



Cipher Pharmaceuticals Inc.

Consolidated financial statements

For the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors of Cipher Pharmaceuticals Inc.

Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Cipher Pharmaceuticals Inc. (the "Company"), which comprise the consolidated statements of financial position as at December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income, changes in shareholders' equity and cash flows for the years then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including material accounting policy information.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the Company as at December 31, 2024 and 2023, and its consolidated financial performance and its consolidated cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the consolidated financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Key Audit Matters

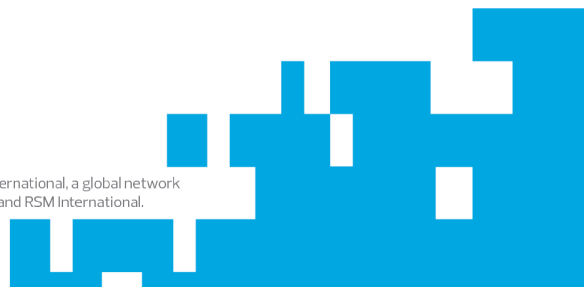
Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2024. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the consolidated financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

Valuation of deferred tax assets

Refer to consolidated financial statements Note 3: Summary of material accounting policies, Note 4 (v): Critical accounting estimates and judgments - Deferred income taxes, and Note 17: Income taxes.

As at December 31, 2024, the Company had a deferred tax asset balance of \$26,761. At each reporting date, the Company assesses whether the realization of future tax benefits is sufficiently probable to recognize a deferred tax asset. The amount recorded is dependent on the Company's expectation of future taxable income over a relevant period. Estimates of future taxable income rely on significant assumptions including forecasted revenue growth and expected operating and general expenditures.

We identified the valuation of deferred tax assets to be a key audit matter. Significant auditor judgement and increased auditor effort was required to perform and evaluate the results of our audit procedures regarding the Company's estimate of future taxable income.



How the Key Audit Matter was Addressed in the Audit

Our audit procedures related to the valuation of deferred tax assets included the following, among others:

- We inspected management's future taxable income forecast and evaluated the underlying assumptions by comparing to publicly available market information, and assessing the reasonableness of forecasted revenue for existing and new products;
- We evaluated the reasonableness of the operating and general expenditures by comparing to historical trends of the Company and assessing the accuracy of management's previous forecasts;
- With the assistance of internal tax specialists, we assessed the reasonableness of deductions or additions to future taxable income, as well as the tax rates used and the mathematical accuracy of the calculation; and
- We evaluated the adequacy of the disclosures in the consolidated financial statements in relation to this matter.

Valuation of acquired assets in business combination

Refer to consolidated financial statements Note 3: Summary of material accounting policies, Note 4 (x): Critical accounting estimates and judgments - Business combinations, and Note 6: Acquisition.

The Company acquired certain assets of ParaPRO, LLC for a total consideration of \$89,252. The acquisition-date fair value of the identifiable assets acquired included \$80,800 of intangible assets relating to product rights, \$6,405 relating to inventory and \$1,741 relating to goodwill. The determination of the fair value of the acquired assets required management to make significant estimates and assumptions over projected financial information, including forecasted revenue growth rates, margin percentages and discount rates. The Company also engaged an independent third-party valuator ("management's expert") to assist in estimating the fair value of the acquired assets.

We identified the valuation of acquired assets as a key audit matter. Auditing the business combination was complex due to the estimation uncertainty and subjectivity regarding assumptions used by management in determining the fair value of the acquired assets. Minor changes to these assumptions could have a significant impact on the fair value of acquired assets. In addition, significant auditor judgment, increased auditor effort and the involvement of those with specialized skills and knowledge in valuation were required in performing and evaluating the results of our audit procedures.

How our audit addressed the Key Audit Matter

Our audit procedures related to the business combination included the following:

- Analyzed the purchase agreements to obtain an understanding of the key terms and conditions to identify the necessary accounting considerations;
- Assessed the competence, capabilities and objectivity of management's expert;
- Assessed the reasonableness of forecasted revenue growth rates and margin percentages used in the estimation of fair value of the intangible assets acquired;
- Tested the mathematical accuracy of management's valuation models and supporting calculations;
- With the assistance of internal valuation specialists:
 - Evaluated the reasonableness of management's valuation approach and methodology;
 - Evaluated the reasonableness of the discount rate by comparing against a discount rate range that was independently developed using publicly available market data for comparable entities; and
- Assessed the adequacy of the disclosures in the notes to the consolidated financial statements in relation to this matter.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Management's Discussion and Analysis.

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

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

We obtained the Management's Discussion and Analysis prior to the date of this auditor's report. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Consolidated Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these consolidated financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Plan and perform the group audit to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business units within the group as a basis for forming an opinion on the group financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and review of the audit work performed for purpose of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

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

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

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

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Danny Tomassini.

RSM Canada LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants
Licensed Public Accountants
March 18, 2025
Toronto, Ontario

Cipher Pharmaceuticals Inc.

Consolidated Statements of Financial Position

(in thousands of United States dollars)

	As at December 31, 2024 \$	As at December 31, 2023 \$
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	17,837	39,825
Accounts receivable	13,860	5,088
Inventory (Notes 6 & 7)	5,792	2,982
Prepaid expenses and other assets	995	378
Total current assets	38,484	48,273
Property and equipment, net (Notes 6 & 8)	680	402
Intangible assets, net (Notes 6 & 9)	78,754	1,763
Deferred financing costs (Note 12)	386	—
Goodwill (Note 6)	17,447	15,706
Deferred tax assets (Note 17)	26,761	19,887
Total assets	162,512	86,031
Liabilities and shareholders' equity		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (Note 5)	5,873	4,596
Income taxes payable (Note 17)	54	—
Interest payable	358	—
Contract liabilities (Note 10)	13,306	562
Current portion of lease obligation (Notes 6 & 11)	283	94
Total current liabilities	19,874	5,252
Lease obligation (Notes 6 & 11)	295	259
Long-term debt (Note 12)	40,000	—
Total liabilities	60,169	5,511
Shareholders' equity		
Share capital (Notes 6 & 13)	27,680	18,012
Contributed surplus (Note 13)	6,525	5,755
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(9,514)	(9,514)
Retained earnings	77,652	66,267
Total shareholders' equity	102,343	80,520
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	162,512	86,031

Commitments and contingencies (Note 18)

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

Approved on behalf of the Board:

(Signed) "Craig Mull"

Craig Mull

Chairman

(Signed) "Harold Wolkin"

Harold Wolkin

Director

Cipher Pharmaceuticals Inc.

Consolidated Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income

(in thousands of United States dollars, except per share amounts)

	For the years ended December 31,	
	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Revenue		
Licensing revenue (Note 14)	6,623	8,483
Product revenue	26,740	12,679
Net revenue	33,363	21,162
Operating expenses		
Cost of products sold (Note 7)	9,260	4,069
Research and development	—	139
Depreciation and amortization	4,017	1,227
Selling, general and administrative (Notes 15 & 16)	14,953	5,694
Total operating expenses	28,230	11,129
Other expenses (income)		
Interest income	(330)	(1,870)
Unrealized foreign exchange loss (gain)	2,508	(778)
Total other expenses (income)	2,178	(2,648)
Income before income taxes	2,955	12,681
Current income tax expense (recovery) (Note 17)	54	(4,965)
Deferred income tax recovery (Note 17)	(8,644)	(2,737)
Total income tax recovery	(8,590)	(7,702)
Net income and comprehensive income for the year	11,545	20,383
Income per share		
Basic income per share	0.47	0.82
Basic weighted average number of shares outstanding	24,721,004	25,004,838
Diluted income per share	0.46	0.80
Diluted weighted average number of shares outstanding	25,221,889	25,422,202

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Consolidated Statements of Changes in Shareholders' Equity

(in thousands of United States dollars)

	Share Capital		Contributed Surplus	Accumulated other comprehensive loss	Retained earnings	Total shareholders' equity
	(000s)	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance, January 1, 2024	23,988	18,012	5,755	(9,514)	66,267	80,520
Net income for the year	—	—	—	—	11,545	11,545
Shares issued under the share purchase plan (Note 13)	6	41	—	—	—	41
Shares issued under the restricted share unit plan (Note 13)	118	200	(200)	—	—	—
Exercise of stock options (Note 13)	38	213	(102)	—	—	111
Share-based compensation expense (Note 13)	—	—	1,072	—	—	1,072
Purchase of common shares under common share repurchase plan (Note 13)	(26)	(16)	—	—	(160)	(176)
Shares issued as purchase consideration, net (Notes 6 & 13)	1,474	9,230	—	—	—	9,230
Balance, December 31, 2024	25,598	27,680	6,525	(9,514)	77,652	102,343
Balance, January 1, 2023	25,062	17,719	5,358	(9,514)	50,517	64,080
Net income for the year	—	—	—	—	20,383	20,383
Shares issued under the share purchase plan (Note 13)	14	41	—	—	—	41
Shares issued under the restricted share unit plan (Note 13)	261	497	(497)	—	—	—
Exercise of stock options (Note 13)	198	694	(296)	—	(13)	385
Share-based compensation expense (Note 13)	—	—	1,190	—	—	1,190
Purchase of common shares under common share repurchase plan (Note 13)	(257)	(158)	—	—	(718)	(876)
Purchase of common shares under substantial issuer bid (Note 13)	(1,290)	(781)	—	—	(3,902)	(4,683)
Balance, December 31, 2023	23,988	18,012	5,755	(9,514)	66,267	80,520

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Cipher Pharmaceuticals Inc.

