# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

## FORM S-3 REGISTRATION STATEMENT

UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

## ACASTI PHARMA INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Québec, Canada (State or other jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization) 98-1359336 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: From time to time after the effective date of this registration statement	nt.
If the only securities being registered on this Form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the followed	lowing box.

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box.			
If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.			
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If this Form is a registration statement pursuant to General Instruction I.D. or a post-effective amendment thereto that shall become effective upon filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 462(e) under the Securities Act, check the following box.			
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## CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of each class of securities to be registered	Amount to be registered	Proposed maximum offering price per unit	Proposed maximum aggregate offering price	Amount of registration fee(4)
Primary Offering:				
Common shares, no par value	(1)	(2)	(3)	
Warrants	(1)	(2)	(3)	
Units	(1)	(2)	(3)	
Unallocated Primary Offering Total			\$200,000,000	\$25,960
Common shares, no par value, issuable upon exercise of warrants to purchase				
common shares	7,072,962	\$0.59(5)	\$4,173,047.58	\$541.67
Secondary Offering:				
Common shares, no par value, issuable upon exercise of broker warrants to				
purchase common shares	297,430	\$0.59(5)	\$175,483.70	\$22.78
Total for the Primary and Secondary Offerings:			\$204,348,531.28	\$26,524.45

- (1) There are being registered under this registration statement such indeterminate number of common shares and warrants to purchase common shares of the registrant (including common shares issuable upon exercise of any warrants) as shall have a proposed maximum aggregate offering price of \$200,000,000.
- (2) The securities that may be offered pursuant to this registration statement include, pursuant to Rule 416 of the Securities Act, such additional number of common shares of the registrant that may become issuable as a result of any stock split, dividend or similar event. Any securities registered by this registration statement may be sold separately or as units with other securities registered under this registration statement. The proposed maximum aggregate offering price per security will be determined, from time to time, by the registrant in connection with the sale of the securities under this registration statement.
- (3) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the amount of the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(o) under the Securities Act with respect to the securities to be sold by the registrant.
- (4) An aggregate of \$3,277.12 of the amount of the registration fee was previously paid in connection with \$21,788,508.79, \$654,346 and \$8,655,925.63 of unissued securities registered under the registrant's registration statements on Form F-3 (File No. 333-223464), initially filed on March 6, 2018, Form F-3 (File No. 333-233063), initially filed on August 7, 2019, and Form F-1 (File No. 333-220755), initially filed on September 29, 2017, respectively, which unsold securities are hereby deregistered. Accordingly, pursuant to Rule 457(p) under the Securities Act, \$3,277.12 is being offset against the total registration fee due for this registration statement, resulting in a total registration fee of \$23,247.33 being due in connection with the filing of this registration statement.
- (5) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the amount of the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(c) of the Securities Act based on the average of the high and low prices per share of the common shares as reported on The NASDAQ Stock Market on June 25, 2020.

The registrant hereby amends this registration statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the registrant shall file a further amendment that specifically states that this registration statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act, or until this registration statement shall become effective on such date as the Securities and Exchange Commission, acting pursuant to Section 8(a), may determine.

#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

This registration statement contains two prospectuses:

- a base prospectus which covers (i) the offering, issuance and sale by the registrant of up to a maximum aggregate offering price of US\$200,000,000 of the registrant's common shares, warrants to purchase common shares and units, (ii) the offering of up to 7,072,962 common shares issuable upon exercise of warrants issued by the registrant pursuant to a prospectus dated December 21, 2017, and (iii) the resale of up to 297,430 common shares issuable upon exercise of warrants issued by the registrant to certain selling shareholders as compensation for their service as underwriters for the registrant's public offering of common shares and warrants in December 2017; and
- a sales agreement prospectus covering the offering, issuance and sale by the registrant of up to a maximum aggregate offering price of US\$75,000,000 of the registrant's common shares that may be issued and sold under a sales agreement with B. Riley FBR, Inc., Oppenheimer & Co. Inc. and H.C. Wainwright & Co., LLC.

The base prospectus immediately follows this explanatory note. The specific terms of any other securities to be offered pursuant to the base prospectus will be specified in one or more prospectus supplements to the base prospectus. The sales agreement prospectus immediately follows the base prospectus. The common shares that may be offered, issued and sold by the registrant under the sales agreement prospectus are included in the US\$200,000,000 of securities that may be offered, issued and sold by the registrant under the base prospectus. Any portion of the US\$75,000,000 included in the sales agreement prospectus that is not previously sold or included in an active placement notice pursuant to the sales agreement is available for sale in other offerings pursuant to the base prospectus, and if no shares are sold under the sales agreement, the full US\$75,000,000 of securities may be sold in other offerings pursuant to the base prospectus and a corresponding prospectus supplement.

The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. We may not sell these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and it is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted.

#### SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED JUNE 29, 2020.

#### **PROSPECTUS**



US\$200,000,000 Common Shares Warrants Units

7,072,962 Common Shares Issuable Upon Exercise of Warrants

297,430 Common Shares Issuable Upon Exercise of Broker Warrants

Acasti Pharma Inc. may offer and sell from time to time up to an aggregate of US\$200,000,000 of common shares (issued separately or upon exercise of warrants), warrants and units comprising any combination of common shares and warrants. The specific terms of any securities offered will be described in supplements to this prospectus. You should read this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement carefully before you purchase our securities. This prospectus may not be used to offer securities unless accompanied by a prospectus supplement.

We may offer and sell these securities to or through one or more underwriters, dealers and agents, or directly to purchasers, on a continuous or delayed basis. The prospectus supplement for each offering of securities will describe in detail the plan of distribution. If underwriters, dealers and agents are used to sell these securities, we will name them and describe their compensation in a prospectus supplement.

In addition, this prospectus also covers (i) the offering of up to 7,072,962 common shares issuable upon exercise of warrants to purchase 7,072,962 common shares issued pursuant to a prospectus dated December 21, 2017, or the December 2017 Warrants, and (ii) the resale of up to 297,430 common shares issuable upon exercise of warrants to purchase 297,430 common shares issued to certain selling shareholders as compensation for their service as underwriters for our public offering of common shares and warrants in December 2017, or the Broker Warrants. The December 2017 Warrants, which have an exercise price of US\$1.262 per share, are currently exercisable and may be exercised at any time on or before December 27, 2022. The Broker Warrants, which have an exercise price of US\$1.2625 per share, are currently exercisable and may be exercised at any time on or before December 19, 2022. We have agreed to register for resale the common shares underlying the Broker Warrants under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or Securities Act. We will not receive any proceeds from the resale of the common shares by any selling shareholder. Any proceeds received by us from the exercise of the warrants will be used for general corporate purposes. The selling shareholders may offer our common shares from time to time in a number of different methods and at varying prices. For more information on possible methods of offer and sale by the selling shareholders, refer to the section of this prospectus entitled "Plan of Distribution."

Our outstanding common shares are listed for trading on the NASDAQ Stock Market, or NASDAQ, and the TSX Venture Exchange, or TSXV, under the symbol "ACST". On June 26, 2020, the closing price of our common shares on NASDAQ was US\$0.551 per share and on the TSXV was C\$0.76 per share.

There is currently no established trading market through which the securities, other than the common shares, may be sold and purchasers may not be able to resell the securities purchased under this prospectus. This may affect the pricing of the securities in the secondary market, the transparency and availability of trading prices, the liquidity of the securities and the extent of issuer regulation.

Investing in our securities involves risks. Prior to purchasing our securities, you should carefully consider the risk factors that will be described in any applicable prospectus supplement and the risk factors described in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC, as explained under the heading "Risk Factors" on page 5 of this prospectus.

Neither the SEC, nor any securities commission of any state of the United States or any Canadian securities regulator has approved or disapproved the securities offered hereby or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offence.

The date of this prospectus is , 2020.

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### ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is a part of a registration statement that we have filed with the SEC utilizing a "shelf" registration process. Under this shelf registration process, we may offer our common shares or warrants to purchase our common shares, either individually or as units, in one or more offerings up to a total dollar amount of initial aggregate offering price of US\$200,000,000. In addition, this prospectus covers (i) the offering of up to 7,072,962 common shares issuable upon exercise of the December 2017 Warrants and (ii) the resale of up to 297,430 common shares issuable upon exercise of the Broker Warrants held by certain selling shareholders. This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities that we and the selling shareholders may offer. Each time we sell securities under this process, we will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain specific information about the terms of that offering, including a description of any risks relating to the offering if those terms and risks are not described in this prospectus. A prospectus supplement may also add, update, or change information contained in this prospectus. If there is any inconsistency between the information in this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement, you should rely on the information in the prospectus supplement.

Before investing in our securities, please carefully read both this prospectus and any prospectus supplement together with the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus, as listed under "Documents Incorporated by Reference," and the additional information described below under "Where You Can Find More Information."

We may sell securities to or through underwriters or dealers, and we may also sell securities directly to other purchasers or through agents. To the extent not described in this prospectus, the names of any underwriters, dealers, or agents employed by us in the sale of the securities covered by this prospectus, the principal amounts or number of shares or other securities, if any, to be purchased by such underwriters or dealers, and the compensation of such underwriters, dealers, or agents will be described in a prospectus supplement.

Owning securities may subject you to tax consequences in the United States. This prospectus or any applicable prospectus supplement may not describe these tax consequences fully. You should read the tax discussion in any prospectus supplement with respect to a particular offering and consult your own tax advisor with respect to your own particular circumstances.

You should rely only on the information contained in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus or a prospectus supplement. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with different information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. The distribution or possession of this prospectus in or from certain jurisdictions may be restricted by law. This prospectus is not an offer to sell the securities and is not soliciting an offer to buy the securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted or where the person making the offer or sale is not qualified to do so or to any person to whom it is not permitted to make such offer or sale. You should assume that the information contained in this prospectus and in any applicable prospectus supplement is accurate only as of the date on the front cover of this prospectus or prospectus supplement, as applicable, and the information incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement is accurate only as of the date of the document incorporated by reference. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since that date.

This prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus contain company names, product names, trade names, trademarks and service marks of Acasti and other organizations, all of which are the property of their respective owners. We own or have rights to trademarks, service marks or trade names that we use in connection with the operation of our business. In addition, our name, logo and website names and addresses are our service marks or trademarks. CaPre® is our registered trademark. The other trademarks, trade names and service marks appearing in this prospectus are the property of their respective owners. Solely for convenience, the trademarks, service marks, tradenames and copyrights referred to in this prospectus are listed without the ©, ® and TM symbols, but we will assert, to the fullest extent under applicable law, our rights or the rights of the applicable licensors to these trademarks, service marks and tradenames.

In this prospectus, unless the context otherwise requires, references to "Acasti," the "company," "we," "us" or "our" refer to Acasti Pharma Inc.

The consolidated financial statements incorporated by reference into this prospectus are presented in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

All references in this prospectus to "dollars" and "US\$" refer to United States dollars and references to "C\$" refer to Canadian dollars. Potential purchasers should be aware that foreign exchange rate fluctuations are likely to occur from time to time and that we do not make any representation with respect to future currency values. Investors should consult their own advisors with respect to the potential risk of currency fluctuations.

## WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We have filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-3, of which this prospectus forms a part. This prospectus does not contain all the information set out in the registration statement. For further information about us and the securities, please refer to the registration statement, including the exhibits to the registration statement. The exhibits to the registration statement provide more details of the matters discussed in this prospectus.

We are required to file with the securities commission or authority in each of the provinces and territories of Canada annual and quarterly reports, material change reports and other information. In addition, we are subject to the informational requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act, and, in accordance with the Exchange Act, we also file reports with the SEC.

You may read any document we file with or furnish to the securities commissions and authorities of the provinces and territories of Canada through SEDAR at https://www.sedar.com. The SEC maintains an internet site that contains reports, proxy and information statements, and other information regarding issuers that file electronically with the SEC, where our SEC filings are also available. The address of the SEC's website is http://www.sec.gov. We maintain a corporate website at www.acastipharma.com. Information contained on, or that can be accessed through, our website does not constitute a part of this prospectus.

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#### DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows us to "incorporate by reference" into this prospectus the documents we file with, or furnish to, them, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to these documents. The information that we incorporate by reference into this prospectus forms a part of this prospectus, and information that we file later with the SEC automatically updates and supersedes any information in this prospectus. We incorporate by reference into this prospectus the documents listed below:

- our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2020, filed with the SEC on June 29, 2020;
- the description of our common shares set forth in our registration statement on Form F-1 (File No. 333-220755) filed with the SEC on September 29, 2017 and declared effective on December 19, 2017 and our Form 8-A filed with the SEC on January 4, 2013, including any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating that description; and
- our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on April 20, 2020 (only with respect to Item 8.01) and June 19, 2020.

All documents filed with the SEC by us (other than current reports furnished under Item 2.02 or Item 7.01 of Form 8-K and exhibits filed on such form that are related to such items unless such Form 8-K expressly provides to the contrary) pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act subsequent to the date of this prospectus and prior to the termination of the offering of the securities offered by this prospectus are incorporated by reference into this prospectus and form part of this prospectus from the date of filing those documents with the SEC.

Any statement contained in a document incorporated by reference into this prospectus shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this prospectus to the extent that a statement contained in this prospectus, in one of those other documents or in any other later filed document that is also incorporated by reference into this prospectus modifies or supersedes that statement. Any such statement so modified shall not be deemed, except as so modified, to constitute a part of this prospectus. Any such statement so superseded shall be deemed not to constitute a part of this prospectus.

Any person receiving a copy of this prospectus, including any beneficial owner, may obtain without charge, upon written or oral request, a copy of any of the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus, except for the exhibits to those documents unless the exhibits are specifically incorporated by reference into those documents. Requests should be directed to our principal executive offices, at 545 Promenade du Centropolis, Suite 100, Laval, Québec, Canada H7T 0A3, attention: chief financial officer (telephone: (450) 686-4555).

#### SUMMARY

This summary does not contain all of the information about our company that may be important to you and your investment decision. You should carefully read the entire prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement, including the section entitled "Risk Factors" as well as the risk factors described in the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement, before making an investment decision.

#### **Our Company**

We are a biopharmaceutical innovator focused on the research, development and commercialization of prescription drugs using omega-3 fatty acids, or OM3, delivered both as free fatty acids and bound-to-phospholipid esters derived from krill oil. OM3 fatty acids have extensive clinical evidence of safety and efficacy in lowering triglycerides, or TGs, in patients with hypertriglyceridemia, or HTG. Our lead product candidate is CaPre, an OM3 phospholipid therapeutic, which we are developing initially for the treatment of severe HTG, or sHTG, a condition characterized by very high or severe levels of TGs in the bloodstream ( $\geq 500 \text{ mg/dL}$ ). In accordance with a study published in 2009 in the Archives of Internal Medicine by Ford et al., it is estimated that three to four million people in the United States have sHTG. In primary qualitative market research studies commissioned by Acasti in August 2016 and November 2017 by DP Analytics, a division of Destum Partners, and in April 2019 by a well-respected third party provider, key opinion leaders, high volume prescribers and pharmacy benefit managers who were interviewed indicated a significant unmet medical need exists for an effective, safe and well-absorbing OM3 therapeutic that can also demonstrate a positive impact on the major blood lipids associated with cardiovascular disease risk. We believe that CaPre may address this unmet medical need, if our TRILOGY Phase 3 clinical program is successful in reproducing what we observed in our Phase 2 clinical data.

We also believe the potential exists to expand CaPre's initial indication to the roughly 44.4 million patients in the United States with elevated TGs in the mild to moderate range (e.g., blood levels between 200 - 499 mg/dL), although at least one additional clinical trial would likely be required to support the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, or FDA, approval of a supplemental new drug application, or NDA, to expand CaPre's indication to this segment. Data from our Phase 2 studies indicated that CaPre may have a positive effect on diabetes and other inflammatory and cardiometabolic diseases; consequently, we may also seek to identify new potential indications for CaPre that may be appropriate for future studies and pipeline expansion. In addition, we may also seek to in-license other cardiometabolic or other primary care-focused drug candidates for drug development and commercialization.

In four clinical trials conducted to date, we saw the following consistent results with CaPre, and we are seeking to demonstrate similar safety and efficacy in our TRILOGY Phase 3 program:

- significant reduction of TGs and non-high density lipoprotein cholesterol (non-HDL-C) levels in the blood of patients with mild to sHTG;
- · no deleterious effect on low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C), or "bad" cholesterol, with the potential to reduce LDL-C;
- · potential to increase high-density lipoprotein cholesterol (HDL-C), or "good" cholesterol;
- · potential to benefit diabetes patients by decreasing hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c), a marker of glucose control;
- good bioavailability (absorption by the body), even under fasting conditions;
- · no significant food effect when taken with either low-fat or high-fat meals; and
- · an overall safety profile similar to that demonstrated by currently marketed OM3s.

We believe that if we are able to reproduce these results in our TRILOGY Phase 3 program, that this could potentially set CaPre apart from current FDA-approved fish oil-derived OM3 treatment options, and it could give us a significant clinical and marketing advantage.

## **Corporate Information**

We were incorporated on February 1, 2002 under Part 1A of the Companies Act (Québec) under the name "9113-0310 Québec Inc". On August 7, 2008, pursuant to a Certificate of Amendment, we changed our name to "Acasti Pharma Inc." and on February 14, 2011, the *Business Corporations Act* (Québec) came into effect and replaced the Companies Act (Québec). We are now governed by the *Business Corporations Act* (Québec), or the QBCA.

Our principal executive offices are located at 545 Promenade du Centropolis, Suite 100, Laval, Québec, Canada H7T 0A3. Our telephone number is (450) 686-4555. Our corporate website is http://www.acastipharma.com. Information appearing on our website is not incorporated by reference into this prospectus.

## RISK FACTORS

An investment in our securities involves a high degree of risk and should be considered speculative. An investment in our securities should only be undertaken by those persons who can afford the total loss of their investment. You should carefully consider the risks and uncertainties described under "Item 1A. - Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2020, which section is incorporated by reference herein, and the other information contained in this prospectus, as updated by our subsequent filings under the Exchange Act and the risk factors and other information contained in any applicable prospectus supplement, before purchasing any of our securities. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us or that we believe to be immaterial may also adversely affect our business. If any of these risks actually occur, our business, financial condition, prospects, results of operations or cash flow could be materially and adversely affected and you could lose all or a part of the value of your investment.

## CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus, including the documents incorporated by reference herein, contains information that may be forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act and Section 21E of the Exchange Act. Forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of terms such as "may," "will," "should," "expect," "plan," "anticipate," "believe," "intend," "estimate," "predict," "potential," "continue" or other similar expressions concerning matters that are not statements about the present or historical facts. Forward-looking statements in this prospectus and in the documents incorporated by reference herein include, among other things, information or statements about:

- · our ability to conduct all required clinical and nonclinical trials for our drug candidate, CaPre, including the timing and results of those trials;
- the outcome of our ongoing dialogue with the FDA regarding the unusually large placebo effect observed in the TG topline results of our TRILOGY 1 Phase 3 clinical trial and the implications for our TRILOGY 2 Phase 3 clinical trial and its outcome;
- · our ability to file an NDA based on the results of our TRILOGY Phase 3 program;
- whether the FDA may require additional clinical development work or study to support an NDA filing for CaPre;
- · our strategy, future operations, prospects and the plans of our management;
- the regulatory plan, timeline, costs and results of our clinical and nonclinical trials for CaPre;
- · the timing and outcome of our meetings and discussions with the FDA;
- · our planned regulatory filings for CaPre, and their timing;
- · our expectation that our Bridging Study (as defined below) results will support our plan to get authorization from the FDA to use the 505(b)(2) pathway with new chemical entity status towards an NDA approval in the United States;
- the potential benefits and risks of CaPre as compared to other products in the pharmaceutical, medical food, natural health and dietary supplement products markets;
- our estimates of the size and growth rate of the potential market for CaPre, unmet medical needs in that market, the potential for future market expansion, the rate and degree of market acceptance of CaPre if it reaches commercialization, and our ability to serve that market;
- our anticipated marketing advantages and product differentiation of CaPre and its potential to become a best-in-class OM3 compound for the treatment of sHTG;
- the potential to expand CaPre's indication for the treatment of high TGs (200-499 mg/dL), assuming at least one additional study;
- the degree to which physicians would switch their patients to a product with CaPre's target product profile based on the outcome of our TRILOGY Phase 3 trials;
- our strategy and ability to develop, commercialize and distribute CaPre in the United States and elsewhere;
- · our ability to strengthen our patent portfolio and other means of protecting our intellectual property rights, including our ability to obtain additional patent protection for CaPre;
- · the availability and consistency of our raw materials, including raw krill oil, or RKO, from existing and future alternative suppliers;

- · our expectation that following expiration of our license agreement with Neptune Wellness Solutions Inc., we will not require any licenses from third parties to support the commercialization of CaPre;
- · our expectation to be able to rely on third parties to manufacture CaPre whose manufacturing processes and facilities are in compliance with current good manufacturing practices, or cGMP;
- the potential for CaPre in other cardiometabolic medicine indications;
- · our intention and ability to build a U.S. commercial organization, and to successfully launch CaPre and compete in the U.S. market;
- · our intention and ability to complete development and/or distribution partnerships to support the commercialization of CaPre outside of the United States, and to pursue strategic opportunities to provide supplemental capital and market access;
- the potential adverse effects that the recent COVID-19 pandemic may have on our business and operations;
- · our need for additional financing, and our estimates regarding our future financing and capital requirements;
- · our expectation regarding our financial performance, including our revenues, cost-of-goods, profitability, research and development, costs and expenses, gross margins, liquidity, capital resources, and capital expenditures; and
- · our projected capital requirements to fund our anticipated expenses, including our research and development, marketing and sales, general and administrative expenses, and capital equipment expenditures.

All forward-looking statements reflect our belief and assumptions based on information available at the time the assumption was made. The forward-looking statements in this prospectus are subject to a number of known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, including those described in this prospectus under "Risk Factors" and in the documents incorporated by reference herein, many of which are beyond our control, that could cause our actual results and developments to differ materially from those that are disclosed in or implied by the forward-looking statements, including, among others:

- · risks related to timing and possible difficulties, delays or failures in our ongoing TRILOGY Phase 3 program for CaPre;
- nonclinical and clinical trials may be more costly or take longer to complete than anticipated and may never be completed, or they may generate results that warrant future clinical trials, additional clinical development and/or delay commercialization of CaPre;
- · our TRILOGY Phase 3 trials may not achieve all or any of its primary and secondary endpoints;
- · assuming our TRILOGY 2 trial meets its primary endpoint, the results of pooling that data with our TRILOGY 1 trial results may not achieve statistical significance or may not be supported by the FDA;
- based on the final TRILOGY 1 and TRILOGY 2 clinical trial data, the FDA may require that we conduct additional clinical work or studies to support an NDA for CaPre;

- · our anticipated studies and submissions to the FDA may not occur as currently anticipated, or at all;
- the FDA could reject our 505(b)(2) regulatory pathway and/or our NDA;
- while the REDUCE-IT results (a cardiovascular outcome study conducted by Amarin Corporation plc, or Amarin, with their OM3 drug VASCEPA) were positive, on January 13, 2020, AstraZeneca plc announced that its cardiovascular Phase 3 STRENGTH trial for its OM3 drug EPANOVA had been discontinued due to its low likelihood of demonstrating a benefit to patients with mixed dyslipidemia. The potential impacts of the discontinuance of the STRENGTH trial on our business and the OM3 drug market in general are not yet known;
- · if Amarin loses its appeal of the U.S. District Court for the District of Nevada's March 30, 2020 decision invalidating its patent on the basis of obviousness, then additional generic versions of VASCEPA could potentially enter the market within the next year and this could result in downward pressure on pricing for CaPre;
- · we may encounter difficulties, delays or failures in obtaining regulatory approvals for the initiation of clinical trials or to market CaPre, or the FDA may refuse to approve CaPre or place restrictions on our ability to commercialize and promote CaPre;
- · the FDA may require, or for competitive reasons we may need to, conduct additional future clinical trials for CaPre, the occurrence and success of which cannot be assured:
- · CaPre may have unknown side effects, or may not prove to be as safe and effective or as potent as we currently believe;
- · CaPre could be subject to extensive post-market obligations and continued regulatory review, which may result in significant additional expense and affect sales, marketing and profitability;
- · we may fail to achieve our publicly announced milestones on time;
- we may encounter difficulties in completing or funding additional development or commercialization of CaPre;
- · third parties we are relying upon to conduct our TRILOGY Phase 3 program and support the data analysis and filing of an NDA for CaPre may not effectively fulfill their obligations to us, including complying with FDA requirements;
- there may be difficulties, delays, or failures in obtaining health care reimbursements for CaPre;
- · recently enacted and future laws may increase the difficulty and cost for us to obtain marketing approval and commercialization of CaPre, and may affect the prices we can charge;
- · new laws, regulatory requirements, and the continuing efforts of governmental and third-party payors to contain or reduce the costs of healthcare through various means could adversely affect our business;
- the market opportunity for, and demand and market acceptance of, CaPre may not be as strong as we anticipate;
- · third parties that we will rely upon to manufacture, supply and distribute CaPre may not effectively fulfill their obligations to us, including complying with FDA requirements;
- · there may not be an adequate supply of raw materials, including RKO, in sufficient quantities and quality to produce CaPre under cGMP standards and that meet our target specifications;

- we may not be able to meet applicable regulatory standards for the manufacture of CaPre or scale-up our manufacturing successfully;
- as a development stage company, we currently have limited sales, marketing and distribution personnel and resources;
- · our patent applications may not result in issued patents, our issued patents may be circumvented or challenged and ultimately struck down, and we may not be able to successfully protect our trade secrets or other confidential proprietary information;
- · we may not be able to build name recognition in our markets of interest if we do not protect our trademark for CaPre or any new trademark that is developed for CaPre;
- we may face claims of infringement of third party intellectual property and other proprietary rights;
- · we may face product liability claims and product recalls;
- · we may face intense competition from other companies in the pharmaceutical, medical food and natural health product industries;
- · we have a history of negative operating cash flow, and may never become profitable or be able to sustain profitability;
- we have significant additional future capital needs, and may not be able to raise additional financing required to fund further research and development, clinical studies, obtain regulatory approvals, build a commercial organization in the United States, and meet ongoing capital requirements to continue our current operations on commercially acceptable terms or at all;
- · we face additional costs related to the change in our status from a foreign private issuer to a U.S. domestic issuer;
- · we may not be able to successfully compete in the U.S. market with competitors who are larger and have more resources than we do;
- · we may acquire businesses or products or form strategic partnerships in the future that may not be successful;
- · we may be unable to secure development and/or distribution partnerships to support the development and commercialization of CaPre, provide development capital, or provide market access in any key market;
- we rely on the retention of key management and skilled scientific, manufacturing, regulatory and commercial personnel; and
- · general changes in economic and capital market conditions could adversely affect us.

