



**Annual Financial Statements of Helix BioPharma Corp.
For the years ended July 31, 2024 and 2023**



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Shareholders of
Helix Biopharma Corp.

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Helix Biopharma Corp. (the Company), which comprise the statements of financial position as at July 31, 2024 and 2023, and the statements of loss and comprehensive loss, statements of changes in equity and statements of cash flows for the years then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as at July 31, 2024 and 2023, and its financial performance and its 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 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 financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with those requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Material Uncertainty Relating to Going Concern

We draw your attention to Note 1 in the financial statements, which indicates that the Company incurred a comprehensive loss of \$9,263,549 during the year ended July 31, 2024. As stated in Note 1, these events or conditions, along with other matters as set forth in Note 1, indicate that a material uncertainty exists that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Key Audit Matters

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

Except for the matter described in the *Emphasis of Matter – Material Uncertainty Related to Going Concern* section, we have determined that there are no other key audit matters to communicate in our auditor's report.

Information Other than the Financial Statements and Auditor's Report Thereon

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the annual management's discussion and analysis, but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

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

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

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

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating 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 Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the 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 financial statements. As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the 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 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 financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

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 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 of 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 Pat Kenney.

Clearhouse LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants
Licensed Public Accountants

Mississauga, Ontario
October 24, 2024

HELIX BIOPHARMA CORP.
Annual Statements of Financial Position
In thousands of Canadian dollars

| | Note | July 31, 2024 | | July 31, 2023 | |
|---|------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| Assets | | | | | |
| Current assets | | | | | |
| Cash | | \$ | 1,081 | \$ | 808 |
| Accounts receivable | 9 | | 54 | | 62 |
| Prepaid expenses and other receivables | | | 321 | | 126 |
| | | | 1,456 | | 996 |
| Non-current assets | | | | | |
| Property, plant and equipment | 4 | | 33 | | 33 |
| Total Assets | | \$ | 1,489 | \$ | 1,029 |
| Liabilities and shareholders' deficiency | | | | | |
| Current liabilities | | | | | |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | 9 | \$ | 1,579 | \$ | 876 |
| Subscription receipts | 5 | | - | | 998 |
| Total Liabilities | | | 1,579 | | 1,874 |
| Shareholders' deficiency | | | | | |
| Share capital | 5 | | 158,572 | | 152,068 |
| Warrants | 5 | | 957 | | 3,538 |
| Stock options | 5 | | 3,692 | | 819 |
| Contributed surplus | | | 47,360 | | 44,137 |
| Accumulated deficit | | | (210,671) | | (201,407) |
| Total shareholders' deficiency | | | (90) | | (845) |
| Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Deficiency | | \$ | 1,489 | \$ | 1,029 |

Going concern (Note 1)
Commitments (Note 7)
Subsequent events (Note 14)

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

Approved on behalf of the Board of Directors – October 23, 2024

/s/ Jacek Antas

Jacek Antas
Director

/s/ Janusz Grabski

Janusz Grabski
Director

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Statements of Net Loss and Comprehensive Loss

In thousands of Canadian dollars, except per share amounts

| | Notes | | For the year ended July 31, 2024 | | For the year ended July 31, 2023 |
|--|--------|-----------|--|----|--|
| Operating Expenses | | | | | |
| Research | 10, 11 | \$ | 5,977 | \$ | 5,281 |
| Operating, general, and administration | 10, 12 | | 3,262 | | 1,045 |
| | | | (9,239) | | (6,326) |
| Other Items | | | | | |
| Gain on sale of property, plant and equipment | | | - | | 5 |
| Finance income | | | 31 | | 47 |
| Finance expense | | | (7) | | (14) |
| Foreign exchange loss | | | (49) | | (2) |
| | | | (25) | | 36 |
| Net loss and comprehensive loss | | \$ | (9,264) | \$ | (6,290) |
| Basic and diluted loss per common share ⁽ⁱ⁾ | | 14 | \$ (0.21) | \$ | (0.16) |
| Weighted average and fully diluted common shares outstanding ⁽ⁱ⁾ | | | 44,485,915 | | 38,645,738 |

(i) Basic and diluted loss per common share and weighted average and fully diluted common shares outstanding are restated to adjust for the effect of one-for-five (1:5) share consolidation effective August 16, 2024 (note 1 and 14).

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

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Statements of Changes in Shareholders' Deficiency

In thousands of Canadian dollars, except common share and warrant figures

| | Notes | Common shares | | Share purchase warrants | | Options | Contributed surplus | Deficit | Total |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| | | Number | Amount | Number | Amount | | | | |
| Balance, July 31, 2022 | | 34,358,938 | \$ 147,511 | 9,076,246 | \$ 8,433 | 1,902 | \$ 37,590 | \$ (195,117) | 319 |
| Private placements | 5 | 5,143,355 | 4,628 | - | - | - | - | - | 4,628 |
| Debenture conversion | 5,6 | 501,466 | 406 | - | - | - | - | - | 406 |
| Share issuance costs | | - | (477) | - | - | - | - | - | (477) |
| Warrants, expired unexercised | | - | - | (1,922,600) | (4,895) | - | 4,895 | - | - |
| Stock-based compensation | | - | - | - | - | 569 | - | - | 569 |
| Options, expired unexercised | | - | - | - | - | (1,652) | 1,652 | - | - |
| Net loss for the year | | - | - | - | - | - | - | (6,290) | (6,290) |
| Balance, July 31, 2023 | | 40,003,759 | \$ 152,068 | 7,153,646 | \$ 3,538 | 819 | \$ 44,137 | \$ (201,407) | (845) |
| Private placements | 5 | 9,017,777 | 7,263 | - | - | - | - | - | 7,263 |
| Share issuance costs | | - | (759) | - | - | - | - | - | (759) |
| Warrants, expired unexercised | | - | - | (1,789,135) | (2,581) | - | 2,581 | - | - |
| Options, expired unexercised | | - | - | - | - | (642) | 642 | - | - |
| Stock-based compensation | | - | - | - | - | 3,515 | - | - | 3,515 |
| Net loss for the year | | - | - | - | - | - | - | (9,264) | (9,264) |
| Balance, July 31, 2024 | | 49,021,536 | \$ 158,572 | 5,364,511 | \$ 957 | 3,692 | \$ 47,360 | \$ (210,671) | (90) |

