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FORM 6-K

**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 OF
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the month of **January 2022**

Commission File Number: **001-36187**

EVOGENE LTD.

(Translation of Registrant's Name into English)

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On January 18, 2022, Evogene Ltd., or Evogene, announced positive results in pre-clinical studies in the Precise product program for medical cannabis of its subsidiary Canonic Ltd., or Canonic. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Report of Foreign Private Issuer on Form 6-K, or this Form 6-K, and is incorporated herein by reference.

In addition, an updated Canonic investor presentation is furnished as Exhibit 99.2 to this Form 6-K.

The contents of Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 6-K, excluding the statements of Canonic's CEO and of its advisor, are incorporated by reference into the registration statements on Form F-3 (File No. 333-253300) and on Form S-8 (File Nos. 333-193788, 333-201443, 333-203856 and 333-259215) of Evogene, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, to be a part thereof from the date on which this report is submitted, to the extent not superseded by documents or reports subsequently filed or furnished.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

EVOGENE LTD.
(Registrant)

Date: January 18, 2022

By: /s/ Dorit Kreiner

Dorit Kreiner
Chief Financial Officer

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<u>EXHIBIT NO.</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
<u>99.1</u>	<u>Press Release: Canonic Announces Positive Results in Pre-Clinical Studies in its Precise Product Program for Medical Cannabis.</u>
<u>99.2</u>	<u>Canonic Investor Presentation.</u>



**Canonic Announces Positive Results in Pre-Clinical Studies in its
Precise Product Program for Medical Cannabis**

The results support the successful identification of specific cannabis varieties with anti-inflammatory and pain relief properties, for which Canonic recently filed a patent application

Rehovot, Israel – January 18, 2022 – Canonic Ltd., focused on the development of medical grade cannabis products and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Evogene Ltd. (NASDAQ: EVGN, TASE: EVGN), announced today positive results in pre-clinical studies in inflammatory and pain model systems conducted in Israel by **Hadassah Medical Center** in Jerusalem and by **Migal - Galilee Research Institute** in Kiryat Shmona. The results support the identification of specific cannabis varieties with heightened anti-inflammatory and pain relief properties for Canonic's medical cannabis *Precise* product line and have led to a patent application filing.

In its *Precise* product line, Canonic aims to develop medical grade cannabis inflorescence and oil products that provide relief for patients for specific medical indications with a high level of consistency and specificity in its clinical effects. Canonic's first product candidates within the *Precise* program target pain relief and inflammation reduction and are planned to be launched in Israel during 2023, followed by a European expansion.

According to industry estimates, the medical cannabis market in Europe is estimated to pass €1 billion in 2023. According to a broad health economic study run by the BfArM¹ conducted in Germany, which represents over 50% of the European market, pain relief was the most frequently treated medical indication representing more than 70% of the medical indications treated with medical cannabis or cannabis-based medicines². The Israeli medical cannabis market includes over 105,000 licensed patients and is estimated at \$260 million per year, with over 60% of medical cannabis in Israel prescribed for pain and inflammation indications³.

¹ The Federal Institute for Drugs and Medical Devices in Germany (https://www.bfarm.de/EN/Home/_node.html)

² <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33564897/>; <https://www.aerzteblatt.de/int/archive/article/218127/Interim-results-of-the-survey-accompanying-the-prescription-of-cannabis-based-medicines-in-Germany-regarding-dronabinol>

³ Please note the sources are in Hebrew: <https://www.health.gov.il/Subjects/cannabis/Documents/licenses-status-december-2021.pdf>; <https://finance.walla.co.il/item/3428846>

In the pre-clinical studies reported today, Canonic screened multiple cannabis lines from its diverse genetic collection for anti-inflammatory and pain relief properties. These lines had been selected according to active compounds compositions by using Evogene's *GeneRator AI* tech engine. The screening of these selected lines was conducted in two separate models – in an *in-vitro* model at the laboratory of Prof. Reuven Or at the Hadassah Medical Center and in an *in-vivo* (fish larvae) model at Migal - Galilee Research Institute. Several varieties, including the cannabis variety which is the basis for Canonic's product G150⁴, exhibited consistent positive results in both model systems, over several repetitions and independent cultivation cycles. Based on these results, Canonic has filed a patent application for several of these cannabis varieties and their medical effects.