All of the forward-looking statements in this prospectus and in the documents incorporated by reference are qualified by this cautionary statement. There can be no guarantee that the results or developments that we anticipate will be realized or, even if substantially realized, that they will have the consequences or effects on our business, financial condition or results of operations that we anticipate. As a result, you should not place undue reliance on the forward-looking statements. Except as required by applicable law, we do not undertake to update or amend any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. All forward-looking statements are made as of the date of this prospectus. Forward-looking statements made in a document incorporated by reference into this prospectus are made as of the date of the original document and have not been updated by us except as expressly provided for in this prospectus.

## USE OF PROCEEDS

Unless otherwise indicated in a prospectus supplement, the net proceeds that we receive from the sale of the securities offered by this prospectus will be used by us for working capital and general corporate purposes, which includes filing and continued regulatory support for our NDA submission, market development and commercialization of CaPre and expansion of business development activities. We have not allocated any portion of the net proceeds for any particular use as of the date of this prospectus. The net proceeds may be invested temporarily until they are used for their stated purpose. Specific information concerning the use of proceeds from the sale of any securities will be included in the prospectus supplement relating to such securities.

If all of the December 2017 Warrants and the Broker Warrants are exercised in full and the exercise price therefor is paid in cash, we will receive approximately US\$9.3 million in proceeds. However, the timing of the exercise and the extent to which any of the December 2017 Warrants or the Broker Warrants are exercised are beyond our control and depend on a number of factors, including the market price of our common shares. There can be no assurance that any of the December 2017 Warrants or the Broker Warrants will be exercised, and it is possible that all of the warrants may expire and may never be exercised. Any proceeds received by us from the exercise of the warrants will be used for general corporate purposes. We will not receive any proceeds from the resale by the selling shareholder of common shares underlying the Broker Warrants.

#### SELLING SHAREHOLDERS

In December 2017, we issued the Broker Warrants in a private placement to the selling shareholders as compensation for their service as underwriters for our public offering of common shares and warrants. The Broker Warrants, which have an exercise price of US\$1.2625 per share, are currently exercisable and may be exercised at any time on or before December 19, 2022. We have agreed to register for resale the common shares underlying the Broker Warrants under the Securities Act.

When we refer to the selling shareholders in this prospectus, we mean those persons listed in the table below, as well as the permitted transferees, pledgees, donees, assignees, successors and others who later come to hold any of the selling shareholders' interests other than through a public sale.

The selling shareholders may from time to time offer and sell pursuant to this prospectus any or all of the common shares set forth in the following table upon exercise of the Broker Warrants. There is no requirement for the selling shareholders to sell common shares they receive upon the exercise of Broker Warrants, and we do not know when, or if, or in what amount the selling shareholders may resell the common shares pursuant to this prospectus.

The table below has been prepared based on the information furnished to us by the selling shareholders as of June 26, 2020. The selling shareholders identified below may have sold, transferred or otherwise disposed of some or all of their Broker Warrants or underlying common shares since the date on which the information in the following table is presented in transactions exempt from or not subject to the registration requirements of the Securities Act. Information concerning the selling shareholders may change from time to time and, if necessary, we will supplement this prospectus accordingly. We are unable to confirm whether the selling shareholders will in fact sell any or all of their common shares. To our knowledge and except as noted below, none of the selling shareholders has, or within the past three years has had, any material relationships with us or any of our affiliates, other than acting as underwriters in connection with our public offering of common shares and warrants in December 2017.

Beneficial ownership of shares and percentage ownership are determined in accordance with the SEC's rules. In calculating the number of common shares beneficially owned by an individual or entity and the percentage ownership of that individual or entity, common shares underlying options or warrants that are either currently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days from the date of this prospectus are deemed outstanding.

Beneficial Ownership Prior to this Offering		Shares to be Sold in this	Beneficial Ownership After this Offering	
Shares	Percentage	Offering	Shares	Percentage
235,930(1)	*	235,930(1)	-	- %
60,250(1)	*	60,250(1)	-	- %
1,250(1)	*	1,250(1)	-	- %
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<sup>(1)</sup> Consists exclusively of the common shares underlying the Broker Warrants.

<sup>(\*)</sup> Less than 1%.

#### DESCRIPTION OF SHARE CAPITAL

#### Overview

Our authorized capital consists of an unlimited number of no par value common shares and an unlimited number of no par value Class B, Class C, Class D and Class E preferred shares (collectively, the preferred shares), issuable in one or more series. As of March 31, 2020, there were:

- a total of 90,209,449 common shares issued and outstanding and no preferred shares issued and outstanding;
- 9,936,486 options to purchase common shares issued and outstanding, at a weighted average exercise price of C\$1.00 per common share;
- warrants issued in connection with our February 2017 public offering in Canada to purchase up to 1,723,934 common shares at an exercise price of C\$2.15 per common shares.
- broker warrants issued in connection with our December 2017 public offering in the United States to purchase up to 259,121 common shares at an exercise price of US\$1.2625 per common share;
- warrants issued in connection with our December 2017 public offering in the United States to purchase up to 7,072,962 common shares at an exercise price of US\$1.26 per common share:
- warrants issued in connection with our May 2018 public offering in Canada to purchase up to 6,593,750 common shares at an exercise price of C\$1.31 per common share;
- broker warrants issued in connection with our May 2018 public offering in Canada to purchase up to 222,976 common shares at an exercise price of C\$1.05 per common share.

In February 2019, we entered into an "at-the-market", or ATM, sales agreement with B. Riley FBR, Inc., pursuant to which our common shares may be sold from time to time for aggregate gross proceeds of up to US\$30 million, with sales only being made on NASDAQ. On June 29, 2020 we entered into an amended and restated the ATM sales agreement with B. Riley FBR, Inc., Oppenheimer & Co. Inc., and H.C. Wainwright & Co., LLC, pursuant to which our common shares may be sold from time to time for aggregate gross proceeds of up to US\$75 million, with sales only being made on NASDAQ. The common shares will be distributed at market prices prevailing at the time of the sale and, as a result, prices may vary between purchasers and during the period of distribution.

Subsequent to March 31, 2020 and through the date of this prospectus, we issued and sold 2,278,936 common shares under our ATM program resulting in net cash proceeds of approximately US\$1.8 million.

The following is a brief description of the rights, privileges, conditions and restrictions attaching to the common shares and preferred shares.

#### Common Shares

## Voting Rights

Each common share entitles its holder to receive notice of, and to attend and vote at, all annual or special meetings of our shareholders. Each common share entitles its holder to one vote at any meeting of our shareholders, other than meetings at which only the holders of a particular class or series of shares are entitled to vote due to statutory provisions or the specific attributes of that class or series.

## **Dividends**

Subject to the prior rights of the holders of preferred shares ranking before the common shares as to dividends, the holders of common shares are entitled to receive dividends as declared by the board of directors out of funds that are available for the payment of dividends.

## Winding-up and Dissolution

In the event of our voluntary or involuntary winding-up or dissolution, or any other distribution of our assets among our shareholders for the purposes of winding up our affairs, the holders of common shares will be entitled to receive, after payment by us to the holders of preferred shares ranking prior to common shares regarding the distribution of our assets in the case of winding-up or dissolution, share for share, the remainder of our property, with neither preference nor distinction. The order of priority applicable to all classes of our shares with respect to the redemption, liquidation, dissolution or distribution of property is as follows: first, the Class E non-voting shares; second, the Class D non-voting shares; third, the Class B multiple voting shares and Class C non-voting shares, *pari passu*; and fourth, the common shares. Notwithstanding the order of priority, shareholders of a class of shares may renounce the order of priority by unanimous approval by all shareholders of that class of shares.

#### **Dividend Policy**

We do not anticipate paying any cash dividends on our common shares in the foreseeable future. We presently intend to retain future earnings to finance the development and growth of our business. Any future determination to pay dividends will be at the discretion of our board of directors and will depend on our financial condition, results of operations, capital requirements and other factors the board of directors deems relevant. In addition, the terms of any future debt or credit facility may preclude us from paying dividends. Any remittances of dividends to United States residents and to other non-Canadian residents are, however, subject to withholding tax.

#### **Preferred Shares**

#### Class B Multiple Voting Shares

Each Class B multiple voting share entitles the holder thereof to 10 votes per share at all of our shareholder meetings.

Dividends. Holders of Class B multiple voting shares are entitled to receive, as and when such dividends are declared, an annual non-cumulative dividend of 5% on the amount paid for the shares, payable at the time and in the manner which the board of directors may determine and subject to the order of priority.

Participation. Subject to the provisions of subsection 5.2.2 of our articles of incorporation, or Articles, holders of Class B multiple voting shares do not have the right to participate in our profits or surplus assets.

Conversion. Holders of Class B multiple voting shares have the right, at their entire discretion, to convert part or all of the Class B multiple voting shares they hold into common shares on the basis of 1 common share for each Class B multiple voting share converted.

Redemption. Subject to the provisions of the QBCA and the order of priority, holders of Class B multiple voting shares have the right to demand from us, upon 30 days' written notice, that we redeem the Class B multiple voting shares at a price equivalent to the amount paid for such shares plus the redemption premium, as defined in subsection 5.2.4.1 of the Articles, and any and all declared but yet unpaid dividends on same.

*Liquidation*. In the event of our dissolution or liquidation or any other distribution of our property, the Class B voting shareholders will have the right to be reimbursed for the amount paid for their Class B multiple voting shares plus the redemption premium, as defined in subsection 5.2.4.1 of our Articles, as well as the amount of any and all declared but yet unpaid dividends on their shares, subject to the order of priority.

#### Class C Non-Voting Shares

Subject to the provisions of the QBCA, holders of Class C non-voting shares are neither entitled to vote at any meeting of our shareholders, receive a notice of any such meeting, nor attend any such meeting.

Dividends. Holders of Class C non-voting shares are entitled to receive, as and when such dividends are declared, an annual non-cumulative dividend of 5% on the amount paid for the shares, plus a redemption premium as defined in subsection 5.3.6.1 of our Articles, payable at the time and in the manner which the board of directors may determine and subject to the order of priority.

Participation. Subject to the provisions of subsection 5.3.2 of our Articles, holders of Class C non-voting shares do not have the right to participate in our profits or surplus assets.

Conversion. Holders of Class C non-voting shares have the right, at their entire discretion, to convert part or all of the Class C non-voting shares they hold into common shares on the basis of 1 common share for each Class C non-voting share converted.

Forced Conversion. All of our Class C non-voting shares will automatically be converted into common shares upon the request of an unrelated third-party investor investing more than C\$500,000, or any other amount to be determined by the board of directors and requesting as a condition to the investment that the Class C non-voting shares be converted into common shares on the basis of 1 common share for each Class C non-voting share converted.

Redemption. Subject to the provisions of the QBCA and the order of priority, holders of Class C non-voting shares have the right to demand, upon 30 days' written notice, that we redeem their Class C non-voting shares at a price equivalent to the amount paid for the shares plus the redemption premium, as defined in subsection 5.3.6.1 of our Articles, and any and all declared but yet unpaid dividends on the shares.

Liquidation. In the event of our dissolution or liquidation or any other distribution of our property, Class C non-voting shareholders will have the right to be reimbursed for the amount paid for their Class C non-voting shares plus the redemption premium, as defined in subsection 5.3.6.1 of our Articles, as well as the amount of any and all declared but yet unpaid dividends on their shares, subject to the order of priority.

#### Class D Non-Voting Shares

Subject to the provisions of the QBCA, holders of Class D non-voting shares are neither entitled to vote at any meeting of the shareholders, receive a notice of any such meeting, nor attend any such meeting.

Dividends. Holders of Class D non-voting shares are entitled to receive, as and when such dividends are declared, a monthly non-cumulative dividend of 0.5% to 2% on the amount paid for the shares, plus a redemption premium as defined in subsection 5.4.6.1 of our Articles, payable at the time and in the manner which the board of directors may determine and subject to the order of priority.

Participation. Subject to the provisions of subsection 5.4.2 of our Articles, holders of Class D non-voting shares do not have the right to participate in our profits or surplus assets

Conversion. Holders of Class D non-voting shares have the right, at their discretion, to convert part or all of their Class D non-voting shares into common shares on the basis of a number of common shares equal to the number of Class D non-voting shares converted multiplied by a conversion ratio, calculated as follows:

Conversion Ratio =

The product obtained by multiplying a factor to be agreed at the time of the issuance of the Class D non-voting shares by the average amount paid per share for the Class D non-voting shares plus the redemption premium per share, as defined in subsection 5.4.6.1 of our Articles as well as the amount of any and all declared but yet paid dividends on the shares

Fair market value of the common shares at the date of any conversion of Class D non-voting shares into common shares

Forced Conversion. All of our Class D non-voting shares automatically convert into common shares upon the request of an unrelated third party investor, investing more than C\$500,000, or any other amount to be determined by the board of directors, and requesting as a condition to the investment that the Class D non-voting shares be converted into common shares on the basis of a number of common shares equal to the number of Class D non-voting shares converted multiplied by the conversion ratio, calculated as follows:

Conversion Ratio =

The product obtained by multiplying a factor to be agreed at the time of the issuance of the Class D non-voting shares by the average amount paid per share for the Class D non-voting shares plus the redemption premium per share, as defined in subsection 5.4.6.1 of our Articles as well as the amount of any and all declared but yet paid dividends on the shares

Fair market value of the common shares at the date of any conversion of Class D non-voting shares into common shares

Redemption. Subject to the provisions of the QBCA and the order of priority, holders of Class D non-voting shares have the right to demand, upon 30 days' written notice, that we redeem their Class D non-voting shares at a price equivalent to the amount paid for the shares plus the redemption premium, as defined in subsection 5.4.6.1 of our Articles, and any and all declared but yet unpaid dividends on the shares.

*Liquidation*. In the event of our dissolution or liquidation or any other distribution of our property, the Class D non-voting shareholders will have the right to be reimbursed for the amount paid for their Class D non-voting shares plus the redemption premium, as defined in subsection 5.4.6.1 of our Articles as well as the amount of any and all declared but yet unpaid dividends on their shares, subject to the order of priority.

## Class E Non-Voting Shares

Subject to the provisions of the QBCA, holders of Class E non-voting shares are neither entitled to vote at any meeting of the shareholders, receive a notice of any such meeting, nor attend any such meeting.

Dividends. Holders of Class E non-voting shares are entitled to receive, as and when such dividends are declared, a monthly non-cumulative dividend of 0.5% to 2% on the amount paid for the shares, payable at the time and in the manner which the board of directors may determine and subject to the order of priority.

Participation. Subject to the provisions of subsection 5.5.2 of our Articles, holders of Class E non-voting shares do not have the right to participate in our profits.

Conversion. Holders of Class E non-voting shares have the right, at their discretion, to convert part or all of their Class E non-voting shares into common shares on the basis of a number of common shares equal to the number of Class E non-voting shares converted multiplied by the conversion ratio, calculated as follows:

Conversion Ratio =

The product obtained by multiplying a factor to be agreed at the time of the issuance of the Class E non-voting shares by the average amount paid per share for the Class E non-voting shares plus the amount of any and all declared but yet paid dividends on the shares

Fair market value of the common shares at the date of any conversion of Class E non-voting shares into common shares

Redemption. Subject to the provisions of the QBCA and the order of priority, we have the right, upon 30 days' written notice, to redeem the Class E non-voting shares at a price equivalent to the amount paid for the shares and any and all declared but yet unpaid dividends on the shares.

Liquidation. In the event of our dissolution or liquidation or any other distribution of our property, the Class E non-voting shareholders will have the right to be reimbursed for the amount paid for their Class E non-voting shares as well as the amount of any and all declared but yet unpaid dividends on the shares, subject to the order of priority.

#### DESCRIPTION OF WARRANTS

We may issue warrants for the purchase of common shares. Warrants may be offered separately or together with other securities offered by this prospectus, as the case may be. Unless the applicable prospectus supplement otherwise indicates, each series of warrants will be issued under a separate warrant agreement to be entered into between us and one or more banks or trust companies acting as warrant agent. The applicable prospectus supplement will include details of the warrant agreements covering the warrants being offered. The warrant agent will act solely as our agent and will not assume a relationship of agency with any holders of warrant certificates or beneficial owners of warrants.

The following sets forth certain general terms and provisions of the warrants offered under this prospectus. The specific terms of the warrants, and the extent to which the general terms described in this section apply to those warrants, will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement. The terms of any warrants offered under a prospectus supplement may differ from the terms described below.

The particular terms of each issue of warrants will be described in the related prospectus supplement. This description will include some or all of the following:

- · the designation and aggregate number of warrants;
- the price at which the warrants will be offered;
- the currency or currencies in which the warrants will be offered;
- the designation and terms of our common shares purchasable upon exercise of the warrants;
- · the date on which the right to exercise the warrants will commence and the date on which the right will expire;
- the number of common shares that may be purchased upon exercise of each warrant and the price at which and currency or currencies in which our common shares
  may be purchased upon exercise of each warrant;
- the designation and terms of any securities with which the warrants will be offered, if any, and the number of the warrants that will be offered with each security;
- · the date or dates, if any, on or after which the warrants and the related securities will be transferable separately;
- if applicable, whether the warrants will be subject to redemption or call and, if so, the terms of such redemption or call provisions;
- · material United States and Canadian tax consequences of owning the warrants; and
- any other material terms or conditions of the warrants.

Each warrant will entitle the holder to purchase common shares, as specified in the applicable prospectus supplement at the exercise price that we describe therein. Unless we otherwise specify in the applicable prospectus supplement, holders of the warrants may exercise the warrants at any time up to the specified time on the expiration date that we set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement. After the close of business on the expiration date, unexercised warrants will become void.

#### DESCRIPTION OF UNITS

We may issue units comprised of one or more of the other securities that may be offered under this prospectus, in any combination. The following information, together with the additional information we may include in any applicable prospectus supplement, summarizes the material terms and provisions of any such units that we may offer under this prospectus. While the information below will apply generally to any units that we may offer under this prospectus, we will describe the particular terms of any series of units in detail in the applicable prospectus supplement. The terms of any units offered under a prospectus supplement may differ from the general terms described below.

We will file the form of unit agreement, if any, between us and a unit agent that describes the terms and conditions of the series of units we are offering, and any supplemental agreements, concurrently with the filing of the applicable prospectus supplement under which such series of units are offered. This summary is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by reference to, all the provisions of the unit agreement, if any, and any supplemental agreements applicable to a particular series of units. We urge you to read the applicable prospectus supplements related to the particular series of units that we sell under this prospectus, as well as the complete unit agreement, if any, and any supplemental agreements that contain the terms of the units.

We may issue units comprising one or more of common shares and warrants in any combination. Each unit will be issued so that the holder of the unit is also the holder of each security included in the unit. Thus, the holder of a unit will have the rights and obligations of a holder of each included security. The unit agreement under which a unit may be issued, if any, may provide that the securities included in the unit may not be held or transferred separately, at any time or at any time before a specified date. We will describe in the applicable prospectus supplement the terms of the series of units.

The provisions described in this section, as well as those described under "Description of Share Capital" and "Description of Warrants" will apply to each unit and to any common share or warrant included in each unit, respectively.

We may issue units in such amounts and in numerous distinct series as we determine.

#### PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

#### Our Plan of Distribution

We may sell the securities offered by this prospectus to or through underwriters or dealers, and also may sell those securities to one or more other purchasers directly or through agents, including sales pursuant to ordinary brokerage transactions and transactions in which a broker-dealer solicits purchasers, or if indicated in a prospectus supplement, pursuant to delayed delivery contracts, by remarketing firms or by other means. Underwriters may sell securities to or through dealers. Each prospectus supplement will set forth the terms of the offering, including the name or names of any underwriters, dealers or agents and any fees or compensation payable to them in connection with the offering and sale of a particular series or issue of securities, the public offering price or prices of the securities and the proceeds from the sale of the securities.

The securities may be sold, from time to time in one or more transactions at a fixed price or prices which may be changed or at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, at prices related to such prevailing market prices or at negotiated prices, including sales made directly on NASDAQ or other existing trading markets for the securities. The prices at which the securities may be offered may vary as between purchasers and during the period of distribution. If, in connection with the offering of securities at a fixed price or prices, the underwriters have made a bona fide effort to sell all of the securities at the initial offering price fixed in the applicable prospectus supplement, the public offering price may be decreased and thereafter further changed, from time to time, to an amount not greater than the initial public offering price fixed in such prospectus supplement, in which case the compensation realized by the underwriters will be decreased by the amount that the aggregate price paid by purchasers for the securities is less than the gross proceeds paid by the underwriters to us.

Underwriters, dealers and agents who participate in the distribution of the securities may be entitled under agreements to be entered into with us to indemnification by us against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, or to contribution with respect to payments which such underwriters, dealers or agents may be required to make in respect thereof. Such underwriters, dealers and agents may be customers of, engage in transactions with, or perform services for us in the ordinary course of business.

In connection with any offering of securities, the underwriters may over-allot or effect transactions which stabilize or maintain the market price of the securities offered at a level above that which might otherwise prevail in the open market. Such transactions, if commenced, may be discontinued at any time. Any underwriters, dealers or agents to or through which securities other than our common shares are sold by us for public offering and sale may make a market in such securities, but such underwriters, dealers or agents will not be obligated to do so and may discontinue any such market making at any time and without notice. No assurance can be given that a market for trading in securities of any series or issue will develop or as to the liquidity of any such market, whether or not such securities are listed on a securities exchange

The place, time of delivery, and other terms of the offered securities will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

#### Selling Shareholders' Plan of Distribution

Each selling shareholder of the common shares and any of its pledgees, assignees and successors-in-interest may, from time to time, sell any or all of its common shares included in the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part on NASDAQ or any other stock exchange, market or trading facility on which the common shares are traded or in private transactions. These sales may be at fixed or negotiated prices.

A selling shareholder may use any one or more of the following methods when selling securities:

- · ordinary brokerage transactions and transactions in which the broker-dealer solicits purchases;
- block trades in which the broker-dealer will attempt to sell the securities as agent but may position and resell a portion of the block as principal to facilitate the transaction;

- purchases by a broker-dealer as principal and resale by the broker-dealer for its account;
- an exchange distribution in accordance with the rules of the applicable exchange;
- · privately negotiated transactions;
- · in transactions through broker-dealers that agree with the selling shareholders to sell a specified number of such securities at a stipulated price per security;
- · through the writing or settlement of options or other hedging transactions, whether through an options exchange or otherwise;
- · a combination of any such methods of sale; or
- any other method permitted pursuant to applicable law.

The selling shareholders may also sell our common shares under Rule 144 under the Securities Act or any other exemption from registration, if available, rather than under this prospectus.

Broker-dealers engaged by the selling shareholders may arrange for other broker-dealers to participate in sales. Broker-dealers may receive commissions or discounts from the selling shareholders (or, if any broker-dealer acts as agent for the purchaser of our common shares, from the purchaser) in amounts to be negotiated, but, except as set forth in a supplement to this prospectus, in the case of an agency transaction not in excess of a customary brokerage commission in compliance with FINRA Rule 2121.