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

(in thousands of United States dollars)

	For the years ended December 31,	
	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Operating activities		
Net income for the year	11,545	20,383
Add (deduct) items not affecting cash:		
Depreciation and amortization	4,017	1,227
Share-based compensation	1,072	1,190
Unrealized foreign exchange (gain) loss	2,508	(778)
Remeasurement of lease obligation	6	(19)
Non-cash interest expense	28	9
Amortization of deferred financing costs (Note 12)	61	—
Deferred income taxes	(8,644)	(2,737)
	10,593	19,275
Changes in working capital balances related to operations:		
Accounts receivable	(8,772)	1,714
Inventory	3,595	(830)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(348)	11
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	1,277	526
Income taxes payable	54	(4,965)
Interest payable	358	—
Contract liabilities (Note 10)	12,789	268
Cash provided by operating activities	19,546	15,999
Investing Activities		
Purchase of property and equipment	(44)	(21)
Acquisition of net assets (Note 6)	(80,000)	(123)
Cash used in investing activities	(80,044)	(144)
Financing activities		
Payment of lease obligations (Note 11)	(211)	(111)
Proceeds from long-term debt (Note 12)	40,000	—
Financing costs for revolving credit facility (Note 12)	(447)	—
Shares issued as purchase consideration	—	—
Share issuance costs (Note 13)	(22)	—
Proceeds from shares issued under the share purchase plan	41	41
Purchase of common shares under a common share repurchase plan (Note 13)	(176)	(876)
Purchase of common shares under a substantial issuer bid (Note 13)	—	(4,683)
Exercise of stock options (Note 13)	111	385
Cash provided by (used in) financing activities	39,296	(5,244)
Net (decrease) increase in cash during the period	(21,202)	10,611
Impact of foreign exchange on cash and cash equivalents	(786)	378
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	39,825	28,836
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	17,837	39,825

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Cipher Pharmaceuticals Inc.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

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1. Nature of operations

Cipher Pharmaceuticals Inc. ("Cipher") and its subsidiaries (together the "Company") is a specialty pharmaceutical company with a diversified portfolio of commercial and early to late-stage products. The Company acquires products that fulfill unmet medical needs, manages the required regulatory approval process, and markets those products either directly or indirectly in Canada and the United States ("U.S."). The Company is building its business through product acquisitions, out-licensing and in-licensing arrangements. Cipher was incorporated under the *Business Corporations Act* (Ontario) on January 9, 2004 and the Company's corporate office is located at 5750 Explorer Drive, Suite 404, Mississauga, Ontario. The address of the Company's registered office is 40 King Street West, Suite 2400, Toronto, Ontario.

2. Basis of preparation

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, except for certain financial instruments, which are measured at fair value as described below. Management assesses the Company's ability to continue as a going concern at each reporting date, using available quantitative and qualitative information.

Certain prior period balances have been reclassified to conform with the current period financial statement presentation. Specifically, in the consolidated statements of financial position, the provision for discounts of \$43 as at December 31, 2023 was reclassified from the accounts payable and accrued liabilities line item to the contract liabilities line item of the consolidated statements of financial position, and accordingly has been included within Note 10 – Contract liabilities.

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Cipher and its wholly owned legal subsidiaries: Cipher US Holdings Inc., Cipher US Holdco LLC and Cipher Pharmaceuticals US LLC. All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated upon consolidation.

The Board of Directors approved these consolidated financial statements on March 18, 2025.

3. Summary of material accounting policies

Licensing revenue

Licensing revenue is comprised of royalties and licensing product sales.

Royalty revenue is recognized in the period in which the Company earns the royalty. Licensing partners report royalty revenue monthly and typically remit payment within 30 days after each quarter end. Royalty revenue is earned on the net sales reported by the Company's licensing partners. Net sales result after a number of deductions that are generally estimates and are recorded in the same period that the revenues are recognized, with adjustments made to these estimates in future periods in order to reflect the actual amounts once precise information is available to the Company. The deductions are primarily comprised of rebates, discounts, promotional incentives and product returns that are applied to gross sales to arrive at net sales. These deductions represent best estimates by the Company's licensing partners of the related obligations. Amounts recorded for sales deductions can result from a complex series of judgments about future events and uncertainties and can rely on estimates and assumptions.

Licensing product sales from Galephar Pharmaceutical Research, Inc. ("Galephar"), the Company's contract manufacturing organization, are recognized when the finished products are shipped to the Company's licensing partners, at which time control is transferred.

The Company's licensing agreements also contain upfront payments, pre-and post-commercialization milestones of which the Company recognizes 50% as revenue and remits the other 50% to Galephar or other third parties as may be assigned from time to time.

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Accounting for costs to fulfil a contract

The Company may incur costs that are directly related to fulfilling a contract. While there were no such costs incurred in the current and comparative period, such amounts will be capitalized to prepaids and other assets in the consolidated statements of financial position.

Financing component

Agreements entered into with licensing partners often include an upfront fee upon execution of the agreement. If they are considered significant in the context of the arrangement, these upfront fees are accounted for as a financing component.

Product revenue

Product revenue is recognized upon shipment of product to the Company's customers. The transaction price is based on list prices that are published annually. Revenue is recorded on a net basis, representing the amounts receivable from customers after the deduction for rebates, chargebacks, discounts, returns and early payment discounts. The methodology and assumptions used to estimate rebates, chargebacks, discounts, returns and early payment discounts are monitored and adjusted in light of contractual and historical information. Invoices are generated at the time of product shipment and are payable within 30 to 90 days.

The provision for rebates is an estimate used in the recognition of revenue. The Company has rebate agreements in place under the Medicaid Drug Rebate Program, pertaining to sales of certain of the Company's products in the U.S. The Medicaid Drug Rebate Program provides drug coverage to patients enrolled in the program, and the rebates paid by the Company help to offset the U.S. Federal and state costs of outpatient prescription drugs dispensed to Medicaid patients. The Company is responsible for paying a rebate on those drugs for which payment was made under a state plan, which is paid by the Company on a quarterly basis to states and are shared between the states and the Federal government. Provisions for rebates are recognized in the period in which the underlying sales are recognized, as a reduction of product sales revenue and recorded as a contract liability in the consolidated statements of financial position. The Company estimates provisions for rebates based upon contractual terms, historical experience, trend analysis, and projected market conditions in the various markets served. The Company evaluates market conditions for products or groups of products primarily through the analysis of wholesaler and other third-party sell-through and market research data, as well as internally generated information. The Company continually monitors provisions for rebates and adjusts when it believes that actual rebates may differ from established reserves.

The provision for chargebacks is an estimate used in the recognition of revenue. The Company has contractual arrangements with various customers that specify discounted pricing for the purchase of the Company's products by end customers. The difference between the wholesale price paid by the Company's wholesale customers and the price paid by their end customer is the chargeback amount. Provisions for chargebacks are recognized in the period in which the underlying sales are recognized, as a reduction of product sales revenue and recorded as a contract liability in the consolidated statements of financial position. The Company estimates provisions for chargebacks based on the number of chargeback claims attributable to product sales for each period. The Company continually monitors provisions for chargebacks and adjusts when it believes that actual chargebacks may differ from established reserves.

The provision for discounts is an estimate used in the recognition of revenue. The Company grants discounts based on the terms of arrangements with direct, indirect and other market participants, as well as in consideration of market conditions. Provisions for discounts are recognized in the period in which the underlying sales are recognized, as a reduction of product sales revenue and recorded as a contract liability in the consolidated statements of financial position. The Company continually monitors provisions for discounts and adjusts when it believes that actual discounts may differ from established reserves.

The provision for returns is an estimate used in the recognition of revenue. The Company has a returns policy that allows customers to return product within a specified period prior to and after the expiration date. Provisions for returns are recognized in the period in which the underlying sales are recognized, as a reduction of product sales revenue and recorded as a contract liability in the consolidated statements of financial position. The Company estimates provisions for returns based upon historical experience, if applicable, representing management's best

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estimate. While such experience has allowed for reasonable estimations in the past, history may not always be an accurate indicator of future returns. The Company continually monitors provisions for returns and adjusts when it believes that actual product returns may differ from established reserves.

Translation of foreign currencies

The consolidated financial statements are presented in United States dollars ("U.S. dollars"), which is the Company's functional currency. Revenues and expenses denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollars using the exchange rate in effect at the transaction date.

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated using the rate in effect at the balance sheet date and non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are translated at historical exchange rates. Related exchange gains and losses are included in other (income) expenses in the consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income.

Goodwill

For the purpose of impairment testing, goodwill acquired in a business combination is allocated to each of the cash-generating units ("CGUs"), or groups of CGUs, that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination. Each unit or group of units to which the goodwill is allocated represents the lowest level within the entity at which the goodwill is monitored for internal management purposes. Goodwill is monitored at the operating segment level. Goodwill is tested for impairment at least annually or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate a potential impairment. The carrying value of the groups of CGUs that contain goodwill is compared to its recoverable amount, which is the higher of the fair value less costs to dispose or value in use. Any impairment is recognized immediately as an expense and is not subsequently reversed. The estimated recoverable amount may be determined utilizing one or more methods as appropriate. For the impairment test during the year ended December 31, 2024, the Company determined the recoverable amount to be the fair value less costs of disposal. In calculating the recoverable amount, the Company took the market approach by considering the market capitalization and earnings multiple approach (2023 – market approach).

