in furnishing those materials.

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- 10.7 Amendment No. 2 to the ARCA Discovery, Inc. 2004 Stock Incentive Plan.(4)
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10.13	ARCA biopharma, Inc. 2004 Stock Incentive Plan, Form of Non-Executive Incentive Stock Option Agreement.(4)
10.14	ARCA biopharma, Inc. 2004 Stock Incentive Plan, Form of Nonqualified Stock Option Agreement.(4)
10.15	ARCA biopharma, Inc. 2004 Equity Incentive Plan (f/k/a Nuvelo, Inc. 2004 Equity Incentive Plan), Form of Partial Acceleration Stock Option Agreement.(5)
10.16	ARCA biopharma, Inc. 2004 Equity Incentive Plan (f/k/a Nuvelo, Inc. 2004 Equity Incentive Plan), Form of No Acceleration Stock Option Agreement.(5)
10.17	ARCA biopharma, Inc. 2004 Equity Incentive Plan (f/k/a Nuvelo, Inc. 2004 Equity Incentive Plan), Form of Director Stock Option Agreement.(5)
10.18	ARCA biopharma, Inc. 2004 Equity Incentive Plan (f/k/a Nuvelo, Inc. 2004 Equity Incentive Plan), Form of Notice of Grant of Stock Option.(5)
10.19	ARCA biopharma, Inc. 2004 Equity Incentive Plan (f/k/a Nuvelo, Inc. 2004 Equity Incentive Plan), Form of Notice of Director Grant of Stock Option.(5)
10.20	Form of Indemnification Agreement between Nuvelo, Inc. and its directors and officers.(1)
10.21	Amended and Restated Employment and Retention Agreement, dated June 4, 2008, by and between ARCA biopharma, Inc. and Michael R. Bristow.(5)
10.22	Assignment and Assumption Agreement, dated January 26, 2009, by and between ARCA biopharma, Inc. and ARCA biopharma Colorado, Inc.(5)
10.23	Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, dated June 12, 2008, by and between ARCA biopharma, Inc. and Christopher D. Ozeroff.(5)
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10.25	Amended and Restated ARCA biopharma, Inc. 2004 Equity Incentive Plan(7)
10.26	Form of Option Amendment pursuant to ARCA biopharma, Inc. 2004 Equity Incentive Plan and ARCA biopharma, Inc. 2004 Stock Option Plan (change of control)(11)
10.27	Form of Option Agreement and Grant Notice pursuant to ARCA biopharma, Inc. 2004 Equity Incentive Plan (NDA/change of control acceleration)(11)
10.28	Employment Agreement, dated February 11, 2009, by and between ARCA biopharma, Inc. and Patrick Wheeler.(10)
10.29	Form of Indemnification Agreement between ARCA biopharma, Inc. and its directors and officers.(5)
10.30	Form of Subscription Agreement.(12)

- 10.31§ License Agreement, dated April 15, 2011, by and between ARCA biopharma, Inc. and the University of Cincinnati.(13)
- 10.32 First Amendment to Lease Agreement, dated June 14, 2011, by and between Arista Place, LLC and ARCA biopharma Inc., (f/k/a ARCA Discovery, Inc.).(14)
- 10.33§ Amended and Restated Exclusive License Agreement, dated August 12, 2011, by and between the Regents of the University of Colorado and ARCA biopharma, Inc.(15)
- 10.34 Form of Subscription Agreement.(16)
- 10.35 Form of Registration Rights Agreement.(16)

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10.36	Waiver and Amendment Agreement, dated March 30, 2012, by and between ARCA biopharma, Inc. and Michael Bristow.(17)
10.37	Waiver and Amendment Agreement, dated March 30, 2012, by and between ARCA biopharma, Inc. and Patrick Wheeler.(17)
10.38	Waiver and Amendment Agreement, dated March 30, 2012, by and between ARCA biopharma, Inc. and Christopher Ozeroff.(17)
10.39	Form of Subscription Agreement.(18)
10.40	Form of Subscription Agreement by and among the Company and the purchasers identified therein, dated October 22, 2012.(19)
10.41	Form of Registration Rights Agreement.(19)
10.42	Form of Subscription Agreement by and among the Company and the purchasers identified therein, dated December 18, 2012.(20)
10.43	Form of Registration Rights Agreement.(20)
10.44	Form of Amendment to the Registration Rights Agreement, dated December 18, 2012.(20)
10.45	Form of Subscription Agreement by and among the Company and the purchasers identified therein, dated January 22, 2013.(21)
10.46	Form of Registration Rights Agreement.(21)
10.47	Subscription Agreement.(22)
10.48	Clinical Trial Collaboration Agreement between ARCA biopharma, Inc. and Medtronic, Inc. dated as of April 18, 2013.(24)
10.49	Placement Agency Agreement by and between ARCA biopharma, Inc. and Dawson James Securities, Inc., dated January 31, 2013.(22)
10.50	Letter Agreement between ARCA biopharma, Inc. and Medtronic, Inc. dated as of July 26, 2013.(26)
10.51	Letter Agreement by and between ARCA biopharma, Inc. and Dawson James Securities, Inc., dated April 11, 2013.(25)
10.52	Letter of Lease Extension, dated May 16, 2013, by and between Arista Place, LLC and ARCA biopharma, Inc. (26)
10.53	Office Lease Agreement by and between ARCA biopharma, Inc. and Circle Point Properties, LLC, effective August 1, 2013.(27)
10.54	Amendment Agreement by and between ARCA biopharma, Inc. and Michael R. Bristow, effective as of June 13, 2013.(26)
10.55	Amendment Agreement by and between ARCA biopharma, Inc. and Patrick M. Wheeler, effective as of June 13, 2013. (26)
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Amendment Agreement by and between ARCA biopharma, Inc. and Christopher Ozeroff, effective as of June 13, 2013.(26)

- 10.57 ARCA biopharma, Inc. 2013 Equity Incentive Plan.(28)
- 10.58 Form of Stock Option Agreement and Option Grant Notice under 2013 Equity Incentive Plan (Standard).(28)
- 10.59 Form of Stock Option Agreement and Option Grant Notice under 2013 Equity Incentive Plan (Officer).(28)
- 10.60 Form of Stock Option Agreement and Option Grant Notice under 2013 Equity Incentive Plan (Director).(28)
- 10.61 Form of Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement and Notice of Grant Award under 2013 Equity Incentive Plan (Standard).(28)

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10.62	Form of Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement and Notice of Grant Award under 2013 Equity Incentive Plan (Officer).(28)
10.63	Placement Agency Agreement by and between ARCA biopharma, Inc. and Dawson James Securities, Inc., dated January 21, 2014.(29)
10.64	Amendment No. 1 to Placement Agency Agreement by and between ARCA biopharma, Inc. and Dawson James Securities, Inc., dated January 31, 2014.(29)
10.65*§	Clinical Research Agreement by and between ARCA biopharma, Inc. and Duke University, dated November 5, 2013.
14.1	Code of Business Conduct and Ethics.(6)
23.1*	Consent of KPMG LLP, Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.
24.1*	Power of Attorney (included in the signature page hereto).
31.1*	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) or 15d-14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
31.2*	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) or 15d-14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
32.1*	Certification of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. sec. 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
101.INS*	XBRL Instance Document (filed electronically herewith)
101.SCH*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document (filed electronically herewith)
101.CAL*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document (filed electronically herewith)
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101.DEF*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document (filed electronically herewith)

\* Filed herewith.

Compensatory plan or agreement.