Canonic expects to continue the development of these best performing varieties during 2022, including the gathering of clinical data, in expectation of commercializing its first *Precise* products in 2023 in Israel, with expansion into Europe planned to follow.

Canonic recently strengthened its management team with the recruitment of Ms. Tanya Damm Bokobza, EVP Business Development, and Dr. Haleli Sharir, Clinical Research Director. Their engagement with Canonic will support the plans for commercial expansion in Israel and Europe and clinical research activities. Canonic also published an updated investor presentation, which can be found here⁵.

Prof. Yossi (Joseph) Tam, Managing Director of the Multidisciplinary Center for Cannabinoid Research at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem & Advisor to Canonic, stated: "We would all like to think that cannabis represents a potential solution for specific, difficult to treat, medical conditions, such as pain or inflammatory diseases, for which we lack ideal treatments. After all, it would be poetic if nature's wisdom provided the medicine we have not yet designed ourselves. The ability of Canonic's medical cannabis varieties in reducing pain and inflammation in pre-clinical settings is impressive. Indeed, breeding whole cannabis plants such that they contain specific compounds in specific quantities and tailored ratios in order to hit the right disease targets with minimal adverse events is what we should aim for in order to benefit our society. And this is exactly what Canonic does."

⁴ For more information, please see: <https://canonic.co.il/g150/>. Please note that the page is in Hebrew.

⁵ http://www.evogene.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Canonic-Company-Presentation_Jan2022_FINAL.pdf

Dr. Arnon Heyman, CEO of Canonic, stated: “We are pleased with the progress achieved in these pre-clinical studies, which now allow us to advance the development of our first products in the *Precise* medical cannabis line. These results demonstrate further confirmation for the power of the computational biology platform that we use, supported by Evogene's *GeneRator AI* tech engine. I would like to thank our partners at Hadassah Medical Center and Migal - Galilee Research Institute and I look forward to continuing the development of our novel products. I believe that the global cannabis market is moving in the direction of products backed by clinical data supporting the consistency of medical relief for patients. These are precisely the type of products Canonic is developing in its *Precise* program. We look forward to updating as we advance towards commercialization.”

About Canonic Ltd.:

Canonic is a subsidiary of Evogene Ltd. (NASDAQ: EVGN, TASE: EVGN), developing medical Cannabis products utilizing a Computational Predictive Biology (CPB) platform. The Company's products in development are aimed at improving active compounds yield, genetic stability and Cannabis varieties for specific medical indications. The Company's strategy includes the development of Cannabis varieties in order to commercialize medical Cannabis products independently or through collaborations. Canonic has exclusive access to Evogene's genomic assets and technology for the development of medical Cannabis products. **For more information, please visit:** <https://www.canonicbio.com/>.

About Evogene Ltd.:

Evogene (NASDAQ: EVGN, TASE: EVGN) is a leading computational biology company focused on revolutionizing product discovery and development in multiple life-science based industries, including human health and agriculture, through the use of its broadly applicable Computational Predictive Biology (CPB) platform. The CPB platform, incorporating a deep understanding of biology leveraged through the power of Big Data and Artificial Intelligence, has been designed to computationally discover and uniquely guide the development of life-science products based on microbes, small molecules and genetic elements. Utilizing the CPB platform, Evogene and its subsidiaries are now advancing product pipelines for human microbiome-based therapeutics through Biomica Ltd., medical cannabis through Canonic Ltd., ag-biologicals through Lavie Bio Ltd., ag-chemicals through AgPlenus Ltd., and ag-solutions for castor oil production through Casterra Ag. Ltd. **For more information, please visit:** www.evogene.com.