Financial instruments

Financial assets and liabilities are recognized when the Company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Financial assets are derecognized when the rights to receive cash flows from the assets have expired or have been transferred and the Company has transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership. Financial assets and liabilities are offset, and the net amount reported in the consolidated statements of financial position, when there is a legally enforceable right to offset the recognized amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

At initial recognition, the Company classifies its financial instruments in the following categories depending on the purpose for which the instruments were acquired:

Financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss

A financial asset or liability is classified in this category if acquired principally for the purpose of selling or repurchasing in the short term. This category includes derivative financial instruments. Financial instruments in this category are recognized initially and subsequently at fair value. Transaction costs are expensed in the consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income. Gains and losses arising from changes in fair value are presented in the consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income in the period in which they arise.

Financial assets

These are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. The Company's loans and receivables comprise cash and cash equivalents, and accounts receivable, which are included in current assets due to their short-term nature. Loans and receivables are initially recognized at the amount expected to be received less, when material, a discount to reduce the loans and receivables to fair value. Subsequently, loans and receivables are measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method less a provision for impairment, if needed.

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Financial liabilities at amortized cost

This classification includes accounts payable and accrued liabilities, and long-term debt. Financial liabilities at amortized cost are initially recognized at the amount required to be paid less, when material, a discount to reduce the payables to fair value. Transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issuance of financial liabilities at amortized cost, are added to or deducted from the fair value on initial recognition. Subsequently, financial liabilities at amortized cost are measured at amortized cost using the effective interest rate method. Financial liabilities are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within twelve months. Otherwise, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

The Company does not have any financial instruments classified as fair value through other comprehensive income.

Fair value of financial instruments

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received from the sale of an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The best evidence of fair value is quoted bid or ask prices in an active market. Quoted prices are not always available for over-the-counter transactions, as well as transactions in inactive or illiquid markets. In these instances, pricing models, normally with observable market-based inputs, are used to estimate fair value. Financial instruments traded in a less active market have been valued using indicative market prices, present value or other valuation techniques. Where financial instruments trade in inactive markets or when using models where observable parameters do not exist, greater management judgment is required for valuation purposes. In addition, the calculation of estimated fair value is based on market conditions at a specific point in time and, therefore, may not be reflective of future fair values.

As at December 31, 2024, the Company's financial instruments consisted of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, and long-term debt. Cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, and long-term debt are measured at amortized cost and their fair values approximate carrying values.

Impairment of financial assets

At each reporting date, the Company assesses whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset is impaired. If such evidence exists, the Company recognizes an impairment loss. Impairment losses on financial assets carried at amortized cost are reversed in subsequent periods if the amount of the loss decreases and the decrease can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment was recognized.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include deposits held with banks, as well as short-term investments with a maturity term of 90 days or less.

Accounts receivable

Accounts receivable consist of amounts due from customers for product sales and from licensing partners for royalties and licensing product sales in the normal course of business. Trade receivables are carried at amounts due, net of expected lifetime credit losses. The Company has adopted the simplified approach for estimating credit losses as historical credit losses have been insignificant.

Inventory

Inventory, which is comprised of raw materials and finished goods, is valued at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Cost is determined using the weighted-average cost method. Net realizable value is the estimated selling price less applicable selling cost. If the carrying value exceeds net realizable amount, a provision is recognized. The provision may be reversed in a subsequent period if the circumstances which caused the write down no longer exists.

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An inventory provision is estimated by management based on expected future sales and expiry dates of finished goods and is recorded in cost of products sold. Subsequent changes to provisions are recorded in cost of products sold in the consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income.

Inventories acquired through business combinations are initially recognized at fair value.

Business combinations

Acquisitions have been accounted for as business combinations using the acquisition method. The consideration transferred in a business combination is measured at fair value at the date of acquisition. Acquisition-related transaction costs are recognized in the consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income as incurred. At the acquisition date, the identifiable assets acquired and the liabilities assumed are initially recognized at their fair value.

Goodwill is measured as the excess of the sum of the consideration transferred and the fair value of the acquirer's previously held equity interest in the acquiree (if any) over the net of the acquisition date amounts of the identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed. When the consideration transferred by the Company in a business combination includes assets or liabilities resulting from a contingent consideration arrangement, the contingent consideration is measured at its acquisition-date fair value and included as part of the consideration transferred in a business combination. Changes in the fair value of the contingent consideration that qualify as measurement period adjustments are adjusted retrospectively, with corresponding adjustments against goodwill. Changes in fair value that are not considered measurement adjustments are recognized through the consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income. Measurement period adjustments are adjustments that arise from additional information obtained during the 'measurement period' (which cannot exceed one year from the acquisition date) about facts and circumstances that existed at the acquisition date.

Contingent consideration that is classified as a financial asset or a financial liability is remeasured at subsequent reporting dates, with the corresponding gain or loss being recognized in the consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income.

Prepaid expenses and other assets

Prepaid expenses consist of amounts paid in advance for services that have future value to the Company, such as insurance policy premiums, subscription-based fees, U.S. Food and Drug Administration ("FDA") fees and deposits.

Property and equipment

Property and equipment are recorded at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. The useful lives of property and equipment are reviewed at least annually, and the depreciation charge is adjusted for prospectively. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method, over the following estimated useful lives of the assets or lease terms:

Computer equipment	3 years
Furniture and fixtures	5 years
Leasehold improvements	Over the term of the lease
Office lease	Over the term of the lease
Motor vehicles	Over the term of the lease

Intangible assets

Intangible assets include product rights that consist of marketing and other rights relating to products and licensing rights and these are recorded at cost less accumulated amortization and accumulated impairment losses. Amortization commences when the intangible asset is available for use. Intangible assets have a finite life and are amortized using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives. The useful lives of the intangible assets are reviewed at least annually. Amortization is recognized on a straight-line basis over the contract terms for licensing rights which range from 10 to 11 years, and for the period of time over which the product rights are expected to contribute cash flows to the Company ranging from 9 to 15 years, as applicable.

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Impairment of non-financial assets

Indefinite-lived intangible assets or intangible assets not ready for use are tested at least annually for impairment or when indicators of impairment exist. Intangible assets subject to amortization are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognized for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are largely independent cash inflows (CGU). Prior impairments of non-financial assets (other than goodwill) are reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date. As at December 31, 2024, the Company has one operating segment and one CGU.

Share capital

Common shares are classified as equity. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issuance or purchase of shares are recognized as a deduction from equity.

Cost of products sold

Cost of products sold includes the cost of finished goods, royalties to license holders, inventory provisions, inventory fair value adjustments in connection with acquisitions, distribution costs and direct overhead expenses necessary to acquire the finished goods.

Research and development

The Company conducts research and development programs and incurs costs related to these activities, including employee compensation, materials, professional services and services provided by contract research organizations. Research and development costs, net of related tax credits and contractual reimbursements from development partners, and such costs are expensed in the periods in which they are incurred.

Income taxes

Income tax comprises current and deferred tax. Current tax is the expected tax payable on the taxable income for the year using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the end of the reporting period and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous years.

Deferred tax is recognized in respect of temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the consolidated financial statements. Deferred income tax is determined on a non-discounted basis using tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the consolidated statements of financial position date and are expected to apply when the deferred tax asset or liability is settled.

Deferred tax assets are recognized to the extent that it is probable that the assets can be recovered.

Share-based compensation

The fair value of options granted to employees and directors is estimated on the date of the grants using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. Stock options vest over four years (25% per year) for both employees and directors and expire after seven or ten years and can only be settled in common shares. Each tranche in an award is considered as a separate award with its own vesting period and grant date fair value. Share-based compensation expense is recognized over the tranche's vesting period based on the number of awards expected to vest, by increasing contributed surplus. The number of awards expected to vest is reviewed annually, with any impact being recognized immediately. Stock option forfeitures are estimated at the time of grant and revised, if necessary, in subsequent periods if actual forfeitures differ from those estimates. Share-based compensation expense is included within the respective functional departments in operating expenses in the consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income and in contributed surplus in the consolidated statements of financial position. The consideration received on the exercise of stock options is credited to share capital at the time of exercise.

Restricted share units ("RSUs") are notional common shares of the Company to be issued to employees and directors of the Company. RSUs vest three years from the date of grant (one third per year) or four years from the

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grant date (one quarter per year) for employees and vest over one year for board of directors and can only be settled in common shares. The Company amortizes the fair value of the RSUs over the service period of the individual RSU grant, which generally equals the vesting period. RSU forfeitures are estimated at the time of grant and revised, if necessary, in subsequent periods if actual forfeitures differ from those estimates.

To the extent RSUs and/or options are granted under a compensation plan in accordance with an objective formula and the service period commences prior to the grant date, the Company estimates the grant date fair value of an award for services received in advance of the grant date, the estimate is revised at subsequent reporting periods until the date of grant has been established. Once the grant date has been established the Company revises the earlier estimate so that the amounts recognized for services received in respect of the grant are ultimately based on the grant date fair value of the equity instruments awarded. The expense is recognized over the expected service period and the Company calculates the pre-grant date expense based on estimates of the expected grant date fair value of the instruments.