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

HELIX BIOPHARMA CORP.**Statements of Cash Flows**

In thousands of Canadian dollars

| | Year ended July 31, 2024 | Year ended July 31, 2023 |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Cash flows from operating activities | | |
| Net loss for the year | \$ (9,264) | \$ (6,290) |
| Adjustment for non-cash item: | | |
| Depreciation of property, plant and equipment | 14 | 13 |
| Stock-based compensation | 3,515 | 569 |
| Gain on sale of property, plant and equipment | - | (5) |
| Foreign exchange loss | 31 | 2 |
| Changes in non-cash working capital items: | | |
| Accounts receivable | 8 | 217 |
| Prepaid expenses and other receivables | (194) | 37 |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | 671 | (69) |
| Net cash flows used in operating activities | (5,219) | (5,526) |
| Cash flows from financing activities | | |
| Net proceeds from the issuance of common shares and share purchase warrants, net of share issuance costs | 5,506 | 4,151 |
| Proceeds from subscription receipts | - | 998 |
| Convertible debenture repayment | - | (2,062) |
| Net cash flows provided by financing activities | 5,506 | 3,087 |
| Cash flows from investing activities | | |
| Proceed from sale of property, plant and equipment | - | 5 |
| Purchase of property, plant and equipment | (14) | (10) |
| Net cash flows provided by investing activities | (14) | (5) |
| Net change in cash | 273 | (2,444) |
| Cash, beginning of year | 808 | 3,252 |
| Cash, end of year | \$ 1,081 | \$ 808 |

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Notes to financial statements

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1. Nature of operations, basis of presentation and going concern

Nature of operations

Helix BioPharma Corp. (the “Company”), incorporated under the Canada Business Corporations Act, is a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company developing unique therapies in the field of immune-oncology primarily focused in the areas of cancer prevention and treatment. The Company has funded its research and development activities, mainly through the issuance of common shares and warrants. The Company expects to incur additional losses and therefore will require additional financial resources, on an ongoing basis. It is not possible to predict the outcome of future research and development activities or the financing thereof.

The Company is a Canadian corporation domiciled in Canada. Its shares are publicly traded on the Toronto Stock Exchange (the “TSX”) under the symbol “HBP” and on the Frankfurt Boerse under the symbol “HBP0”. The Company’s principal place of business is located at Suite 2050-1055 West Georgia Street, Vancouver, BC V6E 3P3. The Company’s registered office is located at Bay Adelaide Centre – North Tower 40 Temperance Street, Suite 2700 Toronto, ON M5H 0B4.

Basis of presentation and going concern

These annual financial statements have been prepared on a going-concern basis, which assumes that the Company will continue in operation for the foreseeable future and, accordingly, will be able to realize its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of operations. The Company’s ability to continue as a going concern is dependent mainly on obtaining additional financing. The Company does not have sufficient cash to meet anticipated cash needs for working capital and capital expenditures through the next twelve months.

The Company reported a net loss and total comprehensive loss of \$9,264 for the year ended July 31, 2024 (July 31, 2023 – \$6,290). As at July 31, 2024, the Company had working capital deficiency of \$123, shareholders’ deficiency of \$90, cash of \$1,081 and an accumulated deficit of \$210,671. As at July 31, 2023, the Company had working capital deficiency of \$878, shareholders’ deficiency of \$845, cash of \$808 and an accumulated deficit of \$201,407. The Company will require additional financing in the immediate near term and in the future to see the current research and development initiatives through to completion. There can be no assurance, however, that additional financing can be obtained in a timely manner, or at all.

Not raising sufficient additional financing on a timely basis may result in delays and possible termination of all or some of the Company’s research and development initiatives, and as a result, material uncertainties exist which casts significant doubt as to the ability of the Company to operate as a going concern and accordingly, the appropriateness of the use of the accounting principles applicable to a going concern. These annual financial statements do not include any adjustments to the carrying amount and classification of reported assets, liabilities and expenses that might be necessary should the Company not be successful in its aforementioned initiatives. Any such adjustments could be material. The Company cannot predict whether it will be able to raise the necessary funds it needs to continue as a going concern.

Statement of compliance

The Company’s annual financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (“IASB”) and interpretations of the International Financial Reporting Interpretation Committee. The annual financial statements of the Company were approved and authorized for issue by the Board of Directors on October 23, 2024.

Basis of Measurement

These financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention except for certain financial assets and liabilities that are presented at fair value. These financial statements have been prepared using the accrual basis of accounting except for cash flow information.

On August 16, 2024, the Company completed a one-for-five (1:5) consolidation of all of its issued and outstanding common shares (the “Consolidation”), resulting in a reduction in the issued and outstanding shares from 245,107,749 to 49,021,536 common shares. Shares reserved under the Company’s equity and incentive plans were adjusted to reflect the Share Consolidation. All share and per share data presented in the Company’s financial statements have been retroactively adjusted to reflect the Consolidation unless otherwise noted. (Notes 5, 14).

Functional and presentation currency

The functional and presentation currency of the Company is the Canadian dollar.

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1. Nature of operations and basis of presentation and going concern (continued)***Basis of presentation and going concern (continued)****Use of estimates and critical judgments*

The preparation of the Company's financial statements requires management to make critical judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of expenses, assets and liabilities, and the disclosure of contingent liabilities, at the reporting date. On an ongoing basis, management evaluates its judgments, estimates and assumptions using historical experience and various other factors it believes to be reasonable under the given circumstances. Actual outcomes may differ from these estimates that could require a material adjustment to the reported carrying amounts in the future.

The material critical estimates and judgments made by management include the following:

a) Going Concern

Significant judgments related to the Company's ability to continue as a going concern are disclosed above.

b) Clinical study expenses

Clinical study expenses are accrued based on services received and efforts expended pursuant to contracts with contract research organizations ("CROs"), consultants, clinical study sites and other vendors. In the normal course of business, the Company contracts with third parties to perform various clinical study activities. The financial terms of these agreements vary from contract to contract and are subject to negotiations that may result in uneven payment outflows. Payments under the contracts depend on various factors such as the achievement of certain events, the successful enrollment of patients or the completion of portions of the clinical study and/or other similar conditions. The Company determines the accruals by reviewing contracts, vendor agreements and purchase orders, and through discussions with internal personnel and external providers as to the progress or stage of completion of the clinical studies or services and the agreed-upon fee to be paid for such services. However, actual costs and timing of the Company's clinical studies is uncertain, subject to risk and may change depending upon a number of factors, including the Company's clinical development plans and trial protocols.

c) Valuation of share-based compensation and warrants

Management measures share-based compensation and warrants using market-based option valuation techniques. Assumptions are made and estimates are used in applying the valuation techniques. These include estimating the future volatility of the share price, expected dividend yield, future employee turnover rates, and future exercise behaviours. Such estimates and assumptions are inherently uncertain. Changes in these assumptions affect the fair value estimates of share-based payments and warrants.

d) Income taxes

Deferred tax assets, including those arising from unutilized tax losses, require management to assess the likelihood that the Company will generate future taxable income in future years in order to utilize any deferred tax asset which has been recognized. Estimates of future taxable income are based on forecasted cash flows. At the current statement of financial position date, no deferred tax assets have been recognized in these annual financial statements.

e) Fair value of convertible note payable

In determining the fair values of the convertible note payable for the initial recognition the Company used a Black-Scholes model with the following assumptions: volatility rate, risk-free rate and the remaining expected life. The inputs used in the model are taken from observable markets. In particular, changes in the fair value of the convertible note payable can have a material impact on the reported loss and comprehensive loss for the applicable reporting period. See note 6.

f) Research and development costs

Judgment is required to distinguish the research phase and the development phase to correctly identify costs that qualify for capitalization.

g) Functional currency assessment

In determining its functional currency, the Company considers the currency that mainly influences sales and the cost of providing goods and services in each jurisdiction in each the Company operates. The Company also considered secondary indicators including the currency in which funds from financing activities are denominated, the currency in which funds are retained.