In connection with the sale of the common shares or interests therein, the selling shareholders may enter into hedging transactions with broker-dealers or other financial institutions, which may in turn engage in short sales of the common shares in the course of hedging the positions they assume. The selling shareholders may also sell common shares short and deliver these common shares to close out their short positions, or loan or pledge the common shares to broker-dealers that in turn may sell these common shares. The selling shareholders may also enter into option or other transactions with broker-dealers or other financial institutions or create one or more derivative securities which require the delivery to such broker-dealer or other financial institution of common shares offered by this prospectus, which common shares such broker-dealer or other financial institution may resell pursuant to this prospectus (as supplemented or amended to reflect such transaction).

The selling shareholders and any broker-dealers or agents that are involved in selling the common shares may be deemed to be "underwriters" within the meaning of the Securities Act in connection with such sales. In such event, any commissions received by such broker-dealers or agents and any profit on the resale of the common shares purchased by them may be deemed to be underwriting commissions or discounts under the Securities Act.

We are required to pay certain fees and expenses incurred by us incident to the registration of the common shares. We have agreed to indemnify the selling shareholders against certain losses, claims, damages and liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act. The common shares offered hereby will be sold only through registered or licensed brokers or dealers if required under applicable state securities laws.

Under applicable rules and regulations under the Exchange Act, any person engaged in the distribution of the common shares offered hereby may not simultaneously engage in market making activities with respect to the common shares for the applicable restricted period, as defined by Regulation M, prior to the commencement of the distribution. In addition, the selling shareholders will be subject to applicable provisions of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations thereunder, including Regulation M, which may limit the timing of purchases and sales of the common shares by the selling shareholders or any other person. We will make copies of this prospectus available to the selling shareholders and have informed them of the need to deliver a copy of this prospectus to each purchaser at or prior to the time of the sale (including by compliance with Rule 172 under the Securities Act).

December 2017 Warrantholders' Plan of Distribution
This prospectus covers the offering of common shares issuable upon exercise of the December 2017 Warrants directly to the holders of the December 2017 Warrants and such holders may purchase such common shares directly from us by exercising their December 2017 Warrants in accordance with their terms.

## CERTAIN INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS

The applicable prospectus supplement may describe certain United States federal income tax consequences of the acquisition, ownership and disposition of securities offered by this prospectus by an initial investor who is subject to United States federal income taxation.

The applicable prospectus supplement may also describe certain Canadian federal income tax consequences to investors described therein of acquiring securities offered by this prospectus.

## ENFORCEMENT OF CIVIL LIABILITIES

We are incorporated under the laws of the Province of Quebec. Substantially all of our assets are located outside the United States. In addition, several of our directors and officers are nationals and/or residents of countries other than the United States, and all or a substantial portion of such persons' assets may be located outside the United States. As a result, it may be difficult for investors to effect service of process within the United States upon us or such persons or to enforce against them or against us judgments obtained in United States courts, including judgments predicated upon the civil liability provisions of the securities laws of the United States or any state thereof. In addition, investors should not assume that the courts of Canada (i) would enforce judgments of U.S. courts obtained in actions against us or our officers or directors or experts predicated upon the civil liability provisions of the U.S. federal securities laws or other laws of the United States or (ii) would enforce, in original actions, liabilities against us or such directors, officers or experts predicated upon the U.S. federal securities laws or any securities or other laws of any state or jurisdiction of the United States.

We have also been advised by Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP that there is doubt whether an action could be brought in Canada in the first instance on the basis of liability predicated solely upon U.S. federal securities laws.

We have appointed C T Corporation System as our agent to receive service of process with respect to any action brought against us in the United States.

## **EXPERTS**

The consolidated financial statements of Acasti Pharma Inc. as of March 31, 2020 and 2019 and for each of the years in the two year period ended March 31, 2020 have been incorporated by reference herein in reliance upon the report of KPMG LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, incorporated by reference herein, and upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

The audit report covering the March 31, 2020 consolidated financial statements contains an explanatory paragraph that states that Acasti Pharma Inc. has incurred operating losses and negative cash flows from operations since its inception, and additional funds will be needed in the future that raise substantial doubt about its ability to continue as a going concern. The consolidated financial statements do not include any adjustments that might result from the outcome of this uncertainty.

The audit report covering the March 31, 2020 consolidated financial statements also refers to a change in accounting framework as Acasti Pharma Inc. has retrospectively adopted U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and has changed its reporting currency from Canadian dollars to U.S. dollars.

## LEGAL MATTERS

Unless otherwise specified in a prospectus supplement relating to any offering of securities under this prospectus, certain matters under Canadian law relating to the offering of the securities under this prospectus will be passed upon for us by Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP, Montreal, Quebec, Canada; and certain legal matters under U.S. law will be passed upon for us by Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP, New York, New York. In addition, certain legal matters in connection with any offering of securities under this prospectus will be passed upon for any underwriters, dealers or agents by counsel to be designated at the time of the offering by such underwriters, dealers or agents with respect to matters of Canadian and U.S. law.

The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. We may not sell these securities until the Registration Statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted.

#### SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED JUNE 29, 2020

#### **PROSPECTUS**



#### Up to US\$75,000,000 Common Shares

We have entered into a sales agreement with B. Riley FBR, Inc., Oppenheimer & Co. Inc., and H.C. Wainwright & Co., LLC, collectively the Agents and each an Agent, relating to the sale of our common shares, no par value per common share, offered by this prospectus. In accordance with the terms of the sales agreement, we may offer and sell from time to time our common shares having an aggregate offering price of up to US\$75,000,000 through or to the Agents, each acting as sales agent or principal.

Our common shares trade on the NASDAQ Stock Market, or NASDAQ, and on the TSX Venture Exchange, or TSXV, under the symbol "ACST". On June 26, 2020, the last reported sale price for our common shares on NASDAQ was US\$0.551 per common share and on the TSXV was C\$0.76 per share.

Sales of our common shares, if any, under this prospectus may be made by any method deemed to be an "at the market offering" as defined in Rule 415 under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act.

Each Agent is not required to sell any specific number of our common shares. Each Agent has agreed to use its commercially reasonable efforts to sell on our behalf all of the common shares requested to be sold by us, consistent with its normal trading and sales practices and applicable state and federal laws, rules and regulations and the rules of NASDAQ, on mutually agreed terms between each Agent and us. There is no arrangement for funds to be received in any escrow, trust or similar arrangement.

Each Agent will be entitled to compensation under the terms of the sales agreement at a commission rate equal to 3.0% of the gross proceeds from each sale of our common shares. The net proceeds from any sales under this prospectus will be used as described under "Use of Proceeds." The proceeds we receive from sales of our common shares, if any, will depend on the number of shares actually sold and the sale price of such shares.

In connection with the sale of our common shares on our behalf, the Agents will be deemed to be underwriters within the meaning of the Securities Act, and the compensation of the Agents will be deemed to be underwriting commissions or discounts. We have agreed to provide indemnification and contribution to the Agents with respect to certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act.

Investing in our common shares involves a high degree of risk. Please consider carefully the "Risk Factors" section beginning on page 5 of this prospectus, as well as the section captioned "Item 1A – Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2020, which is incorporated by reference into this prospectus.

Neither the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, nor any U.S. state securities commission or any Canadian securities regulator has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The common shares offered by this prospectus have not been and will not be qualified for sale under the securities laws of any province or territory of Canada or to any resident of Canada and may not be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, in Canada or to or for the account of any resident of Canada. This prospectus has not been filed in respect of, and will not qualify, any distribution of these common shares in any province or territory of Canada. No common shares will be sold on the TSXV or on other trading markets in Canada as at the market distributions.

B. Riley FBR Oppenheimer & Co. H.C. Wainwright & Co.

The date of this prospectus is , 2020.

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#### ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus relates to the offering of our common shares. Before investing in our securities, please carefully read this prospectus together with the documents incorporated by reference herein, as listed under "Documents Incorporated by Reference," and the additional information described below under "Where You Can Find More Information."

You should rely only on the information contained in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with different information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. The distribution or possession of this prospectus in or from certain jurisdictions may be restricted by law. This prospectus is not an offer to sell the securities and is not soliciting an offer to buy the securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted or where the person making the offer or sale is not qualified to do so or to any person to whom it is not permitted to make such offer or sale. You should assume that the information contained in this prospectus is accurate only as of the date on the front cover of this prospectus and the information incorporated by reference into this prospectus is accurate only as of the date of the document incorporated by reference. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since that date.

We further note that the representations, warranties and covenants made by us in any agreement that is filed as an exhibit to any document that is incorporated by reference into this prospectus were made solely for the benefit of the parties to such agreement, including, in some cases, for the purpose of allocating risk among the parties to such agreement, and should not be deemed to be a representation, warranty or covenant to you. Moreover, such representations, warranties or covenants were accurate only as of the date when made. Accordingly, such representations, warranties and covenants should not be relied on as accurately representing the current state of our affairs.

Other than in the United States, no action has been taken by us or the Agents that would permit a public offering of the securities offered by this prospectus in any jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required. The common shares offered by this prospectus may not be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, nor may this prospectus or any other offering material or advertisements in connection with the offer and sale of any such securities be distributed or published in any jurisdiction, except under circumstances that will result in compliance with the applicable rules and regulations of that jurisdiction. Persons into whose possession this prospectus comes are advised to inform themselves about and to observe any restrictions relating to the offering and the distribution of this prospectus. This prospectus does not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy any securities offered by this prospectus in any jurisdiction in which such an offer or a solicitation is unlawful.

Owning common shares may subject you to tax consequences in the United States. This prospectus may not describe these tax consequences fully. You should read the tax discussion in this prospectus and consult your own tax advisor with respect to your own particular circumstances.

We own or have rights to trademarks, service marks or trade names that we use in connection with the operation of our business. In addition, our name, logo and website names and addresses are our service marks or trademarks. CaPre $\mathbb{R}$  is our registered trademark. The other trademarks, trade names and service marks appearing in this prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus are the property of their respective owners. Solely for convenience, the trademarks, service marks, tradenames and copyrights referred to in this prospectus are listed without the  $\mathbb{C}$ ,  $\mathbb{R}$  and TM symbols, but we will assert, to the fullest extent under applicable law, our rights or the rights of the applicable licensors to these trademarks, service marks and tradenames.

Unless stated otherwise or the context otherwise requires, references in this prospectus to "Acasti," the "Company," "we," "us," or "our" refer to Acasti Pharma Inc.

All references in this prospectus to "dollars" and "US\$" refer to United States dollars and references to "C\$" refer to Canadian dollars. The consolidated financial statements incorporated by reference into this prospectus are presented in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

# CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus, including the documents incorporated by reference herein, contains information that may be forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act. Forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of terms such as "may," "will," "should," "expect," "plan," "anticipate," "believe," "intend," "estimate," "predict," "potential," "continue" or other similar expressions concerning matters that are not statements about the present or historical facts. Forward-looking statements in this prospectus and in the documents incorporated by reference herein include, among other things, information or statements about:

- · our ability to conduct all required clinical and nonclinical trials for our drug candidate, CaPre, including the timing and results of those trials;
- the outcome of our ongoing dialogue with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, or FDA, regarding the unusually large placebo effect observed in the triglyceride, or TG, topline results of our TRILOGY 1 Phase 3 clinical trial and the implications for our TRILOGY 2 Phase 3 clinical trial and its outcome;
- our ability to file a New Drug Application, or NDA, based on the results of our TRILOGY Phase 3 program;
- · whether the FDA may require additional clinical development work or study to support an NDA filing for CaPre;
- · our strategy, future operations, prospects and the plans of our management;
- the regulatory plan, timeline, costs and results of our clinical and nonclinical trials for CaPre;
- the timing and outcome of our meetings and discussions with the FDA;
- · our planned regulatory filings for CaPre, and their timing;
- · our expectation that our Bridging Study (as defined below) results will support our plan to get authorization from the FDA to use the 505(b)(2) pathway with new chemical entity status towards an NDA approval in the United States;
- the potential benefits and risks of CaPre as compared to other products in the pharmaceutical, medical food, natural health and dietary supplement products markets;
- · our estimates of the size and growth rate of the potential market for CaPre, unmet medical needs in that market, the potential for future market expansion, the rate and degree of market acceptance of CaPre if it reaches commercialization, and our ability to serve that market;
- · our anticipated marketing advantages and product differentiation of CaPre and its potential to become a best-in-class omega-3, or OM3, compound for the treatment of severe hypertriglyceridemia, or sHTG;
- the potential to expand CaPre's indication for the treatment of high TGs (200-499 mg/dL), assuming at least one additional study;
- the degree to which physicians would switch their patients to a product with CaPre's target product profile based on the outcome of our TRILOGY Phase 3 trials;
- our strategy and ability to develop, commercialize and distribute CaPre in the United States and elsewhere;
- our ability to strengthen our patent portfolio and other means of protecting our intellectual property rights, including our ability to obtain additional patent protection for
- the availability and consistency of our raw materials, including raw krill oil, or RKO, from existing and future alternative suppliers;

- · our expectation that following expiration of our license agreement with Neptune Wellness Solutions Inc., we will not require any licenses from third parties to support the commercialization of CaPre;
- · our expectation to be able to rely on third parties to manufacture CaPre whose manufacturing processes and facilities are in compliance with current good manufacturing practices, or cGMP;
- the potential for CaPre in other cardiometabolic medicine indications;
- · our intention and ability to build a U.S. commercial organization, and to successfully launch CaPre and compete in the U.S. market;
- · our intention and ability to complete development and/or distribution partnerships to support the commercialization of CaPre outside of the United States, and to pursue strategic opportunities to provide supplemental capital and market access;
- the potential adverse effects that the recent COVID-19 pandemic may have on our business and operations;
- · our need for additional financing, and our estimates regarding our future financing and capital requirements;
- · our expectation regarding our financial performance, including our revenues, cost-of-goods, profitability, research and development, costs and expenses, gross margins, liquidity, capital resources, and capital expenditures; and
- · our projected capital requirements to fund our anticipated expenses, including our research and development, marketing and sales, general and administrative expenses, and capital equipment expenditures.

All forward-looking statements reflect our belief and assumptions based on information available at the time the assumption was made. The forward-looking statements in this prospectus are subject to a number of known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, including those described in this prospectus under "Risk Factors" and in the documents incorporated by reference herein, many of which are beyond our control, that could cause our actual results and developments to differ materially from those that are disclosed in or implied by the forward-looking statements, including, among others:

- · risks related to timing and possible difficulties, delays or failures in our ongoing TRILOGY Phase 3 program for CaPre;
- nonclinical and clinical trials may be more costly or take longer to complete than anticipated and may never be completed, or they may generate results that warrant future clinical trials, additional clinical development and/or delay commercialization of CaPre;
- · our TRILOGY Phase 3 trials may not achieve all or any of its primary and secondary endpoints;
- · assuming our TRILOGY 2 trial meets its primary endpoint, the results of pooling that data with our TRILOGY 1 trial results may not achieve statistical significance or, may not be supported by the FDA;
- based on the final TRILOGY 1 and TRILOGY 2 clinical trial data, the FDA may require that we conduct additional clinical work or studies to support an NDA for CaPre;
- · our anticipated studies and submissions to the FDA may not occur as currently anticipated, or at all;

- the FDA could reject our 505(b)(2) regulatory pathway and/or our NDA;
- while the REDUCE-IT results (a cardiovascular outcome study conducted by Amarin Corporation plc, or Amarin, with their OM3 drug VASCEPA) were positive, on January 13, 2020, AstraZeneca plc announced that its cardiovascular Phase 3 STRENGTH trial for its OM3 drug EPANOVA had been discontinued due to its low likelihood of demonstrating a benefit to patients with mixed dyslipidemia. The potential impacts of the discontinuance of the STRENGTH trial on our business and the OM3 drug market in general are not yet known;
- · if Amarin loses its appeal of the U.S. District Court for the District of Nevada's March 30, 2020 decision invalidating its patent on the basis of obviousness, then additional generic versions of VASCEPA could potentially enter the market within the next year and this could result in downward pressure on pricing for CaPre;
- · we may encounter difficulties, delays or failures in obtaining regulatory approvals for the initiation of clinical trials or to market CaPre, or the FDA may refuse to approve CaPre or place restrictions on our ability to commercialize and promote CaPre;
- · the FDA may require, or for competitive reasons we may need to, conduct additional future clinical trials for CaPre, the occurrence and success of which cannot be assured:
- CaPre may have unknown side effects, or may not prove to be as safe and effective or as potent as we currently believe;
- · CaPre could be subject to extensive post-market obligations and continued regulatory review, which may result in significant additional expense and affect sales, marketing and profitability;
- · we may fail to achieve our publicly announced milestones on time;
- we may encounter difficulties in completing or funding additional development or commercialization of CaPre;
- · third parties we are relying upon to conduct our TRILOGY Phase 3 program and support the data analysis and filing of an NDA for CaPre may not effectively fulfill their obligations to us, including complying with FDA requirements;
- there may be difficulties, delays, or failures in obtaining health care reimbursements for CaPre;
- · recently enacted and future laws may increase the difficulty and cost for us to obtain marketing approval and commercialization of CaPre, and may affect the prices we can charge;
- · new laws, regulatory requirements, and the continuing efforts of governmental and third-party payors to contain or reduce the costs of healthcare through various means could adversely affect our business;
- the market opportunity for, and demand and market acceptance of, CaPre may not be as strong as we anticipate;
- · third parties that we will rely upon to manufacture, supply and distribute CaPre may not effectively fulfill their obligations to us, including complying with FDA requirements;
- · there may not be an adequate supply of raw materials, including RKO, in sufficient quantities and quality to produce CaPre under cGMP standards and that meet our target specifications;
- we may not be able to meet applicable regulatory standards for the manufacture of CaPre or scale-up our manufacturing successfully;

- · as a development stage company, we currently have limited sales, marketing and distribution personnel and resources;
- our patent applications may not result in issued patents, our issued patents may be circumvented or challenged and ultimately struck down, and we may not be able to successfully protect our trade secrets or other confidential proprietary information;
- · we may not be able to build name recognition in our markets of interest if we do not protect our trademark for CaPre or any new trademark that is developed for CaPre;
- we may face claims of infringement of third party intellectual property and other proprietary rights;
- · we may face product liability claims and product recalls;
- · we may face intense competition from other companies in the pharmaceutical, medical food and natural health product industries;
- · we have a history of negative operating cash flow, and may never become profitable or be able to sustain profitability;
- we have significant additional future capital needs, and may not be able to raise additional financing required to fund further research and development, clinical studies, obtain regulatory approvals, build a commercial organization in the United States, and meet ongoing capital requirements to continue our current operations on commercially acceptable terms or at all;
- · we face additional costs related to the change in our status from a foreign private issuer to a U.S. domestic issuer;
- we may not be able to successfully compete in the U.S. market with competitors who are larger and have more resources than we do;
- · we may acquire businesses or products or form strategic partnerships in the future that may not be successful;
- · we may be unable to secure development and/or distribution partnerships to support the development and commercialization of CaPre, provide development capital, or provide market access in any key market;
- we rely on the retention of key management and skilled scientific, manufacturing, regulatory and commercial personnel; and
- · general changes in economic and capital market conditions could adversely affect us.

All of the forward-looking statements in this prospectus and in the documents incorporated by reference are qualified by this cautionary statement. There can be no guarantee that the results or developments that we anticipate will be realized or, even if substantially realized, that they will have the consequences or effects on our business, financial condition or results of operations that we anticipate. As a result, you should not place undue reliance on the forward-looking statements. Except as required by applicable law, we do not undertake to update or amend any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. All forward-looking statements are made as of the date of this prospectus. Forward-looking statements made in a document incorporated by reference into this prospectus are made as of the date of the original document and have not been updated by us except as expressly provided for in this prospectus.

## SUMMARY

This summary highlights certain information about us, this offering and selected information contained elsewhere in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus. This summary is not complete and does not contain all of the information that you should consider before deciding whether to invest in our common shares. For a more complete understanding of our company and this offering, we encourage you to read and consider carefully the more detailed information in this prospectus, including the information referred to under the heading "Risk Factors" in this prospectus beginning on page 5 and in the sections captioned "Item 1A – Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2020, which is incorporated by reference into this prospectus, the other information incorporated by reference into this prospectus and the information included in any free writing prospectus that we have authorized for use in connection with this offering.

#### **Our Company**

We are a biopharmaceutical innovator focused on the research, development and commercialization of prescription drugs using OM3 delivered both as free fatty acids and bound-to-phospholipid esters derived from krill oil. OM3 fatty acids have extensive clinical evidence of safety and efficacy in lowering TGs in patients with hypertriglyceridemia, or HTG. Our lead product candidate is CaPre, an OM3 phospholipid therapeutic, which we are developing initially for the treatment of sHTG, a condition characterized by very high or severe levels of TGs in the bloodstream (≥ 500 mg/dL). In accordance with a study published in 2009 in the Archives of Internal Medicine by Ford et al., it is estimated that three to four million people in the United States have sHTG. In primary qualitative market research studies commissioned by Acasti in August 2016 and November 2017 by DP Analytics, a division of Destum Partners, and in April 2019 by a well-respected third party provider, key opinion leaders, high volume prescribers and pharmacy benefit managers who were interviewed indicated a significant unmet medical need exists for an effective, safe and well-absorbing OM3 therapeutic that can also demonstrate a positive impact on the major blood lipids associated with cardiovascular disease risk. We believe that CaPre may address this unmet medical need, if our TRILOGY Phase 3 clinical program is successful in reproducing what we observed in our Phase 2 data.

We also believe the potential exists to expand CaPre's initial indication to the roughly 44.4 million patients in the United States with elevated TGs in the mild to moderate range (e.g., blood levels between 200 - 499 mg/dL), although at least one additional clinical trial would likely be required to support FDA approval of a supplemental NDA to expand CaPre's indication to this segment. Data from our Phase 2 studies indicated that CaPre may have a positive effect in diabetes and other inflammatory and cardiometabolic diseases; consequently, we may also seek to identify new potential indications for CaPre that may be appropriate for future studies and pipeline expansion. In addition, we may also seek to in-license other cardiometabolic or other primary care-focused drug candidates for drug development and commercialization.

In four clinical trials conducted to date, we saw the following consistent results with CaPre, and we are seeking to demonstrate similar safety and efficacy in our TRILOGY Phase 3 program:

- · significant reduction of TGs and non-high density lipoprotein cholesterol (non-HDL-C) levels in the blood of patients with mild to sHTG;
- · no deleterious effect on low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C), or "bad" cholesterol, with the potential to reduce LDL-C;
- · potential to increase high-density lipoprotein cholesterol (HDL-C), or "good" cholesterol;
- potential to benefit diabetes patients by decreasing hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c), a marker of glucose control;
- · good bioavailability (absorption by the body), even under fasting conditions;
- · no significant food effect when taken with either low-fat or high-fat meals; and
- · an overall safety profile similar to that demonstrated by currently marketed OM3s.

We believe that if we are able to reproduce these results in our TRILOGY Phase 3 program, that this could potentially set CaPre apart from current FDA-approved fish oil-derived OM3 treatment options, and it could give us a significant clinical and marketing advantage.

# **Corporate Information**

We were incorporated on February 1, 2002 under Part 1A of the Companies Act (Québec) under the name "9113-0310 Québec Inc". On August 7, 2008, pursuant to a Certificate of Amendment, we changed our name to "Acasti Pharma Inc." and on February 14, 2011, the *Business Corporations Act* (Québec) came into effect and replaced the Companies Act (Québec). We are now governed by the *Business Corporations Act* (Québec), or the QBCA.

Our principal executive offices are located at 545 Promenade du Centropolis, Suite 100, Laval, Québec, Canada H7T 0A3. Our telephone number is (450) 686-4555. Our corporate website is http://www.acastipharma.com. Information appearing on our website is not incorporated by reference into this prospectus.

## THE OFFERING

The following summary contains basic information about our common shares and the offering and is not intended to be complete. It does not contain all of the information that may be important to you. For a more complete understanding of our common shares, you should read the section entitled "Description of Share Capital" in this prospectus.

Common shares offered by us

Common shares having an aggregate offering price of up to US\$75,000,000.

Manner of offering

"At the market offering" that may be made from time to time through or to the Agents, as sales agents or principals. See "Plan of Distribution."

The common shares offered hereby have not been and will not be qualified for sale under the securities laws of any province or territory of Canada or to any resident of Canada and will not be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, in Canada or to or for the account of any resident of Canada. No common shares will be sold on the TSXV or on other trading markets in Canada as at the market distributions.

Common shares to be outstanding after this

offering

Up to 228,604,537 shares, assuming a sales price of US\$0.551 per share, which was the closing price of our common shares on NASDAQ on June 26, 2020. The actual number of shares issued will vary depending on the sales price under this

offering

Use of proceeds We intend to use the net proceeds from this offering for working capital and general corporate purposes, which includes

filing and continued regulatory support for our NDA submission, market development and commercialization of CaPre and

expansion of business development activities. See "Use of Proceeds."