Provisions

Provisions are recognized when the Company has a present obligation, legal or constructive, as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

Termination benefits

The Company recognizes termination benefits when it is demonstrably committed to either terminating the employment of current employees according to a detailed formal plan without possibility of withdrawal or providing benefits as a result of an offer made to encourage voluntary termination. Benefits falling due more than twelve months after the end of the reporting period are discounted to their present value.

Earnings per share

Basic earnings per share ("EPS") is calculated using the treasury stock method, by dividing the net income for the year by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the year. Diluted earnings per share information is calculated assuming the deemed exercise of all in-the-money stock options, RSUs and other share-based instruments and that all deemed proceeds to the Company are used to repurchase the Company's stock at the average market price during the year. No adjustment to diluted earnings per share is made if the result of this calculation is antidilutive.

Leases

Right-of-use assets

The Company recognizes right-of-use assets at the commencement date of the lease (i.e., the date the underlying asset is available for use). Right-of-use assets are measured at cost, less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses, and adjusted for any remeasurement of lease liabilities. The cost of right-of-use assets includes the amount of lease liabilities recognized, initial direct costs incurred, and lease payments made at or before the commencement date less any lease incentives received. Unless the Company is reasonably certain to obtain ownership of the leased asset at the end of the lease term, the recognized right-of-use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the shorter of their estimated useful life and the lease term. Right-of-use assets are subject to impairment.

Lease obligations

At the commencement date of the lease, the Company recognizes lease liabilities measured at the present value of lease payments to be made over the lease term. In calculating the present value of lease payments, the Company uses the incremental borrowing rate at the lease commencement date if the interest rate implicit in the lease is not readily determinable. After the commencement date, the amount of lease liabilities is increased to reflect the accretion of interest and reduced for the lease payments made. In addition, the carrying amount of lease liabilities is remeasured if there is a modification, a change in the lease term, a change in the in-substance fixed lease payments or a change in the assessment to purchase the underlying asset.

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Accounting standards amendments issued

The Company applied for the first-time certain standards and amendments, which are effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2024. The Company has not early adopted any other standard, interpretation or amendment that has been issued but is not yet effective.

Amendments to IAS 7 and IFRS 7 – Supplier finance arrangements

In May 2023, the IASB issued amendments to IAS 7 and IFRS 7, which require disclosures to enhance the transparency of supplier finance arrangements and their effects on an entity's liabilities, cash flows and exposure to liquidity risk. The Company was not subject to any supplier finance arrangements during the year ended December 31, 2024. Consequently, the application of these amendments have not had any impact on the accounting policies disclosed by the Company for the year ended December 31, 2024.

Amendments to IFRS 16 – Leases on sale and leaseback

In September 2022, the IASB issued amendments to IFRS 16, which include requirements for sale and leaseback transactions in IFRS 16 to explain how an entity accounts for a sale and leaseback after the date of the transaction. Sale and leaseback transactions where some or all the lease payments are variable lease payments that do not depend on an index or rate are most likely to be impacted. The Company was not subject to any sale and leaseback transactions during the year ended December 31, 2024. Consequently, the application of these amendments have not had any impact on the accounting policies disclosed by the Company for the year ended December 31, 2024.

Amendments to IAS 1 – Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-Current

In January 2020, the IASB issued amendments to paragraphs 69 to 76 of IAS 1 to specify the requirements for classifying liabilities as current or non-current. The amendments clarify:

- What is meant by a right to defer settlement
- That a right to defer must exist at the end of the reporting period
- That classification is unaffected by the likelihood that an entity will exercise its deferral right
- That only if an embedded derivative in a convertible liability is itself an equity instrument would the terms of a liability not impact its classification.

These amendments are applicable to the Company's long-term debt, which has been classified as non-current at December 31, 2024, in accordance with the amendments to IAS 1 for the right to defer settlement.

Amendments to IAS 1 – Non-current liabilities with covenants

In October 2022, the IASB issued amendments to IAS 1, which clarify how conditions with which an entity must comply within twelve months after the reporting period affect the classification of a liability. The amendments also aim to improve information an entity provides related to liabilities subject to these conditions. The amendments must be applied retrospectively. These amendments are applicable to the Company's long-term debt, as the Company's credit facility is subject to covenants. Long-term debt has been classified as non-current at December 31, 2024, in accordance with the amendments to IAS 1.

New standards issued, but not yet effective:

Amendments to IAS 21 – Lack of Exchangeability

In August 2023, the IASB issued amendments to IAS 21, which impact entities that have transactions or operations in a foreign currency that is not exchangeable into another currency at a measurement date for a specified purpose. A currency is exchangeable when there is an ability to obtain the other currency, and the transaction would take place through a market or exchange mechanism that creates enforceable rights and obligations. The amendments are effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2025. Earlier application is permitted as long as this fact is disclosed.

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Amendments to IFRS 9 – Financial Instruments and IFRS 7 – Financial Instrument: Disclosures

In May 2024, the IASB issued amendments to the classification and measurement of financial instruments. The amendments modify the following requirements in IFRS 9 and IFRS 7:

- Derecognition of financial liabilities settled through electronic transfers.
- Elements of interest in a basic lending arrangement (the solely payments of principal and interest assessments 'SPPI test').
- Contractual terms that change the timing or amount of contractual cash flows.
- Financial assets with non-recourse features.
- Investments in equity instruments designated at fair value through other comprehensive income.
- Contractual terms that could change the timing or amount of contractual cash flows.

The amendments are effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2026. Earlier application is permitted as long as this fact is disclosed.

New accounting standard: IFRS 18 – Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements

In April 2024, the IASB published IFRS 18 to replace IAS 1, which sets out significant new requirements for how financial statements are presented, with particular focus on:

- The statement of profit or loss, including requirements for mandatory sub-totals to be presented.
- Aggregation and disaggregation of information, including the introduction of overall principles for how information should be aggregated and disaggregated in financial statements.
- Disclosures related to management-defined performance measures (MPMs), which are measures of financial performance based on a total or sub-total required by IFRS accounting standards with adjustment made. Entities will be required to disclose MPMs in the financial statements with disclosures, including reconciliations of MPMs to the nearest total or sub-total calculated in accordance with IFRS accounting standards.

The standard is effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2027. Earlier application is permitted as long as this fact is disclosed.

New accounting standard: IFRS 19 – Subsidiaries without Public Accountability: Disclosures

In May 2024, the IASB issued IFRS 19. This standard permits eligible subsidiaries without public accountability to apply reduced disclosure requirements while applying the recognition, measurement, and presentation requirements in IFRS. IFRS 19 is a voluntary standard and is effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2027. Earlier application is permitted as long as this fact is disclosed.

4. Critical accounting estimates and judgments

The Company makes estimates and judgments concerning the future that will, by definition, seldom equal actual results. Management reviews its estimates on an ongoing basis to ensure that the estimated values appropriately reflect changes in the Company's business and new information as it becomes available. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimate is revised.

The following are the critical estimates and judgments applied by management that most significantly affect the Company's consolidated financial statements. Uncertainty about these assumptions and estimates could result in outcomes that require a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets or liabilities affected in future periods.

i) Returns

The provision for returns is a complex estimate used in the recognition of revenue. The Company has a returns policy that allows wholesalers to return product within a specified period prior to and subsequent to the expiration date. Provisions for returns are recognized in the period in which the underlying sales are recognized, as a reduction of product sales revenue. The Company estimates provisions for returns based upon historical experience, representing management's best estimate. While such experience has allowed for reasonable

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estimations in the past, history may not always be an accurate indicator of future returns. The Company continually monitors provisions for returns and makes adjustments when it believes that actual product returns may differ from established reserves.

ii) Rebates

The provision for rebates is a complex estimate used in the recognition of revenue. The Company has rebate agreements in place under the Medicaid Drug Rebate Program, pertaining to sales of certain of the Company's products in the U.S. The Medicaid Drug Rebate Program provides drug coverage to patients enrolled in the program, and the rebates paid by the Company help to offset the U.S. Federal and state costs of outpatient prescription drugs dispensed to Medicaid patients. The Company is responsible for paying a rebate on those drugs for which payment was made under a state plan, which is paid by the Company on a quarterly basis to states and are shared between the states and the Federal government. Provisions for rebates are recognized in the period in which the underlying sales are recognized, as a reduction of product sales revenue and recorded as a contract liability in the consolidated statements of financial position. The Company estimates provisions for rebates based upon contractual terms, historical experience, trend analysis, and projected market conditions in the various markets served. The Company evaluates market conditions for products or groups of products primarily through the analysis of wholesaler and other third-party sell-through and market research data, as well as internally generated information. The Company continually monitors provisions for rebates and adjusts when it believes that actual rebates may differ from established reserves.

iii) Chargebacks

The provision for chargebacks is an estimate used in the recognition of revenue. The Company has contractual arrangements with various customers that specify discounted pricing for the purchase of the Company's products by end customers. The difference between the wholesale price paid by the Company's wholesale customers and the price paid by their end customer is the chargeback amount. Provisions for chargebacks are recognized in the period in which the underlying sales are recognized, as a reduction of product sales revenue and recorded as a contract liability in the consolidated statements of financial position. The Company estimates provisions for chargebacks based on the number of chargeback claims attributable to product sales for each period. The Company continually monitors provisions for chargebacks and adjusts when it believes that actual chargebacks may differ from established reserves.

