

**AKARI THERAPEUTICS, PLC**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**  
**31 DECEMBER 2023**

**Registered in England and Wales, number: 05252842**

**AKARI THERAPEUTICS PLC**

**CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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**AKARI THERAPEUTICS PLC**

**OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

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<b>Directors</b>	R Prudo-Chlebosz M Hashad D Williams M Grissinger S Patel
<b>Secretary</b>	Prism Cosec Limited
<b>Registered Office</b>	Highdown House, Yeoman Way, Worthing, West Sussex BN99 3HH
<b>Independent Auditors</b>	Haysmacintyre LLP 10 Queen Street Place London EC4R 1AG

Unless the context otherwise requires, all references to “Akari,” “we,” “us,” “our,” the “Company”, the “Group” and similar designations refer to Akari Therapeutics, Plc and its subsidiaries. All references to “parent company” refer to Akari Therapeutics, Plc excluding its subsidiaries.

The directors of the Company (“Directors”) present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023.

**DIRECTORS' REPORT**

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The Company has chosen, in accordance with section 414C(11) of the Companies Act 2006, to include in its strategic report the following matters that would otherwise be required to be disclosed in this Directors' report: information on material financial instruments; information on research and development activities; and an indication of likely future developments in the business of the Company.

**PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY**

The principal activity of the Group is developing advanced therapies for autoimmune and inflammatory diseases involving the complement (C5) and leukotriene (LTB4) pathways. Each of these systems has scientifically well-supported causative roles in the diseases the Company is targeting. Management believes that blocking early mediators of inflammation will prevent initiation and continual amplification of the processes that cause certain diseases. The Group's activities since inception have consisted of performing research and development activities and raising capital.

**DIRECTORS**

The Directors who served the Company during the year and up to the date of signing the Annual Report were as follows:

R Prudo-Chlebosz  
M Hashad (Appointed on 30 June 2023)  
D Williams  
M Grissinger  
R Jacques (Resigned on 7 May 2024)  
D Byrne (Resigned on 30 June 2023)  
J Hill (Resigned on 30 June 2023)  
S Ungar (Resigned on 30 June 2023)  
S Patel (Appointed 29 November 2023)

**DIRECTORS' INDEMNITY**

The Company's Articles of Association provide, subject to the provisions of UK legislation, an indemnity for directors and officers of the Company in respect of liabilities they may incur in the discharge of their duties or in the exercise of their powers, including any liabilities relating to the defence of any proceedings brought against them which relate to anything done or omitted, or alleged to have been done or omitted, by them as officers or employees of the Company.

Appropriate directors and officer's liability insurance cover is in place in respect of all Company directors.

## DIRECTORS' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

## ENVIRONMENTAL DISCLOSURES

We are a group with a small number of employees. We have serviced offices and we currently outsource our research, development, testing and manufacturing activities. As a result, the group itself consumed 40,000 kWh of energy or less during the year ended 31 December 2023. For this reason, no disclosures concerning greenhouse gas emissions, energy consumption and energy efficiency action are made under the Large and Medium-sized Companies and Groups (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008.

## AUDITORS

Haysmacintyre LLP have indicated their willingness to continue in office as auditor for another year. In accordance with section 489 of the Companies Act 2006, a resolution proposing that Haysmacintyre LLP be reappointed as auditors of the Company will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

## SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS

On 31 December 2023 the following shareholders held an interest of 3% or more of the ordinary share capital of the Company:

	Ordinary shares of \$0.0001	% of issued share capital
Ray Prudo, M.D. (1)	3,171,056,800	24.0%
PranaBio Investments, LLC (2)	2,085,237,500	15.8%

- (1) Represents the entire holdings of RPC Pharma Limited, Praxis Trustees Limited As trustee of The Sonic Healthcare Holding Company and Dr. Ray Prudo as reported on the Amendment No. 7 Schedule 13D filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") on January 4, 2024. The principal business office of RPC Pharma Limited is c/o Landmark Fiduciare (Suisse) SA, 6 Place des Eaux-Vives, P.O. Box 3461, Geneva, V8 1211, Switzerland. Dr. Ray Prudo has shared voting and dispositive control over the ordinary shares held by RPC Pharma Limited and owns approximately 67.8% of RPC's outstanding shares (including option grants), including 10.6% of RPC's outstanding shares held in trust for Dr. Ungar. Dr. Prudo disclaims beneficial ownership except to the extent of his actual pecuniary interest in such shares.
- (2) Represents the holdings of Pranabio Investments, LLC as reported on Form 4 filed with the SEC on January 2, 2024. Pranabio Investments, LLC is a Texas limited liability company. Samir R. Patel, M.D., is the managing member and has sole voting and investment power with respect to the shares.

As at 31 December 2023 no other person had reported an interest of 3% or more in the Company's ordinary shares.

**DIRECTORS' REPORT**

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**CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

The Group is not required to implement the provisions of the UK Corporate Governance Code (the "Code").

Regular Board of Directors meetings are held. The Board of Directors meets regularly and is responsible for overseeing management, formulating strategy and monitoring the Group's performance.

**GOING CONCERN**

The Group meets its day-to-day working capital requirements through funding. In assessing the Group's ability to continue as a going concern, Management has prepared financial forecasts covering at least the next twelve months from the date of approval of the financial statements.

The Group's forecast and projections, show that at present, the Group has insufficient working capital to fulfil its current business plan without the Group raising additional capital.

As of 31 December 2023, the Group's cash balance was \$3.8 million. To date, the Group has incurred substantial losses and negative cash flows since inception and had an accumulated deficit of \$203.6 million as of 31 December 2023.

The Group anticipates incurring additional losses until such time, if ever, that it can generate significant sales of its product candidates currently in development. The Group is subject to a number of risks and uncertainties similar to those of other companies of the same size within the biotechnology industry, such as uncertainty of clinical trial outcomes, uncertainty of additional funding, and history of operating losses. Substantial additional financing will be needed by the Group to fund its operations and to commercially develop its product candidates and there can be no assurance that additional funds will be available when the Group need them on terms that are acceptable to it, or at all. As of May 31, 2024, the Group's cash balance of \$5.9 million, which includes net proceeds received from the May 2024 Private Placement (see note 19 of the notes to financial statements), is not sufficient to fund its operations for the one-year period after the date these consolidated financial statements are issued.

Management is currently evaluating different strategies to obtain the required funding for future operations. These strategies may include, but are not limited to: product development financing, private placements and/or public offerings of equity and/or debt securities, and strategic research and development collaborations and/or similar arrangements. Further, closing of the Group's proposed merger with Peak Bio, Inc. as contemplated in the associated Merger Agreement is contingent on the PIPE Investment (as defined in the Merger Agreement) which shall have been consummated simultaneously with, and conditioned only upon, the occurrence of the closing, and shall result in net proceeds to the Group of at least \$10 million. Management also expects that further sources of funding will also be made available for the Group to draw on (if required) as a result of the merger.

While management is confident in the Company's ability to obtain future funding, there can be no assurance that these future funding efforts, including the PIPE Investment (as defined in the Merger Agreement), will be successful.

Based on the requirement for Group to raise additional capital to finance future operations and for it to manage its working capital position, particularly in relation to accounts payable balances, until further such capital can be raised, management has concluded that these outcomes represent material uncertainties that cast significant doubt regarding the Group's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that these consolidated financial statements are issued.

Notwithstanding these uncertainties, the accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared assuming that we will continue as a going concern, which contemplates the realisation of assets and the satisfaction of liabilities in the normal course of business. As such, the accompanying consolidated financial statements do not reflect any adjustments relating to the recoverability and classification of recorded assets and liabilities that might be necessary if the Group is unable to continue as a going concern.

**SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Events occurring after the year end and required to be disclosed are detailed in note 19 of the notes to the financial statements.

**STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare Group and Parent company financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the Group and Parent company financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as adopted by the United Kingdom. Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Group and the Company and their profit or loss for that period.

The financial statements are required by law and IFRS as adopted by the United Kingdom to present fairly the financial position and performance of the Group.

In preparing these financial statements the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether they have been prepared in accordance with IFRS as adopted by the United Kingdom subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Group and the parent company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Group and Parent company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006 and Article 4 of the IAS Regulation. They have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to safeguard the assets of the Group and Parent company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

The directors consider that the Annual Report, taken as a whole, is fair, balanced and understandable and provides the information necessary for shareholders to assess the Group's performance, business model and strategy.

**DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS**

Each of the directors at the time the report is approved confirms that, as at that time:

- so far as the director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware; and
- the director has taken all steps that they ought to have taken as a director to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditors are aware of that information.

This report was approved by the board on 3 June 2024 and signed on its behalf.

*Samir R. Patel*

**Samir R. Patel**

Director and Interim Chief Executive Officer

## REVIEW OF BUSINESS

The Group is a clinical-stage biotechnology company focused on developing advanced therapies for autoimmune and inflammatory diseases involving the complement (“C5”) and leukotriene (“LTB4”) pathways. Each of these pathways has scientifically well-supported causative roles in the diseases the Group is targeting. Management believes that blocking early mediators of inflammation will prevent initiation and continual amplification of the processes that cause certain diseases. The Group’s activities since inception have consisted of performing research and development activities and raising capital.

The Group’s lead product candidate, nomacopan, is a recombinant small protein (16,769 Da) derived from a protein originally discovered in the saliva of the *Ornithodoros moubata* tick, which modulates the host immune system to allow the parasite to feed without alerting the host to its presence or provoking an immune response. Nomacopan is a second-generation complement inhibitor which acts on complement C5, preventing release of C5a and formation of C5b-9 (also known as the membrane attack complex (“MAC”)), and also independently and specifically inhibit LTB4 activity, both elements that are often co-located as part of the immune/inflammatory response. Management believes the importance of nomacopan’s therapeutic potential is twofold. First, its dual inhibitory action may be able to prevent inflammatory and prothrombotic activities of two key pathways, and second, nomacopan’s bio-physical properties may allow it to be used in a variety of formulations and routes of administration, including subcutaneous, intravenous, topical to eye, inhaled and intravitreal.

Up until May 2024, the Group was conducting a clinical trial of subcutaneous nomacopan for the treatment of hematopoietic stem cell transplant-related thrombotic microangiopathy (“HSCT-TMA”) in pediatrics. Following completion of a portfolio prioritization review, the Group announced that its HSCT-TMA program will be suspended, as more fully described below. The Group is currently investigating long-acting PASylated-nomacopan (“PAS-nomacopan”) for treatment of Geographic Atrophy (“GA”) secondary to dry age-related macular degeneration (“dry AMD”) in preclinical studies and expect to hold a pre-investigational new drug application meeting in the third quarter of 2024.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (“FDA”) has granted Rare Pediatric Disease, Orphan Drug, and Fast Track designations to nomacopan for the treatment of pediatric HSCT-TMA. Additionally, nomacopan has been granted Orphan Drug designation by the European Commission as a treatment for hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (“HSCT”).

### ***Merger Agreement and Pipeline Prioritization***

On March 5, 2024, Akari announced that it entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the “Merger Agreement”) with Peak Bio, Inc. (“Peak Bio”) and Pegasus Merger Sub, Inc., a Delaware corporation and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Akari (“Merger Sub”), pursuant to which, upon the terms and subject to the conditions thereof, Merger Sub will be merged with and into Peak Bio (the “Merger”), with Peak Bio surviving the Merger as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Akari.

On May 1, 2024, the Group announced the completion of a joint portfolio prioritization review pursuant to which the anticipated combined entity, following completion of the previously announced Merger (as defined below), will focus on Peak Bio’s antibody drug conjugate (“ADC”) platform technology and the Group’s PAS-nomacopan GA program. As a result, the Group’s HSCT-TMA program will be suspended, with enrollment in its currently active pediatric clinical study discontinued due to cost and timeline. Following closing of the Merger, management plans to work closely with the FDA to define the best path for this technology and consider the opportunity for partnership and licensing, specifically as it relates to the potential eligibility for a priority review voucher in connection with future marketing applications for nomacopan, including as a treatment for pediatric HSCT-TMA.

Also on May 1, 2024, management began to implement a reduction-in-force of approximately 67% of the Group’s total workforce, as a result of the recently announced program prioritization under which the Group’s HSCT-TMA program was suspended. The reduction-in-force is part of an operational restructuring plan and includes the elimination of certain senior management positions. The purpose of the restructuring plan, including the reduction-in-force, is to reduce HSCT-TMA related operating costs, while supporting the execution of our long-term strategic plan.



## **RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS**

Research and development expenses for the year ended 31 December 2023 were approximately \$9,083,000 (2022: \$10,816,000). The decrease was the result of the net impact of multiple factors. The Group's research and development expenses decreased primarily due to decreases in clinical trial costs resulting from the Group's decision to close the bullous pemphigoid ("BP") trial in August 2022 and decreases in nompacopan manufacturing costs due to timing of manufacturing; partially offset by increases in personnel costs due to changes in our organizational structure, including a shift to U.S.-based employees and consultants, and increases in external HSCT-TMA costs as a result of the prioritization of the HSCT-TMA program in 2023.

Administrative expenses for the year ended 31 December 2023 were approximately \$11,358,000 (2022: \$13,075,000). The decrease was the result of the net impact of multiple factors. The Group's administrative expenses decreased primarily due to decreases in (i) financing-related costs of approximately \$1,700,000 as a result of costs incurred during the 2023 period being classified in shareholders' equity, (ii) directors' and officers' insurance premiums of approximately \$600,000, and (iii) personnel costs (including directors and consultants) of approximately \$1,500,000. These decreases were partially offset by increases in other expenses, including legal and professional fees of approximately \$1,400,000, of which approximately \$800,000 are costs incurred related to the proposed Merger.

Net cash used in operating activities for the year ended 31 December 2023 was approximately \$17,440,000 (2022: \$21,504,000). Net cash flow used in operating activities was primarily attributed to ongoing research activities to support nomacopan and PAS-nomacopan, including manufacturing, clinical trial and preclinical activities, as well as administrative expenses and the change in fair value of the warrants issued in 2022, which have been classified as liabilities.

Net cash generated from financing activities was approximately \$6,967,000 (2022: \$25,288,000).

Cash and cash equivalents decreased to approximately \$3,845,000 at 31 December 2023 (2022: \$13,250,000).

The Group made a loss of approximately \$12,240,000 (2022: \$17,011,000). The loss for the Group is in line with the expected performance and the Directors are satisfied with the results for the year.

No dividends were paid during the year (2022: \$Nil) and the Directors do not propose a final dividend.

## **PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES**

### **Financing**

The Group requires additional funding to continue its future operations and planned research and development activities. The Directors recognise that the Group may not be able to obtain financing on favorable terms and the terms of the Group's finance arrangements may be dilutive. The Group may also seek additional funding through partnership arrangements with collaborators and other third parties. These types of arrangements may require the Group to relinquish rights to internally developed technology, product candidates or products. If the Group is unable to obtain additional funding on a timely basis, the Group may be required to curtail or terminate some or all of its research or development programs, including some or all of its product candidates. Additionally, the report of the Group's statutory audit firm on its financial statements for the period ended December 31, 2023, includes an explanatory paragraph raising substantial doubt about its ability to continue as a going concern as a result of recurring losses from operations and net capital deficiency. The Group's future is dependent upon its ability to obtain financing in the future. This opinion could materially limit the Group's ability to raise funds.

The Group plans to raise additional funds through equity or debt financings or other sources, such as strategic partnerships, alliance and/or licensing arrangements and government grants. There can be no assurance that additional funds will be available when the Group needs them on terms that are acceptable, or at all.

### **Clinical development stage**

The Company is a clinical development stage Group with limited history of trading on which future projections can be based. There is no guarantee that the Group will succeed in growing its current business or that the Group will be able to provide or maintain sufficient resources required for operations in the development and introduction of its products. It is not unusual that clinical development stage companies fail to achieve their business plans due to lack of being able to estimate the speed of new market entrants and the costs associated with entering markets and obtaining market share.

**PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES (continued)**

Up until May 2024, the Group was conducting a clinical trial of subcutaneous nomacopan for the treatment of HSCT-TMA in pediatrics. Following completion of a portfolio prioritization review, the Group announced that its HSCT-TMA program will be suspended. The Group is currently investigating long-acting PASylated-nomacopan (“PAS-nomacopan”) for treatment of GA secondary to dry AMD in preclinical studies.

**Drug development**

The Group’s drug development activities are complex, and all of the product candidates are in clinical development with a significant risk of failure. It is impossible to predict when or if any of the product candidates will prove effective or safe in humans and/or will receive regulatory approval.