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INTRODUCTION

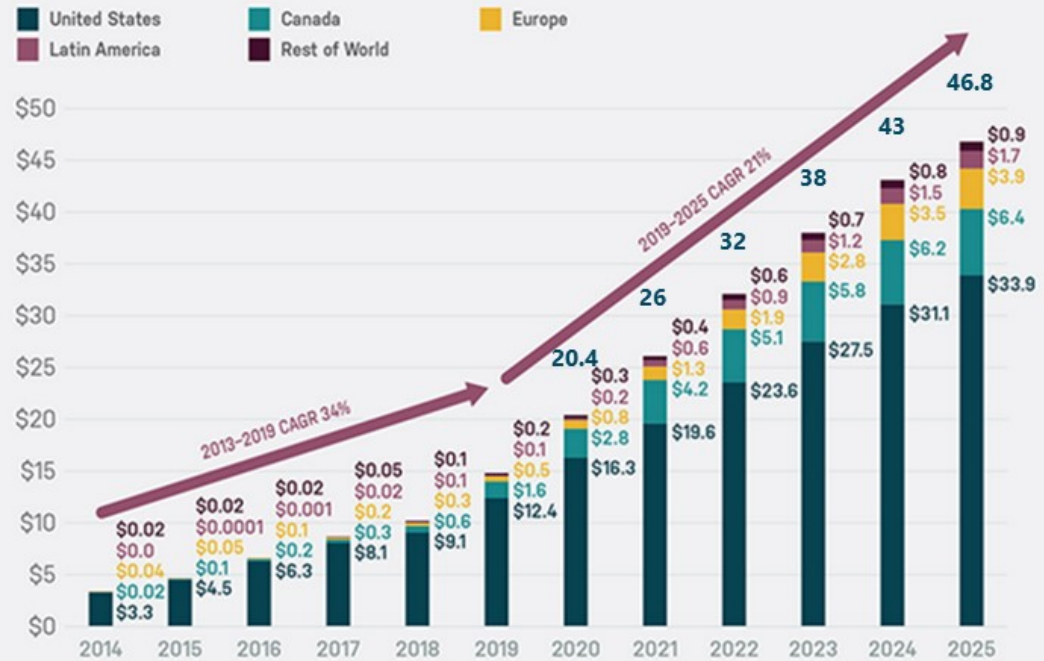


OUR VISION

Commercialize effective, precise and stable medical cannabis products, based on decoding plant genetics, for optimized therapeutic effect

Global Cannabis Market

Legal Cannabis Worldwide: \$46.8 Billion in 2025



Source: Arcview Market Research/BDSA

Market Challenges



STABILITY

Substantial variations within varieties produce inconsistent products and therefore, inconsistent results



YIELD

Low yield of active compounds affects income per sq foot



SPECIFICITY

Significant knowledge gap prevents matching active compounds to medical indications

The opportunity : With state-of-the-art plant genomic expertise, major market challenges can be solved

The opportunity

From Plant Genetics – To Medical Cannabis Products

Plant genetics know-how is the basis for development of **premium Cannabis varieties**



Premium varieties can lead to **novel medical Cannabis products** addressing market challenges





PRODUCTS



Variety Families Under Development

MetaYield⁺

Stable enhancement of **total plant** compounds

Focus on **agronomic** and **consumer** traits



Increased active compounds
[e.g. Increased trichomes prevalence]



Optimize consumer traits
[e.g. inflorescence size, density, scent]

First products in the market

Precise⁺

Stable enhancement of **specific active** compounds

Focus on **therapeutic** traits



Medical indication focus
[e.g. Pain & Inflammation]



Compound profile focus
[e.g. CBG, CBC]

Next generation products

MetaYield⁺ Varieties – The G-nnovation series

Now available in more than 70 pharmacies in Israel

Product 1: G150



IMC* category T15C3

18 % THC

High consumer rank

Product 2: G200



IMC* category T20C4

21 % THC

High consumer rank

*IMC- Israel Medical Cannabis agency in the Ministry of Health

Precise⁺: Medical indication focus

PRODUCT 1 (under development)

- Indication: Inflammation
- Pre-clinical study: Hadassah medical center
- Status: product development
- Expected launch: 2023
- Target market size in 2023*: Israel \$115M, EU \$300M



PRODUCT 2 (under development)




- Indication: Pain
- Pre-clinical study: Migal research center
- Status: product development
- Expected launch: 2023
- Target market size in 2023*: Israel \$280 M, EU \$750M



*Company estimate, based on current market sale prices and data published by Israeli Ministry of Health regarding number of medical cannabis users in Israel and by Prohibition Partners in The European Cannabis Report Feb 2020.

Precise⁺: Specific compound profile

PRODUCT 3 (under development)

-  **Targeting specific compound profile**
-  **Pre-clinical study:** under evaluation
-  **Status:** product development



Collaboration With Tikun Olam-Cannbit

TIKUN OLAM
MEDICAL CANNABIS
CANNBIT PHARMACEUTICALS LTD



TECHNOLOGY



The Genomic Power – improving performance

The potential: Improving plant traits through advanced breeding

Example –

Corn is considered a leading commercial crop

Wild corn went through genetic changes before it became a commercial crop.