§ Confidential treatment has been requested for portions of this document, which are omitted and filed separately with the SEC.

- (1) Previously filed with the SEC as an Exhibit to and incorporated herein by reference from Hyseq, Inc. s Form S-1, filed on June 12, 1997, as amended, File No. 333-29091.
- (2) Previously filed with the SEC as an Exhibit to and incorporated herein by reference from Nuvelo, Inc. s Form 8-K, filed on September 25, 2008, File No. 000-22873.
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Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

**ARCA biopharma, Inc.**

By: */s/* PATRICK M. WHEELER  
**Patrick M. Wheeler**

**Chief Financial Officer**

**(Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)**

Date: March 20, 2014

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Michael R. Bristow and Patrick M. Wheeler, and each of them, as his true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of substitution for him, and in his name in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments to this Annual Report on Form 10-K, and to file the same, with exhibits thereto and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done therewith, as fully to all intents and purposes as he might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents, and any of them or his or her substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed by the following persons on behalf of ARCA biopharma, Inc., in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

<b>Signature</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date</b>
<i>/s/</i> Michael R. Bristow <b>Michael R. Bristow</b>	President and Chief Executive Officer and Director  (Principal Executive Officer)	<u>March 20, 2014</u>
<i>/s/</i> Patrick M. Wheeler <b>Patrick M. Wheeler</b>	Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)	<u>March 20, 2014</u>
<i>/s/</i> Linda Grais <b>Linda Grais</b>	Director	<u>March 20, 2014</u>

/s/ Raymond Woosley <b>Raymond Woosley</b>	Director	<u>March 20, 2014</u>
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10.5	ARCA Discovery, Inc. 2004 Stock Incentive Plan.(4)
10.6	Amendment No. 1 to the ARCA Discovery, Inc. 2004 Stock Incentive Plan.(4)
10.7	Amendment No. 2 to the ARCA Discovery, Inc. 2004 Stock Incentive Plan.(4)
10.8	Amendment No. 3 to the ARCA Discovery, Inc. 2004 Stock Incentive Plan.(4)
10.9	Amendment No. 4 to the ARCA Discovery, Inc. 2004 Stock Incentive Plan.(4)
10.10	Amendment No. 5 to the ARCA Discovery, Inc. 2004 Stock Incentive Plan.(4)
10.11	Amendment No. 6 to the ARCA Discovery, Inc. 2004 Stock Incentive Plan.(4)
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- ARCA biopharma, Inc. 2004 Stock Incentive Plan, Form of Executive Incentive Stock Option Agreement.(4)
- 10.13 ARCA biopharma, Inc. 2004 Stock Incentive Plan, Form of Non-Executive Incentive Stock Option Agreement.(4)
- 10.14 ARCA biopharma, Inc. 2004 Stock Incentive Plan, Form of Nonqualified Stock Option Agreement.(4)
- 10.15 ARCA biopharma, Inc. 2004 Equity Incentive Plan (f/k/a Nuvelo, Inc. 2004 Equity Incentive Plan), Form of Partial Acceleration Stock Option Agreement.(5)
- 10.16 ARCA biopharma, Inc. 2004 Equity Incentive Plan (f/k/a Nuvelo, Inc. 2004 Equity Incentive Plan), Form of No Acceleration Stock Option Agreement.(5)

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<b>Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
10.17	ARCA biopharma, Inc. 2004 Equity Incentive Plan (f/k/a Nuvelo, Inc. 2004 Equity Incentive Plan), Form of Director Stock Option Agreement.(5)
10.18	ARCA biopharma, Inc. 2004 Equity Incentive Plan (f/k/a Nuvelo, Inc. 2004 Equity Incentive Plan), Form of Notice of Grant of Stock Option.(5)
10.19	ARCA biopharma, Inc. 2004 Equity Incentive Plan (f/k/a Nuvelo, Inc. 2004 Equity Incentive Plan), Form of Notice of Director Grant of Stock Option.(5)
10.20	Form of Indemnification Agreement between Nuvelo, Inc. and its directors and officers.(1)
10.21	Amended and Restated Employment and Retention Agreement, dated June 4, 2008, by and between ARCA biopharma, Inc. and Michael R. Bristow.(5)
10.22	Assignment and Assumption Agreement, dated January 26, 2009, by and between ARCA biopharma, Inc. and ARCA biopharma Colorado, Inc.(5)
10.23	Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, dated June 12, 2008, by and between ARCA biopharma, Inc. and Christopher D. Ozeroff.(5)
10.24	Assignment and Assumption Agreement, dated January 26, 2009, by and between ARCA biopharma, Inc. and ARCA biopharma Colorado, Inc.(5)
10.25	Amended and Restated ARCA biopharma, Inc. 2004 Equity Incentive Plan.(7)
10.26	Form of Option Amendment pursuant to ARCA biopharma, Inc. 2004 Equity Incentive Plan and ARCA biopharma, Inc. 2004 Stock Option Plan (change of control).(11)
10.27	Form of Option Agreement and Grant Notice pursuant to ARCA biopharma, Inc. 2004 Equity Incentive Plan (NDA/change of control acceleration).(11)
10.28	Employment Agreement, dated February 11, 2009, by and between ARCA biopharma, Inc. and Patrick Wheeler.(10)
10.29	Form of Indemnification Agreement between ARCA biopharma, Inc. and its directors and officers.(5)
10.30	Form of Subscription Agreement.(12)
10.31§	License Agreement, dated April 15, 2011, by and between ARCA biopharma and the University of Cincinnati.(13)
10.32	First Amendment to Lease Agreement, dated June 14, 2011, by and between Arista Place, LLC and ARCA biopharma Inc., (f/k/a ARCA Discovery, Inc.).(14)
10.33§	Amended and Restated Exclusive License Agreement, dated August 12, 2011, by and between the Regents of the University of Colorado and ARCA biopharma, Inc.(15)
10.34	Form of Subscription Agreement.(16)
10.35	Form of Registration Rights Agreement.(16)
10.36	Waiver and Amendment Agreement, dated March 30, 2012, by and between ARCA biopharma, Inc. and Michael Bristow.(17)
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- Waiver and Amendment Agreement, dated March 30, 2012, by and between ARCA biopharma, Inc. and Patrick Wheeler.(17)
- 10.38 Waiver and Amendment Agreement, dated March 30, 2012, by and between ARCA biopharma, Inc. and Christopher Ozeroff.(17)
- 10.39 Form of Subscription Agreement.(18)
- 10.40 Form of Subscription Agreement by and among the Company and the purchasers identified therein, dated October 22, 2012.(19)
- 10.41 Form of Registration Rights Agreement.(19)