Further common challenges for similar companies and the Group is to:

- Find a stable active product or formulation without extensive clinical trials and substantial additional costs or create adequate assays for the products for formulations or clinical testing purposes;
- Manufacture, and/or formulate sufficient amounts of its product candidates or upscale or optimise such synthesis so as to enable efficient production of scale;
- Find safe and effective doses for its product candidates without extensive clinical trials and substantial additional costs;
- Obtain sufficient supply or quality of product candidates supply or materials to produce product candidates or other materials necessary to conduct clinical trials; and
- Establish manufacturing capabilities or enter into agreements with third parties to supply materials in a timely fashion to make product candidates, or manufacture clinical trial drug supplies.

**Departure of and search for executive officers**

The Group’s success depends upon the continued service and performance of our senior management and other key personnel. The loss of the services of these personnel could delay or prevent the successful completion of our planned clinical trials or the commercialization of our therapeutic candidates or otherwise affect our ability to manage our company effectively and to carry out our business plan. The Group does not maintain key-man life insurance. Although the Group has entered into employment agreements with all the members of its senior management team, members of its senior management team may resign at any time. High demand exists for senior management and other key personnel in the biopharmaceutical industry. There can be no assurance that the Group will be able to continue to attract and retain such personnel.

**Market acceptance**

The Group is not guaranteed that any of its product candidates will gain market acceptance amongst physicians, patients, healthcare providers, pharmaceutical companies or other customers.

The Group’s clinical trials in humans may show that the doses selected based on screening, animal testing or clinical trials do not achieve the desired therapeutic result in humans, or achieve these results only in a small part of the population. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (“FDA”) or other regulatory agencies in the United States and foreign jurisdictions may determine that these clinical trials do not support the Group’s conclusion. The Group may be required to conduct additional clinical studies and provide more evidence substantiating the safety and efficacy of the doses selected in a significant patient population.

**PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES (continued)**

**Intense competition from larger competitors**

Many companies, universities and research organisations developing product candidates have greater resources and significantly greater experience in financial, research and development, manufacturing, marketing, sales, distribution and technical regulatory matters than the Group has. These competitors could commence and complete clinical testing of their products, obtain regulatory approval, and begin commercial-scale manufacturing of their products faster than the Group is able to, thus resulting in a situation whereby the Group may not be able to commercialise its product candidates or achieve a competitive position in the market.

**Product liability exposure**

The Group faces exposure to product liability and other claims if its product candidates, products or processes are alleged to have caused harm. These risks are inherent in testing, manufacturing, and marketing human therapeutic products. If the Group is sued for any injury caused by its products, product candidates or processes, the Group's liability could exceed its product liability insurance coverage and its total assets. Claims against the Group, regardless of their merit or potential outcome, may also generate negative publicity or damage the Group's ability to obtain physician endorsement of its products or expand its business.

**Intellectual property**

The Group may be unable to protect the intellectual property relating to its product candidates, or if it infringes the rights of others, its ability to successfully commercialise its product candidates may be harmed. The Group owns or hold licenses to a number of issued patents (foreign and foreign counterparts) and pending patent applications. The Group's success depends in part on its ability to obtain patent protection both in the United States and in other territories for its product candidates, as well as the methods for treating patients in the product indications using these product candidates. The Group's ability to protect its product candidates from unauthorised or infringing use by third parties depends in substantial part on its ability to obtain and maintain valid and enforceable patents. Due to evolving legal standards relating to the patentability, validity and enforceability of patents covering pharmaceutical inventions and the scope of claims made under these patents, the Group's ability to obtain, maintain and enforce patents is uncertain and involves complex legal and factual questions. Even if the Group's product candidates, as well as methods for treating patients for prescribed indications using these product candidates are covered by valid and enforceable patents and have claims with sufficient scope, disclosure and support in the specification, the patents will provide protection only for a limited amount of time. Accordingly, rights under any issued patents may not provide the Group with sufficient protection for a commercial advantage against competitive products or processes.

**FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

The Group finances its operations using cash generated by the sale of equity instruments in the Group. The cash flow of the Group is monitored on a regular basis to ensure the Group has sufficient funding to meet its capital and operational requirements.

**RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT**

The Group is a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on developing advanced therapies for autoimmune and inflammatory diseases, specifically through the inhibition of the complement and leukotriene pathways. Each of these systems has scientifically well-supported causative roles in the diseases the Group is targeting.

**KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATOR**

The Directors consider the key performance indicator to be the Group's cash position. This allows the Directors to manage the on-going activities and strategies for further development of the Group.

The key performance indicator is measured and reviewed on a regular basis at Board meetings and enable the Directors to communicate the performance of the Group against predetermined targets.

# AKARI THERAPEUTICS PLC

## STRATEGIC REPORT

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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#### *Key performance indicator:*

Operational key performance indicators relate to R&D activities and are discussed in the preceding elements of this report. Financially, the Group's key performance indicator is cash and utilisation thereof. As at the year ended 31 December 2023, the Group's cash position was \$3,845,000 (2022: \$13,250,000). Further analysis of changes in the year is provided in the Group Statement of Cash Flows.

#### **EMPLOYEES**

As at 31 December 2023, we had 12 full-time employees. The table shows the number of staff of each gender employed at the Company and their level of seniority.

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Directors	5	1	6
Senior Managers	2	1*	3
Employees	3	5	8

\* Excludes our President, Chief Executive Officer and director as of 31 December 2023, who is reflected in the Directors level.

#### **SECTION 172 STATEMENT**

When making decisions, the Directors act in the way they consider is most likely to promote the success of the Company, for the benefit of its members as a whole, while also considering the broad range of stakeholders who interact with the business.

Our strategy is to develop and commercialize advanced therapies for autoimmune and inflammatory diseases.

In striving to achieve the goal to develop new therapeutic medicines, the business touches the lives of many people. The Group exists in a complex and evolving regulatory and scientific environment and as a result has a number of key stakeholder groups. Considering the interests of its stakeholders is fundamental to the way in which the Company operates. Our values and Code of Ethics empower employees to make the best decisions in the interest of the Company and its stakeholders, and help to ensure that these considerations are made not only at Board level, but throughout the entire organization.

Post the reporting period end, the Directors of the Company have continued to take into account the Company's stakeholders, including the potential impact of its future activities on the community, the environment and the Company's reputation when making decisions. The Directors also continue to take all necessary measures to ensure the Company is acting in good faith and fairly between members and is promoting the success of the Company for its members in the long term.

The table below serves as our Section 172 statement by setting out the key stakeholder groups, their interests and how the Company engages with them. Akari's key stakeholders include its investors, employees, regulatory bodies and suppliers.

Stakeholder	Why Akari engages	How Akari engages
Investors	Management maintains a regular and constructive dialogue with existing and potential investors to communicate the Company’s strategy and performance to promote investor confidence and ensure continued access to capital.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual General Meetings</li> <li>• Financial reports filed with the SEC</li> <li>• One-to-one meetings by Management with analysts and investors</li> <li>• Investor outreach programs including attending virtual and in-person conferences, events and roadshows</li> <li>• Press releases</li> <li>• Company website</li> <li>• Social media (e.g. LinkedIn, Twitter)</li> </ul>
Employees	Akari employees are key to the Company’s success and to the achievement of business objectives. Akari aims to be a responsible employer in our approach to employee engagement, development, performance and rewards. The health, safety and well-being of the Group’s employees is one of Akari’s primary considerations in the way the Company does business. Employee engagement is led primarily by the CEO (or interim CEO) and the Executive Team.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Market competitive compensation and benefits aligned with role and overall performance</li> <li>• Individual development through coaching, on-the-job learning, external conferences and training opportunities</li> <li>• Communication channels between the Board, Executive Team and Akari employees</li> </ul>
Regulatory bodies	Akari is subject to a wide range of laws, regulations, and listing requirements including the regulatory framework from FDA, EMA and other regulatory agencies, the SEC, data protection, employment, tax, environmental and health and safety legislation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Company website</li> <li>• SEC filings</li> <li>• Annual Report</li> <li>• Direct contact and communications with regulators</li> <li>• Compliance updates at Board Meetings</li> </ul>

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Stakeholder	Why Akari engages	How Akari engages
Suppliers	Akari has several key suppliers with whom the Company has built strong relationships. Akari has established communication channels to ensure its working relationship remains collaborative and forward – focused, and to create a successful and fair collaboration.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Building strong working relationships with suppliers through open two-way discussions and regular meetings.</li><li>• Executing contracts that guide expectations of both Akari and the suppliers.</li></ul>

This report was approved by the Board on 3 June 2024 and signed on its behalf.

*Samir R. Patel*

Samir R. Patel, M.D.

**Director and Interim Chief Executive Officer**

**AKARI THERAPEUTICS, PLC**  
**DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

**PART I - ANNUAL REPORT ON REMUNERATION**

**Single Total Figure of Remuneration for Each Director**

The following table shows the compensation paid or accrued during the fiscal year ended 31 December 2023.

Name of Director	Salary and/or Fees (\$)	Other compensation (\$)	Bonus (\$)	RSU Awards (\$)(1)	Option Awards (\$)(2)	Pension Benefits (\$)(3)	2023 Total (\$)	2023 Total Fixed (\$)	2023 Total variable (\$)
<b>Executive Director</b>									
Rachelle Jacques	615,750	-	-	729,393	198,498	16,500	1,560,141	615,750	945,391
<b>Non-Executive Director</b>									
Ray Prudo, M.D.(4)	100,000	-	-	-	13,000	-	113,000	100,000	13,000
Michael Grissinger	60,350	-	-	-	6,500	-	66,850	60,350	6,500
Samir Patel, M.D(5)	3,704	-	-	-	6,103	-	9,807	3,704	6,103
Mohamed Wa'el Ahmed Hashad(6)	28,684	-	-	-	6,500	-	35,184	28,684	6,500
Donald Williams	65,280	-	-	-	6,500	-	71,780	65,280	6,500
James Hill, M.D.(7)	29,343	-	-	-	-	-	29,343	29,343	-
Stuart Ungar, M.D.(7)	23,645	-	-	-	-	-	23,645	23,645	-
David Byrne(7)	49,170	-	-	-	-	-	49,170	49,170	-

(1) Represents the aggregate grant date fair value of time-based restricted stock units ("RSUs") issued under our 2014 Equity Incentive Plan (the "2014 Plan") and/or 2023 Equity Incentive Plan (the "2023 Plan") in accordance with IFRS 2, Share-based payment.

(2) Represents the aggregate grant date fair value of options to purchase ordinary shares issued under our 2014 Plan and/or 2023 Plan in accordance with IFRS 2, Share-based payment.

(3) Consists of company contributions to U.K. pension scheme or the U.S. 401k Plan.

(4) Dr. Prudo served as our Executive Chairman from September 2015 through December 2022. Effective January 1, 2023, Dr. Prudo began serving as the Chairman of our board of directors with a remuneration package of \$100,000 per annum, paid in equal monthly installments.

(5) Dr. Patel was appointed to our board of directors effective November 29, 2023. Dr. Patel has served as a member of our compensation committee since January 30, 2024.

(6) Mr. Hashad was appointed to our board of directors effective June 30, 2023, at our 2023 annual general meeting. Mr. Hashad has served as a member of our audit committee and nominating and corporate governance committee since June 30, 2023.

(7) Served as a director until our 2023 annual general meeting on June 30, 2023.

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**DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION REPORT (continued)**

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The following table shows the compensation paid or accrued during the fiscal year ended 31 December 2022.

Name of Director	Salary and/or Fees (\$)	Other Compensation (\$)	Bonus (\$)(6)	Long-term Incentive (\$)	Option Awards (\$)(1)	Pension Benefits (\$)(4)	2022 Total (\$)	2022 Total Fixed (\$)	2022 Total variable (\$)
<b>Executive Director</b>									
Ray Prudo, M.D. (2)	412,000	-	206,000	-	-	-	618,000	412,000	206,000
Rachelle Jacques (3)	458,333	-	875,000	-	2,799,224	15,250	4,147,808	3,922,808	225,000
Clive Richardson (7)	118,195 (7)	14,595 (5)	657,764 (7)	-	-	11,819	802,373	144,609	657,764
<b>Non-Executive Director</b>									
James Hill, M.D.	61,502	-	-	-	20,278	-	81,780	81,780	-
Stuart Ungar, M.D.	49,064	-	-	-	20,278	-	69,342	69,342	-
David Byrne	58,332	-	-	-	20,278	-	78,610	78,610	-
Donald Williams	56,838	-	-	-	20,278	-	77,116	77,116	-
Peter Feldschreiber (8)	24,974	-	-	-	-	-	24,974	24,974	-
Michael Grissinger	41,505	-	-	-	20,278	-	61,783	61,783	-

(1) These amounts represent the aggregate grant date fair value for option awards for fiscal year 2022 computed in accordance with IFRS 2, Share-based payment. A discussion of the assumptions used in determining grant date fair value may be found in note 16 to the Financial Statements. In addition to her stock option awards, Ms. Jacques received a restricted stock award whose grant date fair value was \$253,410.

(2) Dr. Prudo served as Executive Chairman of Akari's Board of Directors from September 2015 until December 2022 and assumed the role of non-executive Chairman of the Board effective January 1, 2023.

(3) Ms. Jacques was appointed our President and Chief Executive Officer in March 2022. Ms. Jacques received a sign-on bonus in the amount of \$650,000.

(4) Consists of company contributions to U.K. pension scheme or the U.S. 401k Plan.

(5) Consists of company contributions to health benefits of \$11,897 and life insurance premiums of \$2,698.

(6) Bonuses are awarded on the basis of an assessment of the overall performance of the executive director concerned, rather than specific measures or targets. In respect of 2022, the annual bonus payment for Mr. Prudo reflects his strong personal performance at a critical time for the business. The 2022 annual bonus payment for Ms. Jacques was based on the Company's performance against Company objectives agreed by the Board. Ray Prudo and Rachelle Jacques both received annual bonus payments of 100% of their target cash bonuses respectively, of which 100% was paid in the first quarter of 2023. None of the awards is attributable to share price appreciation and no discretion was exercised because of share price appreciation or depreciation. Non-executive directors are not eligible to receive bonuses.

(7) Mr. Richardson resigned as Chief Executive Officer and Chief Operating Officer in March 2022. Prior to his resignation, Mr. Richardson received three months of salary in the amount of \$118,000. After his resignation, Mr. Richardson received a cash termination payment of approximately \$658,000. In addition, Mr. Richardson entered into a consulting agreement with the Company in which Mr. Richardson earned approximately \$305,000.

(8) Mr. Feldschreiber resigned from the Board, effective 3 June 2022.



## DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION REPORT (continued)

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## Incentive Plan Awards

Akari has two compensation plans under which our equity securities are authorized for issuance (the 2014 Equity Incentive Plan and the 2023 Equity Incentive Plan) under which directors receive options to acquire ordinary shares in Akari. Upon effectiveness of the 2023 Plan Incentive Plan in June 2023, no further awards are available to be issued under the 2014 Plan. As of December 31, 2023, the Company had 789,393,500 ordinary shares underlying outstanding equity awards under the 2014 Plan, consisting of stock options and restricted stock units.

Options and restricted stock units granted during the fiscal year ended 31 December 2023 are as follows:

Name of Director	Award Type	Number of Awards (1)	Grant Date	Exercise Price (\$)	Face Value (\$ (2)	Vesting Date	Expiry Date
Rachelle Jacques	RSU	189,787,200	28/03/2023	N/A	358,698	(3)	28/03/2033
	Option	152,690,700	01/06/2023	0.0016	245,832	(4)	01/06/2033
	RSU	190,798,825	30/06/2023	N/A	324,358	(5)	30/06/2033
Ray Prudo, M.D.	Option	10,000,000	30/06/2023	0.0017	17,000	(6)	30/06/2033
Michael Grissinger	Option	5,000,000	30/06/2023	0.0017	8,500	(6)	30/06/2033
Samir Patel, M.D.	Option	5,000,000	29/12/2023	0.0016	7,800	(6)	29/12/2033
Mohamed Wa'el Ahmed Hashad	Option	5,000,000	30/06/2023	0.0017	8,500	(6)	30/06/2033
Donald Williams	Option	5,000,000	30/06/2023	0.0017	8,500	(6)	30/06/2033
James Hill, M.D.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Stuart Ungar, M.D.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
David Byrne	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(1) Option and restricted stock unit awards are subject to time-based vesting conditions without performance measures or targets other than continued service until the date of vesting.

(2) These amounts represent the face value for options awards, calculated as the number of shares awarded (assuming full vesting) multiplied by the price per share implied by the market price per ADS, which is equal to the stated exercise price.

(3) The restricted stock unit award vests 50% on the first anniversary date of the date of grant, or 28 March 2024, with the remainder vesting in twelve equal monthly installments thereafter, subject to continued service.

(4) The stock option award vests and becomes exercisable ratably on a semiannual basis over a four-year period commencing on 01 June 2023, subject to continued service.