The challenge:

Connect genomic elements to traits

Shorten the development time

The opportunity => BIG DATA AND
COMPUTATIONAL BIOLOGY

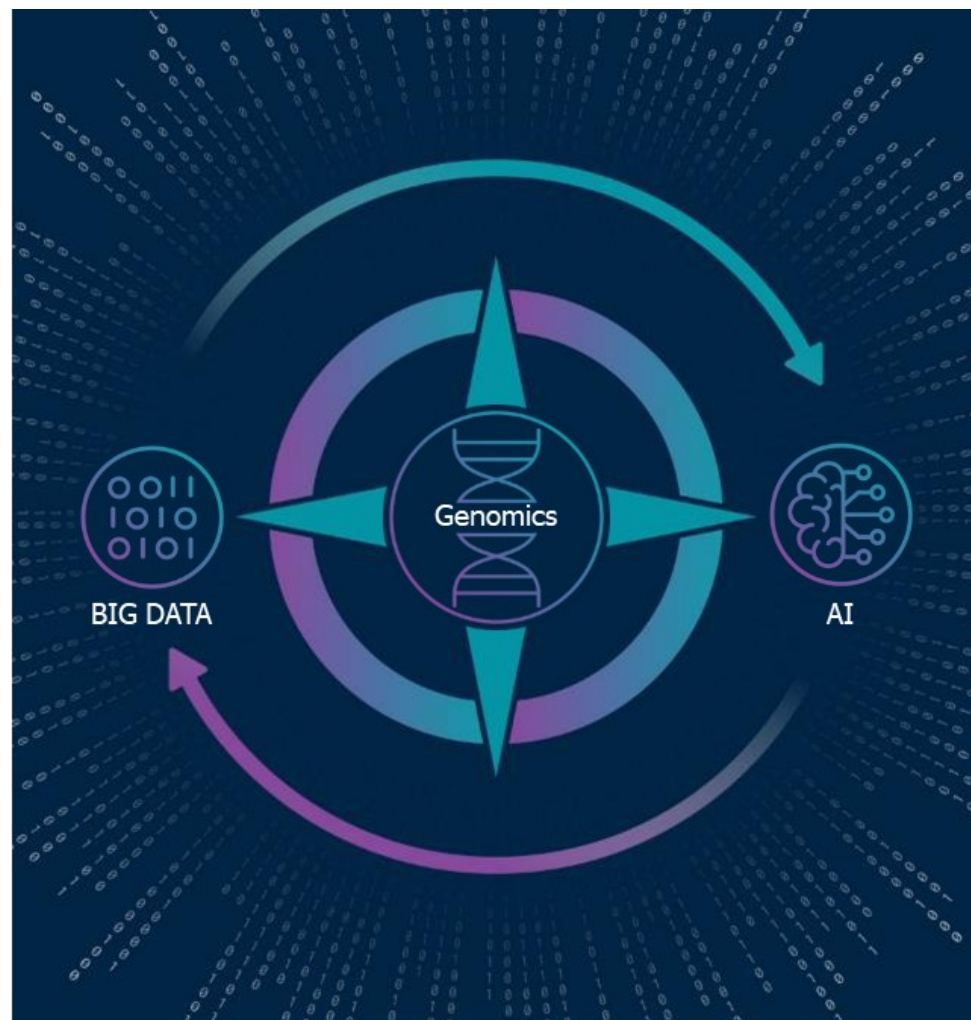


When Data Meets Computational Biology



Computational Genomics

Combining deep scientific know-how with Big Data and AI technology to tailor the plant genetics for improvement of plant traits and development of unique cannabis products



Canonic proprietary database and assets

**>1000 characterized lines
($>17.5 \times 10^6$ data points)**



Genotype



Phenotype



Chemotype



Pre-clinical

**Accumulated
assets**



Genetic bank
'Mother' plants,
seeds,
tissue culture



Genetic markers
For traits of interest
(e.g. active compounds)