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10.42	Form of Subscription Agreement by and among the Company and the purchasers identified therein, dated December 18, 2012.(20)
10.43	Form of Registration Rights Agreement.(20)
10.44	Form of Amendment to the Registration Rights Agreement, dated December 18, 2012.(20)
10.45	Form of Subscription Agreement by and among the Company and the purchasers identified therein, dated January 22, 2013.(21)
10.46	Form of Registration Rights Agreement.(21)
10.47	Subscription Agreement.(22)
10.48	Clinical Trial Collaboration Agreement between ARCA biopharma, Inc. and Medtronic, Inc. dated as of April 18, 2013.(24)
10.49	Placement Agency Agreement by and between ARCA biopharma, Inc. and Dawson James Securities, Inc., dated January 31, 2013.(22)
10.50	Letter Agreement between ARCA biopharma, Inc. and Medtronic, Inc. dated as of July 26, 2013.(26)
10.51	Letter Agreement by and between ARCA biopharma, Inc. and Dawson James Securities, Inc., dated April 11, 2013.(25)
10.52	Letter of Lease Extension, dated May 16, 2013, by and between Arista Place, LLC and ARCA biopharma, Inc.(26)
10.53	Office Lease Agreement by and between ARCA biopharma, Inc. and Circle Point Properties, LLC, effective August 1, 2013.(27)
10.54	Amendment Agreement by and between ARCA biopharma, Inc. and Michael R. Bristow, effective as of June 13, 2013.(26)
10.55	Amendment Agreement by and between ARCA biopharma, Inc. and Patrick M. Wheeler, effective as of June 13, 2013.(26)
10.56	Amendment Agreement by and between ARCA biopharma, Inc. and Christopher Ozeroff, effective as of June 13, 2013.(26)
10.57	ARCA biopharma, Inc. 2013 Equity Incentive Plan.(28)
10.58	Form of Stock Option Agreement and Option Grant Notice under 2013 Equity Incentive Plan (Standard).(28)
10.59	Form of Stock Option Agreement and Option Grant Notice under 2013 Equity Incentive Plan (Officer).(28)
10.60	Form of Stock Option Agreement and Option Grant Notice under 2013 Equity Incentive Plan (Director).(28)
10.61	Form of Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement and Notice of Grant Award under 2013 Equity Incentive Plan (Standard).(28)

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- 10.62 Form of Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement and Notice of Grant Award under 2013 Equity Incentive Plan (Officer).(28)
- 10.63 Placement Agency Agreement by and between ARCA biopharma, Inc. and Dawson James Securities, Inc., dated January 21, 2014.(29)
- 10.64 Amendment No. 1 to Placement Agency Agreement by and between ARCA biopharma, Inc. and Dawson James Securities, Inc., dated January 31, 2014.(29)
- 10.65\*§ Clinical Research Agreement by and between ARCA biopharma, Inc. and Duke University, dated November 5, 2013.
- 14.1 Code of Business Conduct and Ethics(6)
- 23.1\* Consent of KPMG LLP, Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.
- 24.1\* Power of Attorney (included in the signature page hereto).

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31.1*	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) or 15d-14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
31.2*	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) or 15d-14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
32.1*	Certification of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. sec. 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
101.INS*	XBRL Instance Document (filed electronically herewith)
101.SCH*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document (filed electronically herewith)
101.CAL*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document (filed electronically herewith)
101.LAB*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document (filed electronically herewith)
101.PRE*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document (filed electronically herewith)
101.DEF*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document (filed electronically herewith)

\* Filed herewith.

Compensatory plan or agreement.

§ Confidential treatment has been requested for portions of this document, which are omitted and filed separately with the SEC.

- (1) Previously filed with the SEC as an Exhibit to and incorporated herein by reference from Hyseq, Inc. s Form S-1, filed on June 12, 1997, as amended, File No. 333-29091.
- (2) Previously filed with the SEC as an Exhibit to and incorporated herein by reference from Nuvelo, Inc. s Form 8-K, filed on September 25, 2008, File No. 000-22873.
- (3) Previously filed with the SEC as an Exhibit to and incorporated herein by reference from Nuvelo, Inc. s Form 8-K, filed on October 29, 2008, File No. 000-22873.
- (4) Previously filed with the SEC as an Exhibit to and incorporated herein by reference from ARCA biopharma, Inc. s Form 8-K, filed on January 28, 2009, File No. 000-22873.
- (5) Previously filed with the SEC as an Exhibit to and incorporated herein by reference from ARCA biopharma, Inc. s Form 10-K, filed on March 27, 2009, File No. 000-22873.
- (6) Previously filed with the SEC as an Exhibit to and incorporated herein by reference from ARCA biopharma, Inc. s Form 10-Q, filed on November 16, 2009, File No. 000-22873.
- (7) Previously filed with the SEC as an Exhibit to and incorporated herein by reference from ARCA biopharma, Inc. s Form 10-Q/A, filed on August 21, 2009, File No. 000-22873.
- (8) Previously filed with the SEC as an Exhibit to and incorporated herein by reference from ARCA biopharma, Inc. s Form 10-Q, filed on May 15, 2009, File No. 000-22873.
- (9) Previously filed with the SEC as an Exhibit to and incorporated herein by reference from ARCA biopharma, Inc. s Form 10-Q/A, filed on November 6, 2009, File No. 000-22873.
- (10) Previously filed with the SEC as an Exhibit to and incorporated herein by reference from ARCA biopharma, Inc. s Form 10-K, filed on March 4, 2010, File No. 000-22873.
- (11) Previously filed with the SEC as an Exhibit to and incorporated herein by reference from ARCA biopharma, Inc. s Form 10-Q, filed on August 10, 2009, File No. 000-22873.
- (12)

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- Previously filed with the SEC as an Exhibit to and incorporated herein by reference from ARCA biopharma, Inc. s Form 8-K filed on April 18, 2011, File No. 000-22873.
- (13) Previously filed with the SEC as an Exhibit to and incorporated herein by reference from ARCA biopharma, Inc. s Form 10-Q, filed on May 16, 2011, File No. 000-22873.
  - (14) Previously filed with the SEC as an Exhibit to and incorporated herein by reference from ARCA biopharma, Inc. s Form 8-K filed on June 20, 2011, File No. 000-22873.
  - (15) Previously filed with the SEC as an Exhibit to and incorporated herein by reference from ARCA biopharma, Inc. s Form 10-Q, filed on August 15, 2011, File No. 000-22873.
  - (16) Previously filed with the SEC as an Exhibit to and incorporated herein by reference from ARCA biopharma, Inc. s Form 8-K filed on December 22, 2011, File No. 000-22873.
  - (17) Previously filed with the SEC as an Exhibit to and incorporated herein by reference from ARCA biopharma, Inc. s Form 10-Q, filed on May 14, 2012, File No. 000-22873.
  - (18) Previously filed with the SEC as an exhibit and incorporated herein by reference from ARCA biopharma, Inc. s Form 8-K, filed on August 3, 2012, File No. 000-22873.

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- (19) Previously filed with the SEC as an exhibit and incorporated herein by reference from ARCA biopharma, Inc. s Form 8-K, filed on October 23, 2012, File No. 000-22873.
- (20) Previously filed with the SEC as an exhibit and incorporated herein by reference from ARCA biopharma, Inc. s Form 8-K, filed on December 19, 2012, File No. 000-22873.
- (21) Previously filed with the SEC as an exhibit and incorporated herein by reference from ARCA biopharma, Inc. s Form 8-K, filed on January 23, 2013, File No. 000-22873.
- (22) Previously filed with the SEC as an exhibit and incorporated herein by reference from ARCA biopharma, Inc. s Form 8-K, filed on February 1, 2013, File No. 000-22873.
- (23) Previously filed with the SEC as an exhibit and incorporated herein by reference from ARCA biopharma, Inc. s Form 8-K, filed on March 5, 2013, File No. 000-22873.
- (24) Previously filed with the SEC as an Exhibit and incorporated herein by reference from ARCA biopharma, Inc. s Form 8-K, filed on April 22, 2013, File No. 000-22873.
- (25) Previously filed with the SEC as an Exhibit and incorporated herein by reference from ARCA biopharma, Inc. s Form S-1, filed on March 25, 2013, File No. 333-187508.
- (26) Previously filed with the SEC as an Exhibit and incorporated herein by reference from ARCA biopharma, Inc. s Form 10-Q, filed on August 13, 2013, File No. 000-22873.
- (27) Previously filed with the SEC as an Exhibit and incorporated herein by reference from ARCA biopharma, Inc. s Form 8-K, filed on August 6, 2013, File No. 000-22873.
- (28) Previously filed with the SEC as an Exhibit and incorporated herein by reference from ARCA biopharma, Inc. s Form 8-K, filed on September 23, 2013, File No. 000-22873.
- (29) Previously filed with the SEC as an Exhibit and incorporated herein by reference from ARCA biopharma, Inc. s Form 8-K, filed on February 4, 2014, File No. 000-22873.