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2. Material accounting policies

The accounting policies set out below have been applied consistently to all periods presented in these annual financial statements.

Cash and cash equivalents

The Company considers cash on hand, bank deposits and bank term deposits with maturities of 90 days or less as cash.

Property, plant and equipment

Property and equipment ("PPE") are recorded at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment charges, if any.

The cost of an item of property and equipment consists of the purchase price, any costs directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for its intended use, borrowing costs directly associated with the item and an initial estimate of the costs of dismantling and removing the item and restoring the site on which it is located.

Depreciation is provided using the following methods and estimated useful life:

| Asset | Basis | Rate |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| Computer equipment and software | Straight line | 3 years |
| Furniture and fixtures | Straight line | 5 years |
| Research and manufacturing equipment | Straight line | 4-10 years |
| Leasehold improvements | Straight line | Lease term |

Research and development costs

Research costs are expensed as incurred. Expenditures during the development phase are capitalized as internally generated intangible assets if the Company can demonstrate each of the following criteria: the technical feasibility of completing the intangible asset so that it will be available for use or sale; its intention to complete the intangible assets and use or sell it; how the asset will generate future economic benefits; the availability of resources to complete the asset; and the ability to measure reliably the expenditure during development.

Investment tax credits

The Company is entitled to Canadian federal and provincial investment tax credits, which are earned as a percentage of eligible research and development expenditures incurred in each taxation year. Investment tax credits are accounted for as a reduction of the related expenditure for items of a current nature and a reduction of the related asset cost for items of a capital nature, provided that the Company has reasonable assurance that the tax credits will be realized.

Stock-based compensation

The Company accounts for stock-based compensation and other stock-based payments awarded to employees in accordance with the fair value method. The fair value of stock options granted is determined at the appropriate measurement date using the Black-Scholes option pricing model, and generally expensed over the options' vesting period for employee awards. Awards with graded vesting are considered multiple awards for fair value measurement and stock-based compensation calculation. In determining the expense, the Company accounts for forfeitures using an estimate based on historical trends. When stock-based compensation and other stock-based payments are awarded to persons other than non-employees, share capital is increased for the fair value of goods and services received.

Foreign currency translation

The Company's currency of presentation is the Canadian dollar, which is also the Company's functional currency. Foreign currency-denominated items are translated into Canadian dollars. Monetary assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into Canadian dollars at the rates of exchange in effect at the balance sheet dates. Non-monetary items are translated at historical exchange rates. Revenue and expenses are translated at the exchange rates prevailing at their respective transaction dates. Exchange gains and losses arising on translation are included in income.

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2. Material accounting policies (continued)*Income taxes*

Income tax expense comprises of current and deferred tax. Current tax and deferred tax are recognized in net loss except to the extent that it relates to a business combination or items recognized directly in equity or in other comprehensive loss/income.

Current income taxes are recognized for the estimated income taxes payable or receivable on taxable income or loss for the current year and any adjustment to income taxes payable in respect of previous years. Current income taxes are determined using tax rates and tax laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the year-end date.

Deferred tax is provided using the liability method on temporary differences at the reporting date between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts for financial reporting purposes. Deferred tax liabilities are recognized for all taxable temporary differences and deferred tax assets are recognized for all deductible temporary differences, carry-forward of unused tax credits, and unused tax losses, to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary difference and the carry forward of unused tax credits and unused tax losses can be utilized.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the year when the asset is realized or the liability is settled, based on tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted at end of reporting year. Deferred tax relating to items recognized directly in equity is also recognized in equity and not in the statements of loss.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at the end of the reporting year and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profit will be available to allow all or part of the deferred tax asset to be utilized. Unrecognized deferred tax assets are reassessed at each statement of financial position date and are recognized to the extent that it has become probable that future taxable profit will allow the deferred tax asset to be recovered.

*Financial instruments**(i) Classification*

The Company classifies its financial instruments in the following categories: at fair value through profit and loss ("FVTPL"), at fair value through other comprehensive income (loss) ("FVTOCI") or at amortized cost. The Company determines the classification of financial assets at initial recognition. The classification of debt instruments is driven by the Company's business model for managing the financial assets and their contractual cash flow characteristics. Equity instruments that are held for trading are classified as FVTPL.

For other equity instruments, on the day of acquisition the Company can make an irrevocable election (on an instrument-by-instrument basis) to designate them as at FVTOCI. Financial liabilities are measured at amortized cost, unless they are required to be measured at FVTPL (such as instruments held for trading or derivatives) or if the Company has opted to measure them at FVTPL.

The following table shows the classification under IFRS 9:

| | Classification under IFRS 9 |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Financial Assets | |
| Cash | Amortized cost |
| Accounts receivable | Amortized cost |
| Financial Liabilities | |
| Accounts payable | Amortized cost |

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2. Material accounting policies (continued)

Financial instruments (continued)

(ii) *Measurement*

Financial assets and liabilities at amortized cost

Financial assets and liabilities at amortized cost are initially recognized at fair value plus or minus transaction costs, respectively, and subsequently carried at amortized cost less any impairment.

Financial assets and liabilities at FVTPL

Financial assets and liabilities carried at FVTPL are initially recorded at fair value and transaction costs are expensed in the statements of comprehensive loss. Realized and unrealized gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value of the financial assets and liabilities held at FVTPL are included in the statements of loss and comprehensive loss in the period in which they arise.

There are no financial assets and liabilities at FVTPL as at July 31, 2024 and 2023.