**Diverse Breeding
populations**
Proprietary hybrids

Big Data & AI transforming Data to Know-how



Plant genomics

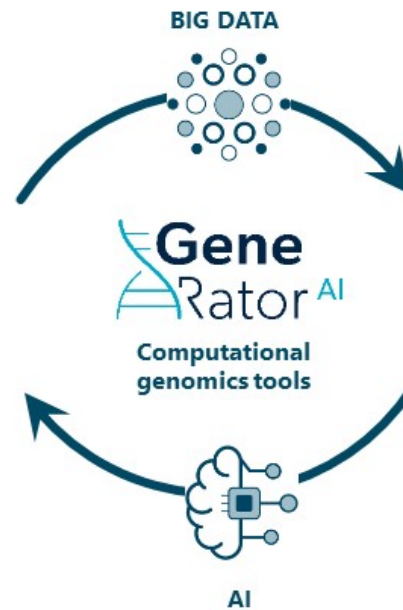
database with $>10^9$
data points on >200
plants



**Proprietary
Cannabis genomic &
chemical data** on $>$
1000 lines



**Pre-clinical
data**



Products

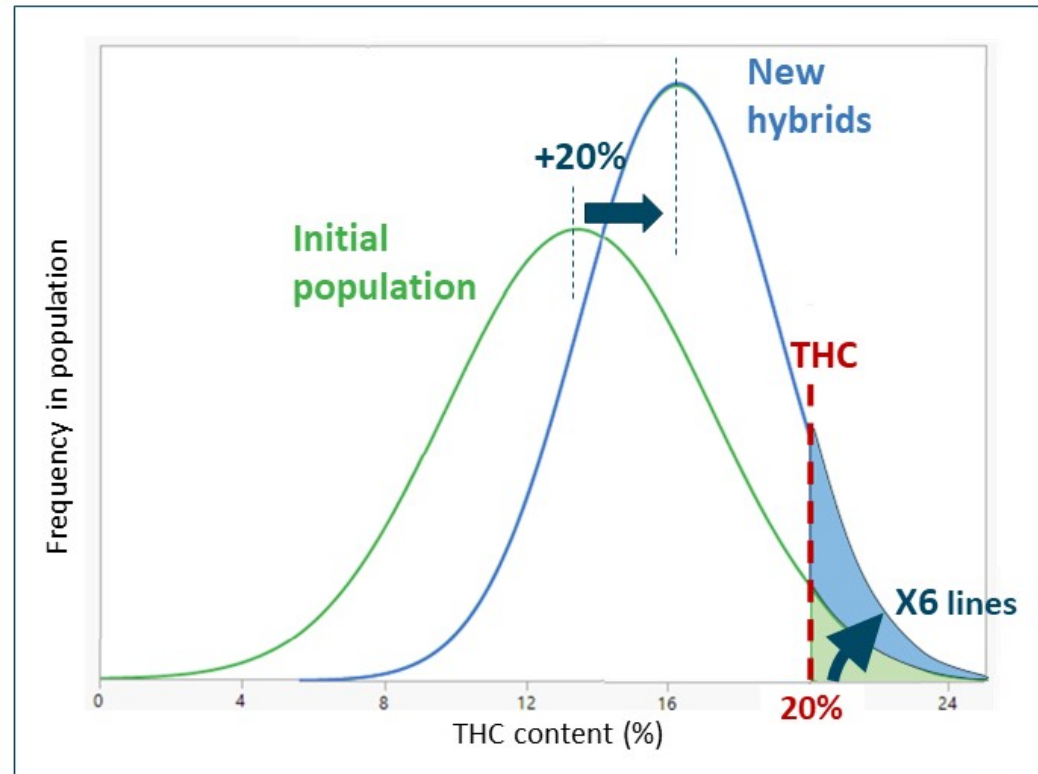


The genomic power – 20% increase in THC content

Developing next generation MetaYield⁺ products

By leveraging our unique proprietary know-how and database, within 12 months we have:

- Improved the target trait by 20%
- Reached 6-fold increase in number of cannabis lines with >20% THC content



Demonstrated Capabilities Along The Development Value Chain

Canonic holds computational genomics capabilities and the full plant infrastructure to execute