iv) Discounts

The provision for discounts is an estimate used in the recognition of revenue. The Company grants discounts based on the terms of arrangements with direct, indirect and other market participants, as well as in consideration of market conditions. Provisions for discounts are recognized in the period in which the underlying sales are recognized, as a reduction of product sales revenue and recorded as a contract liability in the consolidated statements of financial position. The Company continually monitors provisions for discounts and adjusts when it believes that actual discounts may differ from established reserves.

v) Deferred income taxes

Management uses estimates when determining deferred income tax assets. These estimates are used to determine the recoverability of non-capital tax loss carry forward amounts, research and development expenditures and investment tax credits. Significant judgment is required to determine the probable future taxable income in order to recognize the deferred tax asset. Estimates of future taxable income rely on significant assumptions including forecasted revenue growth, and expected operating and general expenditures. Changes in market conditions, changes in tax legislation, patent challenges and other factors, including the approval or launch of generic versions of any of the Company's products, could adversely affect the ongoing value of deferred tax assets. The carrying amount of deferred income tax assets is reassessed at each reporting period and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable income will be available to utilize all or part of the deferred income tax assets. Unrecognized deferred income tax assets are reassessed at each reporting period and are recognized to the extent that it is probable that there will be sufficient taxable income for the asset to be recovered.

Management assesses the relevance and effect of changes in facts and circumstances during the year in the context of applicable tax laws on its uncertain tax positions and adjusts its provision accordingly. Assessing whether it is probable that the taxation authority will accept an uncertain tax treatment and the estimate of the

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provision require significant management judgment related to the interpretation and application of complex tax laws and regulations.

vi) Share-based compensation

The option pricing model used to determine the fair value of share-based payments requires various estimates relating to volatility, interest rates, dividend yields and expected life of the options granted. Fair value inputs are subject to market factors as well as internal estimates. The Company considers historic trends together with any new information to determine the best estimate of fair value at the date of grant. Separate from the fair value calculation, the Company is required to estimate the expected forfeiture rate of equity-settled share-based payments.

vii) Impairment of non-financial assets

The Company reviews indefinite-lived and not ready for use non-financial assets for impairment either annually or whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the assets may be impaired. The Company reviews amortized non-financial assets for impairment when impairment indicators exist. If the recoverable amount of the respective non-financial asset is less than its carrying amount, it is considered to be impaired. In the process of measuring the recoverable amount, management makes assumptions about future events and circumstances. The actual results may vary and may cause significant adjustments.

viii) Impairment of goodwill

Goodwill is tested for impairment annually at year end, or more frequently if indicators of impairment exist. The impairment test on a CGU is carried out by comparing the carrying amount of the CGU to its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount of a CGU is the higher of its fair value, less costs of disposal and its value in use. The recoverable amount has been determined by management using the fair value less costs of disposal approach. For the impairment test during the year ended December 31, 2024, the Company determined the recoverable amount to be the fair value less costs to dispose. In calculating the recoverable amount, the Company took the market approach by considering the market capitalization and earnings multiple approach (2023 – market approach).

ix) Functional currency

Management uses judgment when determining its functional currency. This determination includes an assessment of the indicators as prescribed in IAS 21, *The Effects of Changes on Foreign Exchange Rates* ("IAS 21"). However, applying the factors in IAS 21 does not always result in a clear indication of functional currency. Where IAS 21 factors indicate differing functional currencies, management uses judgment in the ultimate determination of the functional currency.

x) Business combinations

Management applies significant judgment in estimating the fair value of assets acquired and liabilities assumed in business combinations. To estimate the fair value of intangible assets, in particular, management, with the assistance of external valuation experts, develop significant assumptions related to revenue projections and growth rates, margin percentages and discount rates. Changes in these estimates and judgments could result in significant changes in the valuation of acquired assets and liabilities.

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5. Risk management and uncertainties

In the normal course of business, the Company is exposed to a number of financial risks that can affect its operating performance. These risks are: credit risk, liquidity risk, market risk, interest rate risk and capital management risk. The Company's overall risk management program and business practices seek to minimize any potential adverse effects on the Company's financial performance.

i) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of a financial loss to the Company if a customer or counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligation. Financial instruments that potentially expose the Company to significant concentration of credit risk consist of cash and cash equivalents and accounts receivable. The Company's investment policies are designed to mitigate the possibility of deterioration of principal, enhance the Company's ability to meet its liquidity needs and provide high returns within those parameters. Cash is on deposit with Canadian chartered banks, and cash equivalents consist of short-term investments held with Canadian chartered banks. Management monitors the collectability of accounts receivable and other receivables and estimates an allowance for doubtful accounts.

As at December 31, 2024, the provision for expected lifetime credit losses for receivables both aged and past due was not significant (2023 – nil) and the accounts that were past due were negligible (2023 – nil).

The Company has concentration risk, as approximately 84% (2023 – 88%) of total revenue came from seven (2023 – four) customers and approximately 88% (2023 – 83%) of total accounts receivable is due from six (2023 – three) customers.

ii) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will encounter difficulties in meeting its financial liability obligations as they become due. The Company has a planning and budgeting process in place to help determine the funds required to support the Company's normal operating requirements on an ongoing basis.

The Company has financed its cash requirements primarily through operations. The Company controls liquidity risk through management of working capital, cash flows and the availability and sourcing of financing.

The Company anticipates that its current cash and the remaining balance available on its New Credit Facility (defined herein), together with the cash flow that is generated from operations will be sufficient to execute its current business plan for 2025.

The following table outlines the Company's undiscounted contractual obligations as at December 31, 2024.

Description	Less than one year	Years two and three	Beyond three years	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	5,873	—	—	5,873
Interest payable	358	—	—	358
Contract liabilities	13,306	—	—	13,306
Lease obligations	291	343	—	634
Long-term debt	—	40,000	—	40,000
Total	19,828	40,343	—	60,171

The current portion of lease obligations are recorded at the net present value of \$283 (2023 – \$94) in lease obligations. The non-current portion of the lease obligations of \$295 (2023 – \$259) is recorded in long-term lease obligations.

iii) Currency risk

The Company is exposed to currency risk related to the fluctuation of foreign exchange rates. The Company operates primarily in U.S. dollars. The Company is exposed to currency risk through its net assets denominated in Canadian dollars ("CDN\$"). A change of 10 basis points in the U.S./CDN exchange rate on December 31, 2024

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balances would have had a \$4 impact on income and comprehensive income. The following are the financial assets and financial liabilities denominated in Canadian dollars as at December 31, 2024:

	CDN\$
Cash and cash equivalents	8,654
Accounts receivable	2,761
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(2,380)
Lease obligations	(351)
Net financial assets	8,684

iv) Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates.

The Company is exposed to interest rate risk on its New Credit Facility (defined herein), which is a revolving credit facility. The amount drawn on the New Credit Facility currently bears interest at the adjusted term Secured Overnight Financing Rate ("SOFR"), plus a tiered applicable margin determined quarterly based on the Company's leverage ratio, and as such is subject to interest rate risk resulting from market fluctuations in interest rates. A 1% change in the interest rate for the year ended December, 2024 would have had a \$161 impact on income and comprehensive income for the period.

v) Capital management risk

The Company's managed capital is comprised of cash and cash equivalents, long-term debt, and shareholders' equity. The Company's objective when managing its capital structure is to safeguard its ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide returns for shareholders, finance strategic growth plans and meet financial obligations as they become due. In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Company may issue new common shares from time to time. The Company relies on cash on hand, cash flows from operations and debt financing where necessary to finance growth initiatives.

6. Acquisition

On July 26, 2024, the Company signed a definitive asset purchase agreement with ParaPRO LLC ("ParaPRO") and closed the acquisition of the global product rights for Natroba™ and its authorized generic Spinosad, as well as the commercial sales team in the United States (the "Natroba Acquisition").

The Natroba Acquisition was completed for total purchase consideration of \$89,252. The Company paid \$80,000 in cash, satisfied by \$40,000 from cash on-hand and \$40,000 from a credit facility (refer to Note 12 for further information on the credit facility). The Company additionally issued \$9,252 worth of common shares of Cipher to ParaPRO, representing 1,474,097 shares at a closing price of CDN\$8.68 per share.

The Company determined that the acquisition represented a business combination under IFRS 3 – *Business Combinations* ("IFRS 3"), and as such, was accounted for using the acquisition method of accounting in accordance with IFRS 3.

Fair Value of Consideration Transferred

The aggregate fair value of purchase consideration for the acquired assets, net of the assumed liabilities, is as follows:

	\$
Cash	40,000
Proceeds from long-term debt	40,000
Issuance of common shares	9,252
Total consideration transferred	89,252

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Assets Acquired and Liabilities Assumed

The estimates of fair value have been adjusted retrospectively to the acquisition date. Certain previously reported financial statement line items were updated to reflect the impact of the adjusted estimates of fair value of assets acquired and liabilities assumed related to the Natroba Acquisition.

The following table summarizes the final allocation of the purchase price of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on management's estimate of fair value as of the acquisition date.