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**CLINICAL RESEARCH AGREEMENT**

This Clinical Research Agreement ( **Agreement** ) is entered into this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013 ( **Effective Date** ) by and between ARCA biopharma Inc. ( **Sponsor** ), a Delaware corporation with offices at 11080 CirclePoint Road, Suite 140, Westminster, CO 80020, and Duke University ( **Duke** ), a nonprofit research, education and healthcare institution with an office at 2400 Pratt Street, Durham, North Carolina 27705 (individually, a **Party** and collectively, the **Parties** ).

**RECITALS**

**WHEREAS** Sponsor wishes to conduct a program of clinical research and development entitled, *GENETIC-AF A Genotype-Directed Comparative Effectiveness Trial of Bucindolol and Metoprolol CR/XL for the Prevention of Symptomatic Recurrent Atrial Fibrillation in Patients with Heart Failure*, (the **Study** ); and,

**WHEREAS**, Sponsor believes that Duke has the facilities and the personnel with the requisite skills, experience and knowledge as an Academic Research Organization to undertake such research as a Coordinating Center for the Study; and

**WHEREAS**, Sponsor and Duke enter into this Agreement to set forth the terms and conditions upon which Sponsor and Duke will conduct the Study; and

**WHEREAS**, the Study contemplated by this Agreement shall be of mutual interest and benefit to Sponsor and Duke, and shall further the instructional and research objectives of Duke in a manner consistent with its status as a nonprofit research, education and healthcare institution; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the foregoing facts and the mutual covenants set forth herein, the Parties hereto agree as follows:

**1. Scope of Work.**

- 1.1. **Study.** The research to be conducted by Duke under this Agreement shall be conducted as set forth in the scope of work ( **Scope of Work** ), attached hereto as **Appendix A** and incorporated by reference. The Study shall be conducted in accordance with the Study protocol (the **Protocol** ), which Protocol shall fully detail the clinical research activities and responsibilities to be undertaken; provided, however, that Duke's obligation to conduct the Study is expressly conditioned upon the approval of its Institutional Review Board ( **IRB** ), as set forth in Section 14.2 below. Thereafter, the Protocol may be amended only at the direction of Sponsor, subject to subsequent approval by the IRB.

- 1.2. Transfer of Obligations. Pursuant to 21 CFR § 312.52, this Agreement, and the Appendices annexed hereto shall serve as the written description of the obligations of Sponsor being transferred to Duke under the terms and conditions hereof.
- 1.3. Principal Investigator. The Study activities to be conducted by Duke hereunder shall be under the direction of Jonathan Piccini, MD ( **Principal Investigator** ) who is a full time faculty member at Duke University.
- 1.4. Participating Investigators and Institutions. The Principal Investigator for the Study, in collaboration with the Sponsor, shall coordinate the Study at Duke and at other clinical sites conducting the Study (each site, a **Participating Institution** ) and with the physicians at the Participating Institutions responsible for administering the Study ( **Participating Investigators** ). Duke shall enter into an agreement with each Participating Institution containing terms consistent with those in this Agreement ( **Site Agreement** ), which Site Agreement shall be subject to Sponsor's prior written consent. Duke shall exercise all reasonable efforts to ensure that the data generated by the Participating Institutions shall be coordinated, analyzed and reported in an efficient and effective manner and in a format fully usable by Sponsor on a timely basis and in compliance with the Protocol.
- 1.5. Supply and Use of the Study Material. Sponsor shall provide Duke with sufficient amounts of any drug, device, placebo, or comparator drug or device ( **Study Material** ) and all other materials to perform the Study on a timely basis. Duke agrees that the Study Material shall be used only for the Study. Any unused Study Material remaining at the end of the Study shall be disposed of in accordance with Sponsor instructions.

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### **2. Inspections and Audits.**

- 2.1 **Regulatory Inspections.** Authorized representatives of Sponsor may, upon reasonable advance notice, and representatives of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (the **FDA** ) or any other international health agency having regulatory authority over the subject matter of the Study may, at reasonable times, examine and inspect the facilities being used to conduct the Study, including the Participating Institutions, and review all records, procedures and other materials (including Case Report Forms and patient medical records to the extent allowed by the informed consent document or other legal disclosure authorization) related to the Study, and have access to the Principal Investigator and the Participating Investigators to discuss the Study. If a Participating Institution is found deficient in any manner by Sponsor or Duke and reasonable efforts to correct the deficiency are ineffectual, Duke shall either terminate that Institution's continued participation in the Study or take such corrective actions as may be agreed between Sponsor and Duke. It is further agreed that if Duke is notified that the Study is to be the subject of an audit, Duke shall promptly inform Sponsor. If a formal response to any audit is required, Duke shall provide Sponsor with the reasonable opportunity to review and comment upon Duke's proposed response and shall provide Sponsor with a copy of Duke's final response.
- 2.2. **Compliance Audits.** Sponsor has the right to conduct on-site Study compliance audits of Duke and Participating Institutions monitored by Duke at mutually agreed upon times. Audits shall be at no additional cost to Sponsor provided such audits are at mutually agreed intervals and do not significantly alter Duke's ability to meet any deadlines delineated in this Agreement. Sponsor may only request records or documents that are within the scope of the documents Duke or the Participating Institution is required to maintain pursuant to the Protocol, all applicable regulatory requirements and under the obligations of this Agreement.

### **3. Debarment and Financial Disclosures.**

- 3.1 Duke hereby certifies that neither it nor the Principal Investigator have been debarred under Article 306 of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, 21 U.S.C. §335a(a) or (b), or disqualified as described in 21 C.F.R. §812.119. In the event that Duke becomes debarred, Duke agrees to notify Sponsor immediately. Duke hereby certifies that it has not and shall not use in any capacity related to the Study the services of any individual, corporation, partnership, or association which has been debarred under Article 306 of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, 21 U.S.C. §335a(a) or (b), or disqualified as described in 21 C.F.R. §812.119. In the event that Duke becomes aware of or receives notice of the debarment or disqualification of any individual, corporation, partnership, or association providing services to Duke which relate to the research conducted under this Agreement, Duke agrees to notify Sponsor immediately.
- 3.2 **Financial Disclosure and Statement of Investigator.** Prior to the commencement of the Study at any particular Participating Institution, the Participating Investigators at such Participating Institution shall have completed, signed, and delivered to Sponsor a Statement of Investigator, Form FDA-1572, as described in 21 C.F.R. §312.53.

### **4. Payment.**

4.1. Amount. Sponsor shall compensate Duke according to the Budget and Payment Schedule attached hereto as **Appendix B** and incorporated herein by reference.

4.2. Payee. Any payment due from Sponsor set forth in Appendix B shall be tendered in the form of a check payable to Duke University at one of the following addresses:

Duke University Accounts Receivable Lockbox

P.O. Box 602651

Charlotte, NC 28260-2651

Where a physical address is required, checks should be mailed to:

Wells Fargo Lockbox

Duke University Accounts Receivable

Lockbox 602651

1525 West WT Harris Blvd 2C2

Charlotte, NC 28262

Duke University s Tax ID Number is 56-0532129.