(5) The stock restricted stock award vests and becomes exercisable ratably on a semiannual basis over a four-year period commencing on 30 June 2023, subject to continued service.

(6) The stock option award's vests and becomes exercisable on the date of our 2024 Annual General Meeting, or by 30 June 2024.

## DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION REPORT (continued)

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## Directors' shareholdings

The table below shows, for each director, the total number of ordinary shares owned (by the director and connected persons), the total number of unvested restricted stock units held, the total number shares issuable upon exercise of outstanding warrants, and the total number of share options that were held and the number of share options vested as at 31 December 2023. All unvested restricted stock units and share options are subject to time-based vesting without performance measures or targets other than continued service until the date of vesting. No director exercised any share options or warrants during the year ended 31 December 2023.

Name of Director	Ordinary Shares Owned(1)	Unvested Restricted Stock Units	Share Warrants	Share Options	Vested Share Options
<b>Executive Director</b>					
Ray Prudo, M.D.(2)	3,171,056,800	-	313,901,100	10,000,000	-
Rachelle Jacques	152,502,975	385,954,925	-	390,087,400	108,110,100
<b>Non-Executive Director</b>					
Michael Grissinger	20,000,000	-	-	16,500,000	11,500,000
Samir Patel, M.D.(3)	2,085,237,500	-	521,774,000	5,000,000	-
Mohamed Wa'el Ahmed Hashad	-	-	-	5,000,000	-
Donald Williams	20,000,000	-	-	19,850,000	14,850,000
James Hill, M.D	-	-	-	-	-
Stuart Ungar, M.D.	-	-	-	-	-
David Byrne	-	-	-	-	-

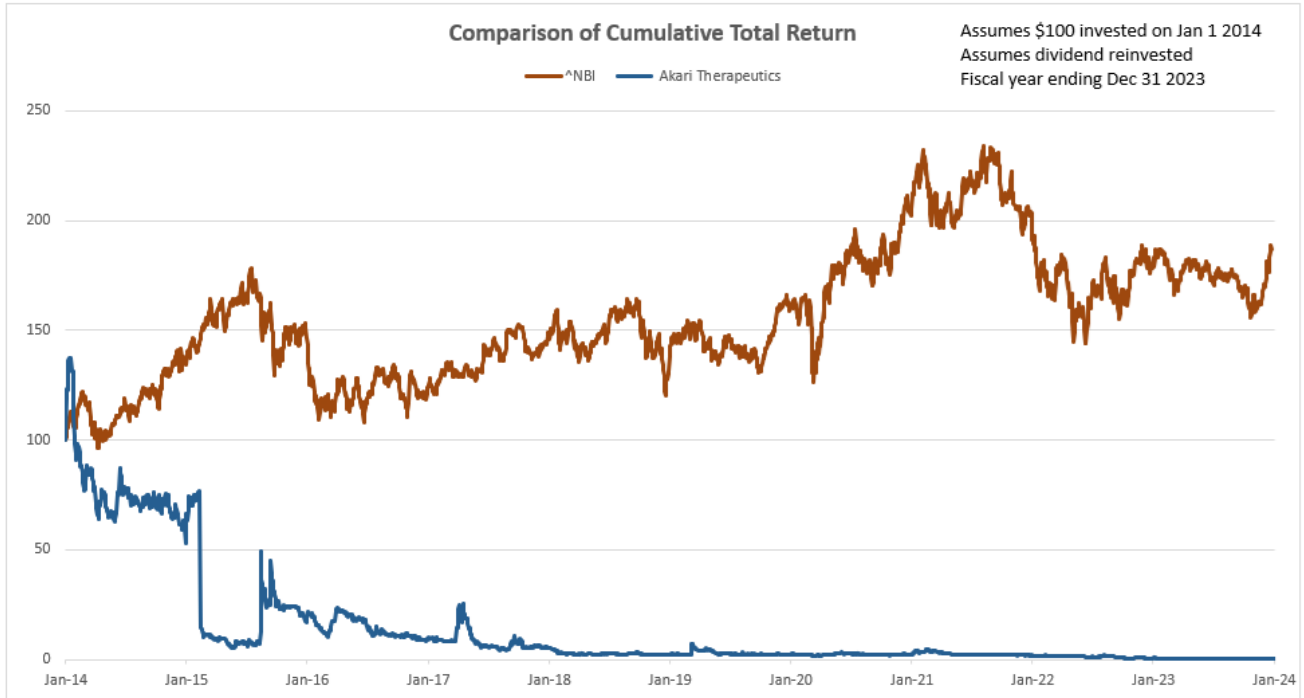
(1) Our shareholders, named executive officers and directors may hold ordinary shares, ADS or a combination of both. This column shows each holder's ownership assuming all shares were held as ordinary shares, which may not be the case. Our ADSs are listed on The Nasdaq Capital Market under the trading symbol "AKTX." Ordinary shares are convertible to ADSs at a 2,000 to one ratio.

(2) Amounts include holdings of RPC Pharma Limited ("RPC"), together with Ray Prudo, M.D. and Praxis Trustees Limited as trustee of The Sonic Healthcare Holding Company ("Praxis," and together with Ray Prudo and RPC, "Ray Prudo and Affiliates"). In his individual capacity, Dr. Prudo beneficially owns the 3,484,957,900 Ordinary Shares (inclusive of 304,690,600 and 9,210,500 Ordinary Shares issuable upon exercise of warrants held by Dr. Prudo and RPC Pharma, respectively). RPC beneficially owns 809,977,100 Ordinary Shares (inclusive of 9,210,500 Ordinary Shares issuable upon exercise of warrants). Praxis beneficially owns 38,709,600 Ordinary Shares. Voting and investment decisions with respect to shares owned by RPC and Praxis are controlled by Dr. Prudo.

(3) Dr. Patel is principal of PranaBio Investments, LLC. Share warrants held by PranaBio Investments, LLC consists of (i) prefunded warrants exercisable to purchase 96,774,000 ordinary shares (represented by 48,387 ADSs) at an exercise price of \$0.0001 per ordinary share (or \$0.20 per ADS), and (ii) warrants exercisable to purchase 425,000,000 ordinary shares (represented by 212,500 ADSs) at exercise prices ranging from \$0.0016 to \$0.03 per ordinary share (or \$17.00 to \$60.00 per ADS).

**Illustration of Total Shareholder Return**

The following graph compares the cumulative total shareholder return on Akari's ADSs, each representing 2,000 ordinary shares, with that of the NASDAQ Biotech Index (^NBI) from the period that Akari's ADSs were publicly traded on The Nasdaq Capital Market through 31 December 2023. Akari selected the NASDAQ Biotech Index because Akari's ADSs trade on The NASDAQ Capital Market and Akari believes this indicates its relative performance against a group consisting of more similarly situated companies.



## DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION REPORT (continued)

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## Chief Executive Total Remuneration History

The table below sets out total remuneration details for the Chief Executive Officer.

Period	Single total figure of remuneration (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Short-term incentive payout against maximum (1)	Option and restricted stock awards (\$)	Option Awards against maximum (2)
2023 Rachelle Jacques	615,750	-	-	927,891 (13)	-
2022 Rachelle Jacques (3)	4,147,808	875,000 (3)	-	2,799,224 (4)	-
2022 Clive Richardson (5)	802,373	657,764 (5)	-	-	-
2021 Clive Richardson	612,047	206,826	-	-	-
2020 Clive Richardson	503,941	214,960	-	-	-
2019 Clive Richardson (6)	432,408	177,028	-	-	-
2018 (David Solomon) (7)	173,611	-	-	-	-
2017 (Gur Roshwalb and David Solomon) (7)	1,338,253	119,041 (9)	100% (10)	-	-
2016 (Gur Roshwalb)	581,250	187,500	125% (11)	-	-
2015 (Gur Roshwalb)	7,306,951	86,625	100% (12)	6,863,034	-
2014 (Gur Roshwalb)	410,564	-	-	60,564	-
2013 (Gur Roshwalb) (8)	576,389	-	-	173,396	-

- (1) All cash bonuses to Rachelle Jacques and Clive Richardson were awarded on a discretionary annual basis, except Ms. Jacques's sign-on bonus.
- (2) All options were awarded on a discretionary basis.
- (3) Rachelle Jacques was appointed as Akari's Chief Executive Officer on 28 March 2022. Ms. Jacques's bonus includes a \$650,000 sign-on bonus.
- (4) In addition to Ms. Jacques's stock option awards granted during 2022, Ms. Jacques received a restricted stock award whose grant date fair value was \$253,410.
- (5) Mr. Richardson resigned as Akari's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Operating Officer in March 2022. Mr. Richardson received a termination payment of \$657,746.
- (6) Clive Richardson was appointed Interim Chief Executive on 8 May 2018 and Chief Executive Officer on 18 July 2019.
- (7) Dr. Roshwalb resigned as Akari's Chief Executive Officer on 29 May 2017 and David Solomon was appointed as Akari's Chief Executive Officer on 28 August 2017 and resigned 8 May 2018.
- (8) Dr. Roshwalb was appointed as Akari's Chief Executive Officer on 4 March 2013.
- (9) Includes a \$50,000 signing bonus.
- (10) Bonus was awarded in 2017 but calculated from Dr. Solomon's appointment on 28 August 2017.
- (11) Bonus was awarded in 2016 but calculated for a 15-month period from the date of the acquisition of Volution Immuno Pharmaceutical SA on 18 September 2015.
- (12) Bonus was awarded in 2015 but calculated for a 9-month period until the date of the acquisition of Volution Immuno Pharmaceutical SA on 18 September 2015.
- (13) In addition to Ms. Jacques's stock option awards granted during 2023, Ms. Jacques received a restricted stock awards with a grant date fair value of \$729,393 in the aggregate.

## DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION REPORT (continued)

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**Directors' Remuneration Compared to Other Employees**

The table below shows the percentage change in remuneration of each director and the parent company's non-executive directors on a full-time equivalent basis between the year ended 31 December 2022 and the year ended 31 December 2023.

	Change in Remuneration in year ended 31 December 2022 compared with remuneration in the year ended 31 December 2023		
	Salary and/or Fees	Taxable Benefits	Annual Bonus
<b>Executive Director</b>			
Ray Prudo, M.D.	-76%(1)	-	-100%
Rachelle Jacques	34%(2)	-	-100%
<b>Non-Executive Director</b>			
James Hill, M.D.	-52%(3)	-	-
Stuart Ungar, M.D.	-52%(3)	-	-
David Byrne	-16%(3)	-	-
Donald Williams	15%(4)	-	-
Mohamed Wa'el Ahmed Hashad	-	-	-
Michael Grissinger	45%(5)	-	-
Samir Patel, M.D.	-	-	-
<b>Other Employees</b>	1%	-	-100%

(1) Dr. Prudo served as our executive chairman from 2015 September through 2022 December. Effective 1 January 2023, Dr. Prudo began serving as the Chairman of our board of directors with a remuneration package of \$100,000 per annum, paid in equal monthly installments.

(2) Rachelle Jacques was appointed as Akari's Chief Executive Officer on 28 March 2022. Accordingly, the increase is primarily due to remuneration during the year ended 31 December 2023 being for twelve months versus nine months for the year ended 31 December 2022.

(3) Served as a director until our 2023 annual general meeting on 30 June 2023. Accordingly, the decrease is primarily due to a partial year of service for the year ended 31 December 2023.

(4) Mr. Williams was appointed chairman of the compensation committee on 30 June 2023 which increased his annual retainer.

(5) Mr. Grissinger was appointed to the compensation and audit committees on 1 November 2022 and our as chairman of the nominating and governance committee on 30 June 2023 which increased his annual retainer.

## DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION REPORT (continued)

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## Directors' Remuneration Compared to Other Employees (continued)

The table below shows the percentage change in remuneration of each director and the parent company's non-executive directors on a full-time equivalent basis between the year ended 31 December 2021 and the year ended 31 December 2022.

	Change in Remuneration in year ended 31 December 2021 compared with remuneration in the year ended 31 December 2022		
	Salary and/or Fees	Taxable Benefits	Annual Bonus
<b>Executive Director</b>			
Ray Prudo, M.D.	0%	-	0%
Rachelle Jacques	(1)	(1)	(1)
Clive Richardson	-78% (2)	-3%	-100% (2)
<b>Non-Executive Director</b>			
James Hill, M.D.	-	-	-
Stuart Ungar, M.D.	-	-	-
David Byrne	-	-	-
Donald Williams	-	-	-
Peter Feldschreiber	-	-	-
Michael Grissinger	-	-	-
<b>Other Employees</b>	2%	76%	-34%

(1) Rachelle Jacques was appointed as Akari's Chief Executive Officer on 28 March 2022; there is no comparison.

(2) Mr. Richardson resigned as Akari's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Operating Officer in March 2022. Mr. Richardson received three months of salary in 2022; he did not receive a 2022 bonus.

The table below shows the percentage change in remuneration of each director and the parent company's non-executive directors on a full-time equivalent basis between the year ended 31 December 2020 and the year ended 31 December 2021.

	Change in Remuneration in year ended 31 December 2020 compared with remuneration in the year ended 31 December 2021		
	Salary and/or Fees	Taxable Benefits	Annual Bonus
<b>Executive Director</b>			
Ray Prudo, M.D.	0%	-	0%
Clive Richardson	4%	5%	-4%
<b>Non-Executive Director</b>			
James Hill, M.D.	-	-	-
Stuart Ungar, M.D.	-	-	-
David Byrne	-	-	-
Donald Williams	-	-	-
Peter Feldschreiber	-	-	-
Michael Grissinger	-	-	-
<b>Other Employees</b>	11%	44%	25%

## DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION REPORT (continued)

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## Directors' Remuneration Compared to Other Employees (continued)

The table below shows the percentage change in remuneration of each director and the parent company's non-executive directors on a full-time equivalent basis between the year ended 31 December 2019 and the year ended 31 December 2020.

	Change in Remuneration in year ended 31 December 2019 compared with remuneration in the year ended 31 December 2020		
	Salary and/or Fees	Taxable Benefits	Annual Bonus
<b>Executive Director</b>			
Ray Prudo, M.D.	3%	-	3%
Clive Richardson	17%	19%	21%
<b>Non-Executive Director</b>			
James Hill, M.D.	-	-	-
Stuart Ungar, M.D.	-	-	-
David Byrne	-	-	-
Donald Williams	-	-	-
Peter Feldschreiber	-	-	-
Michael Grissingner	-	-	-
<b>Other Employees</b>	23%	-9%	8%

## Relative Importance of Cash Position

The following table sets forth the cash amounts as at 31 December 2023 and 31 December 2022.

Period	31 December 2023 (\$)	31 December 2022 (\$)	Change (%)
Cash	3,845,000	13,250,000	(71%)

## Implementation of remuneration policy for year ending 31 December 2023

Our director remuneration, comprised of annual cash retainers and equity grants, is administered by our board of directors with the assistance of the compensation committee. The compensation committee conducts an annual review of director remuneration and makes recommendations to the board with respect thereto.