	Preliminary ⁽ⁱ⁾	Adjustments	Final
	\$	\$	\$
Inventory	2,603	3,802	6,405
Prepaid expenses and other assets	270	—	270
Property and equipment	36	—	36
Property and equipment (right-of-use asset)	—	405	405
Intangible assets	86,591	(5,791)	80,800
Goodwill	—	1,741	1,741
Lease obligations	—	(405)	(405)
Total assets acquired, net of liabilities assumed	89,500	(248)	89,252

Note:

- (i) Estimates of the fair value of assets acquired and liabilities assumed are presented as reported in the Company's condensed interim consolidated financial statement as at September 30, 2024.

Goodwill represents the residual value, including the assembled workforce, arising from the acquisition.

The Company incurred \$2,671 of acquisition-related costs during the year ended December 31, 2024. Acquisition-related costs were recorded in selling, general and administrative expenses in the consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income.

The results of operations, cash flows and net assets acquired in the Natroba Acquisition have been consolidated with those of the Company from July 26, 2024. For the year ended December 31, 2024, since the date of acquisition the business acquired in the Natroba Acquisition contributed revenue of \$11,950 and net income before tax of \$1,407.

On a pro-forma basis, by including results for the period prior to the Company's acquisition of January 1, 2024 to July 25, 2024, the Company's consolidated revenues would have been higher by \$15,650 and net income before tax would be increased by \$7,021 for the year ended December 31, 2024.

7. Inventory

	December 31, 2024	December 31, 2023
	\$	\$
Finished goods	5,599	3,194
Raw materials	369	—
Obsolescence provision	(176)	(212)
	5,792	2,982

Inventory amounts recorded in cost of products sold during the year is \$7,059 (2023 – \$2,568).

Included within the inventory amounts recorded in cost of products sold for the year ended December 31, 2024 is fair value adjustments to acquired finished goods inventory of \$2,747 (2023 – \$nil), recorded in connection with the Natroba Acquisition accounting (refer to Note 6 for further information on the Natroba Acquisition).

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8. Property and equipment

	Computer equipment	Furniture and fixtures	Leasehold improvements	Office lease (Right-of- use)	Motor vehicles (Right-of- use)	Total
Cost	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance, January 1, 2023	119	11	74	512	—	716
Additions	1	2	18	19	—	40
Balance, December 31, 2023	120	13	92	531	—	756
Additions	30	—	7	6	—	43
Additions related to Acquisition (Note 6)	31	5	—	—	405	441
Balance, December 31, 2024	181	18	99	537	405	1,240
Accumulated depreciation						
Balance, January 1, 2023	117	1	5	112	—	235
Depreciation	1	3	20	89	—	113
Foreign exchange	1	(1)	—	6	—	6
Balance, December 31, 2023	119	3	25	207	—	354
Depreciation	7	3	22	98	76	206
Balance, December 31, 2024	126	6	47	305	76	560
Net book value						
As at December 31, 2024	55	12	52	232	329	680
As at December 31, 2023	1	10	67	324	—	402

Depreciation expense of \$206 (2023 – \$113) is recorded in depreciation and amortization expense in the consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income.

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9. Intangible assets

Intangible assets consist of intellectual property, licensing rights, and intellectual product rights of the Company's portfolio:

	Licensing Rights \$	Product Rights \$	Total \$
Cost			
Balance, January 1, 2023	6,079	—	6,079
Additions	123	—	123
Balance, December 31, 2023	6,202	—	6,202
Additions related to Acquisition (Note 6)	—	80,800	80,800
Balance, December 31, 2024	6,202	80,800	87,002
Accumulated amortization			
Balance, January 1, 2023	3,325	—	3,325
Amortization	1,114	—	1,114
Balance, December 31, 2023	4,439	—	4,439
Amortization	1,011	2,800	3,811
Foreign exchange	(2)	—	(2)
Balance, December 31, 2024	5,448	2,800	8,248
Net book value			
As at December 31, 2024	754	78,000	78,754
As at December 31, 2023	1,763	—	1,763

Amortization expense of \$3,811 (2023 – \$1,114) is recorded in depreciation and amortization expense in the consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income. The average remaining amortization period of the intangible assets is 5.27 years.

As at December 31, 2024, the Company had intangible assets with a cost of \$500 (2023 – \$500), which are not yet available for use. Accordingly, amortization has not commenced on these intangible assets.

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10. Contract liabilities

The following table is the continuity of the contract liabilities for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023:

	Chargebacks/ Rebates \$	Returns \$	Inventory Management \$	Discounts \$	Total \$
Balance, January 1, 2023	—	257	—	37	294
Additions	—	599	—	281	880
Payments	—	(343)	—	(276)	(619)
Foreign exchange	—	6	—	1	7
Balance, December 31, 2023	—	519	—	43	562
Additions	13,988	782	2,755	940	18,465
Payments	(3,591)	(385)	(782)	(918)	(5,676)
Foreign exchange	—	(41)	—	(4)	(45)
Balance, December 31, 2024	10,397	875	1,973	61	13,306

The closing balance relates to provisions made to estimate the liabilities arising from chargebacks, rebates, returns, inventory management and discounts recorded as a reduction of revenue.

11. Lease obligations

The Company has an office lease for its corporate operations head office in Mississauga, Ontario. The term of the lease is five years and commenced on June 1, 2022. The undiscounted commitment for the remaining lease term as of December 31, 2024 is \$270.

The Company has leases for vehicles used in its U.S. operations. The terms of the vehicle leases range from three to five years, with various lease commencement dates. The Company acquired the leases in connection with the Natroba Acquisition on July 26, 2024. The undiscounted commitment for the remaining lease terms as of December 31, 2024 is \$364.

The Company has an office lease for its U.S. headquarters in Carmel, Indiana. In connection with the Natroba Acquisition, the Company entered into a month-to-month lease for office space, which commenced on July 26, 2024. The Company has applied the exemption for short-term leases under IFRS 16 *Leases*, and accordingly has not recorded a right-of-use asset or lease obligation for the office space lease in the consolidated statements of financial position. The lease for office space has been assessed by the Company as a short-term lease, given the lease term is less than twelve months. The lease term of less than twelve months has been determined based on the month-to-month nature of the lease and the termination provisions of the lease. Under the terms of the lease agreement, the Company as the lessee, or the landlord as the lessor, each have the unilateral ability to cancel the lease with 30 days' notice and without incurring any penalties. These provisions of the lease agreement result in a lease term that is not enforceable beyond a one-month period, and consequently represents a short-term lease.

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The carrying amounts of the Company's lease obligations and movements during the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 were as follows:

	Office Lease \$	Vehicle Leases \$	Total \$
Balance, January 1, 2023	428	—	428
Remeasurement of lease obligations	19	—	19
Interest expense	9	—	9
Payments	(111)	—	(111)
Foreign exchange	8	—	8
Balance, December 31, 2023	353	—	353
Additions	—	405	405
Remeasurement of lease obligations	6	—	6
Interest expense	23	5	28
Payments	(135)	(76)	(211)
Foreign exchange	(3)	—	(3)
Balance, December 31, 2024	244	334	578
Current portion	98	185	283
Long-term portion	146	149	295

12. Long-term debt

Effective July 25, 2024, the Company terminated its credit facility (the "Credit Facility") with Royal Bank of Canada. Under the terms of the Credit Facility, the Company had up to \$35,000 of financing available, structured as a \$15,000 Senior Secured Revolving Term Loan (the "Term Loan") with an additional accordion option to be increased by \$10,000, combined with a \$10,000 Senior Secured Revolving Credit Facility (the "Revolving Loan"). The initial term of the Term Loan was three years and the Revolving Loan was payable on demand. Prior to and on the termination date of July 25, 2024, there were no amounts drawn on the Credit Facility.

On July 26, 2024, the Company entered into a credit facility with National Bank of Canada ("National Bank"), as lead arranger and sole bookrunner of a syndicated credit facility (the "New Credit Facility"). Under the terms of the New Credit Facility, National Bank provided the Company with access to up to \$65,000 through a revolving credit facility. In addition, the New Credit Facility contains an optional \$25,000 accordion which may be drawn subject to the approval of National Bank. The New Credit Facility has an effective date of July 26, 2024 and a maturity of three years from the effective date, with an optional annual extension clause. The New Credit Facility bears interest at market prevailing rates once drawn upon.

On July 26, 2024, the New Credit Facility was drawn upon by the Company for \$40,000, to partially fund the Natroba Acquisition.

Interest rates for the amount drawn on the New Credit Facility are calculated based on adjusted term Secured Overnight Financing Rate ("SOFR"), plus a tiered applicable margin determined quarterly based on the Company's leverage ratio. The Company also pays a customary tiered standby fee on available but undrawn amounts under the New Credit Facility. Interest expense on the New Credit Facility for the year ended December 31, 2024 was \$1,164 (year ended December 31, 2023 – \$nil), which has been recognized in the consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income. As at December 31, 2024, the outstanding balance on the New Credit Facility was subject to an interest rate of 5.95%.

The New Credit Facility is secured by the Company's assets and contains covenants that limit, among other things, the ability of the Company to incur additional indebtedness, make distributions in certain circumstances and sell material assets. The New Credit Facility also requires the Company to maintain a total net debt to earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization ("EBITDA") ratio below a specified maximum value and an interest

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coverage ratio above a specified minimum value. The Company was in compliance with all covenants contained in the New Credit Facility throughout the year ended and as at December 31, 2024.