Impairment of financial assets at amortized cost

The Company recognizes a loss allowance for expected credit losses on financial assets that are measured at amortized cost. At each reporting date, the Company measures the loss allowance for the financial asset at an amount equal to the lifetime expected credit losses if the credit risk on the financial asset has increased significantly since initial recognition. If at the reporting date the financial asset has not increased significantly since initial recognition, the Company measures the loss allowance for the financial asset at an amount equal to the twelve-month expected credit losses. The Company shall recognize in the statements of loss and comprehensive loss, as an impairment gain or loss, the amount of expected credit losses (or reversal) that is required to adjust the loss allowance at the reporting date to the amount that is required to be recognized.

Fair value

The fair value of a financial instrument is the amount of consideration that would be agreed upon in an arm's-length transaction between knowledgeable, willing parties who are under no compulsion to act. Fair values are determined based on prevailing market rates for instruments with similar characteristics and risk profiles.

The Company categorizes its fair value measurements according to a three-level hierarchy. The hierarchy prioritizes the inputs used by the Company's valuation techniques. A level is assigned to each fair value measurement based on the lowest-level input significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are defined as follows:

Level 1 – unadjusted quoted prices as at the measurement date for identical assets or liabilities in active markets.

Level 2 – observable inputs other than quoted prices included in level 1, such as quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets and liabilities in markets that are not active, or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data.

Level 3 – significant unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity.

The fair value hierarchy also requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs when measuring fair value

(iii) *Derecognition*

Financial assets

The Company derecognizes financial assets only when the contractual rights to cash flows from the financial assets expire, or when it transfers the financial assets and substantially all of the associated risks and rewards of ownership to another entity. Gains and losses on derecognition are generally recognized in the statements of loss and comprehensive loss.

Financial liabilities

The Company derecognizes a financial liability when its contractual obligations are discharged or cancelled or expired. The Company also derecognizes financial liability when the terms of the liability are modified such that the terms and/or cash flows of the modified instrument are substantially different, in which case a new financial liability based on the modified terms is recognized at fair value.

Gains and losses on derecognition are generally recognized in the statements of loss and comprehensive loss.

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2. Material accounting policies (continued)*Basic and diluted loss per common share*

Basic loss per share is computed by dividing the net loss available to common shareholders by the weighted average number of shares outstanding during the reporting period. Diluted loss per share is computed similarly to basic loss per share, except that the weighted average shares outstanding are increased to include additional shares for the assumed exercise of stock options and warrants, if dilutive. The number of additional shares is calculated by assuming that outstanding stock options and warrants were exercised and that the proceeds from such exercises were used to acquire common shares at the average market price during the reporting periods. The inclusion of the Company's stock options and warrants in the computation of diluted loss per share has an anti-dilutive effect on the loss per share and, therefore, they have been excluded from the calculation of diluted loss per share.

Government grants

Government grant funds are recognised in income when there is reasonable assurance that the Company has complied with the conditions attached to them and that the grant funds will be received. Grant funds receivable are recognized in income over the periods in which the entity recognizes as expenses, the related costs for which the grant is intended to compensate. As at the date of these annual financial statements, the Company has received no government assistance.

Provisions

A provision is recognized in the statements of financial position when the Company has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation and the amount can be reliably estimated. If the effect is material, provisions are determined by discounting the expected future cash flows at a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and, where appropriate, the risks specific to the liability. A provision for onerous contracts is recognized when the expected benefits to be derived by the Company from a contract are lower than the unavoidable cost of meeting its obligations under the contract.

Related party transactions

Parties are considered to be related if one party has the ability, directly or indirectly, to control the other party or exercise significant influence over the other party in making financial and operating decisions. Related parties, which may be individuals or corporate entities, are also considered to be related if they are subject to common control or common significant influence. A transaction is considered to be a related party transaction when there is a transfer of resources or obligations between related parties.

3. New accounting standards and pronouncements not yet adopted

Certain amendments to accounting standards have been published that are not mandatory for July 31, 2024 reporting periods and have not been early adopted by the Company. These amendments are not expected to have a material impact on the Company in the current or future reporting periods and on foreseeable future transactions.

4. Property, plant and equipment

The movement and carrying amounts of the Company's property, plant and equipment during the years ended July 31, 2024 and 2023 are as follows:

| | July 31, 2024 | | | July 31, 2023 | | |
|------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| | Cost | Accumulated depreciation | Net book value | Cost | Accumulated depreciation | Net book value |
| Research equipment | \$ 1,368 | \$ 1,341 | \$ 27 | \$ 1,356 | \$ 1,330 | \$ 26 |
| Leasehold improvements | 359 | 359 | - | 359 | 359 | - |
| Computer equipment | 68 | 64 | 4 | 68 | 61 | 7 |
| Computer software | 22 | 21 | 1 | 21 | 21 | - |
| Furniture and fixtures | 21 | 20 | 1 | 20 | 20 | - |
| | \$ 1,838 | \$ 1,805 | \$ 33 | \$ 1,824 | \$ 1,791 | \$ 33 |

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5. Shareholders' deficiency*(i) Preferred shares*

The Company is authorized to issue 10,000,000 preferred shares. As at July 31, 2024, the Company had nil preferred shares issued and outstanding (July 31, 2023 – nil).

(ii) Common shares and share purchase warrants

The Company is authorized to issue an unlimited number of common shares without par value. As at July 31, 2024, the Company had 49,021,536 common shares issued and outstanding (July 31, 2023 – 40,003,759).

On May 11, 2021, the Company entered into a definitive convertible security funding agreement ("the Funding Agreement") with Lind Global Macro Fund, LP, a New York based institutional investment fund managed by The Lind Partners, LLC (collectively "Lind"). The Company closed the first tranche under the Funding Agreement on May 13, 2021 for gross proceeds of \$3,500 (the "First Tranche"). In connection with the closing of the First Tranche, the Company issued (i) an 8.75% convertible note (a "Convertible Security") with a two-year term and a face value of \$4,113 and (ii) an aggregate of 391,411 common share purchase warrants exercisable into 391,411 common shares until May 12, 2025 at an exercise price of \$5.1415 per common share and classified as equity instruments. The residual fair value of the share purchase warrants was estimated at approximately \$30.

In connection with the closing of the First Tranche, the Company paid Lind a 3% commitment fee of the amount funded under the First Tranche. The Funding Agreement also contemplates the issuance of a second Convertible Debentures upon the mutual agreement of the Company and Lind for gross proceeds to the Company of up to \$6,500 (the "Second Tranche").