Risk factors

You should read the description of risks described in "Risk Factors" beginning on page 5 of this prospectus and those

otherwise incorporated by reference into this prospectus for a discussion of material risks that prospective purchasers of

our common shares should consider.

NASDAQ and TSXV ticker symbol

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The number of common shares to be outstanding immediately after the completion of the offering is based on 92,488,385 common shares outstanding on June 26, 2020, and excludes the following:

- 9,936,486 common shares issuable upon the exercise of options issued to our directors, officers and employees, at a weighted-average exercise price of C\$1.00 per common share;
- 1,723,934 common shares issuable upon the exercise of warrants at an exercise price of C\$2.15 per common share;
- 259,121 common shares issuable upon the exercise of underwriter warrants at an exercise price of US\$1.2625 per common share;
- 7,072,962 common shares issuable upon the exercise of warrants at an exercise price of US\$1.26 per common share;

•	222,976 common shares issuable upon the exercise of underwriter warrants at an exercise price of C\$1.05 per common share; and	
•	6,593,750 common shares issuable upon the exercise of warrants at an exercise price of C\$1.31 per common share.	
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## RISK FACTORS

Investing in our common shares involves risk. Before making any investment decision, you should carefully read the risk factors set forth below, under the caption "Item 1A.— Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2020 and other documents that are incorporated by reference into this prospectus. It is not possible to predict or identify all such risks. Consequently, we could also be affected by additional factors that are not presently known to us or that we currently consider to be immaterial to us

The risks we have identified and the risks that remain unknown could materially affect our business, results of operation or financial condition and affect the value of our common shares. You could lose all or part of your investment.

## Sales of a substantial number of our common shares, or the perception that such sales might occur, could adversely affect the trading price of our common shares.

We may issue up to US\$75,000,000 of common shares from time to time in this offering. Sales of a substantial number of our common shares, or the perception that such sales might occur, could adversely affect the trading price of our common shares. We cannot predict the effect, if any, that market sales of those common shares or the availability of those common shares for sale will have on the market price of our common shares. In addition, the market price of our common shares could fall as a result of resales of any of these common shares due to an increased number of shares available for sale in the market.

# You may experience immediate dilution in the book value per share of the common shares you purchase.

Because the price per share of our common shares being offered may be substantially higher than the book value per share of our common shares, you may experience substantial dilution in the net tangible book value of the common shares you purchase in this offering. Assuming that an aggregate of 136,116,152 common shares are sold at a price of US\$0.551 per share pursuant to this prospectus, which was the last reported sale price of our common shares on NASDAQ on June 26, 2020, and based on the net tangible book value of the common shares of US\$0.123 per share as of March 31, 2020, if you purchase common shares in this offering, you will experience dilution of US\$0.181 per share in the net tangible book value of the common shares.

# It is not possible to predict the actual number of shares we will sell under the sales agreement, or the gross proceeds resulting from those sales.

Subject to certain limitations in the sales agreement and compliance with applicable law, we have the discretion to deliver a placement notice to the Agents at any time throughout the term of the sales agreement. The number of shares that are sold through the Agents after delivering a placement notice will fluctuate based on a number of factors, including the market price of our common shares during the sales period, the limits we set with the Agents in any applicable placement notice, and the demand for our common shares during the sales period. Because the price per share of each share sold will fluctuate during the sales period, it is not currently possible to predict the number of shares that will be sold or the gross proceeds to be raised in connection with those sales.

# Our common shares offered hereby may be sold in "at the market offerings," and investors who buy shares at different times will likely pay different prices.

Investors who purchase shares in this offering at different times will likely pay different prices, and so may experience different levels of dilution and different outcomes in their investment results. We will have discretion, subject to market demand, to vary the timing, prices, and numbers of shares sold in this offering. In addition, there is no minimum or maximum sales price for shares to be sold in this offering. Investors may experience a decline in the value of the shares they purchase in this offering as a result of sales made at prices lower than the prices they paid.

# There is a significant risk that we may be classified as a PFIC for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

Potential investors in our common shares who are U.S. Holders (as defined below) should be aware that, based on our most recent financial statements and projections and given uncertainty regarding the composition of our future income and assets, there is a significant risk that we may be classified as a "passive foreign investment company," or PFIC, for our current taxable year and possibly subsequent years. If we are a PFIC for any year during a U.S. Holder's holding period of the common shares acquired pursuant to this prospectus, then such U.S. taxpayer generally will be required to treat any gain realized upon a disposition of such common shares or any so-called "excess distribution" received on such common shares, as ordinary income (with a portion subject to tax at the highest rate in effect), and to pay an interest charge on a portion of such gain or excess distribution. In certain circumstances, the sum of the tax and the interest charge may exceed the total amount of proceeds realized on the disposition, or the amount of excess distribution received, by the U.S. Holder. Subject to certain limitations, a timely and effective QEF Election (as defined below) under Section 1295 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the Code, or a Mark-to-Market Election (as defined below) under Section 1296 of the Code may be made with respect to the common shares. A U.S. Holder who makes a timely and effective QEF Election generally must report on a current basis its share of our net capital gain and ordinary earnings for any year in which we are a PFIC, whether or not we distribute any amounts to our shareholders. A U.S. Holder who makes the Mark-to-Market Election generally must include as ordinary income each year the excess of the fair market value of their common shares over the holder's basis therein. This paragraph is qualified in its entirety by the discussion below under the heading "Certain U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations—U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations of the Acquisition, Owner

#### We have broad discretion to determine how to use the proceeds raised in this offering, and we may not use the proceeds effectively.

We intend to use the net proceeds from this offering for working capital and general corporate purposes, which includes filing and continued regulatory support for our NDA submission, market development and commercialization of CaPre and expansion of business development activities. Our management will have broad discretion over the use of proceeds from this offering, and we could spend the proceeds from this offering in ways with which you may not agree or that do not yield a favorable return. Accordingly, you will be relying on the judgment of our management with regard to the use of these net proceeds, and you will not have the opportunity as part of your investment decision to assess whether the proceeds are being used appropriately. Our needs may change as the business and the industry that we address evolves. It is possible that the proceeds will be invested in a way that does not yield a favorable, or any, return. The failure of our management to use such funds effectively could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, operating results and cash flow.

# USE OF PROCEEDS

The amount of net proceeds from this offering will depend upon the number of shares of our common shares sold and the market price at which they are sold after deduction of commissions or discounts and offering expenses payable by us. There can be no assurance that we will be able to sell any shares under or fully utilize the sales agreement with the Agents.

We currently anticipate using the net proceeds from the sale of our common shares offered by this prospectus, if any, for working capital and general corporate purposes, which includes filing and continued regulatory support for our NDA submission, market development and commercialization of CaPre and expansion of business development activities. We have not allocated any portion of the net proceeds for any particular use as of the date of this prospectus. The net proceeds may be invested temporarily until they are used for their stated purpose.

The occurrence of unforeseen events or changed business conditions, however, could result in the application of the net proceeds from this offering in a manner other than as described in this prospectus. As a result, our management will retain broad discretion over the use of the net proceeds from any sale of our common shares offered hereby.

## DESCRIPTION OF SHARE CAPITAL

## Overview

Our authorized capital consists of an unlimited number of no par value common shares and an unlimited number of no par value Class B, Class C, Class D and Class E preferred shares (collectively, the preferred shares), issuable in one or more series. As of March 31, 2020, there were:

- a total of 90,209,449 common shares issued and outstanding and no preferred shares issued and outstanding;
- 9,936,486 options to purchase common shares issued and outstanding, at a weighted average exercise price of C\$1.00 per common share;
- warrants issued in connection with our February 2017 public offering in Canada to purchase up to 1,723,934 common shares at an exercise price of C\$2.15 per common shares.
- broker warrants issued in connection with our December 2017 public offering in the United States to purchase up to 259,121 common shares at an exercise price of US\$1.2625 per common share;
- warrants issued in connection with our December 2017 public offering in the United States to purchase up to 7,072,962 common shares at an exercise price of US\$1.26 per common share:
- warrants issued in connection with our May 2018 public offering in Canada to purchase up to 6,593,750 common shares at an exercise price of C\$1.31 per common share;
- broker warrants issued in connection with our May 2018 public offering in Canada to purchase up to 222,976 common shares at an exercise price of C\$1.05 per common share.

In February 2019, we entered into an "at-the-market", or ATM, sales agreement with B. Riley FBR, Inc., pursuant to which our common shares may be sold from time to time for aggregate gross proceeds of up to US\$30 million, with sales only being made on NASDAQ. On June 29, 2020 we amended and restated the ATM sales agreement with B. Riley FBR, Inc, Oppenheimer & Co. Inc., and H.C. Wainwright & Co., LLC, pursuant to which our common shares may be sold from time to time for aggregate gross proceeds of up to US\$75 million, with sales only being made on NASDAQ. The common shares will be distributed at market prices prevailing at the time of the sale and, as a result, prices may vary between purchasers and during the period of distribution.

Subsequent to March 31, 2020 and through the date of this prospectus, we issued and sold 2,278,936 common shares under our ATM program resulting in net cash proceeds of approximately US\$1.8 million.

The following is a brief description of the rights, privileges, conditions and restrictions attaching to the common shares and preferred shares.

#### Common Shares

# Voting Rights

Each common share entitles its holder to receive notice of, and to attend and vote at, all annual or special meetings of our shareholders. Each common share entitles its holder to one vote at any meeting of our shareholders, other than meetings at which only the holders of a particular class or series of shares are entitled to vote due to statutory provisions or the specific attributes of that class or series.

## **Dividends**

Subject to the prior rights of the holders of preferred shares ranking before the common shares as to dividends, the holders of common shares are entitled to receive dividends as declared by the board of directors out of funds that are available for the payment of dividends.

# Winding-up and Dissolution

In the event of our voluntary or involuntary winding-up or dissolution, or any other distribution of our assets among our shareholders for the purposes of winding up our affairs, the holders of common shares will be entitled to receive, after payment by us to the holders of preferred shares ranking prior to common shares regarding the distribution of our assets in the case of winding-up or dissolution, share for share, the remainder of our property, with neither preference nor distinction. The order of priority applicable to all classes of our shares with respect to the redemption, liquidation, dissolution or distribution of property is as follows: first, the Class E non-voting shares; second, the Class D non-voting shares; third, the Class B multiple voting shares and Class C non-voting shares, *pari passu*; and fourth, the common shares. Notwithstanding the order of priority, shareholders of a class of shares may renounce the order of priority by unanimous approval by all shareholders of that class of shares.

#### Dividend Policy

We do not anticipate paying any cash dividends on our common shares in the foreseeable future. We presently intend to retain future earnings to finance the development and growth of our business. Any future determination to pay dividends will be at the discretion of our board of directors and will depend on our financial condition, results of operations, capital requirements and other factors the board of directors deems relevant. In addition, the terms of any future debt or credit facility may preclude us from paying dividends. Any remittances of dividends to United States residents and to other non-Canadian residents are, however, subject to withholding tax.

## **Preferred Shares**

#### Class B Multiple Voting Shares

Each Class B multiple voting share entitles the holder thereof to 10 votes per share at all of our shareholder meetings.

Dividends. Holders of Class B multiple voting shares are entitled to receive, as and when such dividends are declared, an annual non-cumulative dividend of 5% on the amount paid for the shares, payable at the time and in the manner which the board of directors may determine and subject to the order of priority.

Participation. Subject to the provisions of subsection 5.2.2 of our articles of incorporation, or Articles, holders of Class B multiple voting shares do not have the right to participate in our profits or surplus assets.

Conversion. Holders of Class B multiple voting shares have the right, at their entire discretion, to convert part or all of the Class B multiple voting shares they hold into common shares on the basis of 1 common share for each Class B multiple voting share converted.

Redemption. Subject to the provisions of the QBCA and the order of priority, holders of Class B multiple voting shares have the right to demand from us, upon 30 days' written notice, that we redeem the Class B multiple voting shares at a price equivalent to the amount paid for such shares plus the redemption premium, as defined in subsection 5.2.4.1 of the Articles, and any and all declared but yet unpaid dividends on same.

*Liquidation*. In the event of our dissolution or liquidation or any other distribution of our property, the Class B voting shareholders will have the right to be reimbursed for the amount paid for their Class B multiple voting shares plus the redemption premium, as defined in subsection 5.2.4.1 of our Articles, as well as the amount of any and all declared but yet unpaid dividends on their shares, subject to the order of priority.

## Class C Non-Voting Shares

Subject to the provisions of the QBCA, holders of Class C non-voting shares are neither entitled to vote at any meeting of our shareholders, receive a notice of any such meeting, nor attend any such meeting.

Dividends. Holders of Class C non-voting shares are entitled to receive, as and when such dividends are declared, an annual non-cumulative dividend of 5% on the amount paid for the shares, plus a redemption premium as defined in subsection 5.3.6.1 of our Articles, payable at the time and in the manner which the board of directors may determine and subject to the order of priority.

Participation. Subject to the provisions of subsection 5.3.2 of our Articles, holders of Class C non-voting shares do not have the right to participate in our profits or surplus assets.

Conversion. Holders of Class C non-voting shares have the right, at their entire discretion, to convert part or all of the Class C non-voting shares they hold into common shares on the basis of 1 common share for each Class C non-voting share converted.

Forced Conversion. All of our Class C non-voting shares will automatically be converted into common shares upon the request of an unrelated third-party investor investing more than C\$500,000, or any other amount to be determined by the board of directors and requesting as a condition to the investment that the Class C non-voting shares be converted into common shares on the basis of 1 common share for each Class C non-voting share converted.

Redemption. Subject to the provisions of the QBCA and the order of priority, holders of Class C non-voting shares have the right to demand, upon 30 days' written notice, that we redeem their Class C non-voting shares at a price equivalent to the amount paid for the shares plus the redemption premium, as defined in subsection 5.3.6.1 of our Articles, and any and all declared but yet unpaid dividends on the shares.

Liquidation. In the event of our dissolution or liquidation or any other distribution of our property, Class C non-voting shareholders will have the right to be reimbursed for the amount paid for their Class C non-voting shares plus the redemption premium, as defined in subsection 5.3.6.1 of our Articles, as well as the amount of any and all declared but yet unpaid dividends on their shares, subject to the order of priority.

#### Class D Non-Voting Shares

Subject to the provisions of the QBCA, holders of Class D non-voting shares are neither entitled to vote at any meeting of the shareholders, receive a notice of any such meeting, nor attend any such meeting.

Dividends. Holders of Class D non-voting shares are entitled to receive, as and when such dividends are declared, a monthly non-cumulative dividend of 0.5% to 2% on the amount paid for the shares, plus a redemption premium as defined in subsection 5.4.6.1 of our Articles, payable at the time and in the manner which the board of directors may determine and subject to the order of priority.

Participation. Subject to the provisions of subsection 5.4.2 of our Articles, holders of Class D non-voting shares do not have the right to participate in our profits or surplus assets

Conversion. Holders of Class D non-voting shares have the right, at their discretion, to convert part or all of their Class D non-voting shares into common shares on the basis of a number of common shares equal to the number of Class D non-voting shares converted multiplied by a conversion ratio, calculated as follows:

Conversion Ratio =

The product obtained by multiplying a factor to be agreed at the time of the issuance of the Class D non-voting shares by the average amount paid per share for the Class D non-voting shares plus the redemption premium per share, as defined in subsection 5.4.6.1 of our Articles as well as the amount of any and all declared but yet paid dividends on the shares

Fair market value of the common shares at the date of any conversion of Class D non-voting shares into common shares

Forced Conversion. All of our Class D non-voting shares automatically convert into common shares upon the request of an unrelated third party investor, investing more than C\$500,000, or any other amount to be determined by the board of directors, and requesting as a condition to the investment that the Class D non-voting shares be converted into common shares on the basis of a number of common shares equal to the number of Class D non-voting shares converted multiplied by the conversion ratio, calculated as follows:

Conversion Ratio =

The product obtained by multiplying a factor to be agreed at the time of the issuance of the Class D non-voting shares by the average amount paid per share for the Class D non-voting shares plus the redemption premium per share, as defined in subsection 5.4.6.1 of our Articles as well as the amount of any and all declared but yet paid dividends on the shares

Fair market value of the common shares at the date of any conversion of Class D non-voting shares into common shares

Redemption. Subject to the provisions of the QBCA and the order of priority, holders of Class D non-voting shares have the right to demand, upon 30 days' written notice, that we redeem their Class D non-voting shares at a price equivalent to the amount paid for the shares plus the redemption premium, as defined in subsection 5.4.6.1 of our Articles, and any and all declared but yet unpaid dividends on the shares.

*Liquidation*. In the event of our dissolution or liquidation or any other distribution of our property, the Class D non-voting shareholders will have the right to be reimbursed for the amount paid for their Class D non-voting shares plus the redemption premium, as defined in subsection 5.4.6.1 of our Articles as well as the amount of any and all declared but yet unpaid dividends on their shares, subject to the order of priority.

#### Class E Non-Voting Shares

Subject to the provisions of the QBCA, holders of Class E non-voting shares are neither entitled to vote at any meeting of the shareholders, receive a notice of any such meeting, nor attend any such meeting.

Dividends. Holders of Class E non-voting shares are entitled to receive, as and when such dividends are declared, a monthly non-cumulative dividend of 0.5% to 2% on the amount paid for the shares, payable at the time and in the manner which the board of directors may determine and subject to the order of priority.

Participation. Subject to the provisions of subsection 5.5.2 of our Articles, holders of Class E non-voting shares do not have the right to participate in our profits.

Conversion. Holders of Class E non-voting shares have the right, at their discretion, to convert part or all of their Class E non-voting shares into common shares on the basis of a number of common shares equal to the number of Class E non-voting shares converted multiplied by the conversion ratio, calculated as follows:

Conversion Ratio =

The product obtained by multiplying a factor to be agreed at the time of the issuance of the Class E non-voting shares by the average amount paid per share for the Class E non-voting shares plus the amount of any and all declared but yet paid dividends on the shares

Fair market value of the common shares at the date of any conversion of Class E non-voting shares into common shares

Redemption. Subject to the provisions of the QBCA and the order of priority, we have the right, upon 30 days' written notice, to redeem the Class E non-voting shares at a price equivalent to the amount paid for the shares and any and all declared but yet unpaid dividends on the shares.

Liquidation. In the event of our dissolution or liquidation or any other distribution of our property, the Class E non-voting shareholders will have the right to be reimbursed for the amount paid for their Class E non-voting shares as well as the amount of any and all declared but yet unpaid dividends on the shares, subject to the order of priority.

## DILUTION

If you invest in our common shares, your interest will be diluted immediately to the extent of the difference between the public offering price per common share and the adjusted net tangible book value per common share after this offering.

The net tangible book value of our common shares as of March 31, 2020 was approximately US\$11.1 million, or approximately US\$0.123 per common share. Net tangible book value per common share represents the amount of our total assets, excluding intangible assets, less total liabilities, excluding derivative warrant liabilities, divided by the total number of our common shares outstanding. Dilution per common share to new investors represents the difference between the amount per share paid by purchasers for each common share in this offering and the net tangible book value per common share immediately following the completion of this offering.

After giving effect to the sale of our common shares pursuant to this prospectus in the aggregate amount of US\$75,000,000 at an assumed price of US\$0.551 per common share, which was the last reported sale price of our common shares on NASDAQ on June 26, 2020, and after deducting commissions (estimated at 3.0% of the gross proceeds from each sale of our common shares) and estimated offering expenses payable by us (estimated at US\$140,000), our as-adjusted net tangible book value as of March 31, 2020 would have been approximately US\$83.8 million, or approximately US\$0.37 per common share. This represents an immediate increase in net tangible book value of approximately US\$0.247 per common share to our existing shareholders and an immediate dilution in as-adjusted net tangible book value of approximately US\$0.181 per common share to purchasers of our common shares in this offering, as illustrated by the following table:

Assumed price per common share

Net tangible book value per share as of March 31, 2020

Increase per common share attributable to this offering

As-adjusted net tangible book value per share after giving effect to this offering

Dilution per common share to new investors

US\$ 0.123

US\$ 0.247

US\$ 0.370

US\$ 0.181

Our common shares sold in this offering, if any, will be sold from time to time at various prices. The as adjusted information is illustrative only and will adjust based on the actual price to the public, the actual number of shares sold and other terms of the offering determined at the time our common shares are sold pursuant to this prospectus.

Except as otherwise indicated herein, the foregoing discussion and table are calculated based on 90,209,449 common shares that were outstanding on March 31, 2020 and exclude the following:

- 9,936,486 options to purchase common shares issued and outstanding, at a weighted average exercise price of C\$1.00 per common share;
- · 1,723,934 common shares issuable upon the exercise of warrants at an exercise price of C\$2.15 per common share;
- · 259,121 common shares issuable upon the exercise of underwriter warrants at an exercise price of US\$1.2625 per common share;
- · 7,072,962 common shares issuable upon the exercise of warrants at an exercise price of US\$1.26 per common share;
- · 222,976 common shares issuable upon the exercise of underwriter warrants at an exercise price of C\$1.05 per common share; and
- · 6,593,750 common shares issuable upon the exercise of warrants at an exercise price of C\$1.31 per common share.

Subsequent to March 31, 2020 and through the date of this prospectus, we issued and sold 2,278,936 common shares under this ATM program resulting in net cash proceeds of approximately US\$1.8 million.

To the extent that any options or warrants are exercised, new options are issued under our equity incentive plans or we otherwise issue additional common shares in the future, there will be further dilution to new investors.

## PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We entered into a sales agreement with B. Riley FBR, Inc., Oppenheimer & Co. Inc., and H.C. Wainwright & Co., LLC, as Agents, on June 29, 2020, under which we may offer and sell our common shares having an aggregate offering price of up to US\$75,000,000 from time to time through or to the Agents, as sales agents or principals. Sales of our common shares, if any, under this prospectus may be made in transactions that are deemed to be "at the market offerings" as defined in Rule 415 under the Securities Act.

Each time we wish to issue and sell our common shares under the sales agreement, we will notify an Agent of the number or dollar value of shares to be issued, the dates on which such sales are anticipated to be made, any minimum price below which sales may not be made and other sales parameters as we deem appropriate. Once we have so instructed the Agent, unless the Agent declines to accept the terms of the notice, the Agent has agreed to use its commercially reasonable efforts consistent with its normal trading and sales practices to sell such shares up to the amount specified on such terms. The obligations of the Agents under the sales agreement to sell our common shares are subject to a number of conditions that we must meet.

We will pay each Agent, as applicable, commissions for its services in acting as agent in the sale of our common shares at a commission rate equal to 3.0% of the gross proceeds from each sale of our common shares.

We have also agreed to reimburse the Agents for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses, including attorney's fees, in an amount not to exceed US\$50,000. We estimate that the total expenses for the offering, excluding compensation payable to the Agents under the sales agreement, will be approximately US\$140,000.

Settlement for sales of our common shares will occur on the second business day following the date on which any sales are made, or on some other date that is agreed upon by us and the Agents in connection with a particular transaction, in return for payment of the net proceeds to us. There is no arrangement for funds to be received in an escrow, trust or similar arrangement.

In connection with the sale of our common shares on our behalf, the Agents will be deemed to be underwriters within the meaning of the Securities Act, and the compensation of the Agents will be deemed to be underwriting commissions or discounts. We have agreed to provide indemnification and contribution to the Agents against certain civil liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act.

The offering pursuant to the sales agreement will terminate upon the earlier of (1) the issuance and sale of all of our common shares subject to the sales agreement; and (2) the termination of the sales agreement as permitted therein.

Each Agent and its affiliates may in the future provide various investment banking and other financial services for us and our affiliates, for which services it may in the future receive customary fees.

To the extent required by Regulation M, the Agents will not engage in any market making activities involving our common shares while the offering is ongoing under this prospectus. This summary of the material provisions of the sales agreement does not purport to be a complete statement of its terms and conditions. A copy of the sales agreement is filed as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the common shares offered by this prospectus have not been and will not be qualified for sale under the securities laws of any province or territory of Canada or to any resident of Canada and may not be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, in Canada or to or for the account of any resident of Canada. This prospectus has not been filed in respect of, and will not qualify, any distribution of these securities in any province or territory of Canada. No common shares will be sold on the TSXV or on other trading markets in Canada as at the market distributions.

## MATERIAL UNITED STATES FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS

The following is a summary of certain U.S. federal income tax considerations arising from and relating to the acquisition, ownership, and disposition of our common shares by a U.S. Holder (as defined below) who acquires such common shares pursuant to this prospectus. This discussion does not address the tax consequences to a subsequent purchaser of our common shares. This summary provides only general information and does not purport to be a complete analysis or listing of all potential U.S. federal income tax consequences that may apply to a U.S. Holder as a result of the acquisition, ownership, and disposition of our common shares. In addition, this summary does not take into account the individual facts and circumstances of any particular U.S. Holder that may affect the U.S. federal income tax consequences applicable to that U.S. Holder. Accordingly, this summary is not intended to be, and should not be construed as, legal or U.S. federal income tax advice with respect to any U.S. Holder. Each U.S. Holder should consult its own tax advisor regarding the U.S. federal, state and local, and non-U.S. tax consequences arising from or relating to the acquisition, ownership, and disposition of our common shares.