Costs associated with entering into the New Credit Facility of \$447 were deferred and recognized in the consolidated statements of financial position and are subject to amortization on a straight-line basis over three years, consistent with the maturity of the New Credit Facility. Due to the revolving nature of the New Credit Facility, these costs are not included in the carrying value of long-term debt. Amortization of deferred financing costs of \$61 for the year ended December 31, 2024 has been recognized in the consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income. The outstanding balance of financing costs that were deferred and not yet amortized is \$386 at December 31, 2024, which is included as deferred financing costs in the consolidated statements of financial position.

The following table describes movements in the Company's long-term debt balance:

	\$
Balance, January 1, 2023	—
Draw on long-term debt	—
Balance, December 31, 2023	—
Draw on long-term debt	40,000
Balance, December 31, 2024	40,000

13. Share capital

Authorized share capital

The authorized share capital consists of an unlimited number of preference shares, issuable in series, and an unlimited number of voting common shares, with no par value.

The Company has the following share-based compensation plans: The Stock Option Plan ("SOP"), the Employee and Director Share Purchase Plan ("ESPP"), and the Restricted Share Units and Performance Share Units Plan (the "RSU and PSU Plan").

On June 14, 2024, shareholders of Cipher approved resolutions which provide that the maximum number of common shares issuable in aggregate pursuant to outstanding awards or grants under the SOP and the RSU and PSU Plan at any time shall be 10% of the number of common shares then issued and outstanding.

Share purchase plan

The Company's ESPP allows employees and directors to share in the growth of the Company through share ownership. Through the ESPP, employees and directors may contribute amounts to purchase shares of the Company at a 15% discount from the prevailing trading price. Plan members must hold their shares for a period of at least six months before they can be sold.

During the year ended December 31, 2024, 5,775 common shares were issued under the ESPP (2023 – 14,053) at a weighted average trading price of CDN\$9.67 (2023 – CDN\$3.95). Included in share-based compensation expense is \$6 (2023 – \$7), which is the discount on the common shares issued during the year.

Normal course issuer bid

On November 15, 2023, the Company announced that the TSX had approved the Company's Notice of Intention to Make a Normal Course Issuer Bid under which the Company may, if considered advisable, purchase for cancellation, from time to time up to November 19, 2024, up to an aggregate of 1,337,195 of its issued and outstanding common shares, being 10% of its public float of 13,371,956 common shares as of November 10, 2023.

On September 19, 2022, the Company announced that the TSX had approved the Company's Notice of Intention to Make a Normal Course Issuer Bid under which the Company may, if considered advisable, purchase for

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cancellation, from time to time up to September 21, 2023, up to an aggregate of 1,403,293 of its issued and outstanding common shares, being 10% of its public float of 14,032,934 common shares as of September 8, 2022.

During the year ended December 31, 2024, the Company purchased for cancellation 25,685 common shares (2023 – 257,221) at an average price of CDN\$9.21 per common share (2023 – CDN\$4.56). The total cash consideration paid exceeded the weighted average carrying value of the shares repurchased by \$160 (2023 – \$718), which was recorded in retained earnings.

Substantial issuer bid

On September 5, 2023, the Company announced its intention to commence a substantial issuer bid (the “Offer” or “SIB”), which subsequently commenced on September 6, 2023 and was completed on October 11, 2023, pursuant to which the Company offered to purchase for cancellation up to CDN\$6,000 of its outstanding common shares. The Offer was made by way of a ‘modified Dutch auction’, which allowed shareholders who chose to participate in the Offer to individually select the price, within a range of not less than CDN\$3.95 per common share and not more than CDN\$4.75 per common share (in increments of CDN\$0.05 per common share), at which they were willing to sell their common shares. Upon expiry of the Offer, the Company determined the lowest purchase price (which was not to be more than CDN\$4.75 per common share and not less than CDN\$3.95 per common share) (the “Purchase Price”) that allowed it to purchase the maximum number of common shares tendered to the Offer having an aggregate purchase price not exceeding CDN\$6,000.

On October 12, 2023, the Company announced the final results of its SIB, whereby the Company took up and paid for 1,290,321 common shares at a Purchase Price of CDN\$4.65 per common share, representing an aggregate purchase price of CDN\$6,000. The common shares taken up by the Company, representing 5.1% of the total issued and outstanding common shares prior to commencing the SIB, were purchased for cancellation. The total cash consideration paid, including costs incurred in connection with the Offer, exceeded the weighted average carrying value of the shares repurchased by \$3,902, which was recorded in retained earnings.

Stock option plan

The following is a summary of the changes in the stock options outstanding from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2024:

	Number of options (000s)	Weighted average exercise price (CDN\$)
Balance, January 1, 2023	773	2.37
Granted during the year	392	3.86
Exercised during the year	(206)	2.71
Forfeited/expired during the year	(116)	2.60
Balance, December 31, 2023	843	3.08
Granted during the year	513	12.01
Exercised during the year	(38)	3.97
Forfeited/expired during the year	—	—
Balance, December 31, 2024	1,318	6.53

As at December 31, 2024, 352,417 options were fully vested and exercisable (December 31, 2023 – 191,287).

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During the year ended December 31, 2024, the Company granted 512,575 stock options under the SOP. The options vest over a four-year period from the grant date, at a rate of 25% per year and expire seven years from the day of grant. The expected volatility is based on the Company's historical volatility over a comparable period based on expected life. There is no expected dividend. The exercise price and weighted average Black-Scholes assumptions are as follows:

Grant date	Number granted	Exercise price (CDN\$)	Black-Scholes value (CDN\$)	Risk-free interest rate	Expected life	Expected volatility
March 20, 2024	202,575	8.15	3.36	3.69%	3.4 years	52.8%
September 30, 2024	310,000	14.53	5.93	2.96%	3.4 years	53.3%

During the year ended December 31, 2023, the Company granted 392,490 stock options under the SOP. The options vest over a four-year period from the grant date, at a rate of 25% per year and expire seven years from the day of grant. The expected volatility is based on the Company's historical volatility over a comparable period based on expected life. There is no expected dividend. The exercise price and weighted average Black-Scholes assumptions are as follows:

Grant date	Number granted	Exercise price (CDN\$)	Black-Scholes value (CDN\$)	Risk-free interest rate	Expected life	Expected volatility
March 16, 2023	227,490	3.75	2.38	3.66%	4.9 years	76.2%
April 24, 2023	65,000	3.37	2.12	3.15%	4.9 years	76.2%
June 21, 2023	60,000	3.69	2.25	3.56%	4.9 years	72.4%
December 1, 2023	40,000	6.31	3.13	4.30%	4.9 years	52.1%

The total expense for stock options for the year ended December 31, 2024 was \$861 (2023 – \$529) and was recorded to selling, general and administrative expenses in the consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income.

The following information relates to stock options that were outstanding as at December 31, 2024:

Range of exercise prices (CDN \$)	Number of options (000s)	Weighted average remaining contractual life	Weighted average exercise price (CDN \$)
0.72 – 1.48	80	2.21 years	0.89
2.17 – 5.06	665	4.84 years	2.99
6.19 – 8.15	263	5.82 years	7.72
8.16 – 14.53	310	6.75 years	14.53
	1,318	5.33 years	6.53

During the year ended December 31, 2024, 37,900 stock options were exercised (2023 – 206,470) for gross proceeds of \$111 (2023 – \$407).

The Company's SOP provides that an option holder may elect to receive a number of shares equivalent to the growth value of vested options, which is the difference between the market price and the exercise price of the options. The fair value of grants with these market conditions are estimated based on the expected payout as of the grant date, or at the start of the service period to the extent the service period commences prior to the grant date.

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During the year ended December 31, 2023, certain stock options exercised were elected by the option holder to be net settled, whereby the holder received only the number of shares equivalent to the growth value of the vested options. There were 13,750 stock options exercised during the year ended December 31, 2023 for which the option holder made this election, of which 8,518 of these stock options exercised were not issued as common shares to the option holder. These net settlements resulted in \$13 being recorded in retained earnings for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Restricted Share Unit and Performance Share Unit Plan

On May 13, 2015, the Company adopted the RSU and PSU Plan. RSUs and Performance Share Units ("PSUs") are notional share units exchangeable for common shares of the Company. RSUs are granted to employees and directors of the Company and PSUs are granted to certain executives. RSUs granted to employees vest annually over three or four years and RSUs granted to directors vest over a one-year period. The fair value of RSUs granted is defined as the Company's share price on the date of the grant. There are no PSUs outstanding as at December 31, 2024 (2023 – nil).

A summary of the RSUs granted and outstanding as at December 31, 2024 is as follows:

	Number of RSUs (000s)
Balance, January 1, 2023	399
Granted during the year	281
Vested and settled during the year	(261)
Forfeited/cancelled during the year	(68)
Balance, December 31, 2023	351
Granted during the year	—
Vested and settled during the year	(118)
Forfeited/cancelled during the year	—
Balance, December 31, 2024	233

The total expense for RSUs for the year ended December 31, 2024 was \$205 (2023 – \$654) and was recorded to selling, general and administrative expenses in the consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income.