As of August 26, 2022, Lind has converted an aggregate of \$2,051 of the face value of the Convertible Security issued under the First Tranche into an aggregate of 1,854,425 common shares of the Company at an average deemed price of \$1.106 per common share. See Note 6 – Convertible note payable for additional information.

| Date | Lind Conversion | Share price | Shares | Amount of conversion |
|--|------------------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| September 13, 2021 through July 31, 2022 | Conversions 1 - 8 | \$1.2200 | 1,352,959 | \$ 1,645 |
| As at July 31, 2022 | | \$1.2200 | 1,352,959 | \$ 1,645 |
| August 2, 2022 | Conversion 9 | \$0.8260 | 248,941 | 206 |
| August 26, 2022 | Conversion 10 | \$0.7920 | 252,525 | 200 |
| | | | 1,854,425 | \$ 2,051 |

On August 2, 2022, Lind converted \$206 of the face value of the Convertible Security issued under the First Tranche into 248,941 common shares of the Company at a deemed price of \$0.826 per common share. On August 26, 2022, Lind further converted \$200 of the face value of the Convertible Security into 252,525 common shares of the Company at a deemed price of \$0.792 per common share.

On August 30, 2022, the Company completed the buyback of the outstanding amount of the convertible security funding agreement with Lind. As of that date, Lind had converted an aggregate of \$2,051 of the face value of the Convertible Security issued under the First Tranche into an aggregate of 1,854,425 common shares. The Company also repaid the amount outstanding of the Convertible Security which was \$2,062. The Agreement stands terminated with the completion of the buyback.

On September 12, 2022, the Company applied to the TSX to price protect a proposed \$5 million financing of common shares at a price of \$0.90 per share. The TSX granted a price protection letter on September 14, 2022, and the conditional approval of the placement on September 26, 2022. On November 3, 2022, the Company closed a private placement financing for gross proceeds of \$4,628 from the issuance of 5,143,355 common shares at a price of \$0.90 per common share. The common shares issued pursuant to the private placement are subject to a statutory hold period of four months and one day ending on March 4, 2023, in accordance with applicable securities law. In connection with the closing, the Company paid a cash fee of 10% of gross proceeds raised to an eligible finder, being \$477.

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5. Shareholders' deficiency (continued)*ii) Common shares and share purchase warrants (continued)*

On July 19, 2023, the Company applied to the TSX to price protect a proposed \$3 million financing of common shares at a price of \$0.90 per share. The TSX granted the conditional approval of the placement on July 19, 2023. As at July 31, 2023, the Company received \$998,000 of subscription receipts. This amount has been presented as subscription receipts liability on the statement of financial position. The private placement closed on August 15, 2023. On August 15, 2023, the Company closed the private placement financing for gross proceeds of \$2,998 from the issuance of 3,331,111 common shares at a price of \$0.90 per common share. In connection with the closing, the Company paid a cash fee of 10% of gross proceeds raised to an eligible finder, being \$311.

On April 8, 2024, the Company closed the private placement financing for gross proceeds of \$1,915 from the issuance of 2,553,333 common shares at a price of \$0.75 per common share. In connection with the closing, the Company paid a cash fee of 10% of gross proceeds raised to an eligible finder, being \$202.

On May 31, 2024, the Company closed the private placement financing for gross proceeds of \$2,350 from the issuance of 3,133,333 common shares at a price of \$0.75 per common share. In connection with the closing, the Company paid a cash fee of 10% of gross proceeds raised to an eligible finder, being \$246.

(iii) Warrants

The following table summarizes warrant activities for the years ended July 31, 2024 and 2023:

| | Number of Warrants | Weighted Average Exercise Price (\$) |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|---|
| Balance, July 31, 2022 | 9,076,246 | 5.49 |
| Warrants expired | (1,922,600) | 9.05 |
| Balance, July 31, 2023 | 7,153,646 | 4.53 |
| Warrants expired | (1,789,135) | 5.92 |
| Balance, July 31, 2024 | 5,364,511 | 4.07 |

The following table provides information on common share purchase warrants of the Company outstanding as at July 31, 2024:

| Number of Warrants | Exercise Price (\$) | Expiry Date | Weighted Average Remaining Life |
|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|
| 2,745,100 | 3.60 | August 20, 2024 | 0.05 |
| 588,000 | 7.15 | January 12, 2025 | 0.45 |
| 440,000 | 3.50 | December 3, 2025 | 1.34 |
| 1,200,000 | 3.50 | December 29, 2025 | 1.41 |
| 391,411 | 5.15 | May 12, 2026 | 1.78 |
| 5,364,511 | 4.07 | | 0.63 |

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5. Shareholders' deficiency (continued)*(iv) Stock options*

The Company's equity compensation plan reserves up to 10% of the Company's outstanding common shares from time to time for granting to directors, officers and employees of the Company or any person or company engaged to provide ongoing management or consulting services. As at July 31, 2024, options to purchase up to 4,902,154 common shares (July 31, 2023 – 4,000,377) may be granted under the plan. As at July 31, 2024, options to purchase a total of 4,875,000 common shares (July 31, 2023 – 1,155,000) were issued and outstanding under the equity compensation plan.

| | Number of options | Weighted Average Exercise Price (\$) |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|---|
| Balance, July 31, 2022 | 1,810,000 | 2.65 |
| Granted | 955,000 | 1.30 |
| Cancelled/expired | (1,610,000) | 2.60 |
| Balance, July 31, 2023 | 1,155,000 | 1.60 |
| Granted | 4,280,000 | 1.10 |
| Cancelled/expired | (560,000) | 1.92 |
| Balance, July 31, 2024 | 4,875,000 | 1.12 |

No stock options were exercised during the year ended July 31, 2024 (July 31, 2023 - \$nil). During the year ended July 31, 2024, the Company granted 4,280,000 stock options to certain directors, officers and consultants (July 31, 2023 – 955,000) and 4,104,391 options vested (July 31, 2023 – 589,167) with a fair value of \$3,513 (July 31, 2023 - \$569).

The following table provides information on options of the Company outstanding and exercisable as at July 31, 2024:

| Number of options | | Exercise Price (\$) | Expiry Date | Weighted Average Remaining Life |
|-------------------|-------------|------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|
| Outstanding | Exercisable | | | |
| 300,000 | 200,000 | 1.30 | January 9, 2028 | 3.44 |
| 295,000 | 95,000 | 1.30 | May 12, 2028 | 3.78 |
| 4,280,000 | 4,026,500 | 1.10 | July 19, 2029 | 4.97 |
| 4,875,000 | 4,321,500 | 1.11 | | 4.80 |

The following table summarized activity under the Company's stock option plan for the years ended July 31, 2024 and 2023:

The fair value of each option granted was estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following assumptions:

| Grant date | Number of options granted | Volatility factor | Risk-free interest rate | Dividend rate | Expected life | Vesting period | Fair value of options granted |
|-----------------|------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| January 9, 2023 | 460,000 | 92.12% | 3.22% | nil | 5 years | 2 years | \$ 313 |
| May 12, 2023 | 495,000 | 91.86% | 3.00% | nil | 5 years | 2 years | \$ 356 |
| July 19, 2024 | 4,280,000 | 94.62% | 3.35% | nil | 5 years | 1 year | \$ 3,642 |

6. Convertible note payable

On May 11, 2021, the Company entered into the Funding Agreement with Lind. Each Convertible Security issuable under the Funding Agreement will have a two-year term from the date of issuance and will accrue simple interest rate obligation of 8.75% per annum. The face value of the Convertible Security issued under the First Tranche was \$4,113 to maturity. The Company agreed to pay Lind a 3% commitment fee of the amounts funded under the First Tranche and Second Tranche and due upon closing of each such tranche.