No legal opinion from U.S. legal counsel or ruling from the Internal Revenue Service, or IRS, has been requested, or will be obtained, regarding the U.S. federal income tax consequences to U.S. Holders of the acquisition, ownership, and disposition of our common shares. This summary is not binding on the IRS, and the IRS is not precluded from taking a position that is different from, and contrary to, the positions taken in this summary. In addition, because the authorities on which this summary is based are subject to various interpretations, the IRS and the U.S. courts could disagree with one or more of the positions taken in this summary.

## Scope of this Disclosure

# Authorities

This summary is based on the Code, U.S. Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder (whether final, temporary or proposed), published IRS rulings, judicial decisions, published administrative positions of the IRS, and the Convention between Canada and the United States of America with Respect to Taxes on Income and on Capital, signed September 26, 1980, as amended (the Canada-U.S. Tax Treaty), in each case, as in effect as of the date of this prospectus. Any of the authorities on which this summary is based could be changed in a material and adverse manner at any time, and any such change could be applied on a retroactive basis. Unless otherwise discussed, this summary does not discuss the potential effects, whether adverse or beneficial, of any proposed legislation.

## U.S. Holders

For purposes of this summary, a "U.S. Holder" is a beneficial owner of common shares that, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, is (a) an individual who is a citizen or resident of the United States, (b) a corporation, or other entity classified as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, that is created or organized in or under the laws of the United States, any state in the United States or the District of Columbia, (c) an estate if the income of such estate is subject to U.S. federal income tax regardless of the source of such income, or (d) a trust if (i) such trust has validly elected to be treated as a U.S. person for U.S. federal income tax purposes or (ii) a U.S. court is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of such trust and one or more U.S. persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of such trust.

# U.S. Holders Subject to Special U.S. Federal Income Tax Rules Not Addressed

This summary does not address the U.S. federal income tax consequences applicable to U.S. Holders that are subject to special provisions under the Code, including, but not limited to, the following U.S. Holders: (a) U.S. Holders that are tax-exempt organizations, qualified retirement plans, individual retirement accounts, or other tax deferred accounts; (b) U.S. Holders that are financial institutions, insurance companies, real estate investment trusts, or regulated investment companies; (c) U.S. Holders that are dealers in securities or currencies or U.S. Holders that are traders in securities that elect to apply a mark-to-market accounting method; (d) U.S. Holders that have a "functional currency" other than the U.S. dollar; (e) U.S. Holders subject to the alternative minimum tax provisions of the Code; (f) U.S. Holders that own common shares as part of a straddle, hedging transaction, conversion transaction, integrated transaction, constructive sale, or other arrangement involving more than one position; (g) U.S. Holders that acquired common shares through the exercise of employee stock options or otherwise as compensation for services; (h) U.S. Holders that hold common shares other than as a capital asset within the meaning of Section 1221 of the Code; (i) U.S. Holders that beneficially own (directly, indirectly or by attribution) 10% or more of our equity securities (by vote or value); and (j) U.S. expatriates. U.S. Holders that are subject to special provisions under the Code, including U.S. Holders described above, should consult their own tax advisor regarding the U.S. federal, U.S. federal alternative minimum, U.S. federal estate and gift, U.S. state and local, and non-U.S. tax consequences arising from and relating to the acquisition, ownership, and disposition of the common shares.

If an entity or arrangement that is classified as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes holds common shares, the U.S. federal income tax consequences to that partnership and the partners of that partnership generally will depend on the activities of the partnership and the status of the partners. Partners of entities that are classified as partnerships for U.S. federal income tax purposes should consult their own tax advisors regarding the U.S. federal income tax consequences arising from and relating to the acquisition, ownership and disposition of the common shares.

# Tax Consequences Other than U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences Not Addressed

This summary does not address the U.S. estate and gift, alternative minimum, state, local or non-U.S. tax consequences to U.S. Holders of the acquisition, ownership, and disposition of our common shares. Each U.S. Holder should consult its own tax advisor regarding the U.S. estate and gift, alternative minimum, state, local and non-U.S. tax consequences arising from and relating to the acquisition, ownership, and disposition of our common shares.

# U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations of the Acquisition, Ownership, and Disposition of Common Shares

## Distributions on Common Shares

Subject to the discussion under "—Passive Foreign Investment Company Rules" below, a U.S. Holder that receives a distribution, including a constructive distribution or a taxable stock distribution, with respect to the common shares generally will be required to include the amount of that distribution in gross income as a dividend (without reduction for any Canadian income tax withheld from such distribution) to the extent of our current or accumulated "earnings and profits" (as computed for U.S. federal income tax purposes). To the extent that a distribution exceeds our current and accumulated "earnings and profits", the excess amount will be treated (a) first, as a tax-free return of capital to the extent of a U.S. Holder's adjusted tax basis in the common shares with respect to which the distribution is made (resulting in a corresponding reduction in the tax basis of those common shares) and, (b) thereafter, as gain from the sale or exchange of those common shares (see the more detailed discussion at "—Disposition of Common Shares" below). We do not intend to calculate our current or accumulated earnings and profits for U.S. federal income tax purposes and, therefore, will not be able to provide U.S. Holders with that information. U.S. Holders should therefore assume that any distribution by us with respect to our common shares will constitute a dividend. However, U.S. Holders should consult their own tax advisors regarding whether distributions from us should be treated as dividends for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Dividends paid on our common shares generally will not be eligible for the "dividends received deduction" allowed to corporations under the Code with respect to dividends received from U.S. corporations.

A dividend paid by us generally will be taxed at the preferential tax rates applicable to long-term capital gains if, among other requirements, (a) we are a "qualified foreign corporation" (as defined below), (b) the U.S. Holder receiving the dividend is an individual, estate, or trust, and (c) the dividend is paid on common shares that have been held by the U.S. Holder for at least 61 days during the 121-day period beginning 60 days before the "ex-dividend date" (i.e., the first date that a purchaser of the common shares will not be entitled to receive the dividend).

For purposes of the rules described in the preceding paragraph, we generally will be a "qualified foreign corporation", or a QFC, if (a) we are eligible for the benefits of the Canada-U.S. Tax Treaty, or (b) our common shares are readily tradable on an established securities market in the United States, within the meaning provided in the Code. However, even if we satisfy one or more of the requirements, we will not be treated as a QFC if we are classified as a PFIC (as discussed below) for the taxable year during which we pay the applicable dividend or for the preceding taxable year. The dividend rules are complex, and each U.S. Holder should consult its own tax advisor regarding the application of those rules to them in their particular circumstances. Even if we satisfy one or more of the requirements, as noted below, there can be no assurance that we will not be a PFIC in the current taxable year, or become a PFIC in the future. Thus, there can be no assurance that we will qualify as a QFC.

## Disposition of Common Shares

Subject to the discussion under "—Passive Foreign Investment Company Rules" below, a U.S. Holder will recognize gain or loss on the sale or other taxable disposition of common shares (that is treated as a sale or exchange for U.S. federal income tax purposes) equal to the difference, if any, between (a) the U.S. dollar value of the amount realized on the date of the sale or disposition and (b) the U.S. Holder's adjusted tax basis (determined in U.S. dollars) in the common shares sold or otherwise disposed of. Any such gain or loss generally will be capital gain or loss, which will be long-term capital gain or loss if the common shares are held for more than one year. A U.S. Holder's initial tax basis in the common shares generally will equal the U.S. dollar cost of such common shares. Each U.S. Holder should consult its own tax advisor as to the tax treatment of dispositions of common shares in exchange for Canadian dollars.

Preferential tax rates apply to long-term capital gains of a U.S. Holder that is an individual, estate, or trust. There are currently no preferential tax rates for long-term capital gains of a U.S. Holder that is a corporation. Deductions for capital losses are subject to complex limitations.

#### Passive Foreign Investment Company Rules

If we are or become a PFIC, the preceding sections of this summary may not describe the U.S. federal income tax consequences to U.S. Holders of the acquisition, ownership, and disposition of our common shares.

#### Passive Foreign Investment Company Status.

Special, generally unfavorable, rules apply to the ownership and disposition of the stock of a PFIC. For U.S. federal income tax purposes, a non-U.S. corporation is classified as a PFIC if:

- · at least 75% of its gross income for the taxable year is "passive" income (referred to as the "income test"); or
- at least 50% of the average value of its assets held during the taxable year is attributable to assets that produce passive income or are held for the production of passive income (referred to as the "asset test").

Passive income generally includes the following types of income:

- · dividends, royalties, rents, annuities, interest, and income equivalent to interest; and
- · net gains from the sale or exchange of property that gives rise to dividends, interest, royalties, rents, or annuities and certain gains from the commodities transactions.

In determining whether we are a PFIC, we will be required to take into account a pro rata portion of the income and assets of each corporation in which we own, directly or indirectly, at least 25% by value.

As described above, PFIC status of a non-U.S. corporation depends on the relative values of certain categories of assets and the relative amount of certain kinds of income for a taxable year. Therefore, our status as a PFIC for any given taxable year depends upon the financial results for such year and upon relative valuations, which are subject to change and beyond our ability to predict or control. Based on our most recent financial statements and projections and given uncertainty regarding the composition of our future income and assets, there is a significant risk that we may be classified as a PFIC for our current taxable year and possibly subsequent years. However, PFIC status is fundamentally factual in nature, depends on the application of complex U.S. federal income tax rules (which are subject to differing interpretations), generally cannot be determined until the close of the taxable year in question and is determined annually. Accordingly, there can be no assurance that we will not be a PFIC in our current taxable year or subsequent years. The PFIC rules are complex, and each U.S. Holder should consult its tax advisor regarding the application of the PFIC rules to us.

## Default PFIC Rules Under Section 1291 of the Code.

Generally, if we are or have been treated as a PFIC for any taxable year during a U.S. Holder's holding period of common shares, subject to the special rules described below applicable to a U.S. Holder who makes a Mark-to-Market Election or a QEF Election (each as defined below), any "excess distribution" with respect to the common shares would be allocated ratably over the U.S. Holder's holding period. The amounts allocated to the taxable year of the excess distribution and to any year before we became a PFIC would be taxed as ordinary income. The amount allocated to each other taxable year would be subject to tax at the highest rate in effect for individuals or corporations in that taxable year, as appropriate, and an interest charge would be imposed on the amount allocated to that taxable year. Distributions made in respect of common shares during a taxable year will be excess distributions to the extent they exceed 125% of the average of the annual distributions on common shares received by the U.S. Holder during the preceding three taxable years or the U.S. Holder's holding period, whichever is shorter. In addition, dividends generally will not be qualified dividend income if we are a PFIC in the taxable year of payment or the preceding year.

Generally, if we are treated as a PFIC for any taxable year during which a U.S. Holder owns common shares, any gain on the disposition of the common shares would be treated as an excess distribution and would be allocated ratably over the U.S. Holder's holding period and subject to taxation in the same manner as described in the preceding paragraph, and would not be eligible for the preferential long-term capital gains rate.

Certain elections (including the Mark-to-Market Election and the QEF Election, as defined and discussed below) may sometimes be used to mitigate the adverse impact of the PFIC rules on U.S. Holders, but these elections may accelerate the recognition of taxable income and have other adverse results.

Each current or prospective U.S. Holder should consult its own tax advisor regarding potential status of us as a PFIC, the possible effect of the PFIC rules to such holder in their particular circumstances, information reporting required if we were treated as a PFIC and the availability of any election that may be available to the holder to mitigate adverse U.S. federal income tax consequences of holding shares in a PFIC.

# OEF Election.

A U.S. Holder of common shares in a PFIC generally would not be subject to the PFIC rules discussed above if the U.S. Holder had made a timely and effective election (a "QEF Election") to treat us as a "qualified electing fund" (a "QEF"). Instead, such U.S. Holder would be subject to U.S. federal income tax on its *pro rata* share of our (i) net capital gain, which would be taxed as long-term capital gain to such U.S. Holder, and (ii) ordinary earnings, which would be taxed as ordinary income to such U.S. Holder, in each case regardless of whether such amounts are actually distributed to such U.S. Holder. However, a U.S. Holder that makes a QEF Election may, subject to certain limitations, elect to defer payment of current U.S. federal income tax on such amounts, subject to an interest charge. If such U.S. Holder is not a corporation, any such interest paid will be treated as "personal interest," which is not deductible.

A U.S. Holder that makes a timely and effective QEF Election generally (a) may receive a tax-free distribution from us to the extent that such distribution represents our "earnings and profits" that were previously included in income by such U.S. Holder because of such QEF Election and (b) will adjust such U.S. Holder's tax basis in the common shares to reflect the amount included in income or allowed as a tax-free distribution because of such QEF Election. In addition, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, a U.S. Holder that makes a timely QEF Election generally will recognize capital gain or loss on the sale or other taxable disposition of the common shares.

A QEF Election will be treated as "timely" if such QEF Election is made for the first taxable year in the U.S. Holder's holding period for the common shares in which we are a PFIC. A U.S. Holder may make a timely QEF Election by filing the appropriate QEF Election documents at the time such U.S. Holder files a U.S. federal income tax return for such first year. If a U.S. Holder makes a QEF Election after the first taxable year in the U.S. Holder's holding period for the common shares in which we are a PFIC, then, in addition to filing the QEF Election documents, a U.S. Holder may elect to recognize gain (which will be taxed under the rules discussed under "—Default PFIC Rules Under Section 1291 of the Code") as if the common shares were sold on the qualification date. The "qualification date" is the first day of the first taxable year in which we are a QEF with respect to such U.S. Holder. The election to recognize such gain can only be made if such U.S. Holder's holding period for the common shares includes the qualification date. By electing to recognize such gain, such U.S. Holder will be deemed to have made a timely QEF Election. In addition, under very limited circumstances, it is possible that a U.S. Holder might make a retroactive QEF Election if such U.S. Holder failed to file the QEF Election documents in a timely manner. If a U.S. Holder fails to make a QEF Election for the first taxable year in the U.S. Holder's holding period for the common shares in which we are a PFIC and does not elect to recognize gain as if the common shares were sold on the qualification date, such holder will not be treated as having made a "timely" QEF Election and will continue to be subject to the special adverse taxation rules discussed above under "—Default PFIC Rules Under Section 1291 of the Code".

A QEF Election will apply to the taxable year for which such QEF Election is made and to all subsequent taxable years, unless such QEF Election is invalidated or terminated or the IRS consents to revocation of such QEF Election. If a U.S. Holder makes a QEF Election and, in a subsequent taxable year, we cease to be a PFIC, the QEF Election will remain in effect (although it will not be applicable) during those taxable years in which we are not a PFIC. Accordingly, if we become a PFIC in another subsequent taxable year, the QEF Election will be effective and the U.S. Holder will be subject to the rules described above during any such subsequent taxable year in which we qualify as a PFIC.

A U.S. Holder cannot make and maintain a valid QEF Election unless we provide certain U.S. tax information necessary to make such an election. On an annual basis, we intend to use commercially reasonable efforts to make available to U.S. Holders that acquire common shares pursuant to this prospectus, upon their written request (a) timely information as to our status as a PFIC, and (b) for each year in which we are a PFIC, information and documentation that a U.S. Holder making a QEF Election with respect to us is required to obtain for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Each U.S. Holder should consult its own tax advisor regarding the availability of, and procedure for making, a QEF Election with respect to us.

# Mark-to-Market Election.

A U.S. Holder of common shares in a PFIC would not be subject to the PFIC rules discussed above under "—Default PFIC Rules Under Section 1291 of the Code" if the U.S. Holder had made a timely and effective election to mark the PFIC common shares to market (a "Mark-to-Market Election").

A U.S. Holder may make a Mark-to-Market Election with respect to the common shares only if such shares are marketable stock. Such shares generally will be "marketable stock" if they are regularly traded on a "qualified exchange," which is defined as (a) a national securities exchange that is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission, (b) the national market system established pursuant to section 11A of the Exchange Act or (c) a non-U.S. securities exchange that is regulated or supervised by a governmental authority of the country in which the market is located, provided that (i) such non-U.S. exchange has trading volume, listing, financial disclosure, surveillance, and other requirements, and the laws of the country in which such non-U.S. exchange is located, together with the rules of such non-U.S. exchange, ensure that such requirements are actually enforced and (ii) the rules of such non-U.S. exchange ensure active trading of listed stocks. Our common shares will generally be treated as "regularly traded" in any calendar year in which more than a *de minimis* quantity of common shares is traded on a qualified exchange for at least 15 days during each calendar quarter. Each U.S. Holder should consult its own tax advisor with respect to the availability of a Mark-to-Market Election with respect to the common shares.

In general, a U.S. Holder that makes a timely Mark-to-Market Election with respect to the common shares will include in ordinary income, for each taxable year in which we are a PFIC, an amount equal to the excess, if any, of (a) the fair market value of the common shares as of the close of such taxable year over (b) such U.S. Holder's tax basis in such shares. A U.S. Holder that makes a Mark-to-Market Election will be allowed a deduction in an amount equal to the lesser of (a) the excess, if any, of (i) such U.S. Holder's adjusted tax basis in the common shares over (ii) the fair market value of such shares as of the close of such taxable year or (b) the excess, if any, of (i) the amount included in ordinary income because of such Mark-to-Market Election for prior taxable years over (ii) the amount allowed as a deduction because of such Mark-to-Market Election for prior taxable years. If a U.S. Holder makes a Mark-to-Market Election after the first taxable year in which we are a PFIC and such U.S. Holder has not made a timely QEF Election with respect to us, the PFIC rules described above under "—Default PFIC Rules Under Section 1291 of the Code\* will apply to certain dispositions of, and distributions on, the common shares, and the U.S. Holder's mark-to-market income for the year of the election. If we were to cease being a PFIC, a U.S. Holder that marked its common shares to market would not include mark-to-market gain or loss with respect to its common shares for any taxable year that we were not a PFIC.

A U.S. Holder that makes a Mark-to-Market Election generally will also adjust such U.S. Holder's tax basis in his common shares to reflect the amount included in gross income or allowed as a deduction because of such Mark-to-Market Election. In addition, upon a sale or other taxable disposition of the common shares subject to a Mark-to-Market Election, any gain or loss on such disposition will be ordinary income or loss (to the extent that such loss does not to exceed the excess, if any, of (a) the amount included in ordinary income because of such Mark-to-Market Election for prior taxable years over (b) the amount allowed as a deduction because of such Mark-to-Market Election for prior taxable years). A Mark-to-Market Election applies to the taxable year in which such Mark-to-Market Election is made and to each subsequent taxable year, unless the common shares cease to be "marketable stock" or the IRS consents to revocation of such election. Each U.S. Holder should consult its own tax advisor regarding the availability of, and procedure for making, a Mark-to-Market Election with respect to the common shares.

## Reporting.

If we were to be treated as a PFIC in any taxable year, a U.S. Holder will generally be required to file an annual report with the IRS containing such information as the U.S. Treasury Department may require.

Each U.S. Holder should consult its own tax advisor regarding our potential status as a PFIC, the possible effect of the PFIC rules to such holder and information reporting required if we were a PFIC, as well as the availability of any election that may be available to the holder to mitigate adverse U.S. federal income tax consequences of holding shares in a PFIC.

#### **Receipt of Foreign Currency**

The amount of a distribution paid in Canadian dollars or Canadian dollar proceeds received on the sale or other taxable disposition of common shares will generally be equal to the U.S. dollar value of the currency on the date of receipt. If any Canadian dollars received with respect to the common shares are later converted into U.S. dollars, U.S. Holders may realize foreign currency gain or loss on the conversion. Any gain or loss generally will be treated as ordinary income or loss and generally will be from sources within the United States for U.S. foreign tax credit purposes. Each U.S. Holder should consult its own tax advisor concerning the possibility of foreign currency gain or loss if any such currency is not converted into U.S. dollars on the date of receipt.

## Foreign Tax Credit

Subject to certain limitations, a U.S. Holder who pays (whether directly or through withholding) Canadian or other non-U.S. income tax with respect to the common shares may be entitled, at the election of the U.S. Holder, to receive either a deduction or a credit for Canadian or other non-U.S. income tax paid. Dividends paid on common shares generally will constitute income from sources outside the United States. Any gain from the sale or other taxable disposition of the common shares by a U.S. Holder generally will constitute U.S. source income. The foreign tax credit rules (including the limitations with respect thereto) are complex, and each U.S. Holder should consult its own tax advisor regarding the foreign tax credit rules, having regard to such holder's particular circumstances.

# Information Reporting; Backup Withholding

Generally, information reporting and backup withholding will apply to distributions on, and the payment of proceeds from the sale or other taxable disposition of, the common shares unless (i) the U.S. Holder is a corporation or other exempt entity, or (ii) in the case of backup withholding, the U.S. Holder provides a correct taxpayer identification number, certifies that the U.S. Holder is not subject to backup withholding and otherwise complies with the applicable requirements of the backup withholding rules.

Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Any amount withheld generally will be creditable against a U.S. Holder's U.S. federal income tax liability or refundable to the extent that it exceeds such liability provided the required information is provided to the IRS in a timely manner.

In addition, certain categories of U.S. Holders must file information returns with respect to their investment in a non-U.S. corporation. For example, certain U.S. Holders must file IRS Form 8938 with respect to certain "specified foreign financial assets" (such as the common shares) with an aggregate value in excess of US\$50,000 (and, in some circumstances, a higher threshold). Failure to do so could result in substantial penalties and in the extension of the statute of limitations with respect to such holder's U.S. federal income tax returns. Each U.S. Holder should consult its own tax advisor regarding application of the information reporting and backup withholding rules to it in connection with an investment in our common shares.

## **Medicare Contribution Tax**

U.S. Holders that are individuals, estates or certain trusts generally will be subject to a 3.8% Medicare contribution tax on, among other things, dividends on, and capital gains from the sale or other taxable disposition of, common shares, subject to certain limitations and exceptions. Each U.S. Holder should consult its own tax advisor regarding possible application of this additional tax to income earned in connection with an investment in our common shares.

## CERTAIN CANADIAN FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS

The following is, as of the date hereof, a summary of the principal Canadian federal income tax considerations generally applicable under the Income Tax Act (Canada) and the regulations promulgated thereunder (collectively the "Tax Act"), to a purchaser who acquires, as beneficial owner, the common shares, and who, for purposes of the Tax Act and at all relevant times, (i) is not, and is not deemed to be, resident in Canada, (ii) holds the common shares as capital property, (iii) deals at arm's length with, and is not affiliated with, Acasti, B. Riley FBR, Inc., Oppenheimer & Co. Inc., or H.C. Wainwright & Co., LLC, and (iv) does not use or hold and will not be deemed to use or hold, the common shares in a business carried on in Canada (a "Non-Resident Holder"). Special rules, which are not discussed in this summary, may apply to an insurer that carries on an insurance business in Canada and elsewhere. Such Non-Resident Holders should consult their own tax advisors.

This summary is based upon the provisions of the Tax Act in force as of the date hereof, all specific proposals to amend the Tax Act that have been publicly announced by or on behalf of the Minister of Finance (Canada) prior to the date hereof (the "Proposed Amendments"), the Canada-United States Tax Convention (1980), as amended (the "Canada-U.S. Tax Treaty"), and an understanding of the current administrative policies and assessing practices of the Canada Revenue Agency (the "CRA"), published in writing by it prior to the date hereof. This summary assumes the Proposed Amendments will be enacted in the form proposed. However, no assurance can be given that the Proposed Amendments will be enacted in their current form, or at all. This summary is not exhaustive of all possible Canadian federal income tax considerations and, except for the Proposed Amendments, does not take into account or anticipate any changes in the CRA's administrative policies or assessing practices, whether by legislative, governmental or judicial action or decision, nor does it take into account or anticipate any other federal or any provincial, territorial or foreign tax considerations, which may differ significantly from those discussed herein.

This summary is not applicable to a Non-Resident Holder who makes or has made a "functional currency" reporting election; or that has entered or enters into a "derivative forward agreement" (each as defined in the Tax Act) with respect to the common shares. Any such Non-Resident Holder should consult its own tax advisor with respect to an investment in the common shares. This summary is of a general nature only and is not intended to be, nor should it be construed to be, legal or tax advice to any prospective purchaser or holder of the common shares, and no representations with respect to the income tax consequences to any prospective purchaser or holder are made. Consequently, prospective purchasers or holders of the common shares should consult their own tax advisors with respect to their particular circumstances.