The shareholders approved our Directors Remuneration Policy on June 30, 2023 to provide a framework for the Directors' remuneration packages. In addition, the Company has a non-executive director remuneration policy, which was amended and restated on November 19, 2015, and was subsequently amended on June 29, 2016, January 26, 2017, January 23, 2018, January 8, 2019, and on January 9, 2020. On February 1, 2023, our board resolved that the annual cash retainers would be increased by 5%, as compared to 2022. As a result, our non-executive directors were compensated for service on our board of directors as follows in 2023:

- an annual retainer for service on the board of directors of \$41,305;
- an annual retainer for service as a member of the compensation committee and nominating and governance committee of \$5,570;
- an annual retainer for service as a member of the audit committee of \$7,875;
- for the chairman of the compensation committee, and nominating and governance committee, an annual retainer of \$11,139;
- for the chairperson of the audit committee, an annual retainer of \$18,375;

## DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION REPORT (continued)

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The following table presents the increases in compensation (board fees and/or salaries) agreed for the upcoming fiscal year (with the agreed increases for the year ended 31 December 2023 presented as comparative information):

Director	31 December 2022	31 December 2023	Increase/ (Decrease) % <sup>(1)</sup>	31 December 2023	31 December 2024 <sup>(2)</sup>	Increase/ (Decrease) % <sup>(3)</sup>
<b>Executive Director</b>						
Ray Prudo, M.D. <sup>(4)</sup>	\$412,000	\$100,000	(76%)	\$100,000	\$100,000	0%
Clive Richardson <sup>(5)</sup>	\$118,195	-	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rachelle Jacques <sup>(6)</sup>	\$458,333	\$615,750	34%	\$615,750	\$615,750	0%
<b>Non-Executive Director</b>						
Michael Grissinger	\$49,947	\$60,350	21%	\$60,350	\$65,889	9%
Samir R. Patel, M.D. <sup>(7)</sup>	-	\$3,704	N/A	\$3,704	\$46,875 <sup>(8)</sup>	1,166%
Mohamed Wa'el Ahmed Hashad	-	\$28,684	N/A	\$28,684	\$57,055	99%
Donald Williams	\$56,838	\$65,280	15%	\$65,280	\$70,819	85%
James Hill	\$61,502	\$29,343	(52%)	\$29,343	N/A	N/A
Stuart Ungar	\$49,064	\$23,645	(52%)	\$23,645	N/A	N/A
David Byrne	\$58,332	\$49,170	(16%)	\$49,170	N/A	N/A
Peter Feldschreiber	\$24,974	-	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

- (1) On February 1, 2023, the Compensation Committee approved a 5% annual retainer increase for our non-executive directors, effective as of January 1, 2023. All directors are eligible to receive reimbursement for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with attendance at meetings of our board of directors, and our non-executive directors are also eligible to receive reimbursement, upon approval of the board of directors or a committee thereof, for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with attendance at various conferences or meetings with our management.
- (2) All figures are estimates. Additional discretionary bonuses may be awarded in accordance with contractual entitlement and the remuneration policy.
- (3) There were no changes to annual retainers for our executive and non-executive directors in 2024. Changes represent the timing of appointment or termination of service on our board, or sub-committee thereof.
- (4) Dr. Prudo served as our executive chairman from September 2015 through December 2022. Effective January 1, 2023, Dr. Prudo began serving as the Chairman of our board of directors with a remuneration package of \$100,000 per annum, paid in equal monthly installments.
- (5) Mr. Richardson resigned as Chief Executive Officer and Chief Operating Officer in March 2022. His annual base compensation of £382,306 was pro-rated during 2022.
- (6) Ms. Jacques was appointed as our Chief Executive Officer in March 2022. Her annual base compensation of \$458,333 for this role was pro-rated during 2022. Ms. Jacques received an annual base salary of \$615,750 until her departure, effective May 1, 2024.
- (7) All figures represent annual board and committee retainers. Dr. Patel was appointed as a non-executive director on 29 November 2023 and eligible for compensation in accordance with our non-executive director remuneration policy. Dr. Patel will also be compensated for his services as Interim President and Chief Executive Officer monthly in the form of restricted stock units ("RSUs") with a fair market value of \$50,000.



**Compensation Committee Approach to Remuneration Matters**

Our board of directors and compensation committee review compensation annually for our executives. In setting executive base salaries and bonuses and granting equity incentive awards, we consider compensation for comparable positions in the market, the historical compensation of our executives, individual performance as compared to our expectations and objectives, our desire to motivate our employees to achieve short- and long-term results that are in the best interests of our shareholders, and a long-term commitment to our Company.

Our compensation committee is primarily responsible for determining the compensation for our executive officers. Our compensation committee typically reviews and discusses management's proposed compensation with our Chief Executive Officer for all executives other than the Chief Executive Officer. Based on those discussions and its discretion, taking into account the factors noted above, the compensation committee then sets the compensation for each executive officer other than the Chief Executive Officer and recommends the compensation for the Chief Executive Officer to our board of directors for approval. Our board of directors discusses the compensation committee's recommendation and ultimately approves the compensation of our Chief Executive Officer without members of management present.

In 2023, our compensation committee utilized the services of Amplify Strategy & Consulting LLC ("Amplify"), an independent compensation consultant. During 2023, Amplify did not provide material services to us other than the services to our compensation committee. Based on its evaluation, our compensation committee has determined that Amplify's work has not raised any conflict of interests.

**DIRECTORS’ REMUNERATION REPORT (continued)**

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**PART II - DIRECTORS’ REMUNERATION POLICY**

This section provides information about the Directors’ Remuneration Policy (the “Policy”) of Akari. The Policy was approved at the 2023 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders (“AGM”) and will remain in effect for a period of three years thereafter, unless changes to the Policy are required earlier and a new Policy is put to shareholder vote.

The Policy seeks to provide compensation packages which will attract, motivate, reward and retain an executive team with the right caliber of talent, experience, and skills to lead a successful future for Akari. Akari’s compensation framework is designed to provide a competitive package in comparison to companies of similar size, complexity, maturity profile and geographic presence. Elements of compensation packages which are subject to performance conditions as noted in the Policy may include key performance indicators (KPIs), both financial and non-financial, which are an important component of the information needed to explain a company’s progress towards its stated goals. Other elements which are not subject to performance measures are considered an important component of attracting and retaining UK resident employees, including Executive Directors.

The table below sets out the main elements of the Policy for its Executive Directors and seeks to explain how each element of the compensation package operates:

**Policy Table – Executive Directors**

<b>Element</b>	<b>Purpose and Link to Strategy</b>	<b>Operation</b>	<b>Maximum Opportunity</b>	<b>Performance Metrics and Recovery Provisions</b>
<b>Base Salary</b>	Support the recruitment and retention of Executive Officers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Base salary levels are set taking into account the role, responsibilities and individual’s experience in the position, performance of the individual and Akari. Market competitiveness within the Company’s peer benchmarks are utilized to “price” a job.</li> <li>Base salaries are typically reviewed annually.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is no prescribed maximum increase nor any requirement to increase salary at any time. The Company uses established salary ranges for annual merit increases</li> <li>By exception, higher increases may be made to reflect individual circumstances. These may include significant changes in the job size or complexity and/or promotion.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None, although overall performance of the individual is considered when setting and reviewing salaries.</li> <li>No provisions for recovery or withholding of sums as this is not performance-related.</li> </ul>
<b>Pension and other retirement plans</b>	Encourages and enables executives to build savings for their retirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Akari typically makes contributions to pension plans (or retirement savings plans) to match prevailing local market practices.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Currently up to 10% of salary per annum.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None.</li> <li>No provisions for recovery or withholding of sums as this is not performance-related.</li> </ul>

## DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION REPORT (continued)

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Element	Purpose and Link to Strategy	Operation	Maximum Opportunity	Performance Metrics and Recovery Provisions
<b>Other Benefits</b>	Provide market competitive benefits in a cost-effective way	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provisions include medical insurance, life assurance, permanent health insurance, etc.</li> <li>• In exceptional circumstances, such as the relocation of an executive or for a new hire, additional benefits may be provided in the form of relocation allowance and benefits.</li> <li>• Other benefits may be offered if considered appropriate and reasonable by the Compensation Committee.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No prescribed maximum. The cost of benefits will vary from year to year in accordance with the cost of insuring such benefits.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None.</li> <li>• No provisions for recovery or withholding of sums as this is not performance-related.</li> </ul>
<b>Bonus</b>	To reward the delivery of annual targets as well as to recognise individual contributions towards our key strategic achievements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any bonus is paid in cash typically within 60 days after the end of the financial year to which it relates.</li> <li>• Performance objectives and targets are either fixed contractually or set annually and actual payout levels are determined after the year end, based on performance against targets subject to overriding discretion of the</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The maximum annual bonus payable for any financial year is 100% of target bonus, although the Compensation Committee reserves the right to vary this amount in exceptional circumstances and based on assessment of Company and individual performance and goals achievement.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where performance conditions are attached to a bonus payment, targets are either fixed contractually or selected by the Compensation Committee and set annually and can include key financial, operational and/or individual objectives.</li> <li>• All assessments of performance against target is made by the Compensation Committee in its sole discretion.</li> <li>• No provisions for recovery or withholding of sums as the performance</li> </ul>

DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION REPORT (continued)

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Element	Purpose and Link to Strategy	Operation	Maximum Opportunity	Performance Metrics and Recovery Provisions
		<p>Compensation Committee.</p>		<p>measures are considered adequate.</p>
<p><b>Equity Incentive Plan (2014 Equity Incentive Plan &amp; 2023 Equity Incentive Plan )</b></p>	<p>To motivate and reward long-term performance in alignment with the shareholder interests and value- creation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Awards may be made periodically to Executive Officers in the form of options or in shares including stock appreciation rights, phantom stock awards or restricted stock units.</li> <li>• Awards typically vest over two or four years and may be subject to incremental vesting.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is no specific maximum set for annual equity awards.</li> <li>• When making awards, the Compensation Committee will take into account internal grant guidelines, which have been set in reference to local market norms.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where performance conditions are attached to an award, these typically include key financial, operational and/or individual objectives subject to overall Compensation Committee discretion.</li> <li>• No provisions for recovery or withholding of sums as the performance measures are considered adequate.</li> </ul>
<p><b>CSOP (UK resident employees and directors only)</b></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Executives are eligible to participate in the all- employee CSOP Plan under the same conditions as all other employees.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grant value of £30,000 or local market rules as amended from time to time.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None.</li> <li>• No provisions for recovery or withholding of sums as this is not performance-related.</li> </ul>

**DIRECTORS’ REMUNERATION REPORT (continued)**

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**Policy Table – Non-Executive Directors**

Akari’s non-executive compensation policy is administered by its Board of Directors (the “Board”) with the assistance of the Compensation Committee. The Compensation committee periodically reviews the non-executive director compensation policy and makes recommendations to the Board.

Non-Executive Directors typically receive an annual retainer paid in cash for their service (depending on their additional membership and chairman responsibilities) and an annual grant of stock options but do not participate in the bonus plan to which Executive Officers are eligible, nor do they typically receive any other performance related payment. There are no elements of the non-executive director compensation policy which are subject to performance conditions given the necessity to maintain directors’ independence and board effectiveness in corporate governance, and accordingly there are no provisions for recovery or withholding of sums.

The table below sets out some of the features of Akari’s current non-employee director compensation policy:

Element	Purpose and Link to Strategy	Operation	Maximum Opportunity	Performance Metrics
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Annual Cash Retainer Fee</b></p>	<p>Support the recruitment and retention of Non-Executive Directors</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each Non-Executive Director serving on the Board receives an annual cash retainer, with additional amounts payable for acting as a chairman or a member of various committees.</li> <li>• In addition, the Chairman receive an additional cash retainer.</li> <li>• Annual cash retainers are typically payable on a quarterly basis with the exception of the Executive Chairman who is paid monthly.</li> <li>• A Non-Executive Director may elect to receive annual cash payments in the form of fully-</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is no prescribed maximum increase nor any requirement to increase salary at any time.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None.</li> </ul>

DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION REPORT (continued)

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Element	Purpose and Link to Strategy	Operation	Maximum Opportunity	Performance Metrics
		vested ordinary shares.		
Share Options	Strengthens the alignment to shareholders' interests through share ownership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Directors typically receive an annual grant of options in the form of market value options under the Company's Equity Incentive Plan then in effect.</li> <li>These awards typically vest in full on the date of the next AGM following the date of grant, subject to the Non-Executive Director's continued service on the Board, have a term of 10 years from date of grant, and vesting accelerates in the case of a change of control.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Normal initial grant and annual grant of share options will be equal to 5,000,000 (or equivalent value of ADS) but the Committee reserves the discretion to review and amend this amount.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None.</li> </ul>

The foregoing is qualified in its entirety by Akari's current non-executive director compensation policy, as may be amended from time to time

**Approach to Recruitment Compensation**

Akari's policy is to pay a fair remuneration package for the role being undertaken and the experience of the individual to be appointed. Akari expects remuneration packages for Executive Directors to include base salary, targeted level of annual cash incentive, initial and ongoing equity-based awards, standard benefits and special provisions tailored to the recruiting situation, such as: sign-on bonus, reasonable relocation support and make-whole awards for remuneration forfeited from a prior employer (whether on account of cash bonuses, share awards, pension benefits or other forfeited items). The Compensation Committee retains the discretion to provide additional cash, share based payment, benefits and other remuneration where necessary or useful to recruit new Executive Directors or to secure the ongoing service of existing Executive Directors. The remuneration package for any new non-Executive Director will be set in accordance with the terms of Akari's nonemployee director compensation policy then in effect. Akari expects remuneration packages for non-Executive Directors to include an annual retainer paid in cash for their service (depending on their additional membership and chairman responsibilities) and an annual grant of stock options. Non-Executive Directors do not participate in the bonus plan to which Executive Officers are eligible, nor do they typically receive any other performance related payment.

**Director's Service Contracts**

Akari's board of directors is divided into three classes for purposes of election (Class A Directors, who serve a one year term before being subject to re-election at Akari's annual general meeting; Class B Directors, who serve a two year term before being subject to re-election at the annual general meeting; and Class C Directors who serve a three year term before being subject to re-election at the annual general meeting, provided also that in any two year period, a majority of the board must stand for re-election).

It is the Company's policy that executive Directors should have contracts with an indefinite term. Directors' notice periods are set by the compensation committee, having regard to the need to attract and retain talent, ensure an orderly succession and enable the company to manage its personnel while avoiding excessive costs. Service contracts are available for inspection at Akari's registered office or 75/76 Wimpole Street London W1G 9RT.

**Policy on Payments for Loss of Office**

Akari's approach to payments to Executive Directors in the event of termination is to take account of the individual circumstances including the reason for termination, individual performance, contractual obligations and the terms of any option award.

Generally, Akari employment arrangements for Executive Directors include a notice provision and continuing payment obligations as per the individual Executive Director service contracts following termination by Akari of an Executive Director without cause or termination by the Executive Director for good reason or change of control. Payment obligations, if any, include base salary, benefits, and all or some portion of target annual cash remuneration. Akari may offer payment in lieu of notice if it is considered to be in the best interests of Akari.

Treatment of unvested outstanding equity awards will be determined according to the specific nature of termination, individual contracts, and plan rules.

The Compensation Committee reserves the right to make payments it considers reasonable under a compromise or settlement agreement, including payment or reimbursement of reasonable legal and professional fees, and any payment or compensation (in whatever form) in respect of statutory rights under employment law in the US, UK or other jurisdictions. Payment or reimbursement (in whatever forms) of reasonable outplacement fees may also be provided.

**Other Relevant Information Considered**

As appropriate, the Compensation Committee considers the pay and conditions of the broader employee workforce, as well as the Consumer Price Index and Retail Price Index, when making compensation related decisions for the directors. The Compensation Committee does not consult employees, other than Executive Directors, when drafting the Policy.

The Compensation Committee also considers shareholder feedback, so far as it relates to compensation, when reviewing the appropriateness of the Policy. In addition, the Compensation Committee considers potential conflicts of interest and directors do not have sole discretion over their own remuneration.

This report was approved by the Board on 3 June 2024 and signed on its behalf.

*Samir R. Patel*

Samir R. Patel, M.D.

**Director and Interim Chief Executive Officer**

**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Akari Therapeutics, Plc (the 'parent company') and its subsidiaries (the 'group') for the year ended 31 December 2023 which comprise the consolidated statement of comprehensive loss, the consolidated statement of financial position, the parent company statement of financial position, the consolidated statement of changing in equity, the parent company statement of changes in equity, the consolidated statement of cash flows, the parent company statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and UK adopted international accounting standards.

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and of the parent company's affairs as at 31 December 2023 and of the group's loss for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with UK adopted international accounting standards; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

**Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. 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 group in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard as applied to listed entities, 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.

**An overview of the scope of our audit**

As part of designing our audit, we determined materiality and assessed the risks of material misstatement in the financial statements. In particular, we considered areas where subjective judgement was exercised by the directors and management, for example in respect of significant accounting estimates that involved making assumptions and considering future events that are inherently uncertain. We also assessed the risk of management override of controls, including evaluating whether there was evidence of bias by the directors that represented a risk of material misstatement due to fraud. We tailored the scope of our audit to ensure that we performed sufficient work to be able to give an opinion on the financial statements as a whole, taking into account the structure of the group and the parent company, the accounting processes and controls, and the industry in which they operate.

Our audit scope included the statutory audit of the parent company for the year ended 31 December 2023. It excludes the parent company's non-UK registered subsidiaries which were audited to component materiality for the purposes of the group audit.

**Key audit matters**

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current period and include the most significant assessed risks of material misstatement (whether or not due to fraud) we identified, including those which had the greatest effect on: the overall audit strategy, the allocation of resources in the audit; and directing the efforts of the engagement team. 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.