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6. Convertible note payable (continued)

Lind is entitled to convert the Convertible Securities into common shares in the capital of the Company over the term of the applicable Convertible Security, subject to certain limitations, at a conversion price equal to 85% of the five-day trailing volume-weighted average price ("VWAP") of the common shares prior to the date a notice of conversion is provided to the Company by Lind. The aggregate conversion amount shall not exceed 1/20th of the face value of the Convertible Security per month.

In respect to the First Tranche, the Company issued 391,411 common share purchase warrants exercisable into 391,411 common shares at an exercise price of \$5.1415 for a period of 48 months from the date of issuance.

In addition, the Company has the option to buy-back 66.7% of the Convertible Securities in cash at any time with no penalty, subject to the option of Lind to convert up to one-third of the face value of the applicable Convertible Security into common shares at the time such option is exercised by the Company.

The Convertible Security issued under the First Tranche has characteristics of a hybrid compound financial instrument with both an equity component and a financial liability component.

On May 13, 2021, the closing date of the First Tranche, the monthly debt conversion amount of \$206 was discounted using a risk adjusted discount rate and comparable bond option-adjusted spreads with ratings ranging from CCC to CC. The common share purchase warrants were valued using a Black-Scholes model. A liquidity discount was also incorporated to equate the debt, conversion options and warrants to the total gross proceeds received of \$3,500. Total transaction costs associated with the Convertible Security issued under the First Tranche were \$341 of which \$3 was allocated to common share purchase warrants.

The Funding Agreement contains certain ongoing covenants of the Company typical of an agreement of its nature. In the event of certain defaults by the Company under the Funding Agreement, Lind has the right, upon notice to the Company, to accelerate the conversion of the face value of any outstanding Convertible Security or demand repayment of such face value in cash and terminate the Funding Agreement. No such notice has been delivered to the Company as at the date of these annual financial statements. A copy of the Funding Agreement is available on SEDAR+ at www.sedarplus.ca.

As of July 31, 2022, Lind had converted an aggregate of \$1,645 of the face value of the Convertible Security issued under the First Tranche into an aggregate of 1,352,959 common shares. As of July 31, 2022, the fair value of the Convertible Security was measured at its face value less all converted amounts, which approximated fair value.

On August 2, 2022, Lind converted \$206 of the face value of the Convertible Security issued under the First Tranche into 248,941 common shares of the Company at a deemed price of \$0.826 per common share. On August 26, 2022, Lind further converted \$200 of the face value of the Convertible Security into 252,525 common shares of the Company at a deemed price of \$0.794 per common share.

On August 30, 2022, the Company announced that it had completed the buyback of the outstanding amount of the convertible security funding agreement with Lind. As of that date, Lind had converted an aggregate of \$2,051 of the face value of the Convertible Security issued under the First Tranche into an aggregate of 1,854,425 common shares. The Company also repaid the amount outstanding of the Convertible Security which is \$2,062. The Agreement stands terminated with the completion of the buyback.

The table below summarizes the components of the Convertible Security:

| | Credit spread | Liquidity discount | Debt | Conversion option | Note payable | Warrant |
|----------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|-------------|----------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| At July 31, 2022 | 0% | 0% | \$ 2,468 | \$ - | \$ 2,468 | \$ 30 |
| Converted to common shares | | | (406) | - | (406) | - |
| Share buyback | | | (2,062) | - | (2,062) | - |
| At July 31, 2024 and 2023 | 0% | 0% | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 30 |

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7. Commitments

The Company's commitments are summarized as follows:

| | 2025 | 2026 | 2027 | 2028 | 2029 | 2030+ | Total |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Clinical research organizations | \$ 1,105 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 1,105 |
| Collaborative Research Organizations | 822 | - | - | - | - | - | 822 |
| Operating leases | 13 | - | - | - | - | - | 13 |
| | \$ 1,940 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 1,940 |

Clinical Research Organization ("CRO") Commitments

The Company has CRO supplier agreements in place for clinical research services related to the management of the Company's clinical stage programs. As at July 31, 2024, the associated amount included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities was \$267 (July 31, 2023 – \$240).

Royalty and in-licensing commitments

Pursuant to an agreement dated April 28, 2005 with the National Research Council of Canada (the "NRC"), the Company is required to pay a royalty to the NRC of 3% of net sales, with a minimum royalty of \$10 per annum generated from the use of a certain antibody to target cancerous tissues of the lung. In addition to the royalty payments, the Company is also required to make certain milestone payments: \$25 upon successful completion of Phase I clinical trials; \$50 upon successful completion of Phase IIb clinical trials; \$125 upon successful completion of Phase III clinical trials; and \$200 upon receipt of market approval by regulatory authority.

Pursuant to an agreement dated February 20, 2017 with the NRC, the Company is required to pay a royalty to the NRC of 3% of net sales, with a minimum royalty of \$10 per annum generated from the use of a certain antibody to target cancerous tissues of the lung. In addition to the royalty payments, the Company is also required to make certain milestone payments for the first licensed product: \$25 upon successful completion of Phase I clinical trials; \$50 upon successful completion of Phase IIb clinical trials; \$150 upon successful completion of Phase III clinical trials; \$200 upon receipt of first regulatory approval by a regulatory authority; and \$200 upon receipt of a second regulatory approval by a regulatory authority. For the development of each subsequent licensed product: \$200 upon receipt of first regulatory approval by a regulatory authority; and \$200 upon receipt of a second regulatory approval by a regulatory authority. As it relates to sub-licensing arrangements, the Company is required to pay the NRC 33% of any sub-licensing revenues received. The anti-CEACAM6 single domain antibody 2A3 is subject to this agreement. As at July 31, 2024, the Company has accrued \$nil (July 31, 2023 - \$nil). On October 24, 2023, the company terminated the agreement with NRC.

Collaborative Research Organizations

In fiscal 2022, the Company signed two collaboration agreements to research new and additional insights into the therapeutic response of L-DOS47; the first with the University of Tübingen for € 900 and the second with Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Inc. for US\$480. As at July 31, 2024, €360 and US\$350 (July 31, 2023: €150 and US\$360) have so far been paid to the University of Tübingen and Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Inc. respectively.