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- 4.3. **Delays.** In the event of Force Majeure (as defined in Section 21 herein) or a modification to the Protocol pursuant to Section 1.1 hereof, the Parties agree to revise the Budget and Payment Schedule as necessary to reflect cost increases or decreases resulting from said event.
- 4.4. **Pass Through Expenses.** Any expenses listed as a pass through cost in the Budget or Payment Schedule shall be reimbursed at actual cost plus a six-percent (6%) pass through cost.
- 4.5. **Payment of Invoices.** Duke shall invoice Sponsor on a monthly basis for activities set forth in the applicable Budget. Sponsor shall be responsible for paying invoices within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt. Sponsor shall notify Duke of any disputed invoices within twenty (20) calendar days of receiving such invoice and shall pay any undisputed amounts as set forth above. Provided that Sponsor pays undisputed amounts as set forth above, Duke shall continue to conduct research during which time the Parties shall use best efforts to resolve the disputed amount. In the event that the Parties cannot resolve the disputed amount within twenty (20) calendar days of Duke receiving the invoice dispute notice from Sponsor, the dispute shall be submitted to arbitration in accord with Section 19 herein, with each party paying its own legal fees. Both Parties agree to continue good faith efforts to resolve the dispute prior to such stoppage of work

## **5. Modifications and Amendments.**

This Agreement may be amended from time to time upon the written agreement of the Parties. The Parties agree to exert good faith efforts to incorporate any revisions required by law, FDA or other international health authorities. Any changes to a Scope of Work or Budget and/or Payment Schedule shall be incorporated into this Agreement by means of a written amendment. Duke shall be under no obligation to commence work on any change to the Scope of Work until such amendment is executed.

## **6. Data.**

**Clinical Data.** All clinical data, including case report forms and other relevant information generated during the Study shall be owned by Sponsor, and shall be promptly and fully disclosed to Sponsor and shall be freely usable by Sponsor. Sponsor shall ensure that Duke receives data transfers and/or a final data set of any Study data developed and/or maintained by Sponsor or any third party in privity of contract with Sponsor, including but not limited to a pharmacy and/or randomization vendor, as required for Duke to fulfill its obligations and exercise its rights pursuant to this Agreement. Duke shall be free to maintain copies of all such materials and to use the results of the research for its own non-commercial teaching, research, education, clinical, and publication purposes only, subject to Section 8 ( Confidential Information ) and Section 9 ( Publication ) below, which rights shall not be transferable and shall be limited to non-commercial uses. If Duke's activities in the Study are terminated prior to the end of the Study (other than for material breach under Section 16.2), Sponsor shall ensure that Duke receives a copy of the closed, locked, clinical database for the Study for its use, but limited to the scope of use permitted herein, prior to the unblinding of the data.

**Regulatory Filings.** Any and all findings obtained as a result of the Study shall be communicated to Sponsor which shall be free to incorporate such findings in any regulatory filing concerning the Study Material. Duke and Principal Investigator(s) understand and agree that they shall have no ownership, license or access rights in, or to, such regulatory filings, nor shall they acquire any interest whatsoever in the Study Material as a result of performing the Study.

**7. Inventions.**

- 7.1 **Prior Inventions.** It is recognized and understood that certain existing inventions and technologies are the separate property of Sponsor or Duke and are not affected by this Agreement, and neither Party shall have any claims to or rights in such prior, separate inventions and technologies, or improvements thereto, except only to the extent required for the conduct of the Study.
- 7.2 **Title.** Inventorship of new inventions, developments, or discoveries arising out of the Study (hereinafter **Invention** ) shall be determined in accordance with U.S. patent law or by mutual agreement if the invention is not patentable. All rights, title and interest in and to any Invention that is not a Sponsor Invention, as defined below, shall be based upon inventorship with Sponsor holding sole title to any Invention made solely by Sponsor personnel, Duke holding sole title to any Invention made solely by Duke personnel, and the Parties holding joint title to any Invention made jointly by their personnel during the conduct of the Study, subject to the assignment and option provisions below. Duke shall promptly disclose to Sponsor in writing on a confidential basis any Invention made solely by Duke personnel or jointly with Sponsor personnel. Sponsor shall promptly disclose to Duke on a confidential basis any Invention jointly made by Sponsor personnel together with Duke personnel.

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- 7.3 **Sponsor Inventions.** All of Duke's rights, title and interest in and to any Invention arising out of the Study and representing a reduction to practice of Sponsor's documented prior conception (which documented prior conception includes the Protocol) or directly related to the Study Material shall be assigned to Sponsor (**Sponsor Invention**). Sponsor shall reimburse Duke or Principal Investigator(s) for any reasonable expenses incurred at Sponsor's request to secure title or legal protection for any such Sponsor Invention, and Duke shall cooperate, at Sponsor's request, in any actions (including the execution of formal documents of assignment by Duke or any personnel assigned to the Study) required for such assignment.
- 7.4 **Grant of Option.** Duke hereby grants Sponsor, without option fee other than the consideration of the Study sponsored herein and the reimbursement of all patent expenses related to the Invention incurred by Duke prior to and during the option period, an option to acquire an exclusive, worldwide, royalty-bearing license to Duke's rights to any Invention other than a Sponsor Invention, which option shall extend for ninety (90) days after Sponsor's receipt of an Invention disclosure. If Sponsor notifies Duke in writing of its exercise of the option within the option period, then the Parties will have sixty (60) days after such notice to negotiate in good faith a license agreement on commercially reasonable terms. If Sponsor does not exercise this option, or notifies Duke that it will not exercise this option, or if the Parties fail to sign a license agreement within said sixty (60) day negotiation period, then Sponsor shall no longer have any claim or interest in Duke's rights in the subject Invention, except that if the Parties are unable to reach agreement on licensing terms then for a period of one year after the negotiation period, Duke will not offer to license the Duke Invention to a third party on terms more favorable to the licensee than those last offered to Sponsor without first giving Sponsor thirty (30) days to accept such terms.
- 7.5 **Reserved Rights.** Duke shall reserve the right to use any Invention assigned or licensed by Duke to Sponsor for Duke's own non-commercial research, educational, clinical and publication purposes, which rights shall not be transferable and shall be limited to non-commercial uses.

**8. Confidential Information.**

- 8.1 **Confidential Information.** **Confidential Information** shall mean all information provided by one Party to the other and relating to the Study or the Study Material. If such transmittal occurs orally, the transmitting Party shall promptly reduce such transmittal to writing, mark and identify it as confidential, and provide such record to the other Party within thirty (30) days after the date of disclosure. Specifically excepted from Confidential Information is all information that: (a) was previously known by the receiving Party; (b) is publicly disclosed except by breach of this Agreement either prior to or subsequent to the receiving Party's receipt of such information; (c) is rightfully received by the receiving Party from a third party without an express obligation of confidence; or (d) is independently developed by personnel of the receiving Party without use of or reliance upon the Confidential Information of the other Party.
- 8.2 **Nondisclosure and Non-Use.** Subject to the provisions of the section headed **Publications** hereunder (Section 9), the receiving Party shall (a) not disclose Confidential Information of the Disclosing Party to any third party without prior written authorization from the Disclosing Party, (b) restrict disclosure to its own personnel who have a need to know such Confidential Information for purposes of the conduct of the Study or in furtherance of its rights or obligations hereunder, (c) use such Confidential Information only as

necessary to conduct of the Study or in furtherance of its rights or obligations hereunder. This provision shall remain in effect for five (5) years following the termination of the Study.