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<b>Key Audit Matter</b>	<b>How our scope addressed this matter</b>
<p><b>Valuation of Parent Company investment in subsidiaries and amounts due from group undertakings</b></p> <p>The Parent Company recognises investments in subsidiaries with a carrying value of \$18,339k. The Group has yet to record revenue or recognise an intangible asset in association with research and development costs. During the year, there was a material decline in the market capitalisation of the Group which under IAS 36 is considered an example of a significant impairment indicator. During the year, the Parent Company recognised impairment charges of \$5,758k against investments in subsidiaries and amounts owed from group undertakings.</p> <p>There is risk these assets may be materially overstated.</p>	<p>Our audit work included, but was not restricted to, the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of management’s impairment assessment in relation to Parent Company investments in subsidiaries and amounts due from group undertakings.</li> <li>• Consideration of management’s assessment of the fair value of the equity of subsidiary undertakings, which was made with reference to appraisal of what the implied enterprise value of the Group is attributable to, and valuation reports prepared for the Group.</li> <li>• Consideration of contradictory evidence suggesting that carrying values associated with these assets as at 31 December 2023 may be materially overstated.</li> <li>• Review of disclosures made in respect of these assets to ensure adequate information is provided to highlight the basis on which accounting estimates have been made and the degree of uncertainty associated with them.</li> </ul>

**Our application of materiality**

We apply the concept of materiality both in planning and performing our audit, and in evaluating the effect of misstatements on our audit and on the financial statements. For the purposes of determining whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement we define materiality as the magnitude of misstatement that makes it probable that the economic decisions of a reasonably knowledgeable person, relying on the financial statements, would be changed or influenced. We determined overall materiality for the Group and Parent Company financial statements as a whole to be US\$350,000 being 1.7% of R&D and administrative expenditure for the year. We considered it appropriate to determine our materiality based on expenditure as we consider this to be the key metric in assessing the financial performance and position of the Group given its primary purpose is to undertake research and development activities. On the basis of our risk assessments, together with our assessment of the overall control environment, we apply a different level of materiality, performance materiality, to determine the extent of our testing and this was set at 75% of the overall audit financial statements’ materiality, being \$263,000.

We agreed with management that we would report to the Audit Committee all audit differences in excess of US\$17,500 as well as differences below that threshold that, in our view, warranted reporting on qualitative grounds. We also report to the Audit Committee on disclosure matters that we identified when assessing the overall presentation of the financial statements.

**Material uncertainty in relation to going concern**

We draw attention to note 1(c) in the financial statements, which outlines considerations relating to the group’s and parent company’s ability to continue as a going concern. The disclosure indicates that the group and parent company are reliant on additional funding, which is largely contingent on the completion of a proposed merger transaction, to meet their liabilities as they fall due, together with management of liquidity and working capital positions prior this. These circumstances indicate the existence of a material uncertainty which may cast significant doubt on the group’s ability to continue as a going concern. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the directors’ use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate. They have concluded that there is a material uncertainty which could cast significant doubt over the going concern status of the Group due to the impact of the requirement for additional fundraising, and we agree that this is adequately disclosed in the Directors’ Report and the accounting policies.

The key risk identified was uncertainty around the ability of the Group and Parent Company to raise funds in order to continue operations. While the Group and Parent Company have a history of raising funds as required, past history is no guarantee that further fundraising which is mostly dependent on the merger going ahead, will be successful. Future fundraising could be delayed and the amounts arising from future fundraises are uncertain. A significant delay in the

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ability to raise funds would negatively impact the group's ability to generate cash to meet its liabilities as and when they fall due.

Our evaluation of the directors' assessment of the entity's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting included an assessment of the inherent risks to the Group's business model and how such risks may impact the ability to continue operations over the going concern assessment period. We also undertook the following procedures:

- We reviewed trading and fundraising activities after the reporting date and considered management's assessment of the Group's and Parent Company's prospects regarding further fundraising.
- We reviewed cash flow forecasts prepared by management and assessed their adequacy, and also challenged the assumptions and judgements inherent within them.
- We assessed the Group's and Parent Company's financial position (including cash) as at the date of approval of the financial statements.
- We considered for reasonableness management's commentary around the Group's management of its working capital positions, including accounts receivable and payable, and its implications for cash availability and the quantum and timing of anticipated fundraising.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

**Other information**

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, 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 we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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.

**Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the strategic report and the directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the strategic report and the directors' report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the group and the parent company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the strategic report or the directors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the parent company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the parent company financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

**Responsibilities of directors**

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement set out on page 5, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such

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internal control as the directors determine 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, the directors are responsible for assessing the group's and the parent 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 the directors either intend to liquidate the group or the parent company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### **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 ISAs (UK) 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.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

#### **Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud**

Based on our understanding of the company and industry, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to regulatory requirements for the company. We considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements such as the Companies Act 2006, income tax and payroll taxes.

We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls), and determined that the principal risks were related to posting inappropriate journal entries to areas subject to significant judgement and management bias through accounting estimates. Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- Inspecting filings with regulators;
- Discussions with management including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulation and fraud;
- Evaluating management's controls designed to prevent and detect irregularities;
- Identifying and testing journals, in particular journal entries posted with key words, by individuals who do not usually make journals, posted around the end of the period, posted with certain keywords, and journals posted at unusual dates or times, and;
- Challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in their critical accounting estimates.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

*Christopher Cork*

Christopher Cork (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
For and on behalf of Haysmacintyre LLP, Statutory Auditors

4 June 2024

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**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE LOSS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Notes	<u>2023</u> \$000	<u>2022</u> \$000
Research and development expenses		(9,083)	(10,816)
Administrative expenses		<u>(11,358)</u>	<u>(13,075)</u>
<b>OPERATING LOSS</b>	3	(20,441)	(23,891)
Excess of consideration over fair value		-	(1,963)
Fair value movement on liability related to warrants	15	6,599	6,946
Net finance income / (cost)	4	<u>413</u>	<u>(575)</u>
<b>LOSS BEFORE INCOME TAX</b>		(13,429)	(19,483)
Income tax credit	5	<u>1,189</u>	<u>2,472</u>
<b>LOSS FOR THE YEAR</b>		<u>(12,240)</u>	<u>(17,011)</u>
<b>Other Comprehensive Loss:</b>			
Currency translation differences		(269)	(230)
<b>COMPREHENSIVE LOSS FOR THE YEAR</b>		<u>(12,509)</u>	<u>(17,241)</u>
<b>Loss per share attributable to the ordinary equity holder of the parent:</b>			
Basic and diluted (cents)	7	<u>(0.00)</u>	<u>(0.00)</u>

All losses are derived from continuing activities for the current and previous financial year.

The Company has elected to take the exemption under section 408 of the Companies Act 2006 not to present the parent company income statement. Refer note 6 for the results of the parent company.

The notes on pages 42 to 63 form an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	<u>2023</u> \$000	<u>2022</u> \$000
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Intangible assets	8	14	17
		<u>14</u>	<u>17</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Trade and other receivables	11	1,713	2,951
Cash and cash equivalents		3,845	13,250
		<u>5,559</u>	<u>16,201</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u>5,572</u>	<u>16,218</u>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Share capital	13	1,324	744
Share premium	14	144,797	138,269
Capital redemption reserve	14	52,194	52,194
Other reserves	14	(1,079)	(810)
Merger reserve	14	9,128	9,128
Share based payment reserve	16	19,187	18,037
Reverse acquisition reserve	14	(20,983)	(20,983)
Retained losses	14	(203,580)	(191,340)
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<u>988</u>	<u>5,239</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Trade and other payables	12	3,331	3,127
Warrant liability	15	1,253	7,852
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<u>4,584</u>	<u>10,979</u>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>		<u>5,572</u>	<u>16,218</u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 3 June 2024 and were signed below on its behalf by:

*Samir R. Patel*

Samir R. Patel, M.D.

**Director and Interim Chief Executive Officer**

The notes on pages 42 to 63 form an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

## PARENT COMPANY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	<u>2023</u> \$000	<u>2022</u> \$000
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Investment in subsidiaries	10	18,339	20,339
		<u>18,339</u>	<u>20,339</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Trade and other receivables	11	1,726	6,717
Cash and cash equivalents		3,745	13,217
		<u>5,471</u>	<u>19,934</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u>23,810</u>	<u>40,273</u>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Share capital	13	1,324	744
Share premium	14	144,797	138,269
Capital redemption reserve	14	52,194	52,194
Merger reserve	14	9,128	9,128
Share based payment reserve	16	19,187	18,037
Retained losses	14	(207,126)	(188,871)
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<u>19,504</u>	<u>29,501</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Trade and other payables	12	3,053	2,920
Warrant liability	15	1,253	7,852
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<u>4,306</u>	<u>10,772</u>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>		<u>23,810</u>	<u>40,273</u>

As permitted by Section 408 of the Companies Act 2006, the income statement of the parent Company is not presented as part of these financial statements. The parent Company's loss for the financial year was \$18,255,410 (2022: loss of \$17,280,833 ).

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 3 June 2024 and were signed below on its behalf by:

*Samir R. Patel*

**Samir R. Patel, M.D.**  
**Director and Interim Chief Executive Officer**

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**AKARI THERAPEUTICS PLC**  
**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**

	<u>Share capital</u>	<u>Share premium</u>	<u>Other reserves</u>	<u>Merger reserve</u>	<u>Share based payment reserve</u>	<u>Reverse acquisition reserve</u>	<u>Capital redemption reserve</u>	<u>Retained losses</u>	<u>Total equity</u>
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
<b>At 1 January 2022</b>	476	125,059	(580)	9,128	17,302	(20,983)	52,194	(174,329)	8,267
Loss for the year	-	-	(230)	-	-	-	-	(17,011)	(17,241)
<b>Total comprehensive loss for the year</b>	-	-	(230)	-	-	-	-	(17,011)	(17,241)
Share based payments	-	-	-	-	735	-	-	-	735
Shares issued, net of transaction cost	268	13,210	-	-	-	-	-	-	13,478
<b>Total transactions with owners</b>	268	13,210	-	-	735	-	-	-	14,213
<b>At 31 December 2022</b>	<b>744</b>	<b>138,269</b>	<b>(810)</b>	<b>9,128</b>	<b>18,037</b>	<b>(20,983)</b>	<b>52,194</b>	<b>(191,340)</b>	<b>5,239</b>
Loss for the year	-	-	(269)	-	-	-	-	(12,240)	(12,509)
<b>Total comprehensive loss for the year</b>	-	-	(269)	-	-	-	-	(12,240)	(12,509)
Share based payments	-	-	-	-	1,150	-	-	-	1,150
Shares issued, net of transaction cost	568	6,394	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,962
Issue of shares for vendor services	8	134	-	-	-	-	-	-	142
Proceeds from employee vesting of restricted shares	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
<b>Total transactions with owners</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>6,528</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,150</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,258</b>
<b>At 31 December 2023</b>	<b>1,324</b>	<b>144,797</b>	<b>(1,079)</b>	<b>9,128</b>	<b>19,187</b>	<b>(20,983)</b>	<b>52,194</b>	<b>(203,580)</b>	<b>988</b>

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**AKARI THERAPEUTICS PLC**  
**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

**PARENT COMPANY STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**

	<u>Share capital</u>	<u>Share premium</u>	<u>Merger reserve</u>	<u>Share based payment reserve</u>	<u>Capital redemption reserve</u>	<u>Retained losses</u>	<u>Total equity</u>
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
<b>At 1 January 2022</b>	476	125,059	9,128	17,302	52,194	(171,590)	32,569
Loss for the year	-	-	-	-	-	(17,281)	(17,281)
<b>Total comprehensive loss for the year</b>	-	-	-	-	-	<b>(17,281)</b>	<b>(17,281)</b>
Share based payments	-	-	-	735	-	-	735
Shares Issued, net of transaction costs	268	13,210	-	-	-	-	13,478
<b>Total transactions with owners</b>	268	13,210	-	735	-	-	14,213
<b>At 31 December 2022</b>	<b>744</b>	<b>138,269</b>	<b>9,128</b>	<b>18,037</b>	<b>52,194</b>	<b>(188,871)</b>	<b>29,501</b>
Loss for the year	-	-	-	-	-	(18,255)	(18,255)
<b>Total comprehensive loss for the year</b>	-	-	-	-	-	<b>(18,255)</b>	<b>(18,255)</b>
Share based payments	-	-	-	1,150	-	-	1,150
Shares issued, net of transaction costs	568	6,394	-	-	-	-	6,962
Issue of shares for vendor services	8	134	-	-	-	-	142
Proceeds from employee vesting of restricted shares	4	-	-	-	-	-	4
<b>Total transactions with owners</b>	580	6,528	-	1,150	-	-	8,258
<b>At 31 December 2023</b>	<b>1,324</b>	<b>144,797</b>	<b>9,128</b>	<b>19,187</b>	<b>52,194</b>	<b>(207,126)</b>	<b>19,504</b>

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**AKARI THERAPEUTICS PLC**

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	<b>Note</b>	<b><u>2023</u></b> <b><u>\$000</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b> <b><u>\$000</u></b>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Loss before income tax		(13,429)	(19,483)
Adjustments for:			
Excess of consideration over fair value		-	1,963
Changes in fair value of warrants	15	(6,599)	(6,946)
Share-based payment	16	1,150	735
Expenses settled in shares		142	-
Foreign currency exchange (loss)/gains		(468)	142
Amortization		4	4
Decrease in trade and other receivables		124	1,699
Increase /(decrease) in trade and other payables		127	(1,936)
Tax received		2,571	2,318
<b>Net cash flows used in operating activities</b>		<u>(16,378)</u>	<u>(21,504)</u>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Proceeds from issuance of ordinary shares	13	7,972	26,942
Issue costs		(1,010)	(1,748)
Proceeds for future exercises of warrants to purchase shares	15	-	94
Other		4	-
<b>Cash generated from financing activities</b>		<u>6,966</u>	<u>25,288</u>
Exchange losses on cash and cash equivalents		7	105
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents		<u>(9,405)</u>	<u>3,889</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year</b>		<u>13,250</u>	<u>9,361</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>		<u>3,845</u>	<u>13,250</u>

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**AKARI THERAPEUTICS PLC**

**PARENT COMPANY STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	<b>Notes</b>	<b><u>2023</u></b> <b>\$000</b>	<b><u>2022</u></b> <b>\$000</b>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Loss before income tax		(19,444)	(19,753)
Adjustments for:			
Excess of consideration over fair value		-	1,963
Expenses settled in shares		142	-
Changes in fair value of warrants	15	(6,599)	(6,946)
Share based payments	16	1,150	735
Impairment on investment	10	2,000	-
Impairment on intercompany balance		3,757	-
Decrease in trade and other receivables		48	1,782
Increase / (decrease) in trade and other payables		133	(1,966)
Taxation received		2,571	2,318
Exchange rate differences		(214)	385
<b>Net cash flows used in operating activities</b>		<u>(16,457)</u>	<u>(21,482)</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Movement in intercompany		<u>18</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net cash generated by investing activities</b>		18	-
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Proceeds from issuance of ordinary shares	13	7,972	26,942
Issue costs		(1,010)	(1,748)
Proceeds for future exercises of warrants to purchase shares	15	-	94
Other		<u>4</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Net cash generated from financing activities</b>		6,967	25,288
Exchange gains on cash and cash equivalents		<u>-</u>	<u>92</u>
<b>Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>		(9,472)	3,898
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year</b>		<u>13,217</u>	<u>9,319</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>		<u><u>3,745</u></u>	<u><u>13,217</u></u>

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# AKARI THERAPEUTICS PLC

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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#### 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Akari Therapeutics, Plc is a public company limited by shares registered in England and Wales under number 5252482, with its registered office at Highdown House, Yeoman Way, Worthing, West Sussex, BN99 3HH.

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these consolidated financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

#### 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

##### (a) Basis of preparation

These consolidated financial statements of Akari Therapeutics, Plc have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as adopted by the UK and IFRIC interpretations issued and effective or issued and early adopted as at the time of preparing these statements and with those parts of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies reporting under IFRS.

The consolidated and Company financial statements are presented in USD (“\$”) the functional and presentations currency of the Company.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Group’s accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the consolidated financial statements are disclosed in note 1(n).

##### (b) Basis of consolidation

Subsidiaries are all entities over which the Group has control. The Group controls an entity when the Group is exposed to, or has rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the entity. The subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the Group and deconsolidated from the date that control ceases.

The financial statements of the subsidiaries are prepared for the same financial year as the parent company, applying consistent accounting policies throughout the Group. Inter-company balances and transactions, including unrealised profits are eliminated on consolidation.

The Group financial statements consolidate the Company’s financial statements of Akari Therapeutics, Plc and its subsidiaries (the “Group”).

##### (c) Going Concern

The Group meets its day-to-day working capital requirements through funding. In assessing the Group’s ability to continue as a going concern, Management has prepared financial forecasts covering at least the next twelve months from the date of approval of the financial statements.

The Group’s forecast and projections, show that at present, the Group has insufficient working capital to fulfil its current business plan without the Group raising additional capital.

As of 31 December 2023, the Group’s cash balance was \$3.8 million. To date, the Group has incurred substantial losses and negative cash flows since inception and had an accumulated deficit of \$203.6 million as of 31 December 2023.