# **Currency Conversion**

Generally, for purposes of the Tax Act, all amounts relating to the acquisition, holding or disposition of the common shares must be converted into Canadian dollars based on the exchange rates as determined in accordance with the Tax Act. The amounts subject to withholding tax and any capital gains or capital losses realized by a Non-Resident Holder may be affected by fluctuations in the Canadian-U.S. dollar exchange rate.

# Dispositions

A Non-Resident Holder will not be subject to tax under the Tax Act on a capital gain realized on a disposition or deem disposition of a common share, unless the common share constitutes "taxable Canadian property" (as defined in the Tax Act) of the Non-Resident Holder at the time of disposition and the Non-Resident Holder is not entitled to relief under an applicable income tax treaty or convention.

Provided the common shares are listed on a "designated stock exchange", as defined in the Tax Act (which currently includes the TSXV and NASDAQ) at the time of disposition, the common shares will generally not constitute taxable Canadian property of a Non-Resident Holder at that time, unless at any time during the 60-month period immediately preceding the disposition the following two conditions are satisfied concurrently: (i) (a) the Non-Resident Holder; (b) persons with whom the Non-Resident Holder did not deal at arm's length (within the meaning of the Tax Act); (c) partnerships in which the Non-Resident Holder or a person described in (b) holds a membership interest directly or indirectly through one or more partnerships; or (d) any combination of the persons and partnerships described in (a) through (c), owned 25% or more of our issued shares of any class or series of the shares; and (ii) more than 50% of the fair market value of our shares was derived directly or indirectly from one or any combination of: real or immovable property situated in Canada, "Canadian resource properties", "timber resource properties" (each as defined in the Tax Act), and options in respect of, or interests in or for civil law rights in, any such properties. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in certain circumstances set out in the Tax Act, the common shares could be deemed to be taxable Canadian property. Even if the common shares are taxable Canadian property to a Non-Resident Holder, such Non-Resident Holder may be exempt from tax under the Tax Act on the disposition of such common shares by virtue of an applicable income tax treaty or convention. A Non-Resident Holder contemplating a disposition of common shares that may constitute taxable Canadian property should consult a tax advisor prior to such disposition.

#### **Dividends**

Dividends paid or credited on the common shares or deemed to be paid or credited on the common shares to a Non-Resident Holder will be subject to Canadian withholding tax under the Tax Act at a rate of 25% on the gross amount of the dividend, although such rate may be reduced under the provisions of an applicable income tax convention between Canada and the Non-Resident Holder's country of residence. For example, where dividends on the common shares are considered to be paid to or derived by a Non-Resident Holder that is the beneficial owner of the dividends and is a U.S. resident for the purposes of, and is entitled to benefits of, the Canada-U.S. Tax Treaty, the applicable rate of Canadian withholding tax is generally reduced to 15%. Not all persons who are U.S. residents will qualify for the benefits of the Canada-U.S. Tax Treaty. Non-Resident Holders are advised to consult their own tax advisors in this regard.

# LEGAL MATTERS

Certain legal matters related to our common shares offered by this prospectus will be passed upon on for us by Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP, Montreal, Quebec, Canada and certain legal matters under U.S. law will be passed upon for us by Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP, New York, New York. The Agents are being represented in connection with this offering by Duane Morris LLP, New York, New York.
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## ENFORCEMENT OF CIVIL LIABILITIES

We are incorporated under the laws of the Province of Quebec. Substantially all of our assets are located outside the United States. In addition, several of our directors and officers are nationals and/or residents of countries other than the United States, and all or a substantial portion of such persons' assets may be located outside the United States. As a result, it may be difficult for investors to effect service of process within the United States upon us or such persons or to enforce against them or against us judgments obtained in U.S. courts, including judgments predicated upon the civil liability provisions of the securities laws of the United States or any state thereof. In addition, investors should not assume that the courts of Canada (i) would enforce judgments of U.S. courts obtained in actions against us or our officers or directors or experts predicated upon the civil liability provisions of the U.S. federal securities laws or other laws of the United States or (ii) would enforce, in original actions, liabilities against us or such directors, officers or experts predicated upon the U.S. federal securities laws or any securities or other laws of any state or jurisdiction of the United States.

We have also been advised by Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP that there is doubt whether an action could be brought in Canada in the first instance on the basis of liability predicated solely upon U.S. federal securities laws.

We have appointed C T Corporation System as our agent to receive service of process with respect to any action brought against us in the United States.

## **EXPERTS**

The consolidated financial statements of Acasti Pharma Inc. as of March 31, 2020 and 2019 and for each of the years in the two year period ended March 31, 2020 have been incorporated by reference herein in reliance upon the report of KPMG LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, incorporated by reference herein, and upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

The audit report covering the March 31, 2020 consolidated financial statements contains an explanatory paragraph that states that Acasti Pharma Inc. has incurred operating losses and negative cash flows from operations since its inception, and additional funds will be needed in the future that raise substantial doubt about its ability to continue as a going concern. The consolidated financial statements do not include any adjustments that might result from the outcome of this uncertainty.

The audit report covering the March 31, 2020 consolidated financial statements also refers to a change in accounting framework as Acasti Pharma Inc. has retrospectively adopted U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and has changed its reporting currency from Canadian dollars to U.S. dollars.

## DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows us to "incorporate by reference" into this prospectus the documents we file with or furnish to the SEC, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to these documents. The information that we incorporate by reference into this prospectus forms a part of this prospectus. We incorporate by reference into this prospectus the documents listed below:

- our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2020, filed with the SEC on June 29, 2020;
- the description of our common shares set forth in our registration statement on Form F-1 (File No. 333-220755) filed with the SEC on September 29, 2017 and declared effective on December 19, 2017 and our Form 8-A filed with the SEC on January 4, 2013, including any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating that description; and
- our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on April 20, 2020 (only with respect to Item 8.01) and June 19, 2020.

All documents filed with the SEC by us (other than current reports furnished under Item 2.02 or Item 7.01 of Form 8-K and exhibits filed on such form that are related to such items unless such Form 8-K expressly provides to the contrary) pursuant to Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act subsequent to the date of this prospectus and prior to the termination of the offering of the common shares hereunder shall be deemed to be incorporated herein by reference and to be a part hereof from the date of filing of such documents with the SEC.

Any statement contained in a document incorporated by reference into this prospectus shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this prospectus to the extent that a statement contained in this prospectus, in one of those other documents or in any other later filed document that is also incorporated by reference into this prospectus modifies or supersedes that statement. Any such statement so modified shall not be deemed, except as so modified, to constitute a part of this prospectus. Any such statement so superseded shall be deemed not to constitute a part of this prospectus.

Any person receiving a copy of this prospectus, including any beneficial owner, may obtain without charge, upon written or oral request, a copy of any of the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus, except for the exhibits to those documents unless the exhibits are specifically incorporated by reference into those documents. Requests should be directed to our principal executive offices, at 545 Promenade du Centropolis, Suite 100, Laval, Québec, Canada H7T 0A3, attention: chief financial officer (telephone: (450) 686-4555).

# WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We have filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-3, of which this prospectus forms a part. This prospectus does not contain all the information set out in the registration statement. For further information about us and the common shares, please refer to the registration statement, including the exhibits to the registration statement. The exhibits to the registration statement provide more details of the matters discussed in this prospectus.

We are required to file with the securities commission or authority in each of the provinces and territories of Canada annual and quarterly reports, material change reports and other information. In addition, we are subject to the informational requirements of the Exchange Act, and, in accordance with the Exchange Act, we also file reports with the SEC.

You may read any document we file with or furnish to the securities commissions and authorities of the provinces and territories of Canada through SEDAR at https://www.sedar.com. The SEC maintains an internet site that contains reports, proxy and information statements, and other information regarding issuers that file electronically with the SEC, where our SEC filings are also available. The address of the SEC's website is http://www.sec.gov. We maintain a corporate website at www.acastipharma.com. Information contained on, or that can be accessed through, our website does not constitute a part of this prospectus.



Up to US\$75,000,000 Common Shares

# PROSPECTUS

B. Riley FBR Oppenheimer & Co. H.C. Wainwright & Co.

, 2020

## PART II

# INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

## Item 14. Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution.

The following table sets forth the estimated costs and expenses, other than underwriting discounts and commissions, payable by the registrant in connection with the offering of the securities being registered. All the amounts shown are estimates, except for the SEC registration fee and the FINRA filing fee.

SEC registration fee	\$26,524.45
FINRA filing fee	\$27,884.01
Accounting fees and expenses	*
Legal fees and expenses	*
Transfer Agent fees and expenses	*
Printing and miscellaneous expenses	*
Total	*

<sup>\*</sup> The amount of securities and number of offerings are indeterminable and the expenses cannot be estimated at this time.

## Item 15. Indemnification of Directors and Officers

Directors' and officers' liability insurance has been purchased for the benefit of the directors and officers of the registrant, to back up the registrant's indemnification of them against liability incurred in their capacity as directors and officers, subject to certain limitations under applicable law.

In accordance with the provisions of the *Business Corporations Act* (Québec), the by-laws of the registrant also provide that the registrant will indemnify a director or officer, a former director or officer, or an individual who acts or acted at the registrant's request as a director or officer or an individual acting in a similar capacity of another entity, and such person's heirs and legal representatives, against all costs, charges and expenses, including an amount paid to settle an action or satisfy a judgment, reasonably incurred by such individual in respect of any civil, criminal, administrative investigative or other proceeding in which the individual is involved because of that association with the registrant or other entity, provided however that the registrant shall not so indemnify an individual unless the individual (i) acted honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of the registrant or, as the case may be, to the best interests of the other entity for which the individual acted as a director or officer or in a similar capacity at the registrant's request, and (ii) if the matter is a criminal or administrative action or proceeding that is enforced by a monetary penalty, had reasonable grounds for believing that the individual's conduct was lawful.

In addition, the registrant may advance money to a director, officer or other individual for the costs, charges and expenses of a proceeding referred to above, but the individual shall repay the registrant if the individual does not fulfil the conditions set out in (i) and (ii) above.

If the registrant becomes liable under the terms of its by-laws, the insurance coverage discussed above will extend to its liability; however, each claim will be subject to a per claim retention of nil to \$2,500,000, depending on the nature of the claim.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or Securities Act, may be permitted to directors, officers or persons controlling the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, the registrant has been informed that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC, such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is therefore unenforceable.

# Item 16. Exhibits.

Exhibit	Description
1.1*	Form of Underwriting Agreement
1.2	Amended and Restated Sales Agreement, dated June 29, 2020, by and among Acasti Pharma Inc., B. Riley FBR, Inc., Oppenheimer & Co. Inc., and H.C. Wainwright & Co., LLC
<u>4.1</u>	Specimen Certificate for Common Shares (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 from Form 20-F (File No. 001-35776) filed with the SEC on June 6, 2014)
4.2*	Form of Warrant
4.3*	Form of Warrant Indenture
4.4*	Form of Warrant Agency Agreement
4.5*	Form of Unit Agreement
<u>4.6</u>	Warrant Indenture dated December 3, 2013 between Acasti Pharma Inc. and Computershare Trust Company of Canada (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 from Form 6-K (Film No.: 131254079) furnished with the SEC on December 3, 2013)
<u>4.7</u>	Warrant Indenture dated February 21, 2017 between Acasti Pharma Inc. and Computershare Trust Company of Canada (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.3 from Form 20-F (File No. 001-35776) filed with the SEC on June 27, 2017)
4.8	Warrant Agency Agreement dated December 27, 2017 between Acasti Pharma Inc. and Computershare Inc. and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Computershare Trust Company N.A. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.4 from Form 20-F (File No. 001-35776) filed with the SEC on June 29, 2018)
<u>4.9</u>	Amended and Restated Warrant Indenture dated May 10, 2018 between Acasti Pharma Inc. and Computershare Trust Company of Canada (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.5 from Form 20-F (File No. 001-35776) filed with the SEC on June 29, 2018)
<u>5.1</u>	Opinion of Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP
<u>23.1</u>	Consent of KPMG LLP
<u>23.2</u>	Consent of Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1)
<u>23.3</u>	Consent of Destum Partners, Inc.
<u>23.4</u>	Consent of Dr. André Marette
<u>24.1</u>	Powers of Attorney (included on the signature pages to this registration statement)

<sup>\*</sup> To be filed as an exhibit to a post-effective amendment to this registration statement or as an exhibit to a report filed on Form 8-K under the Exchange Act and incorporated herein by reference.

## Item 17. Undertakings.

The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:

- (a) (1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:
- (i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act;
- (ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the SEC pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement:
- (iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

provided, however, that the undertakings set forth in paragraphs (a)(1)(i), (a)(1)(ii) and (a)(1)(iii) above do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the SEC by the registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, or the Exchange Act, that are incorporated by reference into the registration statement, or is contained in a form of prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) that is part of the registration statement.

- (2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- (3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.
- (4) That, for the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act to any purchaser:
- (A) Each prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) shall be deemed to be part of the registration statement as of the date the filed prospectus was deemed part of and included in the registration statement; and
- (B) Each prospectus required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2), (b)(5), or (b)(7) as part of a registration statement in reliance on Rule 430B relating to an offering made pursuant to Rule 415(a)(1)(i), (vii), or (x) for the purpose of providing the information required by Section 10(a) of the Securities Act shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the earlier of the date such form of prospectus is first used after effectiveness or the date of the first contract of sale of securities in the offering described in the prospectus. As provided in Rule 430B, for liability purposes of the issuer and any person that is at that date an underwriter, such date shall be deemed to be a new effective date of the registration statement relating to the securities in the registration statement to which that prospectus relates, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof. Provided, however, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such effective date, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such effective date.

- (5) That, for the purpose of determining liability of the registrant under the Securities Act to any purchaser in the initial distribution of the securities, the undersigned registrant undertakes that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned registrant pursuant to this registration statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the undersigned registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to such purchaser:
- (i) any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424;
- (ii) any free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant or used or referred to by the undersigned registrant;
- (iii) the portion of any other free writing prospectus relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant; and
- (iv) any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned registrant to the purchaser.
- (b) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- (c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the SEC such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

#### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized in the City of Encinitas, State of California on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.

### ACASTI PHARMA INC.

By: /s/ Janelle D'Alvise

Name: Janelle D'Alvise Title: Chief Executive Officer

#### POWERS OF ATTORNEY

Each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Janelle D'Alvise and Jean-François Boily, or any of them, as his or her true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, each of whom may act alone, with full powers of substitution and resubstitution, for him or her and in his or her name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any or all amendments to this registration statement, including post-effective amendments, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents and in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as he or she might or could do in person, and hereby ratifies and confirms all his or her said attorneys-in-fact and agents or any of them or his or her substitute or substitutes may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

This Power of Attorney may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but which taken together shall constitute one instrument. Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities indicated on June 29, 2020.

Janelle D'Alvise Janelle D'Alvise	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)
/s/ Jean-François Boily Jean-François Boily	Vice President, Finance (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)
/s/ Dr. Roderick N. Carter Dr. Roderick N. Carter	Chairman of the Board
/s/ Jean-Marie (John) Canan Jean-Marie (John) Canan	Director
/s/ Donald Olds Donald Olds	Director

# AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 6(a) of the Securities Act of 1933, the undersigned has signed this Registration Statement, solely in the capacity of the duly authorized representative of Acasti Pharma Inc. in the United States, on June 29, 2020.

# ACASTI PHARMA INC.

By: /s/ Janelle D'Alvise

Name: Janelle D'Alvise Title: Chief Executive Officer

#### ACASTI PHARMA INC.

#### Common Shares

### Amended and Restated At Market Issuance Sales Agreement

June 29, 2020

B. Riley FBR, Inc. 299 Park Avenue, 21<sup>st</sup> Floor New York, NY 10171

Oppenheimer & Co. Inc. 85 Broad Street, 26th Floor New York, NY 10004

H.C. Wainwright & Co., LLC 430 Park Avenue New York, NY 10022

#### Ladies and Gentlemen:

Acasti Pharma Inc., a company incorporated under the laws of the Province of Québec (the "Company") and B. Riley FBR, Inc. ("B. Riley FBR") are parties to that certain At Market Issuance Sales Agreement dated February 14, 2019 (the "Original Agreement"). Together with Oppenheimer & Co. Inc. ("Oppenheimer") and H.C. Wainwright & Co., LLC ("Wainwright"; each of B. Riley FBR, Oppenheimer and Wainwright individually an "Agent" and together, the "Agents"), the Company and the Agents desire to amend and restate the Original Agreement as set forth in this agreement (this "Agreement"), and hereby agree as follows:

1. <u>Issuance and Sale of Shares.</u> The Company agrees that, from time to time during the term of this Agreement, on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth herein, it may issue and sell through or to the Agents, as sales agents and/or principals, common shares (the "<u>Placement Shares</u>") of the Company (the "<u>Common Shares</u>"), provided, however, that in no event shall the Company issue or sell through the Agents such number of Placement Shares (a) that exceeds the amount authorized by the Board of Directors of the Company from time to time to be issued and sold under this Agreement or (b) for which the aggregate offering price exceeds the aggregate dollar amount of Common Shares registered on the Registration Statement (as defined below) pursuant to which the offering is being made (taking into account all current and future prospectus supplements filed with respect to the Registration Statement and any post-effective amendments thereto) (the lesser of (a) or (b), the "<u>Maximum Amount</u>"). Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the parties hereto agree that compliance with the limitations set forth in this <u>Section 1</u> on the number or dollar amount of Placement Shares issued and sold under this Agreement shall be the sole responsibility of the Company and that the Agents shall have no obligation in connection with such compliance. The issuance and sale of Placement Shares through the Agents will be effected pursuant to the Registration Statement (as defined below) to be filed by the Company and declared effective by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "<u>Commission</u>"), although nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as requiring the Company to use the Registration Statement to issue Common Shares.

The Company has filed, or shall file, with the Commission, in accordance with the provisions of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act"), and the rules and regulations thereunder (the "Securities Act Regulations"), a registration statement on Form S-3, including a base prospectus, relating to certain securities, including the Placement Shares, to be issued from time to time by the Company, and which incorporates by reference documents that the Company has filed or will file in accordance with the provisions of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), and the rules and regulations thereunder (the "Exchange Act Regulations"). The Company has prepared a prospectus included as part of such registration statement specifically relating to the Placement Shares (the "ATM Prospectus"), and will, if necessary prepare a prospectus supplement (the "Prospectus Supplement") to the base prospectus included as part of such registration statement specifically relating to the Placement Shares. The Company will furnish to the Agents, for use by the Agents, copies of the prospectus included as part of such registration statement, as supplemented by the ATM Prospectus and any Prospectus Supplement, relating to the Placement Shares. Except where the context otherwise requires, such registration statement, and any post-effective amendment thereto, including all documents filed as part thereof or incorporated by reference therein, and including any information contained in a Prospectus (as defined below) subsequently filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act Regulations or deemed to be a part of such registration statement pursuant to Rule 430B of the Securities Act Regulations, as well as any comparable successor registration statement filed by the Company for sale of the Placement Shares, collectively, are herein called the "Registration Statement." The base prospectus and ATM Prospectus, including all documents incorporated therein by reference, included in the Registration Statement, as it may be supplemented by a Prospectus Supplement, in the form in which such base prospectus, ATM Prospectus and/or Prospectus Supplement have most recently been filed by the Company with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act Regulations are herein collectively called the "Prospectus." Any reference herein to the Registration Statement, the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto shall be deemed to refer to and include the documents incorporated by reference therein, and any reference herein to the terms "amend," "amendment" or "supplement" with respect to the Registration Statement or the Prospectus shall be deemed to refer to and include the filing after the execution hereof of any document with the Commission deemed to be incorporated by reference therein (the "Incorporated Documents").

For purposes of this Agreement, (a) all references to the Registration Statement, the Prospectus or to any amendment or supplement thereto shall be deemed to include the most recent copy filed with the Commission pursuant to the Electronic Data Gathering Analysis and Retrieval System ("EDGAR") and (b) all currency amounts appearing in this Agreement are presented in United States dollars, or "\$".

The Company and each Agent hereby agree and acknowledge that all sales and solicitations of sales of Placement Shares by the Agents as agents of the Company shall be made solely in the United States and no sales of Placement Shares will be carried out by the Company or the Agents in Canada or on the TSX Venture Exchange.

- 2. Placements. Each time that the Company wishes to issue and sell Placement Shares through the Agents acting as sales agents or directly to the Agents acting as principal hereunder (each, a "Placement"), it will notify an Agent (the 'Designated Agent") by electronic mail (or other method mutually agreed to in writing by the parties) of the number of Placement Shares, the time period during which sales are requested to be made, any limitation on the number of Placement Shares that may be sold in any one day and any minimum price below which sales may not be made (a "Placement Notice"), the form of which is attached hereto as Schedule 1. The Placement Notice shall originate from any of the individuals from the Company set forth on Schedule 3 (with a copy to each of the other individuals from the Company listed on such schedule), and shall be addressed to each of the individuals from the Designated Agent set forth on Schedule 3, as such Schedule 3 may be amended from time to time. The Placement Notice shall be effective unless and until (i) in accordance with the notice requirements set forth in Section 4, the Designated Agent declines to accept the terms contained therein for any reason, in its sole discretion, (ii) the entire amount of the Placement Shares set forth therein have been sold, (iii) the Company suspends or terminates the Placement Notice, (iv) the Company issues a subsequent Placement Notice with parameters superseding those on the earlier dated Placement Notice or (v) the Agreement has been terminated under the provisions of Section 13. The amount of any discount, commission or other compensation to be paid by the Company to the Designated Agent in connection with the sale of the Placement Shares shall be calculated in accordance with the terms set forth in Schedule 2. It is expressly acknowledged and agreed that neither the Company nor the Designated Agent will have any obligation whatsoever with respect to a Placement Notice pursuant to the terms set forth above, and then only upon the terms spe
- 3. Sale of Placement Shares by Agents, Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Designated Agent, for the period specified in the Placement Notice, and unless the sale of the Placement Shares described therein has been suspended or otherwise terminated in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, will use its commercially reasonable efforts consistent with its normal trading and sales practices and applicable state and federal laws, rules and regulations and the rules of the NASDAQ Capital Market (the "Exchange"), to sell the Placement Shares up to the amount specified, and otherwise in accordance with the terms of such Placement Notice. The Designated Agent will provide written confirmation to the Company no later than the opening of the Trading Day (as defined below) immediately following the Trading Day on which it has made sales of Placement Shares hereunder setting forth the number of Placement Shares sold on such day, the compensation payable by the Company to the Designated Agent pursuant to Section 2 with respect to such sales, and the Net Proceeds (as defined below) payable to the Company, with an itemization of the deductions made by the Designated Agent (as set forth in Section 5(b)) from the gross proceeds that it receives from such sales. Subject to the terms of the Placement Notice, the Designated Agent may sell Placement Shares by any method deemed to be an "at the market offering" as defined in Rule 415(a)(4) of the Securities Act Regulations. "Trading Day" means any day on which Common Shares are purchased and sold on the Exchange.

4. <u>Suspension of Sales.</u> The Company or the Designated Agent may, upon notice to the other party in writing (including by email correspondence to each of the individuals of the other party set forth on <u>Schedule 3</u>, if receipt of such correspondence is actually acknowledged by any of the individuals to whom the notice is sent, other than via auto-reply) or by telephone (confirmed immediately by verifiable facsimile transmission or email correspondence to each of the individuals of the other Party set forth on <u>Schedule 3</u>), suspend any sale of Placement Shares; provided, however, that such suspension shall not affect or impair any party's obligations with respect to any Placement Shares sold hereunder prior to the receipt of such notice. Each of the parties agrees that no such notice under this <u>Section 4</u> shall be effective against any other party unless it is made to one of the individuals named on <u>Schedule 3</u> hereto, as such Schedule may be amended from time to time.

### Sale and Delivery to the Designated Agent; Settlement.

- (a) Sale of Placement Shares. On the basis of the representations and warranties herein contained and subject to the terms and conditions herein set forth, upon the Designated Agent's acceptance of the terms of a Placement Notice, and unless the sale of the Placement Shares described therein has been declined, suspended, or otherwise terminated in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, the Designated Agent, for the period specified in the Placement Notice, will use its commercially reasonable efforts consistent with its normal trading and sales practices and applicable law and regulations to sell such Placement Shares up to the amount specified, and otherwise in accordance with the terms of such Placement Notice. The Company acknowledges and agrees that (i) there can be no assurance that the Designated Agent will be successful in selling Placement Shares, (ii) the Designated Agent will incur no liability or obligation to the Company or any other person or entity if it does not sell Placement Shares for any reason other than a failure by the Designated Agent to use its commercially reasonable efforts consistent with its normal trading and sales practices and applicable state and federal laws, rules and regulations and the rules of the Exchange to sell such Placement Shares as required under this Agreement and (iii) the Designated Agent shall be under no obligation to purchase Placement Shares on a principal basis pursuant to this Agreement, except as otherwise agreed by the Designated Agent and the Company.
- (b) <u>Settlement of Placement Shares.</u> Unless otherwise specified in the applicable Placement Notice, settlement for sales of Placement Shares will occur on the second (2nd) Trading Day (or such earlier day as is industry practice for regular-way trading) following the date on which such sales are made (each, a "<u>Settlement Date</u>"). The amount of proceeds to be delivered to the Company on a Settlement Date against receipt of the Placement Shares sold (the <u>Net Proceeds</u>") will be equal to the aggregate sales price received by the Designated Agent, after deduction for (i) the Designated Agent's commission, discount or other compensation for such sales payable by the Company pursuant to <u>Section 2</u> hereof, and (ii) any transaction fees imposed by any governmental or self-regulatory organization in respect of such sales.