- 8.3 Patient Information. Each Party shall be provided with patient information as allowed by law and the patient informed consent and authorization documents and shall maintain the confidentiality of all such patient information, unless specifically required to disclose such information by law.
- 8.4 Legally Required Disclosure. Nothing set forth herein shall operate to prohibit or prevent a Party from disclosing Confidential Information pursuant to any judicial or government request, requirement or order, provided that the disclosing Party takes reasonable steps to provide the other Party with sufficient prior notice in order to allow the other Party to contest such request, requirement or order.
- 8.5 Publicity. ARCA may disclose this Agreement and its terms at its discretion and as may be required by applicable law or regulations, subject to providing Duke with a reasonable opportunity to review and comment upon such disclosure; and further provided, that ARCA agrees to seek confidential treatment of any Confidential Information, consistent with applicable law. After the initial public disclosure, either party may publicize information related to the Study or the Agreement, to the extent that such information is no longer confidential.

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Sponsor recognizes the importance of communicating medical research and scientific data and its obligations to patients enrolled in the Study, and therefore encourages publication of such material in reputable scientific journals and at professional and/or academic seminars or conferences, in accord with the terms of this Agreement. The Steering Committee of the Study shall oversee the formation of a Publications Committee to review and approve analyses that may result in peer-reviewed manuscripts disclosing and/or analyzing clinical data generated from the Study ( **Trial Results** ) in scientific or academic journals by the Principal or Participating Investigators, Participating Institutions including Duke, or the Sponsor. The Publications Committee will be comprised of the Principal Investigator, the Chair and the Co-Chair of the Steering Committee, and an ARCA representative, which initially shall be the ARCA CEO (Dr. Michael Bristow). The Committee Chair will be selected by the Steering Committee. The Publications Committee will act as an independent body of scientific and medical experts, and shall consider each analysis with due regard for the scientific merit of the proposed publication with the aim of promoting the dissemination of scientific and medical knowledge. Decisions of the Publication Committee shall be by majority vote. There shall be no restrictions on the topics or analytical approaches used in developing manuscripts, other than those imposed by the Publication Committee.

In addition to submission of any analysis to the Publications Committee for approval, any proposed publication resulting from an analysis approved by the Publication Committee shall also be submitted to Sponsor for its review and comment at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to submission for publication. If Sponsor determines that the proposed publication contains patentable subject matter which requires protection, Sponsor may require the delay of publication for an additional period of time not to exceed sixty (60) calendar days for the purpose of filing patent applications. Duke shall ensure that Sponsor will be acknowledged on any publication authorized by the Publications Committee for its sponsorship of the Study in accordance with customary scientific principles of publication, and shall give Sponsor and/or Sponsor's personnel appropriate credit for any direct contribution made by them. Sponsor shall register the Study with [www.clinicaltrials.gov](http://www.clinicaltrials.gov), or an equivalent registry, and all Publications shall be consistent with usual academic standards in a manner compliant with the Uniform Requirements for Manuscripts Submitted to Biomedical Journals guidelines of the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (<http://www.icmje.org>).

Notwithstanding the foregoing, Sponsor shall be permitted to coordinate or undertake other publications of Trial Results in forums other than peer-reviewed manuscripts published in academic or scientific journals, without prior authorization from the Publications Committee, including but not limited to presentations or posters at medical conferences, industry conferences, or in industry or marketing publications or other business-related disclosures.

**10. Use of Name.**

No Party shall use the name, trademarks, logos, physical likeness or other symbol of any other Party, or its employees, for any marketing, advertising or public relations purposes without the prior written consent of the affected Party. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, Duke shall have the right to post Sponsor's name, the Study name, and the Study period, on Duke's publically accessible lists of research conducted at Duke and as may be required in submissions to funding agencies.

**11. Medical Care Costs.**

Sponsor shall be responsible for payment of the actual and reasonable medical expenses incurred in diagnosing and treating any injury, illness, or adverse reaction of a Study subject that results from the administration or use of the Study Material in accordance with the Protocol or the proper performance of any Protocol procedure, and which does

not arise from any of the causes attributable to Duke or Principal Investigator set forth in Section 12.2 hereof.

## 12. Indemnification.

12.1 Indemnification by Sponsor. Sponsor agrees to indemnify, hold harmless and defend Duke, its trustees, officers, employees, and agents from and against any and all claims, suits, losses, damages, costs, fees, expenses (including attorneys' fees), and other liabilities asserted by third parties, both government and non-government, resulting from or arising out of the Study conducted pursuant to this Agreement (the **Liabilities** ). Notwithstanding the forgoing, Sponsor

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shall not be liable to Duke to the extent the Liabilities result from (i) Duke's failure to obtain the prior approval of an IRB in accordance with the IRB's approved procedures; (ii) Duke's failure to follow the Protocol in any material respect or to comply with federal, state, local or international health authority law or regulation in connection with the Study; or (iii) Duke's negligence or willful misconduct in connection with the Study or its breach of the material terms of this Agreement.

12.2 **Indemnification by Duke.** Duke agrees to indemnify, hold harmless and defend Sponsor, its directors, officers, employees, and agents from and against the Liabilities, to the extent the Liabilities result from (i) Duke's failure to obtain the prior approval of the IRB in accordance with the IRB's approved procedures; (ii) Duke's failure to follow the Protocol in any material respect or to comply with federal, state, local or international health authority law or regulation in connection with the Study; or (iii) Duke's negligence or willful misconduct in connection with the Study or its breach of the material terms of this Agreement. Notwithstanding the forgoing, Duke shall not be liable to Sponsor under this indemnity to the extent that such Liabilities result from Sponsor's negligence, or willful misconduct, or its breach of the material terms of this Agreement.

12.3 **Indemnification Process.** A Party seeking indemnification hereunder shall give notice to the other Party promptly upon receipt of written notice of the potential claim. The Party seeking indemnification shall permit the indemnifying party to assume the defense and/or disposition of any such claim or related litigation, provided that counsel is reasonably acceptable to the Party seeking indemnification. The Party seeking indemnification shall cooperate with the indemnifying Party in all reasonable respects with respect to the defense of any such claim, with the out-of-pocket costs of the Party seeking indemnification to be reimbursed by the indemnifying Party.

12.4 **Indemnification for Participating Institutions and Participating Investigators.** Sponsor agrees to enter into an indemnification agreement with each Participating Institution and Participating Investigator for liabilities arising from the Study, in a form to be agreed-on between Sponsor and each such party.

12.5 **Disclaimer of Warranty.** Duke and Sponsor understand and agree that the conduct of the Study is experimental in nature and that no warranty, either expressed or implied, is made regarding the results of any research conducted under this Agreement. Neither party shall be liable for incidental or consequential damages under this Agreement, other than each party's obligation to indemnify the other party for Liabilities pursuant to this Article 12.

**13. Insurance.**

The Parties hereto warrant that they shall maintain during the term hereof policies of liability insurance with minimum coverage as follows:

13.1 **As to Sponsor:** Sponsor represents that, as of the Effective Date, it carries Products and Completed Operations Liability Insurance with limits not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence combined single limit and one million dollars (\$1,000,000) annual aggregate. Sponsor shall, no later than the

date of enrollment of the first patient in the Study, increase such coverage under its Products and Completed Operations Liability Insurance to limits not less than five million dollars (\$5,000,000) per occurrence combined single limit and five million dollars (\$5,000,000) annual aggregate. If such insurance or program of self-insurance is written on a claim-made form, coverage shall survive for a period of not less than three (3) years following locking of the clinical database for the Study. Sponsor agrees to furnish to Duke a certificate of insurance or evidence of self-insurance acceptable to Duke indicating the required coverage, including a certificate indicating the required increase in coverage when the Study begins enrollment.