Large genetic & breeding collections



State of the art data collection tools



World-class computational genomics



Advanced-breeding facility



Fully equipped labs & tissue culture rooms



Certified Propagation farm





BUSINESS MODEL



Cannabis Value Chain

Seed to Sale Powered by Genomics



Canonic in the Cannabis Value Chain

Reduced time to market and higher profitability by leveraging our proprietary genomic expertise and outsourcing downstream elements of the value chain





SUMMARY



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CEO



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Plant Breeder



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Clinical Research Director

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Senior marketing specialist with
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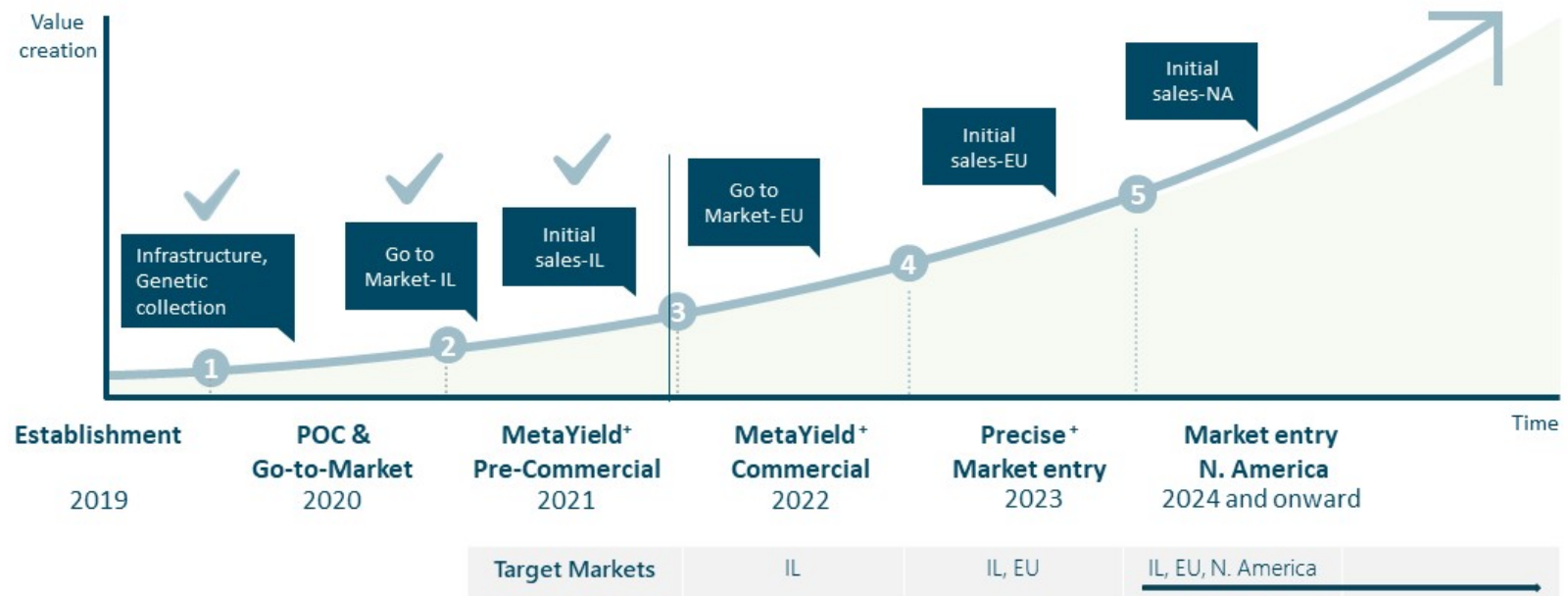


Dr. Yariv Brotman
Plant metabolic pathways
Ben Gurion University & Max Planck
Institute of Molecular Plant Physiology



Shai Leviatov
Plant breeding
Commercial varieties breeding for
more than 30 years in top leading
multinational seeds companies

Company Milestones



Summary

- **Canonic's distinct market advantage** is in mapping, decoding and stabilizing cannabis genetics for better health.
- Canonic holds exclusive rights to Evogene's (NASDAQ, TASE: EVGN) state-of-the-art **computational genomics technology**, for product development for the Cannabis market segment.
- **Canonic's first two products, G-150 and G-200**, were launched in Israel in October 2021.
- Next generation products are expected to focus on 2 major medical indications, **pain and inflammation**, which represent > 60% of the medical market*.
- Canonic aims to enter the EU market during 2023.





THANK YOU