The Group anticipates incurring additional losses until such time, if ever, that it can generate significant sales of its product candidates currently in development. The Group is subject to a number of risks and uncertainties similar to those of other companies of the same size within the biotechnology industry, such as uncertainty of clinical trial outcomes, uncertainty of additional funding, and history of operating losses. Substantial additional financing will be needed by the Group to fund its operations and to commercially develop its product candidates and there can be no assurance that additional funds will be available when the Group need them on terms that are acceptable to it, or at all. As of May 31, 2024, the Group’s cash balance of \$5.9 million, which includes net proceeds received from the May 2024 Private Placement (see note 19 of the notes to financial statements), is not sufficient to fund its operations for the one-year period after the date these consolidated financial statements are issued.

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**2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**(c) Going Concern (continued)**

Management is currently evaluating different strategies to obtain the required funding for future operations. These strategies may include, but are not limited to: product development financing, private placements and/or public offerings of equity and/or debt securities, and strategic research and development collaborations and/or similar arrangements. Further, closing of the Group's proposed merger with Peak Bio, Inc. as contemplated in the associated Merger Agreement is contingent on the PIPE Investment (as defined in the Merger Agreement) which shall have been consummated simultaneously with, and conditioned only upon, the occurrence of the closing, and shall result in net proceeds to the Group of least \$10 million. Management also expects that further sources of funding will also be made available for the Group to draw on (if required) as a result of the merger.

While management is confident in the Company's ability to obtain future funding, there can be no assurance that these future funding efforts, including the PIPE Investment (as defined in the Merger Agreement), will be successful.

Based on the requirement for Group to raise additional capital to finance future operations and for it to manage its working capital position, particularly in relation to accounts payable balances, until further such capital can be raised, management has concluded that these outcomes represent material uncertainties that cast significant doubt regarding the Group's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that these consolidated financial statements are issued.

Notwithstanding these uncertainties, the accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared assuming that we will continue as a going concern, which contemplates the realisation of assets and the satisfaction of liabilities in the normal course of business. As such, the accompanying consolidated financial statements do not reflect any adjustments relating to the recoverability and classification of recorded assets and liabilities that might be necessary if the Group is unable to continue as a going concern.

**(d) Standards and interpretations adopted during the year**

The accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these Consolidated Financial Statements are consistent with those followed in the preparation of the Group's audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023, which were prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS"), as adopted by the United Kingdom, updated to adopt those standards which became effective for periods starting on or before 1 January 2022. None of the new standards have had a material impact on the Group.

**Standards issued, but not yet effective**

The following standards are issued, but not yet effective. The Group intends to adopt these standards, if applicable, when they become effective. It is not expected that these standards will have a material impact on the Group.

The Directors intends to adopt new and amended standards and interpretations, if applicable, when they become effective. At the date of approval of these financial statements, the following standards and interpretations which have not been applied in these financial statements were in issue for the period beginning 1 January 2024 but not yet effective:

- IFRS 16 Leases (Amendment – Liability in a Sale and Leaseback)
- IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements (Amendment – Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current)
- IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements (Amendment – Non-current Liabilities with Covenants)

The directors of the Company (the "Directors") anticipate that the application of all new and amendments to IFRS will have no material impact on the future results of the Company in the foreseeable future.

**2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**(e) Foreign currency translation**

*Functional and presentation currency*

Items included in the financial statements of each of the Group's entities are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates (the "functional currency"). The functional currency of Akari Therapeutics, Plc is U.S. dollars. The Group and Parent Company financial statements are presented in U.S Dollars which is considered to the Group's presentation currency.

*Transactions and balances*

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rate prevailing at the date of the transactions or valuation where items are re-measured. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at period-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the income statement.

*Group companies*

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

- a) assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date are translated at the closing rate as at that balance sheet date;
- b) income and expenses for each income statement are translated at average exchange rates; and
- c) all resulting exchange differences are recognised in other comprehensive income.

**(f) Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks.

**(g) Trade and other payables**

Trade payables are obligations to pay for goods or services received that have been acquired in the ordinary course of the business from suppliers. Trade payables are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Executory contracts are recognised when both parties to the contract met their respective obligations. Trade and other payable are unsecured, non-interest bearing and are stated at cost.

**(h) Trade and other receivables**

Trade and other receivables are recognised at fair value less a provision for impairment. Bad debts are written off through the income statement when identified. If collection is expected in one year or less, they are classified as current assets. If not, they are presented as non-current assets.

**(i) Financial liabilities**

All financial liabilities are recognised in the statement of financial position when the Group becomes a party to the contractual provision of the instrument.

*Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost*

The Group's financial liabilities measured at amortised cost comprise trade payables and other payables and bank and other borrowings.

These financial liabilities are initially measured at fair value net of any transaction costs directly attributable to the issue of the instrument and are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial liability and of allocating interest expense over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments (including all fees and points paid or received that form an integral part of the effective interest rate, transaction costs and other premiums or discounts) through the expected life of the financial liability to the amortised cost of a financial liability.

*Financial liabilities measured at fair value through profit or loss*

Financial liabilities held at fair value through the profit or loss comprise warrants on initial recognition. The warrants are initially measured at fair value and are carried in the statement of financial position at fair value. Subsequent to the initial recognition, the warrants are remeasured to fair value at each financial period end date. The changes in fair value are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

**2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**(i) Financial liabilities (continued)**

All instruments for which fair value is recognised or disclosed are categorised within the fair value hierarchy, which consists of the following 3 levels:

- Quoted prices (unadjusted), in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1);
- Inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly (level 2);
- Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (that is, unobservable inputs), (level 3).

*Derivative instruments*

Derivative liabilities are carried in the consolidated statement of financial position at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in the profit and loss. The Group does not hold or issue derivative instruments for speculative or hedging purposes. Other than these derivative financial instruments, the Group does not have any liabilities held for trading nor has it designated any financial liabilities as being at fair value through profit or loss. The fair value of derivatives is determined appropriate valuation techniques, including pricing models, and observable market inputs.

Transaction costs associated with hybrid instruments are allocated to their equity and liability components on the basis of their fair values at initial recognition. Transaction costs associated with derivative liabilities classified as fair value through the profit and loss are recognised immediately in the profit and loss, transaction costs associated with equity are treated as a deduction in equity.

**(j) Share capital**

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of shares or options are shown in equity as a deduction, net of tax, from the proceeds.

**(k) Research and development expenditure**

Research costs are expensed through the income statement as they are incurred. Research and development expenses include, among other costs, costs incurred by outside laboratories and other accredited facilities in connection with clinical trials and preclinical studies.

Under IAS 38, development costs are only capitalised after technical and commercial feasibility of the asset for sale or use have been established. The company must intend and be able to complete the asset and either use it or sell it and be able to demonstrate how the asset will generate future economic benefit. If the company cannot distinguish between the research and the development phase, then all costs are expensed as research costs.

**(l) Property, plant and equipment**

Property, plant and equipment are measured at cost, including directly attributable costs, less accumulated depreciation and excluding day-to-day servicing expenses. The assets residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period.

Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis over the useful life of the assets at annual rates as follows:

Computers, peripheral and scientific equipment	33%
Office furniture and equipment	33%

The Group reviews all long-lived assets for impairment whenever events or circumstances indicate the carrying amount of such assets may not be recoverable. Recoverability of assets to be held or used is measured by comparison of the carrying value of the asset to the future undiscounted net cash flows expected to be generated by the asset. If such asset is considered to be impaired, the impairment recognised is measured by the amount by which the carrying value of the asset exceeds the discounted future cash flows expected to be generated by the asset.

**2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**(m) Intangible assets**

Patent acquisition costs and related capitalised legal fees are recognised at historical cost. Patents have a finite useful life and are carried at cost less accumulated amortisation. Amortisation is calculated using the straight-line basis method and are amortised over the shorter of the legal or useful life. The estimated useful life for current patents is twenty two years.

The Group expenses costs associated with maintaining and defending patents subsequent to their issuance in the period the costs are incurred.

**(n) Investments**

Investments in subsidiary undertakings are stated at cost less provisions for impairment. Investments are assessed for the presence of impairment indicators, if any indicators are present then an impairment review is conducted. See note 10 for additional details on the Parent's impairment assessment.

**(o) Share-based payments and warrants**

Where share options or warrants are awarded to directors and employees, the fair value of the options or warrants at the grant date is charged to the consolidated income statement over the vesting period. Non-market vesting conditions are taken into account by adjusting the number of equity instruments expected to vest at each balance sheet date so that, ultimately, the cumulative amount recognised over the vesting period is based on the number of options that eventually vest. Market vesting conditions are factored into the fair value of the options and warrants granted. As long as all other vesting conditions are satisfied, a charge is made irrespective of whether the market vesting conditions are satisfied. The cumulative expense is not adjusted for failure to achieve a market vesting condition.

Where the terms and conditions of options and warrants are modified before they vest, the increase in the fair value of the options and warrants, measured immediately before and after the modification, is also charged to the consolidated income statement over the remaining vesting period.

When the options and warrants are exercised, the company issues new shares. The proceeds received net of any directly attributable transaction costs are credited to share capital (nominal value) and share premium when the options and warrants are exercised.

When share options and warrants lapse, any amounts credited to the share-based payments reserve are released to the retained earnings reserve.

Where warrants and options issued with settlement criteria that outside fixed for fixed criteria as outlined by IAS 32 (i.e. fixed number of shares for fixed amount of cash) the resulting fair value of the instruments issued will be classified in financial liabilities.

**(p) Finance income and expenses**

Interest income and expenses are recognised using the effective interest method. It mainly comprises of changes in the fair value of financial assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value through the income statement and exchange gains and losses which is reported on a net basis in the statement of comprehensive loss.

**(q) Deferred taxation**

Deferred tax is provided in full, using the liability method, on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying values in the financial statements. The deferred tax is not accounted for if it arises from initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction, other than a business combination, that at the time of the transaction does not affect either the accounting or taxable profit or loss. Deferred tax is determined using tax rates (and laws) that have been enacted or substantially enacted by the balance sheet date and are expected to apply when the related deferred tax asset is realised or the deferred tax liability is settled.

Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which temporary differences can be utilised.



**2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**(r) Critical accounting estimates and judgements**

The Group makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The preparation of financial statements requires management and the Board of Directors to make estimates and judgments that affect reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses, and related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. These estimates are based on historical experience and various other assumptions that management and the Board believe are reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions, significantly impacting earnings and financial position.

Management believes that the following areas, all of which are discussed and separately marked in the respective sections of Note 1 “Accounting Policies,” comprise the most difficult, subjective or complex judgments it has to make in the preparation of the financial statements: Assessment of the capitalisation of research and development expenditure, calculation and classification of share based payments and the assessment of the carrying value of the subsidiary for impairment.

*Key accounting judgements*

Research and Development: Under IAS 38: Intangible Assets, the Group must determine whether to recognise research costs incurred as an expense or asset. Depending on the development stage of a project determines whether an expense can be capitalised. Difficulties can arise at determining the stage of a project. No costs have been capitalised in the year ended 31 December 2023 given the absence of any regulatory approval which the directors considered relevant in determining any probably future economic benefits.

Classification of warrants: The Directors consider the September 2022 warrants to represent a derivative liability due to the potential modification of the exercise price under certain conditions that the Directors believe are possible to occur. This modification results in the warrants failing the ‘fixed for fixed’ test, as outlined in IAS 32 para 16, which is required to recognise the warrants as equity instruments. This test requires the Company to provide a fixed number of shares for a fixed amount of cash on exercise of the warrants which would not be the case should the exercise price be modified. Accordingly, the September 2022 warrants are recognised as derivative liabilities, whereby the fair value must be assessed at each balance sheet date with a review of the underlying inputs undertaken.

*Key accounting estimates and assumptions*

Share based payments: The Group issues share options and warrants to employees, service providers and investors. Where share options and warrants are issued in return for services, appropriate valuation methods are used to recognise an appropriate expense is recognised in the financial statements. These valuation methods are subject to significant estimation as outlined in note 16. Where warrants issued to investors are classified as free-standing liabilities, they are remeasured to fair value at each reporting date for which both judgement and estimation is required in relation based on unobservable valuation input assumptions, resulting in a higher degree of estimation uncertainty.

Investment in subsidiary: The Parent must continually assess the carrying value of investments in subsidiaries for indications of impairment. Indications of impairment are considered with reference to the Group’s market capitalisation, internal assessment of the ongoing contribution of intellectual property and any other indications of obsolescence and progress in line with the Group’s business plan. See note 10 for further information of assumptions and estimates made.

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3. EXPENSES BY NATURE

	<u>2023</u> \$000	<u>2022</u> \$000
The operating loss is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Employee benefit expense (see below)	5,818	7,002
Amortisation – intangibles	4	4
Exchange loss	384	453
Auditors' remuneration - fees for the audit of the Group and Parent Company financial statements	65	45
	<u>2023</u> \$000	<u>2022</u> \$000
<b>Employee benefit expense</b>		
Wages and salaries	4,261	5,747
Employer taxes	407	520
Share-based payments	1,150	735
Total employee benefit expense	<u>5,818</u>	<u>7,002</u>
The average number of persons (including directors) employed by the group during the year was as follows:		
Office and administration	<u>18</u>	<u>17</u>
<b>Key management remuneration</b>		
Wages and salaries	<u>1,555</u>	<u>3,054</u>

The key management is considered to be the directors and senior management team. Details of directors' remuneration and share based compensation can be seen within the Directors' Remuneration Report beginning on page 13.

4. NET FINANCE INCOME/(LOSS)

	<u>2023</u> \$000	<u>2022</u> \$000
Interest income	82	46
Interest expense	(1)	(25)
Other	330	(596)
	<u>413</u>	<u>(575)</u>

5. INCOME TAX CREDIT

	<u>2023</u> \$000	<u>2022</u> \$000
<b>Current tax:</b>		
Research and development tax credit receivable for current year	(1,200)	-
Current tax on losses for the year	-	(2,865)
Adjustment in respect of prior years	(28)	393
Overseas current tax	39	-
	<u>(1,189)</u>	<u>(2,472)</u>
<b>Deferred tax:</b>		
Origination and reversal of temporary differences	-	-
Tax on loss on ordinary activities	<u>(1,189)</u>	<u>(2,472)</u>

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**5. INCOME TAX CREDIT (continued)**

The tax assessed in the year is different from the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 23.52% in 2023 (2022:19%). From 1 April 2023 the UK Government increased the corporation tax rate to 25% on profits above \$318,300 (£250,000). Companies with profits of \$63,660 (£50,000) or less will be taxed at 19% and companies with profits between \$63,660 (£50,000) and \$318,300 (£250,000) will pay tax at 25% that is reduced by marginal relief on a sliding scale.

The differences are explained below:

Loss before tax	<u>(13,429)</u>	<u>(19,483)</u>
Loss on ordinary activities before tax multiplied by the standard companies' rate of tax in the UK	(3,158)	(3,702)
Effects of:		
Difference in overseas tax rates	(26)	-
Deferred tax asset on losses not recognised	3,308	1,724
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	(2,664)	570
Enhanced research and development relief	2,569	1,408
Surrender of tax losses for R&D	(1,189)	(2,472)
Adjustment in respect of prior years	<u>(29)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Tax credit</b>	<u>(1,189)</u>	<u>(2,472)</u>

The group has accumulated losses available to carry forward against future trading profits of \$122,751,392 (2022: \$109,535,630). No deferred tax asset has been recognized in respect of tax losses since it is uncertain at the balance sheet date as to whether future profits will be available against which the unused tax losses can be utilized. The estimated value of the deferred tax asset not recognized, measured at a standard rate of 25% is \$30,720,305 (2022: \$27,426,425).

**6. LOSS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE PARENT COMPANY**

The parent Company has taken advantage of section 408 of the Companies Act 2006 and has not included its own profit and loss account in these financial statements. The parent Company had a loss for the year of \$18,255,410 (2022: \$17,280,833 ).

**7. BASIC AND DILUTED LOSS PER SHARE**

The calculation of basic and diluted loss per share is based on the loss attributable to ordinary shareholders of \$12,239,823 (2022: \$17,010,978) and a weighted average number of Ordinary Shares outstanding during the year ended 31 December 2023 of 9,788,980,193 (2022: 6,243,462,410) calculated below. As a loss-making group, outstanding share options are considered antidilutive and therefore basic and diluted loss per share are considered to be equal.