13.2 As to Duke: Duke represents that it carries Comprehensive Form General and Professional Liability Insurance with limits of not less than three million dollars (\$3,000,000) per occurrence combined single limit and ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) annual aggregate. If such insurance or program of self-insurance is written on a claim-made form, coverage shall survive for a period of not less than three (3) years following termination of this Agreement. Coverage shall provide for a retroactive date of placement coinciding with or prior to the Effective Date. Duke agrees to furnish to Sponsor a certificate of insurance or evidence of self-insurance acceptable to Sponsor indicating the required coverage.

#### 14. Compliance.

14.1 The Study shall be conducted in compliance with all applicable federal, state, local, international health authority and institutional laws, regulations and guidelines, including, without limitation, all good clinical practice requirements as promulgated by the FDA, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act ( **HIPAA** ) of 1996 and all

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requirements imposed by legally constituted IRBs. Sponsor agrees to collect, use and disclose information with respect to the Study subject only in accordance with the informed consents and legal disclosure authorizations obtained from such Study subject as part of the Study, unless otherwise required by law.

14.2 Duke shall apply for approval to conduct the Study with Duke's IRB. Sponsor and Duke shall cooperate with each other in preparing and filing the Study protocol, informed consent form, and other information with the IRB, including any modifications thereof, prior to use by Duke or any Participating Institution.

14.3 Sponsor shall promptly report to Duke and Principal Investigator any information, including data and safety monitoring findings or information contained in site monitoring reports, which could directly affect the safety of past or current Study subjects or influence the conduct of the Study. In each case, the Principal Investigator and Duke shall be free to communicate these findings to each Study subject and the IRB. Duke will (and will require all Participating Institutions to) promptly, in accordance with applicable laws and regulations and in accordance with the Protocol, advise the Sponsor of any adverse reactions or side effects relating to the Study Material occurring during the conduct of the Study or that become known to it.

14.4 Duke shall use reasonable efforts to ensure the integrity of all Study data and promptly report to Sponsor any suspected research misconduct arising in connection with the Study, as that term is defined pursuant to 42 C.F.R. §93.103.

**15. Term.**

Term. The term of this Agreement shall commence as of the Effective Date and terminate upon completion of the Scope of Work under this Agreement, unless terminated sooner in accordance with the terms herein.

**16. Termination.**

16.1 Termination. This Agreement hereto may be terminated for any reason by Sponsor upon ninety (90) days prior written notice to Duke. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Agreement may be terminated immediately by written notice, in the following circumstances:

- (a) Authorization and approval to perform the Study in the United States is withdrawn by the FDA on a permanent or temporary basis;
- (b) Animal, human or toxicological test results, in the reasonable determination of Sponsor, support immediate termination of the Study;
- (c) The emergence of adverse events with a compound administered in the Study is of such magnitude or significance that, in the reasonable determination of Sponsor or a Data Safety Monitoring Board,

supports immediate termination of the Study;

- (d) If, for any reason the Principal Investigator is unable to continue to in that role and a successor acceptable to Sponsor is not available; or
- (e) A material event adversely affecting Sponsor's ability to finance the Study.

16.2 Termination for Breach. This Agreement may be terminated by either Party upon the occurrence of any material breach or default by the other Party, provided that the breaching or defaulting party shall be given not less than thirty (30) days prior written notice and the opportunity to cure the breach or default during such period.

16.3 Wind-Down Plan Upon Termination. Both Duke and Sponsor recognize that early termination of this Agreement requires both discussion and coordination between the Parties to ensure patient safety, continuity of treatment, if appropriate, and compliance with all applicable regulations. Upon early termination of this Agreement, the Parties shall cooperate to provide for an orderly cessation of the Study. Each Party further agrees to take no action or forego taking action if such action or forbearance would in any manner jeopardize patient safety or the utility, quality or integrity of the Study or violate or cause the other Party to violate any applicable laws. In addition, Duke shall conduct such activities as are reasonably necessary in connection with the orderly wind-down of the Study or the transfer of Duke's responsibilities to Sponsor or its designee. Based upon Sponsor's written instructions regarding the scope of activities to be conducted by Duke in connection with termination of the Study, to be delivered to Duke as soon as possible after notice of termination is received, Duke shall submit to Sponsor a wind-down, close out, or transfer plan to accomplish the tasks or research identified by Sponsor's written instructions together with a budget, both to be mutually agreed on in writing ( **Plan** ).

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16.4 Handling Data Upon Termination. The Parties agree that the transfer of the Study data and outstanding reports are critically important to both Parties. The Plan shall include the procedures and responsibilities of each Party including but not limited to the orderly collection of all patient data outstanding at participating sites, data analysis and entry of such data into the Study database, and any manuscript resulting therefrom.

16.5 Compensation Upon Termination. Upon early termination of this Agreement other than for material breach or default by Duke, Sponsor shall promptly compensate Duke for all work and research performed under this Agreement up to the effective date of termination, and reimburse Duke for any non-cancelable commitments and all activities in connection with the orderly wind-down and close out of the Study pursuant to the Plan. In the event of early termination hereunder and a Plan agreed-to by the Parties, Sponsor shall compensate Duke for the processing of any outstanding data collected, analyzed, and entered into the applicable database in accordance with a Plan.

16.6 Termination Survival. Notwithstanding any termination or expiration of this Agreement, or any Study Addendum hereto, Sections 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 19 and 22 shall survive any termination of this Agreement.

**17. Notices.**

Any notice or other communication required or permitted under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed given as of the date it is received by the receiving Party. Notice shall be given to the Parties at the addresses listed below, or such alternative address as may be provided by one Party to the other in writing:

**If to Duke:**

Office of Research Administration

2200 W. Main St., Suite 820

Durham, NC 27705

Phone: 919-684-5175

Facsimile: 919-684-6278

**with a copy to:**

Contracts Management

Duke Clinical Research Institute

300 W. Morgan Street, Suite 800

Durham, NC 27701

Phone: 919-668-8081

Facsimile: 919-668-8100

**If to Sponsor:**

ARCA biopharma Inc.

11080 CirclePoint Road, Suite 140

Westminster, CO 80020

**With a copy to:**

Chief Executive Officer

**18. Relationship of the Parties.**

Duke's relationship to Sponsor under this Agreement shall be that of an independent contractor and not an agent, joint venture, or partner of Sponsor. No Party hereto shall have, or shall represent that it has, any power, right or authority to bind the other Party hereto to any obligation or liability without express authorization from such other Party.

**19. Arbitration.**

The Parties agree to attempt to resolve promptly any dispute arising out of or relating to this Agreement by good faith negotiation; provided, however, if such attempts at dispute resolution shall fail, disputes relating to the terms and conditions of

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this Agreement shall be exclusively resolved, upon written request by either Party, by final and binding arbitration in a mutually agreed location, or a location chosen by the chair of the arbitration panel if the Parties cannot agree, pursuant to the commercial arbitration rules of the American Arbitration Association, in accordance with the following procedures:

- (a) The arbitration tribunal shall consist of three arbitrators. The Parties shall respectively nominate one arbitrator in the request for arbitration and one arbitrator in the answer thereto, and the two arbitrators so named will then jointly appoint a third arbitrator as chairperson of the arbitration tribunal.
  