- Delivery of Placement Shares. The Designated Agent shall establish at its clearing broker a settlement account for and in the name of the Company, which account shall be entirely controlled and directed by the Company (the "Company Account"). On each Trading Day ("T") that the Designated Agent makes sales of Placement Shares, the Designated Agent shall advise the Company of the number of Placement Shares sold, the prices at which such Placement Shares were sold, and the net proceeds of such sales that the Company shall receive. On the immediately following Trading Day ("T+1"), the Designated Agent shall advise the Company that the proceeds of sales of Placement Shares on "T" have been received in the Company Account. Once the clearing broker has confirmed the receipt of the sales proceeds, the clearing broker shall, upon direction and instruction of the Company on or before each Settlement Date, instruct the Company's transfer agent to electronically transfer the Placement Shares being sold by crediting the Company Account through the Deposit and Withdrawal at Custodian System of the Depository Trust Company or by such other means of delivery as may be mutually agreed upon by the parties hereto, which Placement Shares in all cases shall be freely tradable, transferable, registered shares in good deliverable form. On each Settlement Date, the clearing broker shall settle the sale of such Placement Shares on a "delivery-versus-payment" (DVP) basis in accordance with customary practice and rules of the securities industry. The Designated Agent shall, or shall instruct its clearing broker to, deliver the related Net Proceeds in same day funds to an account designated by the Company on, or prior to, the Settlement Date. The Company agrees that if the Company, or its transfer agent (if applicable), defaults in its obligation to deliver Placement Shares on a Settlement Date through no fault of the Designated Agent and provided that the Designated Agent has not declined the applicable Placement Notice, the Company agrees that in addition to and in no way limiting the rights and obligations set forth in Section 11(a) hereto, it will hold the Designated Agent harmless against any loss, claim, damage, or expense (including reasonable legal fees and expenses), as incurred, arising out of or in connection with such default by the Company or its transfer agent (if applicable) and pay to the Designated Agent (without duplication) any commission, discount or other compensation to which it would otherwise have been entitled absent such default.
- (d) <u>Limitations on Offering Size.</u> Under no circumstances shall the Company cause or request the offer or sale of any Placement Shares if, after giving effect to the sale of such Placement Shares, the aggregate number of Placement Shares sold pursuant to this Agreement would exceed the lesser of (A) the Maximum Amount or (B) the amount authorized from time to time to be issued and sold under this Agreement by the Company's Board of Directors, and notified to the Designated Agent in writing. Under no circumstances shall the Company cause or request the offer or sale of any Placement Shares pursuant to this Agreement at a price lower than the minimum price authorized from time to time by the Company's Board of Directors, and notified to the Designated Agent in writing.
- (e) Sales Through Agents. The Company agrees that any offer to sell, any solicitation of an offer to buy, or any sales of Placement Shares or any other equity security of the Company shall only be effected by or through an Agent, and only a single Agent, on any single given date, and in no event shall the Company request that more than one Agent sell Placement Shares on the same day; provided however that (i) the foregoing limitation shall not apply to (A) exercise of any option, warrant, right or any conversion privilege set forth in the instruction governing such securities, (B) sales solely to employees, directors or security holders of the Company or its subsidiaries, or to a trustee or other person acquiring such securities for the accounts of such person, or (C) privately negotiated transactions with vendors, customers, strategic partners or potential strategic partners or other investors conducted in a manner so as not to be integrated with the offering of Placement Shares hereby, and (ii) such limitation shall not apply (A) on any day during which no sales are made pursuant to this Agreement or (B) during a period in which the Company has notified the Agents that it will not sell Common Shares under this Agreement and (1) no Placement Notice is pending or (2) after a Placement Notice has been withdrawn.

- 6. <u>Representations and Warranties of the Company.</u> Except as disclosed in the Registration Statement or Prospectus (including the Incorporated Documents), the Company represents and warrants to, and agrees with each of the Agents that as of the date of this Agreement and as of each Applicable Time (as defined below), unless such representation, warranty or agreement specifies a different time:
- Registration Statement and Prospectus. The Company and, assuming no act or omission on the part of the Agents that would make such statement untrue, the transactions contemplated by this Agreement meet the requirements for and comply with the conditions for the use of Form S-3 under the Securities Act. The Registration Statement has been filed with the Commission and has been declared effective under the Securities Act. The ATM Prospectus and any Prospectus Supplement will name the Agents as the agents in the section entitled "Plan of Distribution." The Company has not received, and has no notice of, any order of the Commission preventing or suspending the use of the Registration Statement, or threatening or instituting proceedings for that purpose. The Registration Statement and the offer and sale of Placement Shares as contemplated hereby meet the requirements of Rule 415 under the Securities Act Regulations and comply in all material respects with said rule. Any statutes, regulations, document or contracts of a character required to be described in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus or to be filed as an exhibit to the Registration Statement have been so described or filed. Copies of the Registration Statement, the Prospectus, and any such amendments or supplements and all documents incorporated by reference therein that were filed with the Commission on or prior to the date of this Agreement have been delivered, or are available through EDGAR, to the Agents and their counsel. The Company has not distributed and, prior to the later to occur of each Settlement Date and completion of the distribution of the Placement Shares, will not distribute any offering material in connection with the offering or sale of the Placement Shares other than the Registration Statement and the Prospectus and any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus (as defined below) to which the Agents have consented. The Company has not, in the 12 months preceding the date hereof, received notice from the Exchange to the effect that the Company is not in compliance with the listing or maintenance requirements, other than any such notices that are no longer in effect. The Company has no reason to believe that it will not in the foreseeable future continue to be in compliance with all such listing and maintenance requirements, other than compliance with minimum bid or market capitalization requirements, in respect of which the Company makes no representation or warranty. As of the date of this Agreement, the Company is not subject to the limitations contained in General Instruction I.B.6 of Form S-3.
- No Misstatement or Omission. The Registration Statement, when it became effective, conformed in all material respects with the requirements of the Securities Act. The Prospectus conformed, and any amendment or supplement thereto will conform, on the date thereof, in all material respects with the requirements of the Securities Act. At each Settlement Date, the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, as of such date, will conform in all material respects with the requirements of the Securities Act. The Registration Statement, when it became effective, did not, and will not, contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading. The Prospectus and any amendment and supplement thereto, on the date thereof and at each Applicable Time (defined below), did not or will not include an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. The documents incorporated by reference therein will not, when filed with the Commission, contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated in such document or necessary to make the statements in such document, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. The foregoing shall not apply to statements in, or omissions from, any such document which are made in reliance upon, and in conformity with, information furnished to the Company by an Agent specifically for use in the preparation thereof.

- (c) <u>Conformity with Securities Act and Exchange Act</u>. The documents incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto, when such documents were or are filed with the Commission under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, conformed or will conform in all material respects with the requirements of the Securities Act and the Exchange Act, as applicable.
- (d) Financial Information. The consolidated financial statements of the Company included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the Prospectus and the Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, if any, together with the related notes, have been prepared in conformity in all material respects with applicable accounting requirements and the published rules and regulations of the Commission with respect thereto as in effect as of the time of filing. Such financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the generally accepted accounting principles in the United States, and fairly present in all material respects the consolidated financial position of the Company and the Subsidiaries (as defined below) as of the dates indicated and the consolidated results of operations and cash flows of the Company at the dates and for the periods specified (subject, in the case of unaudited statements, to normal year-end audit adjustments which are not material, either individually or in the aggregate); the other financial data with respect to the Company and the Subsidiaries contained or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the Prospectus and the Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, if any, are accurately and fairly presented and prepared on a basis consistent with the financial statements and books and records of the Company; there are no financial statements (historical or pro forma) that are required to be included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, or the Prospectus that are not included or incorporated by reference as required; the Company and the Subsidiaries do not have any material liabilities or obligations, direct or contingent (including any off-balance sheet obligations), not described in the Registration Statement (including the exhibits thereto), and the Prospectus which are required to be described in the Registration Statement (including exhibits thereto and Incorporated Documents); and all disclosures contained or incorporated by reference in the Registr
- (e) <u>Conformity with EDGAR Filing.</u> The Prospectus delivered to the Agents for use in connection with the sale of the Placement Shares pursuant to this Agreement will be identical to the version of the Prospectus transmitted to the Commission for filing via EDGAR, except to the extent permitted by Regulation S-T.

- by the Commission) (each, a "Subsidiary," collectively, the "Subsidiaries"), are, and will be on each Representation Date, duly organized, validly existing as a corporation and in good standing under the laws of their respective jurisdictions of organization. The Company and each of its Subsidiaries are, and will be on each Representation Date, duly qualified as a foreign corporation for transaction of business and in good standing under the laws of each other jurisdiction in which their respective ownership or lease of property or the conduct of their respective businesses requires such qualification, and have all corporate power and authority necessary to own or hold their respective properties and to conduct their respective businesses as described in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, except, in each case, where the failure to be so qualified or in good standing or have such power or authority would not or would not reasonably be expected to, individually or in the aggregate, have a material adverse effect on the assets, business, operations, earnings, properties, condition (financial or otherwise), shareholders' equity or results of operations of the Company and the Subsidiaries taken as a whole, or prevent or materially interfere with consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby (a "Material Adverse Effect").
- (g) <u>Subsidiaries.</u> The Company's only Subsidiaries, if any, are set forth, on Exhibit 21.1 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the Company's most recently ended fiscal year. The Company owns, directly or indirectly, all of the equity interests of the Subsidiaries free and clear of any lien, charge, security interest, encumbrance, right of first refusal or other restriction, and all the equity interests of the Subsidiaries are validly issued and are fully paid and nonassessable.
- (h) No Violation or Default. Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries is (i) in violation of its charter or by-laws or similar organizational documents; (ii) in default, and to the knowledge of the Company no event has occurred that, with notice or lapse of time or both, would constitute such a default, in the due performance or observance of any term, covenant or condition contained in any indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, loan agreement or other agreement or instrument to which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is a party or by which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries are subject; or (iii) in violation of any law or statute or any judgment, order, rule or regulation of any court or arbitrator or governmental or regulatory authority, except, in the case of each of clauses (ii) and (iii) above, for any such violation or default that would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. To the Company's knowledge, no other party under any material contract or other agreement to which it or any of its Subsidiaries is a party is in default in any respect thereunder where such default would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (i) No Material Adverse Effect. Since the date of the most recent financial statements of the Company included or incorporated by reference into the Registration Statement or Prospectus prior to each Settlement Date, there has not been (i) any event or condition that has a Material Adverse Effect, (ii) any material change in the share capital or outstanding long-term indebtedness of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, or any dividend or distribution of any kind declared, paid or made on the capital stock of the Company or any Subsidiary, other than such change, dividend or distribution which would not have a Material Adverse Effect, and (iii) neither the Company nor any Subsidiary has sustained any material loss or material interference with its business from fire, explosion, flood or other calamity, whether or not covered by insurance, or from any labor disturbance or dispute or any action, order or decree of any court or arbitrator or governmental or regulatory authority. For each Placement, from the Applicable Time until the Settlement Date, neither the Company nor any Subsidiary will enter into any transaction or agreement, not in the ordinary course of business, that is material to the Company or incur any liability, obligation, direct or contingent, not in the ordinary course of business, that is material to the Company, in each case to the extent such transaction, agreement, liability or obligation would make the statements in the Registration Statement or Prospectus contain an untrue statement of material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading.

- (j) Capitalization. The issued and outstanding shares of the capital of the Company have been validly issued, are fully paid and non-assessable. The Company has an authorized, issued and outstanding capitalization as set forth in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus as of the dates referred to therein (other than the grant of additional options under the Company's existing stock option plans, or changes in the number of outstanding Common Shares of the Company due to the issuance of shares upon the exercise or conversion of securities exercisable for, or convertible into, Common Shares outstanding on the date hereof or as a result of the issuance of Placement Shares) and such authorized share capital conforms to the description thereof set forth in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus. The description of the Common Shares in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus is complete and accurate in all material respects. Except as disclosed in or contemplated by the Registration Statement or the Prospectus, as of the date referred to therein, the Company did not have reserved or available for issuance any Common Shares in respect of options (other than stock options under the Company's existing stock option plans), or any rights or warrants to subscribe for, or any securities or obligations convertible into, or exchangeable for, or any contracts or commitments to issue or sell, any shares of the capital or other securities of or issued by the Company.
- (k) <u>Authorization; Enforceability</u>. The Company has full legal right, power and authority to enter into this Agreement and perform the transactions contemplated hereby. This Agreement has been duly authorized and validly executed and delivered by the Company and is a legal, valid and binding agreement of the Company enforceable in accordance with its terms, except to the extent that (i) enforceability may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally and by general equitable principles and (ii) the indemnification and contribution provisions of <u>Section 1</u>1 hereof may be limited by federal or state securities laws and public policy considerations in respect thereof.
- (l) <u>Authorization of Placement Shares</u>. The Placement Shares, when issued and delivered pursuant to the terms approved by the Board of Directors of the Company, against payment in full therefor as provided herein, will be duly and validly issued and fully paid and nonassessable, and will not be subject to preemptive or similar rights. The rights, privileges, restrictions and conditions attaching to the Placement Shares, when issued, will conform in all material respects to the description thereof set forth in or incorporated into the Prospectus.
- (m) No Consents Required. No consent, approval, authorization, order, registration or qualification of or with any court or arbitrator or any governmental or regulatory authority is required for the execution, delivery and performance by the Company of this Agreement, and the issuance and sale by the Company of the Placement Shares as contemplated hereby, except for such consents, approvals, authorizations, orders, exemptions, decisions and registrations or qualifications as may be required under applicable state securities laws or by the by-laws and rules of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA"), the Exchange, the TSX Venture Exchange, and the Québec Autorité des marchés financiers (the "AMF") in connection with the sale of the Placement Shares by the Agents.

- (n) No Preferential Rights. (i) No person, as such term is defined in Rule 1-02 of Regulation S-X promulgated under the Securities Act (each, a "Person"), has the right, contractual or otherwise, to cause the Company to issue or sell to such Person any Common Shares or shares of any other capital stock or other securities of the Company (other than upon the exercise of options or warrants to purchase Common Shares or upon the exercise of options that may be granted from time to time under the Company's stock option plans), (ii) no Person has any preemptive rights, rights of first refusal, or any other rights (whether pursuant to a "poison pill" provision or otherwise) to purchase any Common Shares or shares of any other capital stock or other securities of the Company from the Company which have not been duly waived with respect to the offering contemplated hereby, (iii) except as disclosed in writing to the Agents or their representatives in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby, no Person has the right to act as an underwriter or as a financial advisor to the Company in connection with the offer and sale of the Common Shares (excluding, for greater certainty, the Agents), and (iv) no Person has the right, contractual or otherwise, to require the Company to register under the Securities Act any Common Shares or shares of any other capital stock or other securities of the Company, or to include any such shares or other securities in the Registration Statement or the offering contemplated thereby, whether as a result of the filing or effectiveness of the Registration Statement or the sale of the Placement Shares as contemplated thereby or otherwise, except for such rights as have been waived on or prior to the date hereof.
- (o) <u>Independent Public Accountant.</u> KPMG LLP (the "<u>Accountant</u>"), whose report on the consolidated financial statements of the Company is filed with the Commission as part of the Company's most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Commission and incorporated into the Registration Statement, is and, during the periods covered by its report, was an independent public accountant within the meaning of the Securities Act and the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States).
- (p) No Litigation. There are no legal, governmental or regulatory actions, suits or proceedings pending, nor, to the Company's knowledge, any legal, governmental or regulatory investigations, to which the Company or a Subsidiary is a party or to which any property of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is the subject that, individually or in the aggregate, if determined adversely to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect or materially and adversely affect the ability of the Company to perform its obligations under this Agreement; to the Company's knowledge, no actions, suits or proceedings are threatened or contemplated by any governmental or regulatory authority or threatened by others that, individually or in the aggregate, if determined adversely to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect; and there are no current or pending legal, governmental or regulatory, actions, suits, proceedings or, to the Company's knowledge, investigations that are required under the Securities Act to be described in the Prospectus that are not described in the Prospectus.

- Licenses and Permits. The Company and each of its Subsidiaries possess or have obtained, all licenses, certificates, consents, orders, approvals, permits and other authorizations issued by, and have made all declarations and filings with, the appropriate federal, state, local or foreign governmental or regulatory authorities that are necessary for the ownership or lease of their respective properties or the conduct of their respective businesses as described in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus (the "Permits"), except where the failure to possess, obtain or make the same would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. Neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries have received written notice of any proceeding relating to revocation or modification of any such Permit or has any reason to believe that such Permit will not be renewed in the ordinary course, except where such revocation, modification or failure to obtain any such renewal would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (r) No Material Defaults. Neither the Company nor any of the Subsidiaries has defaulted on any installment on indebtedness for borrowed money or on any rental on one or more long-term leases, which defaults, individually or in the aggregate, would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. The Company has not filed a report pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act since the filing of its last Annual Report on Form 10-K indicating that it (i) has failed to pay any dividend or sinking fund installment on preferred stock or (ii) has defaulted on any installment on indebtedness for borrowed money or on any rental on one or more long-term leases, which defaults, individually or in the aggregate, could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (s) <u>Certain Market Activities</u>. Neither the Company, nor any of the Subsidiaries, nor any of their respective directors, officers or controlling persons has taken, directly or indirectly, any action designed, or that has constituted or might reasonably be expected to cause or result in, under the Exchange Act or otherwise, the stabilization or manipulation of the price of any security of the Company to facilitate the sale or resale of the Placement Shares.
- (t) <u>Broker/Dealer Relationships.</u> Neither the Company nor any of the Subsidiaries or any related entities (i) is required to register as a "broker" or "dealer" in accordance with the provisions of the Exchange Act or (ii) directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls or is a "person associated with a member" or "associated person of a member" (within the meaning set forth in the FINRA Manual).
- (u) No Reliance. The Company has not relied upon any Agent or legal counsel for the Agents for any legal, tax or accounting advice in connection with the offering and sale of the Placement Shares.
- (v) Taxes. The Company and each of its Subsidiaries have filed all federal, state, local and foreign tax returns which have been required to be filed and paid all taxes shown thereon through the date hereof, to the extent that such taxes have become due and are not being contested in good faith, except where the failure to do so would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. Except as otherwise disclosed in or contemplated by the Registration Statement or the Prospectus, no tax deficiency has been determined adversely to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries which has had a Material Adverse Effect. The Company has no knowledge of any federal, state or other governmental tax deficiency, penalty or assessment which has been or might be asserted or threatened against it which could have a Material Adverse Effect.

- (w) Title to Real and Personal Property. The Company and its Subsidiaries have good and valid title in fee simple to all items of real property and good and valid title to all personal property (excluding Intellectual Property, which is addressed below) described in the Registration Statement or Prospectus as being owned by them that are material to the businesses of the Company or such Subsidiary, in each case free and clear of all liens, encumbrances and claims, except those that (i) do not materially interfere with the use made and proposed to be made of such property by the Company and any of its Subsidiaries or (ii) would not reasonably be expected, individually or in the aggregate, to have a Material Adverse Effect. Any real property described in the Registration Statement or Prospectus as being leased by the Company and any of its Subsidiaries is held by them under valid, existing and enforceable leases, except those that (A) do not materially interfere with the use made or proposed to be made of such property by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or (B) would not be reasonably expected, individually or in the aggregate, to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- Intellectual Property. The Company and its Subsidiaries own or have obtained adequate enforceable rights to use all patents, patent applications, trademarks (both registered and unregistered), service marks, trade names, trademark registrations, service mark registrations, copyrights, licenses and know-how (including trade secrets and other unpatented and/or unpatentable proprietary or confidential information, systems or procedures) (collectively, the "Intellectual Property"), necessary for the conduct of their respective businesses as conducted as of the date hereof, except to the extent that the failure to own or to have obtained adequate rights to use such Intellectual Property would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect; except as disclosed in writing to the Agents, neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries has received any written notice of any claim of infringement or conflict which asserted Intellectual Property rights of others, which infringement or conflict, if the subject of an unfavorable decision, would result in a Material Adverse Effect; there are no pending, or to the Company's knowledge, threatened judicial proceedings or interference proceedings against the Company or its Subsidiaries challenging the Company's or its Subsidiaries' rights in or to or the validity of the scope of any of the Company's or its Subsidiaries, patent applications or proprietary information, except for such proceedings which would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect; to the Company's knowledge, no other entity or individual has any right or claim in any of the Company's or its Subsidiaries' owned material patents, patent applications or any patent to be issued therefrom by virtue of any contract, license or other agreement entered into between such entity or individual and the Company or a Subsidiary or by any non-contractual obligation of the Company or a Subsidiary, other than by written licenses granted by the Company or a Subs

- (y) Environmental Laws. The Company and its Subsidiaries (i) are in compliance with any and all applicable federal, state, local and foreign laws, rules, regulations, decisions and orders relating to the protection of human health and safety, the environment or hazardous or toxic substances or wastes, pollutants or contaminants (collectively, "Environmental Laws"); (ii) have received and are in compliance with all permits, licenses or other approvals required of them under applicable Environmental Laws to conduct their respective businesses as described in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus; and (iii) have not received written notice of any actual or potential liability for the investigation or remediation of any disposal or release of hazardous or toxic substances or wastes, pollutants or contaminants, except, in the case of any of clauses (i), (ii) or (iii) above, for any such failure to comply or failure to receive required permits, licenses, other approvals or notice or liability as would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (z) <u>Disclosure Controls.</u> The Company maintains disclosure controls and procedures and internal controls over financial reporting (each as defined in Rule 13a-15 under the Exchange Act) that comply with the requirements of the Exchange Act. The Company is not aware of any material weaknesses in its internal control over financial reporting (other than as set forth in the Registration Statement or Prospectus). Since the date of the latest audited financial statements of the Company included in the Prospectus, there has been no change in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's disclosure control over financial reporting (other than as set forth in the Prospectus). The Company's critiquity officers have evaluated the effectiveness of the Commission (such date, the "Evaluation Date"). The Company presented in its Annual Report on Form 10-K most recently filed with the Commission the conclusions of the certifying officers about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures based on their evaluations as of the Evaluation Date.
- (aa) <u>Sarbanes-Oxley</u>. There is and has been no failure on the part of the Company or, to the knowledge of the Company, any of the Company's directors or officers, in their capacities as such, to comply with any applicable provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. Each of the principal executive officer and the principal financial officer of the Company (or each former principal executive officer of the Company and each former principal financial officer of the Company as applicable) has made all certifications required by Sections 302 and 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. For purposes of the preceding sentence, "principal executive officer" and "principal financial officer" shall have the meanings given to such terms in the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.
- (bb) <u>Finder's Fees.</u> Neither the Company nor any of the Subsidiaries has incurred any liability for any finder's fees, brokerage commissions or similar payments in connection with the transactions herein contemplated, except as may otherwise exist with respect to the Agents pursuant to this Agreement.
- (cc) <u>Labor Disputes.</u> No labor disturbance by or dispute with employees of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries exists or, to the knowledge of the Company, is threatened, in either case which would reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect

- (dd) <u>Investment Company Act</u>. The Company, after giving effect to the offering and sale of the Placement Shares, will not be an "investment company" or an entity "controlled" by an "investment company," as such terms are defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "<u>Investment Company Act</u>").
- (ee) Operations. The operations of the Company and its Subsidiaries are and have been conducted at all times in compliance in all material respects with applicable financial record keeping and reporting requirements of the Currency and Foreign Transactions Reporting Act of 1970, as amended, the money laundering statutes of all jurisdictions to which the Company or its Subsidiaries are subject, the rules and regulations thereunder and any related or similar rules, regulations or guidelines, issued, administered or enforced by any governmental agency having jurisdiction over the Company (collectively, the "Money Laundering Laws"), except as would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect; and no action, suit or proceeding by or before any court or governmental agency, authority or body or any arbitrator involving the Company or any of its Subsidiaries with respect to the Money Laundering Laws is pending or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened.
- (ff) Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements. There are no transactions, arrangements and other relationships between and/or among the Company, and/or, to the knowledge of the Company, any of its Subsidiaries and any unconsolidated entity, including, but not limited to, any structural finance, special purpose or limited purpose entity (each, an "Off Balance Sheet Transaction") that could reasonably be expected to affect materially the Company's liquidity or the availability of or requirements for its capital resources.
- (gg) <u>Underwriter Agreements</u>. Other than with respect to this Agreement, the Company is not a party to any agreement with an agent or underwriter for any other "at the market" transaction under Rule 415 of the Securities Act Regulations or any other continuous equity transaction.
- (hh) ERISA. To the knowledge of the Company, (i) each material employee benefit plan, within the meaning of Section 3(3) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA"), that is maintained, administered or contributed to by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries (other than a Multiemployer Plan, within the meaning of Section 3(37) of ERISA) for employees or former employees of the Company and any of its Subsidiaries has been maintained in material compliance with its terms and the requirements of any applicable statutes, orders, rules and regulations, including but not limited to ERISA and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"); (ii) no prohibited transaction, within the meaning of Section 406 of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code, has occurred which would result in material liability to the Company with respect to any such plan (excluding transactions effected pursuant to a statutory or administrative exemption); and (iii) for each such plan that is subject to the funding rules of Section 412 of the Code or Section 302 of ERISA, no "accumulated funding deficiency" as defined in Section 412 of the Code has been incurred, whether or not waived, and the fair market value of the assets of each such plan (excluding for these purposes accrued but unpaid contributions) equals or exceeds the present value of all benefits accrued under such plan determined using reasonable actuarial assumptions, other than, in the case of (i), (ii) and (iii) above, as would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