Operating lease commitments

The Company is committed to paying \$13 under two month-to-month facility lease agreements with notice periods of no longer than two months.

8. Capital risk management

The Company's main objectives when managing capital are to ensure sufficient liquidity to finance research and development activities, clinical trials, ongoing administrative costs, working capital and capital expenditures. The Company includes cash in the definition of capital. The Company endeavours not to unnecessarily dilute shareholders when managing the liquidity of its capital structure.

Since inception, the Company has financed its operations from public and private sales of equity, credit facilities, the exercise of warrants and stock options, and, to a lesser extent, from interest income from funds available for investment, government grants and investment tax credits. Since the Company does not have net earnings from its operations, the Company's long-term liquidity depends on its ability to access capital markets, which depends substantially on the success of the Company's ongoing research and development programs, as well as capital market conditions and availability.

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8. Capital risk management (continued)

The Company does not currently have enough cash reserves to fully fund its clinical trials nor does the Company have sufficient cash reserves to meet anticipated cash needs for working capital and capital expenditures through at least the next twelve months.

There have been no changes to management's approach to managing its capital during the year ended July 31, 2024.

9. Financial instruments and risk management*Financial risk management*

The Company is exposed to a variety of financial risks by virtue of its activities: market risk (including currency and interest rate risk), credit risk and liquidity risk. The overall risk management program focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimize potential adverse effects on financial performance.

Risk management (the identification and evaluation of financial risk) is carried out by the finance department, in close cooperation with management. The finance department is charged with the responsibility of establishing controls and procedures to ensure that financial risks are mitigated in accordance with the approved policies. The Board has the overall responsibility for the oversight of these risks and reviews the Company's policies on an ongoing basis to ensure that these risks are appropriately managed.

Fair value of financial instruments

Convertible note payable was recognized at fair value, both at the date of issuance on May 13, 2021 and subsequently at July 31, 2022. On August 30, 2022, the Company completed the buyback of the outstanding amount of the convertible note. See Note 6 – *Convertible note payable* for further information.

Market risk

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices, such as interest rates and foreign exchange rates, will affect the Company's income or the value of its financial instruments.

Currency risk

The Company has international transactions and is exposed to foreign exchange risks from various currencies, primarily the Euro and U.S. dollar. In addition, foreign exchange risks arise from purchase transactions, as well as recognized financial assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies.

Balances in foreign currencies are as follows, as at:

| | July 31, 2024 | | | | July 31, 2023 | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|-------------|------------|--------|---------------|-------------|------------|-----------|
| | USD | CHF | GBP | EUR | USD | CHF | GBP | EUR |
| Cash | 15 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 18 |
| Accounts payable | (393) | (44) | (1) | - | (305) | (17) | (3) | - |
| Accruals | (269) | - | - | - | (85) | - | - | - |
| Net foreign currencies | (647) | (44) | (1) | - | (390) | (17) | (3) | 18 |
| Closing exchange rate | 1.3809 | 1.5702 | 1.7735 | 1.4949 | 1.3225 | 1.5188 | 1.6998 | 1.4580 |
| Impact of 1% change in exchange rate | +/- \$8.9 | +/- \$0.7 | - | - | +/- \$5.2 | +/- \$0.3 | +/- \$0.1 | +/- \$0.3 |

Any fluctuation in the exchange rates of the foreign currencies listed above could have an impact on the Company's results from operations; however, they would not impair or enhance the ability of the Company to pay its foreign-denominated expenses.

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in interest rates, which are affected by market conditions. The Company is exposed to interest rate risk arising from fluctuations in interest rates received on its cash. The Company is not subject to any debt related interest rate risk.

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9. Financial instruments and risk management (continued)*Interest rate risk (continued)*

The Company manages its interest rate risk by maximizing the interest income earned on excess funds while maintaining the liquidity necessary to conduct its operations on a day-to-day basis. Any investment of excess funds is limited to risk-free financial instruments. Fluctuations in the market rates of interest do not have a significant impact on the Company's results of operations due to the relatively short-term maturity of any investments held by the Company at any given point in time and the low global interest rate environment. The Company does not use derivative instruments to reduce its exposure to interest rate risk.

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.

The table below breaks down the various categories that make up the Company's accounts receivable balances as at:

| | July 31, 2024 | July 31, 2023 |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| Government related – GST/HST | \$ 21 | \$ 29 |
| Research and development investment tax credits | 18 | 18 |
| Patent costs recoverable from a former subsidiary | 15 | 15 |
| | \$ 54 | \$ 62 |

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not be able to meet its obligations as they come due. Since inception, the Company has mainly relied on financing its operations from public and private sales of equity. The Funding Agreement was subject to certain ongoing covenants of the Company that could affect the Company's liquidity. See *Note 6 – Convertible note payable*.

The Company manages its liquidity risk by continuously monitoring forecasts and actual cash flow from operations and anticipated investing and financing activities.

As at July 31, 2024, The Company's cash reserves of \$1,081 are insufficient to meet anticipated cash needs for working capital and capital expenditures through the next twelve months, nor are they sufficient to see the current research and development initiatives through to completion. To the extent that the Company does not believe it has sufficient liquidity to meet its current obligations, management considers securing additional funds primarily through equity arrangements to be of utmost importance.

The Company's long-term liquidity depends on its ability to access the capital markets, which depends substantially on the success of the Company's ongoing research and development programs, as well as economic conditions relating to the state of the capital markets generally. Accessing the capital markets is particularly challenging for companies that operate in the biotechnology industry.

The following are the contractual maturities of the undiscounted cash flows of financial liabilities as at:

| | July 31, 2024 | | | July 31, 2023 | | |
|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| | Carrying amount | Less than one year | Greater than one year | Carrying amount | Less than one year | Greater than one year |
| Accounts payable | \$ 855 | \$ 855 | \$ - | \$ 493 | \$ 493 | \$ - |
| Accrued liabilities | 724 | 724 | - | 383 | 383 | - |
| | \$ 1,579 | \$ 1,579 | \$ - | \$ 876 | \$ 876 | \$ - |

This table only covers liabilities and obligations relative to financial instruments and does not anticipate any income associated with assets.