	<u><b>2023</b></u>	<u><b>2022</b></u>
	<u><b>\$000</b></u>	<u><b>\$000</b></u>
Loss attributable to ordinary shareholders	<u>12,240</u>	<u>17,011</u>

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## 7. BASIC AND DILUTED LOSS PER SHARE (Continued)

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	Number	Number
<b>Weighted average number of ordinary shares</b>		
Number of shares in issue at the beginning of the year	7,444,917,123	4,292,112,667
Effect of shares issued during year	2,344,063,070	1,951,349,743
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue for the year	<u>9,788,980,193</u>	<u>6,243,462,410</u>

## 8. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

## GROUP:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	\$000	\$000
<b>Patent acquisition costs</b>		
<b>Cost</b>		
At 1 January	95	95
At 31 December	<u>95</u>	<u>95</u>
<b>Amortisation</b>		
At 1 January	(78)	(72)
Charge for the year	(4)	(4)
Exchange rate difference	1	(2)
At 31 December	<u>(81)</u>	<u>(78)</u>
<b>Net Book Value</b>		
At 31 December	<u>14</u>	<u>17</u>

## 9. PROPERTY PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

## GROUP &amp; COMPANY:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	\$000	\$000
<b>Office furniture and equipment</b>		
<b>Cost</b>		
At 1 January	172	172
Additions	-	-
At 31 December	<u>172</u>	<u>172</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>		
At 1 January	(172)	(172)
Charge for the year	-	-
At 31 December	<u>(172)</u>	<u>(172)</u>
<b>Net Book Value</b>		
At 31 December	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

10. INVESTMENTS IN SUBSIDIARIES	<b>Investments in Subsidiary Undertakings</b> \$000
<b>COMPANY:</b>	
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 January 2022	20,339
<b>At 31 December 2022</b>	<b>20,339</b>
<b>Impairment</b>	
At 1 January 2022	-
<b>At 31 December 2022</b>	-
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 January 2023	20,339
<b>At 31 December 2023</b>	<b>20,339</b>
<b>Impairment</b>	
At 1 January 2023	-
Charge	2,000
<b>At 31 December 2023</b>	<b>2,000</b>
<b>Net book value</b>	
<b>At 31 December 2023</b>	<b>18,339</b>
<b>At 31 December 2022</b>	<b>20,339</b>

**Impairment assessment on Investments**

As at 31 December 2023, the Group assessed whether there were any indicators of impairment of the investment and intercompany receivable balance relating to Volution Immuno Pharmaceuticals SA (“Volution”) recognized in the Parent Company’s balance sheet.

On 29 December 2023, the last trading day of the year, Akari Therapeutics Plc had 6,600,922 ADSs outstanding that traded at \$3.12, resulting in a market capitalization of \$20.6m. Management compared the market capitalization against the total net assets of the Parent Company and concluded that the carrying values of the net assets were higher, which was deemed to be an indicator of impairment of these balances.

Further to this, management considered the significant changes in market conditions with an emphasis on the biotech industry as whole, which has experienced declining stocks prices, along with fundraising challenges. Factors contributing to the downturn including rising interest rates and cost of capital, difficulty developing profitable products, political tensions and the uncertainties around the Inflation Reduction Act.

Lastly, management considered the Group’s competition with respect to their ongoing trials and research and development activities, as well as any evidence of obsolescence in certain elements of IP. Management concluded that of the above matters, those associated with the Group’s market capitalization represented indicators that prompted the requirement to undertake an impairment review of the investment and intercompany receivable balances.

Given that Volution is the IP holder for the Group, which is not generating revenue due to its early-stage status of being a research and development company, management determined its recoverable value by assessing the fair value less the costs of disposal (FVLCD) of the entity, rather than perform a discounted cash flow analysis, given that any projection of future cash flows from pre-clinical development activities would be speculative and an unreliable measure of value.

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As part of the Company's proposed merger with Peak Bio, Inc. (see note 19), the Company engaged with an independent global investment bank to provide a fairness opinion on the transaction, which included an enterprise value of the Group. The Directors consider that the enterprise value of the Group is inherently driven by the value of its accumulated intellectual property (which is owned by Volution) and therefore an implied range of fair values for its investment in Volution was derived from this.

Based on management's experience and judgement, while making reference to the valuation implied by the aforementioned valuation subject to a fairness opinion and the constraining factors implied by the Group's overall market capitalization, it was determined that it was appropriate to recognise impairment charge totalling \$5.7m as at 31 December 2023 to reduce the carrying value of the intercompany receivable to \$nil and the investment in Volution to \$18.3m.

#### Investments

The Company directly owns 100% of the issued share capital of the following subsidiaries, which have been included in the consolidated financial statements:

<u>Subsidiary</u>	<u>Principal activity</u>	<u>Country of incorporation</u>	<u>Holdings</u>	<u>%</u>
Volution Immuno Pharmaceuticals SA	Development of pharmaceutical drugs	Switzerland	Ordinary	100
Celsus Therapeutics Inc.	Dormant	United States	Ordinary	100
Morria Biopharma Ltd.	Dormant	Israel	Ordinary	100
Akari Malta Limited	Regulatory compliance	Malta	Ordinary	100

#### Registered office addresses of subsidiaries:

Volution Immuno Pharmaceuticals SA : Place Des Eaux-Vives 6, 1207 Geneva, Switzerland

Celsus Therapeutics Inc: 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington, DE 19801

Morria Biopharma Ltd: 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington, DE 19801

Akari Malta Limited: 189 Marina Suites, Marina Street, Pieta, Malta PTA9041

## 11. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	<b>Group</b>		<b>Company</b>	
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	<u>\$000</u>	<u>\$000</u>	<u>\$000</u>	<u>\$000</u>
Due from a related party	-	-	-	3,774
Prepayments and accrued income	299	465	294	459
Income tax receivable	1,217	2,386	1,217	2,386
Other receivables	197	100	215	98
	<u>1,713</u>	<u>2,951</u>	<u>1,726</u>	<u>6,717</u>

During the period, it was determined that the intercompany balance with Volution recognized in the Company's financial statements was to be written off in full. At 31 December 2023, a total balance of \$3.7m was written off and recognized in the Company's Statement of Comprehensive Income. Further details on the impairment can be found in note 10.

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## 12. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	Group		Company	
	<u>2023</u> \$000	<u>2022</u> \$000	<u>2023</u> \$000	<u>2022</u> \$000
Trade payables	1,671	947	1,417	756
Accrued expenses	1,566	2,086	1,542	2,070
Other payables	94	94	94	94
	<u>3,331</u>	<u>3,127</u>	<u>3,053</u>	<u>2,920</u>

The directors consider that the carrying value of trade and other payables approximates their fair value. Included within other payables is an amount of \$94,118 (2022: \$94,118) that relates to pre-funded cashless exercise price of warrants received.

## 13. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

	<b>2023</b> <b>No. of Shares</b>	<b>Share</b> <b>Capital</b> <b>(\$)</b>
Issued and fully paid <b>Akari Therapeutics, Plc</b>		
As at 1 January 2023	7,444,917,123	744,492
Issuance of ordinary shares	5,761,246,400	576,125
Pending issuance of ordinary shares underlying vested restricted stock units	28,151,775	2,815
As at 31 December 2023	<u>13,234,315,298</u>	<u>1,323,432</u>

**ADS Ratio Change**

The Parent's ordinary shares, \$0.0001 par value per share, in the form of American Depositary Shares ("ADSs"), currently trade on the Nasdaq Capital Market under the symbol "AKTX". Effective August 17, 2023, the Parent changed the ratio of its ADSs to ordinary shares, par value \$0.0001 per share, from one ADS representing 100 ordinary shares to a new ratio of one ADS representing 2,000 ordinary shares (the "ADS Ratio Change"). All ADS and per ADS amounts in the accompanying financial statements and notes thereto have been retroactively adjusted for all periods presented to reflect the ADS Ratio Change.

**Issue of shares**

In December 2023, the Parent entered into purchase agreements to sell in a private placement to existing investors, Dr. Prudo, the Parent's Chairman, and Dr. Patel, Parent director, (the "December 2023 Private Placement") an aggregate of 947,868 ADSs (equivalent to 1,895,736,000 ordinary shares) at \$2.11 per ADS, for aggregate gross proceeds of approximately \$2.0 million. Net proceeds from the December 2023 Private Placement was approximately \$1.8 million after deducting placement agent fees and other expenses.

In September 2023, the Parent entered into purchase agreements to sell in a private placement to existing investors, including Dr. Ray Prudo, the Parent's Chairman, and Ms. Rachele Jacques, the Parent's then President and CEO (the "September 2023 Private Placement") an aggregate of 551,816 ADSs (equivalent to 1,103,632,000 ordinary shares) at \$3.30 per ADS, and pre-funded warrants (the "Pre-Funded Warrants") to purchase up to 48,387 ADSs (equivalent to 96,774,000 ordinary shares) at a purchase price per Pre-Funded Warrant of \$3.10, for aggregate gross proceeds of approximately \$2.0 million. The Pre-Funded Warrants are exercisable at an exercise price of \$0.20 per ADS and will not expire until exercised in full. The September 2023 Private Placement closed in October 2023 resulting in net proceeds of approximately \$1.7 million after deducting placement agent fees and other expenses.

**13. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL (Continued)**

At close of the September 2023 Private Placement, the Parent issued to Paulson Investment Company, LLC ("Paulson"), as placement agent for the September 2023 Private Placement, warrants to purchase 42,550 ADSs (equivalent to 85,100,000 ordinary shares) at an exercise price of \$4.13 per ADS (representing 125% of the price per ADS in the September 2023 Private Placement) and a term expiring on October 6, 2028 (the "October 2023 Placement Agent Warrants"). The estimated fair value of the October 2023 Placement Agent Warrants on the issuance date was approximately \$0.1 million. The Parent determined that the Pre-Funded Warrants and October 2023 Placement Agent Warrants met all of the criteria for equity classification. Accordingly, upon closing of the September 2023 Private Placement, each of the Pre-Funded Warrants and October 2023 Placement Agent Warrants were recorded as a component of shareholders' equity.

On March 31, 2023, the Parent entered into securities purchase agreements with certain accredited and institutional investors, including Dr. Ray Prudo, the Parent's Chairman, (the "March Registered Direct Offering") providing for the issuance of an aggregate of 1,333,333 ADSs (equivalent to 2,666,666,700 ordinary shares) in a registered direct offering at \$3.00 per ADS, resulting in gross proceeds of approximately \$4.0 million. Net proceeds from the March Registered Direct Offering was approximately \$3.5 million after deducting placement agent fees and expenses.

See note 19 for details around the issuance of share capital post 31 December 2023.

**14. RESERVES**

The following describes the nature and purpose of each reserve within equity:

*Share premium* - Accumulated amounts subscribed for share capital in excess of the nominal value of the share capital issued. Costs relating to the issue of shares are offset against share premium. Issue costs incurred in the year ended 31 December 2023 offset in share premium were \$6,529,000 (31 December 2022: \$1,747,975 ).

*Retained earnings* – Includes all current and prior period losses

*Other reserves* - Accounts for all other gains and losses reported by the group and not recognised elsewhere. Includes accumulated gains and losses arising from the retranslation of the net assets of overseas entities.

*Share based payment reserve* – This includes all movement for share options granted during the period.

*Merger reserve* – Merger reserve represents the premium on the shares issued to acquire Volution Immuno Pharmaceuticals SA in accordance with the provisions of S612 of the Companies Act 2006.

*Reverse acquisition reserve* – The reverse acquisition reserve relates to the reverse acquisition between Celsus Therapeutics PLC and Volution Immuno Pharmaceuticals SA on 18 September 2015.

*Capital redemption reserve* – Amounts transferred from share capital on redemption of issued shares.

**15. WARRANTS**

On September 14, 2022, the Company's sale of ADSs to accredited and institutional investors also included the issuance of series A and series B warrants. The series A warrants allow the investors to purchase an aggregate of 755,000 ADSs at \$17.00 per ADS ("Series A warrants"). The Series A warrants are immediately exercisable and expire two years from issuance (September 14, 2024). The series B warrants allow the investors to purchase an aggregate of 755,000 ADSs at \$17.00 per ADS ("Series B warrants"). The Series B warrants are immediately exercisable and expire seven years from issuance (September 14, 2029). The Series A warrants and the Series B warrants may be exercised on a cashless basis if six months after issuance there is no effective registration statement registering the ADSs underlying the warrants. Pursuant to the cashless exercise provision, the warrant holder must make an additional payment to the Company equal to the nominal value of an ADS (i.e., \$0.0001) per warrant ADS to be issued pursuant to the cashless exercise.



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## 15. WARRANTS (Continued)

The fair value of the Series A and Series B warrants was determined using the Black-Scholes Option Pricing Model, which uses various assumptions, including (i) fair value of the Company's ADSs, (ii) exercise price of the warrant, (iii) expected term of the warrant, (iv) expected volatility and (v) expected risk-free interest rate.

Below are the assumptions used for the fair value calculations of warrants, adjusted where applicable to reflect the change in ADS ratio at the year ended 31 December 2023 and 31 December 2022:

	31 December 2023		31 December 2022	
	Series A	Series B	Series A	Series B
Stock price	\$3.12	\$3.12	\$9.40	\$9.40
Exercise price	\$17.00	\$17.00	\$17.00	\$17.00
Expected term (in years)	0.7	5.7	1.7	6.7
Volatility	85%	95%	80%	120%
Risk-free rate	5.1%	3.9%	4.37%	3.96%

The following table summarizes the activity in the warrant liability during the year ended 31 December 2023:

	Series A (\$000)	Series B (\$000)	Total (\$000)
Fair value at 1 January 2023	1,812	6,040	7,852
Issuance of warrant	-	-	-
Change in fair value of liability	(1,797)	(4,082)	(6,599)
Fair value at 31 December 2023	15	1,238	1,253

The following table summarizes the activity in the warrant liability during the year ended 31 December 2022:

	Series A (\$000)	Series B (\$000)	Total (\$000)
Fair value at 1 January 2022	-	-	-
Issuance of warrant	5,285	9,513	14,798
Change in fair value	(3,473)	(3,473)	(6,946)
Fair value at 31 December 2022	1,812	6,040	7,852

The Company is accounting for the warrants in accordance with IAS 32 Financial Instruments: Presentation. IAS 32 provides that the Company's financial instruments shall be classified on initial recognition in accordance with the substance of the contractual arrangement and the definitions of a financial liability or an equity instrument.

The Company determined that the Series A and Series B warrants (collectively, the "September 2022 Warrants") represent freestanding financial instruments because based on the warrant term their volatility input would preclude an option contract from being considered indexed to an entity's own stock.

The grant date fair value of the September 2022 Warrants totaled \$14,798,000, which exceeded the \$12,835,000 proceeds received from the sale of ADSs. The Company concluded that the September 2022 Registered Direct Offering was conducted on an arm's length basis and it used an external subject matter valuation expert to determine the fair value of the warrants. The excess fair value over the proceeds received of \$1,963,000 at grant date was recognized as a non-operating expense in the consolidated statement of operations and comprehensive loss.

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In connection with the September 2022 Registered Direct Offering, the Company expensed \$1.7 million of issuance costs associated with the September 2022 Warrants during the year ended December 31, 2023, which have been recognized as general and administrative expense in the consolidated statement of operations and comprehensive loss.

At December 31, 2023, the fair value of the September 2022 Warrants was \$1,253,000.

The following table summarises the Company's outstanding warrants as at 31 December 2023 and 2022:

	<u>2023</u>		<u>2022</u>	
	<u>Number of ADS Warrants</u>	<u>Weighted Average Exercise Price</u>	<u>Number of ADS Warrants</u>	<u>Weighted Average Exercise Price</u>
		\$		\$
Outstanding at 1 January 2023	2,077,673	22.85	250,281	49.06
Granted during the year	90,937	2.04	2,059,401	18.31
Outstanding at 31 December 2023	<u>2,168,610</u>	<u>21.97</u>	<u>2,077,673</u>	<u>22.85</u>

## 16. SHARE-BASED EQUITY AWARDS

### 2023 Equity Incentive Plan

On June 30, 2023, the Company's shareholders approved the 2023 Equity Incentive Plan (the "2023 Plan"), which provides for the grant of stock options, both incentive stock options and nonqualified stock options, stock, with and without vesting restrictions, restricted stock units and stock appreciation rights, to be granted to employees, directors and consultants. The Company is permitted to grant up to 980,000,000 ordinary share incentive awards under the 2023 Plan.

All outstanding ordinary shares under the 2014 Equity Incentive Plan (the "2014 Plan") relating to stock options and restricted stock units may be issued under the 2023 Plan if such awards are forfeited, cancelled or expire unexercised. As of June 30, 2023, the Company had 855,637,300 ordinary shares underlying outstanding equity awards under the 2014 Plan, consisting of stock options and restricted stock units. Accordingly, the total number of ordinary shares that may ultimately be issued under rights granted under the 2023 Plan, including shares subject to outstanding grants under the 2014 Plan, shall not exceed 1,835,637,300 ordinary shares. In addition, if an award issued under the 2023 Plan is terminated or results in any shares not being issued, the unissued or reacquired shares shall again be available for issuance under the 2023 Plan. As of December 31, 2023, the Company had 247,798,825 ordinary shares underlying outstanding equity awards under the 2023 Plan and 765,819,200 ordinary shares were available for future issuance under the 2023 Plan.