Shares Issued as Purchase Consideration

On July 26, 2024, in connection with the Natroba Acquisition, the Company issued \$9,252 worth of common shares of Cipher to ParaPRO as purchase consideration, representing 1,474,097 shares at a closing price of CDN\$8.68 per share. These common shares have been recognized net of share issuance costs of \$22 in the consolidated statements of changes in shareholders' equity.

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14. Licensing Revenue

The Company earns licensing revenue from both royalties on products sold by its commercial partners and product sales to its commercial partners. The breakdown is as follows:

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Royalty revenue	3,902	4,884
Licensing product sales	2,721	3,599
	6,623	8,483

15. Expenses by nature

Selling, general and administrative expenses in the consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income include the following categories of expenses by nature and function:

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Salaries and benefits compensation	4,402	1,136
Share-based compensation	1,072	1,190
Professional fees	3,769	1,911
Sales and marketing	1,548	301
Regulatory and pharmacovigilance	491	451
Insurance	218	180
Acquisition, restructuring and other costs	2,715	269
Other administrative costs	738	256
	14,953	5,694

16. Compensation of key management

Key management includes directors and executives of the Company. The compensation paid or payable to key management for services is shown below:

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Salaries, directors' fees, bonuses, and benefits	1,356	842
Share-based compensation	693	1,085
Termination benefits	—	231
	2,049	2,158

The interim Chief Executive Officer of the Company did not receive cash compensation in the capacity as an executive, rather he received share-based compensation, and received cash-paid directors' fees in the capacity as Chairman of the Board.

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17. Income taxes

The components of the income tax recovery are as follows:

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Current income tax expense (recovery)	54	(4,965)
Deferred income tax recovery	(8,644)	(2,737)
	(8,590)	(7,702)

The income tax expense (recovery) as reported differs from the amount computed by applying the statutory income tax rates to income before income taxes for the year. The sources and tax effects of the differences are as follows:

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Income before income taxes	2,955	12,681
Tax provision at the statutory income tax rate of 26.5% (2023 – 26.5%)	783	3,360
Permanent differences	140	415
Unrecognized tax benefit	—	(4,965)
Effect of tax rates in foreign jurisdictions	28	—
Effect of foreign exchange	1,142	(348)
Change in enacted income tax rates and other items	284	1,262
Change in deferred tax assets not previously recognized and other	(10,967)	(7,426)
	(8,590)	(7,702)

At each reporting date, the Company assesses whether the realization of future tax benefits is sufficiently probable to recognize a deferred tax asset. This assessment requires the exercise of judgement, which includes a review of projected taxable income. During the year ended December 31, 2024, the Company recognized previously unrecognized losses of \$1,974 (2023 – \$2,782) that are expected to be used to reduce taxable income for the year and \$28,677 (2023 – \$12,487) that are estimated to be additionally utilized based on the Company's most recent forecast. As a result, in 2024, the Company had a decrease in deferred tax assets not recognized of \$10,967 (2023 – \$7,426).

Deferred income tax assets of the Company are comprised of the following:

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Non-capital losses	23,448	17,708
Temporary differences	3,313	2,179
	26,761	19,887

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The movement in the deferred income tax asset is as follows:

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Balance, January 1	19,887	16,674
Tax provision	(2,324)	(4,689)
Foreign exchange	(1,769)	476
Recognition of previously unrecognized tax assets	10,967	7,426
Balance, December 31	26,761	19,887

The significant components of unrecognized deferred tax assets are summarized as follows:

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Capital losses	230	454
Non-capital losses	16,491	24,778
Tax credits	8,143	12,160
SR&ED tax pools	13,154	14,311
Temporary differences	(2,158)	(3,222)
	35,860	48,481

The Company has non-capital losses of \$154,382 (2023 – \$160,324), investment tax credits of \$8,143 (2023 – \$12,160) and SR&ED expenditures of \$49,640 (2022 – \$54,005). The non-capital losses expire in varying amounts from 2028 to 2040. The investment tax credits expire in varying amounts from 2025 to 2042.

18. Commitments and contingencies

Directors and officers are indemnified by the Company for various items including, but not limited to, costs to settle lawsuits or actions due to their association with the Company, subject to certain restrictions. The Company has purchased directors and officers liability insurance to mitigate the cost of any potential future lawsuits or actions. The term of the indemnification covers the period during which the indemnified party served as a director or officer of the Company.

Executive employment agreements allow for additional payments if a change of control occurs or for termination with or without cause.

In the normal course of business, the Company has entered into agreements that include indemnities in favour of third parties, such as purchase and sale agreements, confidentiality agreements, engagement letters with advisors and consultants, leasing contracts, license agreements, information technology agreements and various product, service, data hosting and network access agreements. These indemnification arrangements may require the applicable entity to compensate counterparties for losses incurred by the counterparties as a result of breaches in representations, covenants and warranties provided by the Company or as a result of litigation or other third-party claims or statutory sanctions that may be suffered by the counterparties as a consequence of the relevant transaction. In some instances, the terms of these indemnities are not explicitly defined.

In the normal course of business, the Company may be the subject of litigation or other potential claims. While management assesses the merits of each lawsuit and defends itself accordingly, the Company may be required to incur significant expenses or devote significant resources to defending itself against litigation.

Development milestones

The Company has development and regulatory milestone payments of CDN\$1,000 related to its near-term pipeline product, CF-101 Piclidenoson in the treatment of moderate to severe psoriasis, that become payable upon achievement of certain clinical trial and regulatory approval metrics.

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Lease obligations

The Company has certain lease obligations, as described in Note 11.

Licensing agreements with Galephar

In 2002, the Company entered into a Master Licensing and Clinical Supply Agreement (the "Agreement") with Galephar, a Puerto Rico based pharmaceutical research and manufacturing company. Under the Agreement, the Company acquired the rights to package, test, obtain regulatory approvals and market CIP-FENOFIBRATE, CIP-ISOTRETINOIN and CIP-TRAMADOL ER (the "CIP Products") in various countries. In accordance with the Agreement, the Company retains 50% of all revenue from licensing and distribution arrangements entered into with respect to the CIP Products, with the other 50% due to Galephar. Galephar retains the right to manufacture and supply the CIP Products. With respect to licensing and distribution arrangements, the Company manages the product supply arrangements with commercial partners and Galephar; product is shipped directly from Galephar to the respective commercial partners. Where the Company has opted to market and sell a CIP Product itself, the Company purchases the finished goods from Galephar directly.

With respect to CIP-ISOTRETINOIN, the Company has entered into licensing and distribution arrangements for the U.S. and Mexico, while opting to market and sell the product directly in Canada. The Company also has in place various licensing and distribution arrangements with respect to CIP-FENOFIBRATE and CIP-TRAMADOL ER in the U.S. The Company has opted to market and sell CIP-TRAMADOL ER directly in Canada effective April 2022.

During the year ended December 31, 2024, the Company paid royalties of \$5,575 (2023 – \$6,850) to Galephar. As at December 31, 2024, the Company had royalties payable to Galephar of \$1,156 (2023 – \$1,398). Royalties payable to Galephar are remitted quarterly, after the Company collects from its licensing partners. Accordingly, the Company's accounts receivable have a corresponding balance representing amounts owed from its licensing partners. Royalties paid and payable to Galephar with respect to the Company's licensing agreements are included in and have the effect of reducing net revenue, specifically licensing revenue, in the consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income.

Supply agreement with ParaPRO

On July 26, 2024, in connection with the Natroba Acquisition, a subsidiary of Cipher entered into an API Supply Agreement with ParaPRO. Under the API Supply Agreement, the Company obtains exclusive purchasing access to a supply of the active pharmaceutical ingredient ("API") used in the production of Natroba™ and its authorized generic Spinosad.

The API Supply Agreement requires that Cipher's subsidiary purchase from ParaPRO a minimum quantity of API annually. The financial commitments associated with this annual minimum purchase quantity vary by period. For the fiscal year ending December 31, 2025, the minimum purchase requirement is calculated taking into consideration certain inventory and sales performance metrics for Natroba™ and its authorized generic Spinosad. Accordingly, it is currently estimated that Cipher's subsidiary will be required to purchase a minimum quantity of API valued at approximately \$5,000. For the fiscal year ending December 31, 2026, the minimum quantity of API required to be purchased is calculated taking into consideration certain sales performance metrics for Natroba™ and its authorized generic Spinosad, and accordingly the minimum purchase commitment is currently estimated to be valued at approximately \$3,400. For the fiscal years ending December 31, 2027 and thereafter, the minimum quantity of API required to be purchased is valued at approximately \$3,600, on an annual basis.

19. Segment information

The Company's operations are categorized into one reporting segment, being specialty pharmaceuticals. However, The Company's operations occur in multiple geographies, primarily Canada and the U.S.

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The geographic segmentation of the Company's net revenue based on the location in which such revenue is generated is as follows:

	2024 \$	2023 \$
Canada		
Product revenue	14,790	12,679
Total Canada	14,790	12,679
U.S.		
Product revenue	11,950	—
Licensing revenue	6,623	8,483
Total U.S.	18,573	8,483
Total net revenue	33,363	21,162

Non-current assets consist of property and equipment, intangible assets, deferred financing costs, goodwill, and deferred tax assets. The geographic segmentation of the Company's non-current assets is as follows:

	December 31, 2024 \$	December 31, 2023 \$
Canada	123,654	37,758
U.S.	374	—
	124,028	37,758