- (b) The decision of the arbitration tribunal shall be final and binding upon the Parties hereto, and judgment upon such decision may be entered in any competent court for juridical acceptance of such an award and order of enforcement. Each Party hereby submits itself to the courts of the place of arbitration, but only for the entry of judgment with respect to the decision of the arbitrators hereunder. Each Party in any arbitration hereunder shall be responsible for its own attorney's fees in prosecuting such arbitration claim.

**20. Similar Research.**

Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to limit the freedom of Duke or its researchers who are participants under this Agreement, from engaging in similar research made under other grants, contracts or agreements with parties other than the Sponsor.

**21. Force Majeure.**

If either Party hereto shall be delayed or hindered in, or prevented from, the performance of any act required hereunder for any reason beyond such Parties reasonable control, including but not limited to, strike, lockouts, labor troubles, governmental or judicial actions or orders, riots, insurrections, war, acts of God (a **Disability** ) then such Party's performance shall be excused for the period of the Disability. Any Study timelines affected by a Disability shall be extended for a period equal to the delay and any affected Budget shall be adjusted upon mutual agreement of the Parties to account for cost increases or decreases resulting from the Disability. The Party affected by the Disability shall notify the other Party of such Disability as provided for herein.

**22. Non-Solicitation.**

During the term of this Agreement and for a one year period thereafter, Sponsor shall not solicit for hire (or the provisions of services under contract) any employee of Duke University that is involved in the conduct of the Study.

**23. Entire Agreement.**

This Agreement constitutes the full and complete understanding of the Parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior understandings and agreements with respect to such subject matter. Any amendments or revisions to this Agreement must be proposed in writing by either Party and accepted in writing by the other Party

before they will become effective and binding. Any handwritten modifications to this Agreement shall be null and void unless such modifications are initialed by both Parties.

**24. No Waivers.**

No delay or omission by a Party hereto to exercise any right under this Agreement shall impair any such right or power or be construed to be a waiver thereof. A waiver by any of the Parties hereto of any of the covenants, conditions or agreements herein contained shall not be construed to be a waiver of any succeeding breach thereof or of any covenant, condition or agreement herein contained. No waiver or discharge of any provisions of this Agreement shall be valid unless it is in writing and is executed by the Party against whom such change or discharge is sought to be enforced.

**25. Severability.**

If a judicial determination is made that any of the provisions contained in this Agreement constitute an unreasonable restriction against a Party or are otherwise unenforceable, such provision or provisions shall be rendered void or invalid only to the extent

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that such judicial determination finds such provision or provisions to be unreasonable or otherwise unenforceable, and the remainder of this Agreement shall remain operative and in full force and effect.

**26. Assignment and Subcontracting.**

Duke may not assign this Agreement or subcontract or delegate any of the activities to be performed by it hereunder without the prior written consent of Sponsor. Sponsor may assign this Agreement in connection with in connection with the transfer or sale of all or substantially all of its assets or business or the acquisition of Sponsor or its merger or consolidation with a third party, in connection with a clinical or commercial partnership, or with the prior written consent of Duke. Any attempted assignment of this Agreement not in compliance with this **Section 26** will be null and void and of no legal force or effect. This Agreement will inure to the benefit of and be binding upon each Party signatory hereto, its successors and permitted assigns. No assignment will relieve either Party of the performance of any accrued obligation that such Party may then have under this Agreement.

**27. Headings.**

The headings contained in this Agreement do not form a substantive part of this Agreement and shall not be construed to limit or otherwise modify its provisions.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement is entered into as of the date first written above.

**ARCA biopharma Inc.**

By: /s/ Michael R. Bristow  
Name: Michael R. Bristow  
Title: Chief Executive Officer  
Date: November 5, 2013

**Duke University:**

By: /s/ Barbara C. Hall  
Name: Barbara C. Hall  
Title: Assistant Director  
Date: October 30, 2013

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**APPENDIX A**

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**Exhibit 23.1**

**Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

The Board of Directors

ARCA biopharma, Inc.:

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the registration statements (Nos. 333-161485, 333-146078, 333-134981, 333-126590, 333-115747, 333-108563, 333-103055, 333-101276, 333-96313, 333-68172, 333-68170, 333-53089, 333-53087, 333-41663, 333-39194, 333-08978, 333-154839, and 333-191295) on Form S-8 and the registration statements (Nos. 333-186584, 333-172686, and 333-178984) on Form S-3 and the related prospectuses of ARCA biopharma, Inc. (a development stage enterprise) and subsidiaries (the Company) of our report dated March 20, 2014, with respect to the consolidated balance sheets of ARCA biopharma, Inc. as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, and the related consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive loss, preferred stock and stockholders' equity (deficit), and cash flows for each of the years in the two-year period ended December 31, 2013, and for the period from December 17, 2001 (date of inception) to December 31, 2013, which report appears in the December 31, 2013 annual report on Form 10-K of ARCA biopharma, Inc.

Our report dated March 20, 2014 contains an explanatory paragraph that states that the Company's recurring losses from operations and its dependence upon raising additional funds from strategic transactions, sales of equity, and/or issuance of debt raise substantial doubt about its ability to continue as a going concern. The consolidated financial statements do not include any adjustments that might result from the outcome of that uncertainty.

/s/ KPMG LLP

Denver, Colorado

March 20, 2014

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**Exhibit 31.1**

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Michael R. Bristow, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K of ARCA biopharma, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this annual report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this annual report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this annual report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this annual report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this annual report is being prepared;
  - b) designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in the report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this annual report based on such evaluation; and
  - d) disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
- a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: March 20, 2014

/s/ Michael R. Bristow

**Michael R. Bristow**

*President and Chief Executive Officer*

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**Exhibit 31.2**

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Patrick M. Wheeler, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K of ARCA biopharma, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this annual report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this annual report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this annual report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this annual report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this annual report is being prepared;
  - b) designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in the report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this annual report based on such evaluation; and
  - d) disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
- a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: March 20, 2014

/s/ Patrick M. Wheeler  
**Patrick M. Wheeler**  
*Chief Financial Officer*



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Exhibit 32.1

**ARCA BIOPHARMA, INC.**  
**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO**  
**18 U.S.C. SEC. 1350**  
**AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO**  
**SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

Pursuant to the requirement set forth in Rule 13a-14(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act ), and Section 1350 of Chapter 63 of Title 18 of the United States Code (18 U.S.C. §1350), Michael R. Bristow, Chief Executive Officer of ARCA biopharma, Inc. (the Company ), and Patrick M. Wheeler, Chief Financial Officer of the Company, each hereby certifies that, to the best of his knowledge:

- (1) The Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the period ended December 31, 2013, to which this Certification is attached as Exhibit 32.1 (the Annual Report ) fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act, and
- (2) The information contained in the Annual Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

**In Witness Whereof** , the undersigned have set their hands hereto as of the 20th day of March, 2014.

/s/ Michael R. Bristow  
**Michael R. Bristow**  
*President and Chief Executive Officer*

*(Principal Executive Officer)*

/s/ Patrick M. Wheeler  
**Patrick M. Wheeler**  
*Chief Financial Officer*

*(Principal Financial Officer and Principal*

*Accounting Officer)*

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 of the Public Company Accounting Reform and Investor Protection Act of 2002 (18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted) has been provided to the Company and will be retained by the Company and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request. This certification accompanies the Annual Report to which it relates, is not deemed filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and is not to be incorporated by reference into any filing of ARCA biopharma, Inc. under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (whether made before or after the date of the Annual Report), irrespective of any general incorporation language contained in such filing.