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10. Related party transactions

During the year ended July 31, 2024, the Company entered into various transactions with related parties. The related parties consist of officers, directors and shareholders or companies controlled directly or indirectly by them. Details of the transactions and balances owing, or receivables for the year ended July 31, 2024 are as follows:

- i) The Company recorded management fees to executive officers of the Company of \$100 (July 31, 2023 - \$152).
- ii) Since June 2021 and up to January 2024 till the Company terminated the arrangement, the Company retained Grove Corporate Services Ltd. ("Grove") to provide accounting, governance, and administrative services (the "Services"), including those provided by the former Chief Financial Officer ("CFO"). During the year ended July 31, 2024, the Company recorded total fees to Grove in the amount of \$239 (2023- \$204).
- iii) On January 15, 2024, the Company entered into an administrative services agreement with Varshney Capital Corp. ("VCC"), a company to which the Company's CFO is a director of, for administrative services provided to the Company for an initial term of one year and renewed annually unless terminated. During the year ended July 31, 2024, the Company incurred \$121 (July 31, 2023- \$nil) for the administrative fees to VCC and the balance outstanding as at July 31, 2024 is \$33 (July 23, 2023: \$Nil).

The following table summarizes key management personnel compensation for the year ended July 31:

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Salary and management consulting | \$ 461 | \$ 356 |
| Stock-based compensation | 3,074 | 42 |
| | \$ 3,535 | \$ 398 |

The following table summarizes non-management directors' compensation for the year ended July 31:

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Stock-based compensation | 223 | 414 |
| | \$ 223 | \$ 414 |

11. Research

Included in research expenditures are costs directly attributable to the various research and development functions and initiatives the Company has underway and includes salaries; bonuses; benefits; stock-based compensation; depreciation of property, plant and equipment; patent costs; consulting services; third party contract manufacturing, third party clinical research organization services; and all overhead costs associated with the Company's research facilities.

The following table outlines research and development costs expensed and investment tax credits for the Company's significant research and development projects for the years ended July 31:

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| Research and development programs, excluding the below items | \$ 3,890 | \$ 3,863 |
| Salaries and benefits | 974 | 1,008 |
| Stock-based compensation expense | 1,231 | 456 |
| Depreciation of property, plant and equipment | 14 | 13 |
| Research and development investment tax credits | (132) | (59) |
| | \$ 5,977 | \$ 5,281 |

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12. Operating, general and administration

The following table outlines operating, general and administration costs expensed for the years ended July 31:

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| Operating, general and administration, excluding below items | \$ 687 | \$ 746 |
| Salaries and benefits | 58 | 74 |
| Director fees and Investor relations | 233 | 111 |
| Stock-based compensation | 2,284 | 114 |
| | \$ 3,262 | \$ 1,045 |

13. Income taxes

The Company recognizes deferred tax assets and liabilities for expected future tax consequences of temporary differences between the carrying amounts and the tax basis of assets and liabilities and certain carry-forward balances. The Company's effective income tax rate in year ended July 31, 2024 is 26% (July 31, 2023 – 26%).

The Company's provision for income taxes differs from the amounts computed by applying the combined federal and provincial rate of 26% to the income (loss) for the year before taxes as shown in the following table at July 31:

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Loss before taxes | \$ (9,264) | \$ (6,290) |
| Combined federal and provincial rate | 26% | 26% |
| Expected income tax recovery based on statutory rates | (2,396) | (1,627) |
| Increase(decrease) to the income tax recovery resulting from: | | |
| Stock-based compensation and other non-deductible expenses | 1,025 | 163 |
| Share issue costs recorded directly to equity | (157) | (99) |
| Changes in deferred tax asset not recognized | 1,528 | 1,563 |
| | \$ - | \$ - |

Deferred taxes

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Non-capital losses carried forward | \$ 31,111 | \$ 29,749 |
| Capital losses carried forward | 312 | 312 |
| Excess of tax basis over booked basis of capital assets | 2,068 | 2,076 |
| Scientific research and experimental development pool | 13,897 | 13,732 |
| Share issue costs | 450 | 442 |
| Deferred tax asset | 47,838 | 46,311 |
| Less; Deferred tax asset not recognized | (47,838) | (46,311) |
| | \$ - | \$ - |

Certain deferred tax assets have not been recognized because it is not probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the Company can utilize the benefits therefrom.

Current income tax loss and non-capital tax loss carry forwards

As at July 31, 2024, the Company has Canadian tax losses that can be carried forward of approximately \$120,272 (July 31, 2023 – \$115,005) and are available until 2044 as follows:

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Amounts in Canadian dollars, unless noted otherwise

13. Income taxes (continued)*Current income tax loss and non-capital tax loss carry forwards (continued)*

| Expiry year | Amount |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| 2025 | \$ 862 |
| 2026 | 2,113 |
| 2027 | 2,904 |
| 2028 | 2,438 |
| 2029 | 9,188 |
| 2030 | 6,552 |
| 2031 | 6,792 |
| 2032 | 13,242 |
| 2033 | 2,437 |
| 2034 | 6,727 |
| 2035 | 7,256 |
| 2036 | 7,883 |
| 2037 | 7,884 |
| 2038 | 7,152 |
| 2039 | 5,739 |
| 2040 | 7,821 |
| 2041 | 6,901 |
| 2042 | 5,642 |
| 2043 | 5,472 |
| 2044 | 5,267 |
| | \$ 120,272 |

Scientific Research & Experimental Development expenditures ("SR&ED")

Under the Income Tax Act (Canada), certain expenditures are classified as SR&ED expenditures and are grouped into a pool for tax purposes. This expenditure pool can be carried forward indefinitely and deducted in full in any subsequent year. The SR&ED expenditure pool at July 31, 2024 is approximately \$53,899 (July 31, 2023 – \$52,646).

Investment tax credits

The Company has also earned investment tax credits in Canada, on eligible SR&ED expenditures at July 31, 2024 of approximately \$10,902 (July 31, 2023 – \$11,586), which can offset Canadian income taxes otherwise payable in future years up to 2044. Investment tax credits are accounted for as a reduction of the related expenditure for items of a current nature and a reduction of the related asset cost for items of a capital nature, provided that the Company has reasonable assurance that the tax credits will be realized. The research and development investment tax credits recorded are based on management's estimates of amounts expected to be recovered and are subject to audit by the taxation authorities and, accordingly, these amounts may vary. Federal investment tax credits are non-refundable to the Company. Refundable investment tax credits reflect eligible SR&ED expenditures incurred in Ontario and Alberta.

14. Subsequent events

On August 16, 2024, the Company completed a one-for-five (1:5) consolidation of all of its issued and outstanding common shares, resulting in a reduction in the issued and outstanding shares from 245,107,749 to 49,021,536 common shares. Shares reserved under the Company's equity and incentive plans were adjusted to reflect the Consolidation. The Consolidation was approved by the Company's shareholders at the annual general meeting held on January 18, 2024 and becomes effective on August 16, 2024. No fractional common shares are issued in connection with the Consolidation, which are, if any, deemed to have been tendered by its registered owner to the Company for cancellation for no consideration.

Subsequent to July 31, 2024, 2,745,100 warrants expired unexercised, and the Company forfeited 70,000 stock options.