The 2023 and 2014 Plans provide that they be administered by the compensation committee of the board of directors. The exercise price for stock option awards may not be less than 100% of the fair market value of the Company's ordinary shares on the date of grant and the term of awards may not be greater than ten years. The Company determines the fair value of its ordinary shares based on the quoted market price of its ADSs. Vesting periods are determined at the discretion of the compensation committee. Awards granted to employees typically vest over two to four years and directors over one year.

### 2014 Equity Incentive Plan

Under the 2014 Plan the Company was authorized to grant stock options, restricted stock units and other awards, to employees, members of the board of directors and consultants. Upon effectiveness of the 2023 Plan no further awards were available to be issued under the 2014 Plan. As of December 31, 2023, the Company had 789,393,500 ordinary shares underlying outstanding equity awards under the 2014 Plan, consisting of stock options and restricted stock units.

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## 16. SHARE-BASED EQUITY AWARDS (Continued)

## Share Options

The following is a summary of the Company's stock option activity under the 2014 Plan and the 2023 Plan for the year ended December 31, 2023:

	<u>2023</u>		<u>2022</u>	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Weighted Average Exercise Price</u> \$	<u>Number</u>	<u>Weighted Average Exercise Price</u> \$
Outstanding at 1 January 2023	513,673,885	0.02	142,949,035	0.07
Granted during the year	223,690,700	0.00	409,396,700	0.01
Forfeited/expired during the year	(86,127,185)	0.03	(38,671,850)	0.15
Outstanding at 31 December 2023	<u>651,237,400</u>	<u>0.01</u>	<u>513,673,885</u>	<u>0.02</u>
Exercisable (Vested) at 31 December 2023	<u>212,510,100</u>	<u>0.02</u>	<u>128,451,772</u>	<u>0.04</u>

The weighted average remaining contractual life of the options is 8.5 years (2022: 8.7 years ).

The following is a summary of the Group's share options granted separated into ranges of exercise price:

<u>Exercise price (range) (\$)</u>	<u>Options outstanding at 31 December 2023</u>	<u>Weighted average remaining contractual life (years)</u>	<u>Weighted average exercise price (\$)</u>	<u>Options exercisable at December 31, 2023</u>	<u>Remaining contractual life for exercisable options (years)</u>	<u>Weighted average exercise price for exercisable options (\$)</u>
>0.01	307,090,700	9.3	0.01	50,986,338	9.1	-
0.01-0.018	291,596,700	8.4	0.01	108,973,763	7.9	0.01
0.02-0.05	46,700,000	-	0.02	46,700,000	4.9	0.02
0.12-0.32	5,850,000	-	0.16	5,850,000	2.2	0.16
	<u>651,237,400</u>			<u>212,510,100</u>		

<u>Exercise price (range) (\$)</u>	<u>Options outstanding at 31 December 2022</u>	<u>Weighted average remaining contractual life (years)</u>	<u>Weighted average exercise price (\$)</u>	<u>Options exercisable at December 31, 2022</u>	<u>Remaining contractual life for exercisable options (years)</u>	<u>Weighted average exercise price for exercisable options (\$)</u>
<0.01	106,500,000	9.8	0.01	-	-	-
0.01	286,896,700	9.3	0.01	29,674,587	9.2	0.01
0.02-0.05	102,000,000	6.8	0.02	80,500,000	6.3	0.02
0.12-0.32	18,227,185	3.3	0.16	18,277,185	3.3	0.16
	<u>513,673,885</u>			<u>128,451,772</u>		

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**16. SHARE-BASED EQUITY AWARDS (Continued)**

The Company measures compensation cost for all share-based awards at fair value on the date of grant and recognizes compensation expense in general administrative and research and development expenses within its Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Loss using the straight-line method over the service period over which it expects the awards to vest.

The Company estimates the fair value of all time-vested options as of the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option valuation model, which was developed for use in estimating the fair value of traded options that have no vesting restrictions and are fully transferable. Option valuation models require the input of highly subjective assumptions, including the expected share price volatility, which is calculated based on the historical volatility of peer companies. The Company uses a risk-free interest rate, based on the U.S. Treasury instruments in effect at the time of the grant, for the period comparable to the expected term of the option. Given its limited history with share option grants and exercises, the Company uses the “simplified” method in estimating the expected term, the period of time that options granted are expected to be outstanding, for its grants.

The Company classifies its stock-based payments which are settled in ordinary shares as equity-classified awards. The Company measures equity-classified awards at their grant date fair value and does not subsequently re-measure them. Compensation costs related to equity-classified awards generally are equal to the grant-date fair value of the award amortized over the vesting period of the award.

Below are the weighted-average assumptions used for the options granted in the year ended 31 December 2023:

	<u>2023</u>
Expected dividend yield	0%
Expected volatility	98.7%
Risk-free interest	3.8%
Expected life	6.0 years

Below are the assumptions used for the options granted in the year ended 31 December 2022:

	<u>2022</u>
Expected dividend yield	0%
Expected volatility	72.8%-120.0%
Risk-free interest	1.46%-4.34%
Expected life	5.5-6.25 years

**Restricted Stock Units**

The 2014 Plan provided, and the 2023 Plan provides, for the award of restricted stock units (“RSUs”). RSUs are granted to employees that are subject to time-based vesting conditions that lapse between one year and four years from date of grant, assuming continued employment. Compensation cost for time-based RSUs, which vest only on continued service, is recognized on a straight-line basis over the requisite service period based on the grant date fair of the RSU's, which is derived from the closing price of the Company's ADS's on the date of grant.

**16. SHARE-BASED EQUITY AWARDS (Continued)**

The following table summarizes the Company's restricted stock activity for the year ended December 31, 2023:

	<u>2023</u>		<u>2022</u>	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value</u>
		\$		\$
Nonvested shares at 1 January 2023	21,475,400	0.01	-	-
Granted during the year	407,843,000	0.00	21,475,400	0.01
Vested during the year	<u>(43,363,475)</u>	<u>0.01</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Nonvested shares at 31 December 2023	<u>385,954,925</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>21,475,400</u>	<u>0.01</u>

The fair value of time-based RSUs that vested during the year ended December 31, 2023 was approximately \$0.2 million. No time-based RSUs vested during the year ended December 31, 2022.

As of December 31, 2023, 28,151,775 ordinary shares underlying vested time-based RSUs were pending issuance due to administrative reasons.

**Share-based Compensation Expense**

During the year ended 31 December 23 the Group recognized \$1,150,000 (2022: \$735,000 ) in share-based compensation expenses for employees and directors. At 31 December 2023, there was approximately \$1.7 million and \$0.6 million of unrecognized compensation cost related to unvested stock options and time-based RSUs, respectively.

**17. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

The Group's activities expose it to financial risks: foreign current risk and credit risk and also non-financial risks: market risk. The Group's overall risk management program focuses on unpredictability and seeks to minimised the potential adverse effects on the Group's financial performance. The Board, on a regular basis, reviews key risks and, where appropriate, actions are taken to mitigate the key risks identified.

The fair value measurement of the Group's financial and non-financial assets and liabilities utilities market observable inputs and data as far as possible. Inputs used in determining fair value measurements are categorised into different levels based on how observable the inputs used in the valuation technique utilised are (the "fair value hierarchy"):

Level 1: Quoted prices in active markets for identical items;

Level 2: Observable direct or indirect inputs other than Level 1 inputs; and

Level 3: Unobservable inputs, thus not derived from market data.

The classification of an item into the above levels is based on the lowest level of the inputs used that has a significant effect on the fair value measurement of the item. There have been no transfers between levels during the period.

**17. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)**

The Group has the following categories of financial instruments as at 31 December 2023:

	<u>2023</u> \$000	<u>2022</u> \$000
<b>Financial assets measured at amortised cost:</b>		
Other receivables	198	-
<b>Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost:</b>		
Trade payables and other payables	3,331	3,127
<b>Financial liabilities measured at FVPL</b>		
Warrant liability (Note 15)	1,253	7,852

There is no significant difference between the fair value and the carrying value of financial instruments.

All financial instruments are classified as current assets and current liabilities. There are no non-current financial instruments as at 31 December 2023.

For details of valuation techniques and significant unobservable inputs related to determining the fair value of the warrant liability, which is classified in level 3 of the fair value hierarchy, refer to Note 15.

The Group's risk management policies are established to identify and analyse the risks faced by the Group, to set appropriate risk limits and controls, and to monitor risks and adherence limits. Risk management policies and systems are reviewed regularly to reflect changes in market conditions and the Group's activities.

**Financial risks factors:**

The Group's activities are exposed to foreign exchange risk. The Group's comprehensive risk management plan focuses on activities and strategies that reduce adverse effects on the financial performance of the Group to a minimum.

*1. Foreign currency risk:*

The Group is exposed to foreign currency risk arising on cash and cash equivalents and receivables denominated in a currency other than the respective functional currencies of the Group. The currencies in which these transactions primarily are denominated are GBP Sterling (GBP), Swiss Franc (CHF) and Euro (EUR).

The following balances held in foreign currency at the reporting date are:

	<u>Group</u>		<u>Company</u>	
	31 December <u>2023</u> \$000	31 December <u>2022</u> \$000	31 December <u>2023</u> \$000	31 December <u>2022</u> \$000
GBP	954	152	954	152
CHF	-	10	-	10
EUR	1,471	41	1,471	41
Total net exposure	2,425	203	2,425	203

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## 17. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (Continued)

**Sensitivity analysis**

A 10 percent strengthening of USD against the respective currencies at 31 December 2023 would have decreased equity and profit and loss by the amounts shown below:

**Group:**

	<u>Profit and loss</u>		<u>Equity</u>	
	<u>31 December</u> <u>2023</u> \$	31 December <u>2022</u> \$	<u>31 December</u> <u>2023</u> \$	31 December <u>2022</u> \$
GBP	(95)	(15)	(95)	(15)
CHF	-	(4)	-	(4)
EUR	(147)	(1)	(147)	(1)
Total net exposure	<u>(242)</u>	<u>(20)</u>	<u>(242)</u>	<u>(20)</u>

**Company:**

	<u>Profit and loss</u>		<u>Equity</u>	
	<u>31 December</u> <u>2023</u> \$	31 December <u>2022</u> \$	<u>31 December</u> <u>2023</u> \$	31 December <u>2022</u> \$
GBP	(95)	(15)	(95)	(15)
CHF	-	(4)	-	(4)
EUR	(147)	(1)	(147)	(1)
Total net exposure	<u>(242)</u>	<u>(20)</u>	<u>(242)</u>	<u>(20)</u>

Foreign currency risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates. The Group's exposure to the risk of changes in foreign exchange rates relates primarily to the Group's operating activities when expenses are denominated in a different currency from the Group's functional currency.

*Credit risk:*

Credit risk is the risk that a counterparty will not meet its obligations under a financial instrument or supplier contract, leading to a financial loss. Financial instruments that potentially subject the Group to concentrations of credit risk consist principally of cash and cash equivalents. Cash and cash equivalents and short-term deposits are deposited with major banks in Europe and the United States, and invested mostly in U.S. dollars and Great British Pounds. Such redeemed upon demand and therefore bear low risk.

*Market risk:*

The Group's financial instruments comprise equity investments, cash and various items such as trade debtors and trade creditors that arise directly from its operations. The main risk arising from the Groups financial instruments is liquidity risk. During the period the Group issued to investors Series A and Series B Warrants, exercisable to purchase in the aggregate up to 755,000 ADSs at an exercise price of \$17.00 per ADS each. On initial recognition both the Series A and Series B Warrant instruments met the definition of a derivative instrument and was subsequently recognized as such. As at 31 December 2023 the Group has sufficient cash to cover the Warrant liability and as such the Directors do not consider this to be a significant risk.

## 18. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The following transactions were carried out with related parties:

### The Doctors Laboratory

The Company leases its offices in London from The Doctors Laboratory (“TDL”) and has incurred expenses of approximately \$148,000 plus VAT during the year ended 31 December 2023 (2022: \$129,000). David Byrne, a former non-employee director of the Company, is also the Chief Executive Officer of TDL and Dr. Ray Prudo, the Company’s Chairman, is Non-Executive Chairman of the Board of Directors of TDL.

Company received laboratory testing services for its clinical trials provided by TDL, including certain administrative services, and has incurred expenses of approximately \$122,000 plus VAT during the year ended 31 December 2023 (2022: \$89,000).

The Company recorded payable balances to TDL of approximately \$70,000 plus VAT as of December 31, 2023 (2022: \$23,000).

### Other

A non-employee director of the Company began providing business development consulting services in January 2018. The consulting agreement was terminated in November 2022. The Company has incurred expenses of \$Nil during the year ended December 31, 2023 (2022: \$92,000), relating to these consulting services.

## 19. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

On March 4, 2024, the Company entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the “Merger Agreement”) with Peak Bio, Inc. (“Peak Bio”) and Pegasus Merger Sub, Inc., a Delaware corporation and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Akari (“Merger Sub”), pursuant to which, upon the terms and subject to the conditions thereof, Merger Sub will be merged with and into Peak Bio (the “Merger”), with Peak Bio surviving the Merger as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Akari.

On March 26, 2024, the Company entered into an amended and restated definitive purchase agreement with certain existing investors, pursuant to which the Company sold and issued in a private placement an aggregate of 1,320,614 ADSs (equivalent to 2,641,228,000 ordinary shares) at \$1.48 per ADS, for aggregate gross proceeds of approximately \$2.0 million (the “March 2024 Private Placement”). The March 2024 Private Placement closed on March 28, 2024. Net proceeds from the March 2024 Private Placement was approximately \$1.7 million after deducting placement agent fees and other expenses.

On May 1, 2024, the Company began to implement a reduction-in-force of approximately 67% of its total workforce as a result of the recently announced program prioritization under which the Company’s HSCT-TMA program was suspended. The reduction-in-force is part of an operational restructuring plan and includes the elimination of certain senior management positions. The purpose of the restructuring plan, including the reduction-in-force, is to reduce HSCT-TMA related operating costs, while supporting the execution of the Company’s long-term strategic plan. The Company currently expects expenses related to the reduction-in-force, consisting primarily of cash severance and termination benefits and related costs, to be in the range of approximately \$3.1 million to \$3.2 million, which includes approximately \$1.6 million of non-cash expenses related to vesting of equity awards. The Company expects these costs to be payable through the fourth quarter of 2024. These estimates are subject to a number of assumptions, and actual results may differ.

The Company may also incur additional costs not currently contemplated due to events that may occur as a result of, or that are associated with, the operational restructuring plan, including the reduction-in-force.

On May 10, 2024, the Company entered into convertible promissory notes with existing investors and directors, Dr. Prudo and Dr. Patel (the “May 2024 Notes”) for an aggregate of \$1.0 million in gross proceeds. The May 2024 Notes bear interest at 15% per annum, which may be increased to 17% upon the occurrence of certain events of default as described therein, and the principal and all accrued but unpaid interest is due on the date that is the earlier of (a) ten (10) business days following the Company’s receipt of a U.K. research and development tax credit from HM Revenue and Customs, and (b) November 10, 2024. Provided, however, at any time or times from the date of the note and until the tenth business day prior to closing of the Merger, the note holders are entitled to convert any portion of the outstanding and unpaid amount, including principal and accrued interest, into Company ADSs at a fixed conversion price equal to \$1.59, subject to certain restrictions.



**19. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS (Continued)**

On May 29, 2024, the Company entered into a definitive agreement (the “May 2024 Purchase Agreement”) with certain investors, Dr. Ray Prudo and Dr. Patel, pursuant to which the Company agreed to sell and issue in a private placement (the “May 2024 Private Placement”) an aggregate of 4,029,754 unregistered ADSs, and Series C Warrants (the “Series C Warrants”) to purchase up to 4,029,754 ADSs, at a per unit price of \$1.885 per ADS and Series C Warrant. The May 2024 Purchase Agreement also contains representations, warranties, indemnification and other provisions customary for transactions of this nature. The May 2024 Private Placement closed on May 31, 2024. Upon the closing of the Private Placement, the Company issued and sold 3,817,553 ADSs and Series C Warrants to purchase up to 3,817,553 ADSs pursuant to the May 2024 Purchase Agreement, and the remaining 212,201 ADSs and Series C Warrants to purchase up to 212,201 ADSs will be issued and sold by the Company at a later date upon the receipt of the proceeds related thereto. Net proceeds from the May 2024 Private Placement is expected to be approximately \$6.6 million after deducting placement agent fees and other expenses.

**20. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY**

The directors do not believe that there is an ultimate controlling party of the Group.