- (ii) <u>Insurance</u>. The Company and each of its Subsidiaries carry, or are covered by, insurance in such amounts and covering such risks as the Company and each of its Subsidiaries reasonably believe are adequate for the conduct of their businesses and as is customary for companies of similar size engaged in similar businesses in similar industries.
- (j) No Improper Practices. (i) Neither the Company nor, to the Company's knowledge, the Subsidiaries, nor to the Company's knowledge, any of their respective executive officers has, in the past five years, made any unlawful contributions to any candidate for any political office (or failed fully to disclose any contribution in violation of law) or made any contribution or other payment to any official of, or candidate for, any federal, state, municipal, or foreign office or other person charged with similar public or quasi-public duty in violation of any law; (ii) no relationship, direct or indirect, exists between or among the Company or, to the Company's knowledge, any Subsidiary, or any affiliate of them, on the one hand, and the directors, officers and stockholders of the Company or, to the Company's knowledge, any Subsidiary, on the other hand, that is required by the Securities Act to be described in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus that is not so described; (iii) the Company has not offered, or caused any placement agent to offer, Common Shares to any person with the intent to influence unlawfully (A) a customer or supplier of the Company or any Subsidiary to alter the customer's or supplier's level or type of business with the Company or any Subsidiary or (B) a trade journalist or publication to write or publish favorable information about the Company or any Subsidiary or any of their respective products or services, and, (iv) neither the Company nor any Subsidiary nor, to the Company's knowledge, any employee or agent of the Company or any Subsidiary has made any payment of funds of the Company or any Subsidiary or received or retained any funds in violation of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977.
- (kk) <u>Status Under the Securities Act</u>. The Company was not and will not be at any Settlement Date an ineligible issuer as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act.
- (II) No Conflicting Statements in an Issuer Free Writing Prospectus Each Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, as of its issue date and as of each Applicable Time (as defined in Section 24 below), did not and will not include any information that conflicted, conflicts or will conflict with the information contained in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus, including any incorporated document deemed to be a part thereof that has not been superseded or modified. The foregoing sentence does not apply to conflicting information in any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus based upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by the Agents specifically for use therein.
- (mm) No Conflicts. Neither the execution of this Agreement, nor the issuance, offering or sale of the Placement Shares, nor the consummation of any of the transactions contemplated herein, nor the compliance by the Company with the terms and provisions hereof will conflict with, or will result in a breach of, any of the terms and provisions of, or has constituted or will constitute a default under, or has resulted in or will result in the creation or imposition of any lien, charge or encumbrance upon any property or assets of the Company pursuant to the terms of any contract or other agreement to which the Company may be bound or to which any of the property or assets of the Company is subject, except (i) such conflicts, breaches or defaults as may have been waived and (ii) such conflicts, breaches and defaults that would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, nor will such action result (x) in any violation of the provisions of any statute or any order, rule or regulation applicable to the Company or of any court or of any federal, state or other regulatory authority or other government body having jurisdiction over the Company, except where such violation would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

- (nn) Clinical Studies. The clinical, pre-clinical and other studies and tests conducted by or, to the knowledge of the Company, on behalf of the Company were, and, if still pending, are being, conducted in accordance in all material respects with all applicable statutes, laws, rules and regulations (including, without limitation, the U.S. Federal and Drug Administration's (the "FDA") Good Laboratory Practices and Good Clinical Practices as well as all other applicable rules, regulations, or requirements of the FDA, Health Canada ("HC"), the European Medicines Agency (the "EMA") or any other foreign, federal, state or local governmental or regulatory authority performing functions similar to those performed by the FDA). Except as set forth in the Registration Statement and Prospectus, the Company has not received any written notices or other written correspondence from the FDA, HC, EMA or any other foreign, federal, state or local governmental or regulatory authority performing functions similar to those performed by the FDA requiring the Company to terminate or suspend any ongoing clinical or pre-clinical studies or tests.
- (oo) <u>Compliance Program</u>. The Company has established and administers a compliance program applicable to the Company, to assist the Company and the directors, officers and employees of the Company in complying with applicable regulatory guidelines (including, without limitation, those administered by the FDA, HC, EMA and any other foreign, federal, state or local governmental or regulatory authority performing functions similar to those performed by the FDA) except where such noncompliance would not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (pp) OFAC. (i) To the knowledge of the Company, neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries (collectively, the "Entity"), nor any director, officer, employee, agent or representative of the Entity, is an individual or entity (in this paragraph (pp), "Person") that is, or is owned or controlled by a Person that is:
  - (A) the subject of any sanctions administered or enforced by the U.S. Department of Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control ('OFAC''), the European Union ("EU") or other relevant sanctions authority (collectively, "Sanctions"), or
    - (B) located, organized or resident in a country or territory that is the subject of Sanctions.
  - (ii) The proceeds of the issuance and sale of the Placement Shares will be applied by the Entity in good faith as described under the caption "Use of Proceeds" in each Prospectus Supplement and the Prospectus, and not with the result that any Person, directly or indirectly, shall have used the proceeds of the offering, or lent, contributed or otherwise made available such proceeds to any subsidiary, joint venture partner or other Person:

- (A) to fund or facilitate any activities or business of or with any Person or in any country or territory that, at the time of such funding or facilitation, is the subject of Sanctions; or
- (B) in any other manner that will result in a violation of Sanctions by any Person (including any Person participating in the offering, whether as underwriter, advisor, investor or otherwise).
- (iii) during the past 5 years, the Entity has not knowingly engaged in or is not now knowingly engaged in, any dealings or transactions with any Person, or in any country or territory, that at the time of the dealing or transaction is or was the subject of Sanctions.
- (qq) Stock Transfer Taxes. On each Settlement Date, all stock transfer or other taxes (other than income taxes) which are required to be paid in connection with the sale and transfer of the Placement Shares to be sold hereunder will be, or will have been, fully paid or provided for by the Company and all laws imposing such taxes will be or will have been fully complied with in all material respects.
- (rr) Foreign Private Issuer. The Company is not a "foreign private issuer" as such term is defined in Rule 3b-4 under the Exchange Act and in Rule 405 under the Securities Act.
- (ss) AMF. The Company has received a valid approval of the AMF pursuant to Section 12 of the Securities Act (Québec) with respect to the Registration Statement and the offering of Placement Shares thereunder, and the AMF has not withdrawn or modified such approval.
- (tt) IT Systems. (i)(x) To the knowledge of Company, there has been no security breach or other compromise of any of Company's information technology and computer systems, networks, hardware, software, data (including the data of their respective customers, employees, suppliers, vendors and any third party data maintained by or on behalf of them), equipment or technology (collectively, "IT Systems and Data") except as would not, in the case of this clause (i)(x), individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect, and (y) the Company has not been notified of, and have no knowledge of any event or condition that would reasonably be expected to result in, any security breach or other compromise to their IT Systems and Data; (ii) the Company is presently in material compliance with all applicable laws or statutes and all judgments, orders, rules and regulations of any court or arbitrator or governmental or regulatory authority, internal policies and contractual obligations relating to the privacy and security of IT Systems and Data and to the protection of such IT Systems and Data from unauthorized use, access, misappropriation or modification, except as would not, in the case of this clause (ii), individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect; and (iii) the Company has implemented backup and disaster recovery technology consistent with industry standards and practices.

Any certificate signed by an authorized officer of the Company and delivered to Agents or to counsel for Agents pursuant to or in connection with this Agreement shall be deemed to be a representation and warranty by the Company, as applicable, to Agents as to the matters set forth therein.

- 7. <u>Covenants of the Company</u>. The Company covenants and agrees with the Agents that:
- Registration Statement Amendments. After the date of this Agreement and during any period in which a Prospectus relating to any Placement Shares is required to be delivered by the Agents under the Securities Act (including in circumstances where such requirement may be satisfied pursuant to Rule 172 under the Securities Act) (the "Prospectus Delivery Period"), (i) the Company will notify the Agents promptly of the time when any subsequent amendment to the Registration Statement, other than documents incorporated by reference or amendments not related to any Placement, has been filed with the Commission and/or has become effective or any subsequent supplement to the Prospectus has been filed and of any request by the Commission for any amendment or supplement to the Registration Statement or Prospectus or for additional information related to the Placement, (ii) the Company will not file any amendment or supplement to the Registration Statement or Prospectus relating to the Placement Shares unless a copy thereof has been submitted to the Agents within a reasonable period of time before the filing and the Agents have not reasonably objected thereto (provided, however, (A) that the failure of the Agents to make such objection shall not relieve the Company of any obligation or liability hereunder, or affect the Agents' right to rely on the representations and warranties made by the Company in this Agreement, (B) that the Company has no obligation to provide the Agents any advance copy of such filing or to provide the Agents an opportunity to object to such filing if such filing does not name the Agents or does not relate to the transactions contemplated hereunder, and (C) that the only remedy the Agents shall have with respect to the failure by the Company to provide Agent with such copy shall be to cease making sales under this Agreement) and the Company will furnish to the Agents at the time of filing thereof a copy of any document that upon filing is deemed to be incorporated by reference into the Registration Statement or Prospectus, except for those documents available via EDGAR; and (iii) the Company will cause each amendment or supplement to the Prospectus to be filed with the Commission as required pursuant to the applicable paragraph of Rule 424(b) of the Securities Act or, in the case of any document to be incorporated therein by reference, to be filed with the Commission as required pursuant to the Exchange Act, within the time period prescribed (the determination to file or not file any amendment or supplement with the Commission under this Section 7(a), based on the Company's reasonable opinion or reasonable objections, shall be made exclusively by the Company).
- (b) Notice of Commission Stop Orders. During the Prospectus Delivery Period, the Company will advise the Agents, promptly after it receives notice or obtains knowledge thereof, of the issuance or threatened issuance by the Commission of any stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement, of the suspension of the qualification of the Placement Shares for offering or sale in any jurisdiction, or of the initiation or threatening of any proceeding for any such purpose; and it will promptly use its commercially reasonable efforts to prevent the issuance of any stop order or to obtain its withdrawal if such a stop order should be issued. The Company will advise the Agents promptly after it receives any request by the Commission for any amendments to the Registration Statement or any amendment or supplements to the Prospectus or any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus or for additional information related to the Registration Statement, the Prospectus or any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus.

- co Delivery of Prospectus; Subsequent Changes. During the Prospectus Delivery Period, the Company will use its best efforts to comply with all requirements imposed upon it by the Securities Act, as from time to time in force, and to file on or before their respective due dates all reports and any definitive proxy or information statements required to be filed by the Company with the Commission pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14, 15(d) or any other provision of or under the Exchange Act. If the Company has omitted any information from the Registration Statement pursuant to Rule 430A under the Securities Act, it will use its best efforts to comply with the provisions of and make all requisite filings with the Commission pursuant to said Rule 430A and to notify the Agents promptly of all such filings. If during the Prospectus Delivery Period any event occurs as a result of which the Prospectus as then amended or supplemented would include an untrue statement of a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances then existing, not misleading, or if during the Prospectus Delivery Period it is necessary to amend or supplement the Registration Statement or Prospectus to comply with the Securities Act, the Company will promptly notify the Designated Agent to suspend the offering of Placement Shares during such period and the Company will promptly amend or supplement the Registration Statement or Prospectus (at the expense of the Company) so as to correct such statement or omission or effect such compliance.
- (d) <u>Listing of Placement Shares</u>. During the Prospectus Delivery Period, the Company will use its reasonable best efforts to cause the Placement Shares to be listed on the Exchange and to qualify the Placement Shares for sale under the state securities laws in the United States and to continue such qualification in effect so long as required for the distribution of the Placement Shares; provided, however, that the Company shall not be required in connection therewith to qualify as a foreign corporation or dealer in securities or file a general consent to service of process in any jurisdiction.
- (e) <u>Delivery of Registration Statement and Prospectus</u>. The Company will furnish to the Agents and their counsel (at the expense of the Company) copies of the Registration Statement, the Prospectus (including all documents incorporated by reference therein) and all amendments and supplements to the Registration Statement or Prospectus that are filed with the Commission during the Prospectus Delivery Period (including all documents filed with the Commission during such period that are deemed to be incorporated by reference therein), in each case as soon as reasonably practicable and in such quantities as the Agents may from time to time reasonably request and, at Agents' request, will also furnish copies of the Prospectus to each exchange or market on which sales of the Placement Shares may be made; provided, however, that the Company shall not be required to furnish any document (other than the Prospectus) to the Agents to the extent such document is available on EDGAR.
- (f) <u>Earnings Statement</u>. The Company will make generally available to its security holders as soon as practicable, but in any event not later than 15 months after the end of the Company's current fiscal quarter, an earnings statement covering a 12-month period that satisfies the provisions of Section 11(a) and Rule 158 of the Securities Act.
  - (g) <u>Use of Proceeds</u>. The Company will use the Net Proceeds as described in the Prospectus in the section entitled "Use of Proceeds."

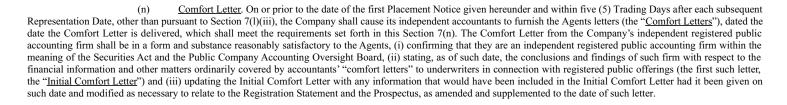
- Notice of Other Sales. During the Prospectus Delivery Period, the Company shall provide the Agents with written notice as promptly as reasonably possible before it will, directly or indirectly, offer to sell, sell, contract to sell, grant any option to sell or otherwise dispose of any Common Shares (other than the Placement Shares offered pursuant to this Agreement) or securities convertible into or exchangeable for Common Shares, warrants or any rights to purchase or acquire, Common Shares; provided, however, that such notice will not be required in connection with the Company's issuance or sale of (i) Common Shares, options to purchase Common Shares or Common Shares issuable upon the exercise of options or other equity awards, pursuant to any employee or director stock option or benefits plan, stock ownership plan or dividend reinvestment plan (but not Common Shares subject to a waiver to exceed plan limits in its dividend reinvestment plan) of the Company whether now in effect or hereafter implemented; (ii) Common Shares issuable in satisfaction of interest payable to the holders of the Company's convertible debentures disclosed as outstanding in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, (iii) Common Shares issuable upon conversion of securities or the exercise of warrants, options or other rights in effect or disclosed as outstanding in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, and (iv) Common Shares, or securities convertible into or exercisable for Common Shares, issued pursuant to consulting arrangements or service provider arrangements the primary purpose of which is not to raise capital. In addition, while this Agreement is in force and shall not have expired, terminated or been terminated, during the period beginning on the Trading Day immediately prior to the date on which any Placement Notice is delivered to the Agents hereunder and ending on the third (3rd) Trading Day immediately following the final Settlement Date with respect to Placement Shares sold pursuant to such Placement Notice (or, if the Placement Notice has been terminated or suspended prior to the sale of all Placement Shares covered by a Placement Notice, the date of such suspension or termination), the Company will not, directly or indirectly, sell, contract to sell, grant any option to sell or otherwise dispose of any Common Shares (other than the Placement Shares offered pursuant to this Agreement) or securities convertible into or exchangeable for Common Shares, warrants or any rights to purchase or acquire, Common Shares in any other "at the market offering" under Rule 415 of the Securities Act Regulations or any other continuous equity transaction.
- (i) <u>Change of Circumstances</u>. The Company will, at any time during the pendency of a Placement Notice given hereunder, advise the Agents promptly after it shall have received notice or obtained knowledge thereof, of any information or fact that would alter or affect in any material respect any opinion, certificate, letter or other document required to be provided to the Agents pursuant to this Agreement.
- (j) <u>Due Diligence Cooperation.</u> The Company will cooperate with any reasonable due diligence review conducted by the Agents or their representatives in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby, including, without limitation, providing information and making available documents and senior corporate officers, during regular business hours and at the Company's principal offices or such other location mutually agreed to by the parties, as the Agents may reasonably request.
- (k) Required Filings Relating to Placement of Placement Shares. The Company agrees that on such dates as the Securities Act shall require, the Company will (i) file a prospectus supplement with the Commission under the applicable paragraph of Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act (each and every date a filing under Rule 424(b) is made, a "Filing Date"), which prospectus supplement will set forth, within the relevant period, the amount of Placement Shares sold through the Agents, the Net Proceeds to the Company and the compensation payable by the Company to the Agents with respect to such Placement Shares (provided that the Company may satisfy its obligation under this Section 7(k)(i) by effecting a filing in accordance with the Exchange Act with respect to such information), and (ii) deliver such number of copies of each such prospectus supplement to each exchange or market on which such sales were effected as may be required by the rules or regulations of such exchange or market.

- (l) <u>Representation Dates; Certificate</u>. Each time during the term of this Agreement that the Company:
- (i) amends or supplements (other than a prospectus supplement relating solely to an offering of securities other than the Placement Shares) the Registration Statement or the Prospectus relating to the Placement Shares by means of a post-effective amendment, sticker, or supplement but not by means of incorporation of documents by reference into the Registration Statement or the Prospectus relating to the Placement Shares;
- (ii) files an annual report on Form 10-K under the Exchange Act (including any Form 10-K/A that contains restated financial statements);
- (iii) files its quarterly reports on Form 10-Q under the Exchange Act; or
- (iv) files a current report on Form 8-K containing amended financial information (other than information "furnished" pursuant to Items 2.02 or 7.01 of Form 8-K or to provide disclosure pursuant to Item 8.01 of Form 8-K relating to the reclassification of certain properties as discontinued operations in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 144) under the Exchange Act;

(each date of filing of one or more of the documents referred to in clauses (i) through (iv) shall be a 'Representation Date');

the Company shall furnish the Agents (but in the case of clause (iv) above only if any Agent reasonably determines that the information contained in such Form 8-K is material) with a certificate, in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 7(l) within five (5) Trading Days of any Representation Date. The requirement to provide a certificate under this Section 7(l) shall be automatically waived for any Representation Date occurring during a fiscal quarter during which the Company does not intend to sell Placement Shares prior to the next occurring Representation Date; provided, however, that such waiver shall not apply for any Representation Date on which the Company files its annual report on Form 10-K. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Company subsequently decides to sell Placement Shares following a Representation Date when the Company relied on such waiver and did not provide the Agents with a certificate under this Section 7(l), then before the Company delivers the Placement Notice or the Agents sell any Placement Shares, the Company shall provide the Agents with a certificate, in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 7(l), dated the date of the Placement Notice.

(m) Legal Opinions. On or prior to the date of the first Placement Notice given hereunder the Company shall cause to be furnished to the Agents a written opinion and a negative assurance letter of Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP ("Company Counsel"), or other counsel reasonably satisfactory to the Agents, each in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Agents. Thereafter, within five (5) Trading Days of each Representation Date with respect to which the Company is obligated to deliver a certificate in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 7(l) for which no waiver is applicable, the Company shall cause to be furnished to the Agents a negative assurance letter of Company Counsel in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Agents; provided that, in lieu of such negative assurance for subsequent Representation Dates, counsel may furnish the Agents with a letter (a "Reliance Letter") to the effect that the Agents may rely on the negative assurance letter previously delivered under this Section 7(m) to the same extent as if it were dated the date of such letter (except that statements in such prior letter shall be deemed to relate to the Registration Statement and the Prospectus as amended or supplemented as of the date of the Reliance Letter).



- (o) <u>Market Activities</u>. The Company will not, directly or indirectly, (i) take any action designed to cause or result in, or that constitutes or might reasonably be expected to constitute, the stabilization or manipulation of the price of any security of the Company to facilitate the sale or resale of the Placement Shares or (ii) sell, bid for, or purchase Common Shares in violation of Regulation M, or pay anyone any compensation for soliciting purchases of the Placement Shares other than the Agents.
- (p) <u>Investment Company Act.</u> The Company will conduct its affairs in such a manner so as to reasonably ensure that neither it nor any of its Subsidiaries will be or become, at any time prior to the termination of this Agreement, an "investment company," as such term is defined in the Investment Company Act.
- (q) No Offer to Sell. Other than an Issuer Free Writing Prospectus approved in advance by the Company and the Agents in their capacity as agents hereunder, neither of the Agents nor the Company (including its agents and representatives, other than the Agents in their capacity as such) will make, use, prepare, authorize, approve or refer to any written communication (as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act), required to be filed with the Commission, that constitutes an offer to sell or solicitation of an offer to buy Placement Shares hereunder.

- (r) <u>Sarbanes-Oxley Act</u>. The Company will maintain disclosure controls and procedures and internal controls over financial reporting (each as defined in Rule 13a-15 under the Exchange Act) that comply with the requirements of the Exchange Act.
- 8. Representations and Covenants of Agents. Each of the Agents represents, warrants and covenants to the Company that it is duly registered as a broker-dealer under FINRA, the Exchange Act and the applicable statutes and regulations of each state in which the Placement Shares will be offered and sold, except such states in which such Agent is exempt from registration or such registration is not otherwise required. Each of the Agents shall continue, for the term of this Agreement, to be duly registered as a broker-dealer under FINRA, the Exchange Act and the applicable statutes and regulations of each state in which the Placement Shares will be offered and sold, except such states in which Agent is exempt from registration or such registration is not otherwise required, during the term of this Agreement. Each of the Agents will comply with all applicable law and regulations in connection with the Placement Shares, including but not limited to Regulation M under the Exchange Act;

### 9. Payment of Expenses.

- (a) The Company will pay all expenses incident to the performance of its obligations under this Agreement, including expenses related to (i) the preparation, filing, including any fees required by the Commission, and printing of the Registration Statement (including financial statements and exhibits) as originally filed and of each amendment and supplement thereto and each Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, in such number as the Agents shall reasonably deem necessary, (ii) the preparation, issuance and delivery of the certificates, if any, for the Placement Shares to the Agents, including any stock or other transfer taxes and any capital duties, stamp duties or other duties or taxes (other than income taxes) payable upon the sale, issuance or delivery of the Placement Shares to the Agents, (iii) the fees and disbursements of the Company's counsel, accountants and other advisors, (iv) the fees and expenses of the transfer agent and registrar for the Common Shares, (v) the filing fees incident to any review by FINRA of the terms of the sale of the Placement Shares, (vi) the reasonable and documented out-of-pocket fees and disbursements of counsel to the Agents incurred in connection with (a) entering into the transactions contemplated by this Agreement in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 in the aggregate, and (b) ongoing diligence arising from the transactions contemplated by this Agreement in an amount not to exceed \$2,500 in the aggregate per calendar quarter (other than with respect to any calendar quarter during which the Company does not intend to sell Placement Shares), and (vii) the fees and expenses incurred in connection with the listing of the Placement Shares on the Exchange.
- 10. <u>Conditions to Agents' Obligations</u>. The obligations of the Agents hereunder with respect to a Placement will be subject to the continuing accuracy and completeness of the representations and warranties made by the Company herein, to the due performance by the Company of its obligations hereunder, to the completion by the Agents of a due diligence review satisfactory to it in its reasonable judgment, and to the continuing satisfaction (or waiver by the Agents in their sole discretion) of the following additional conditions:

- (a) Registration Statement Effective. The Registration Statement shall have become effective and shall be available for the sale of all Placement Shares contemplated to be issued by any Placement Notice.
- (b) No Material Notices. None of the following events shall have occurred and be continuing: (i) receipt by the Company of any request for additional information from the Commission or any other federal or state governmental authority during the period of effectiveness of the Registration Statement the response to which would require any post-effective amendments or supplements to the Registration Statement or the Prospectus; (ii) the issuance by the Commission or any other federal or state governmental authority of any stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or the initiation of any proceedings for that purpose; (iii) receipt by the Company of any notification with respect to the suspension of the qualification or exemption from qualification of any of the Placement Shares for sale in any jurisdiction or the initiation or threatening of any proceeding for such purpose; or (iv) the occurrence of any event that requires the making of any changes in the Registration Statement, the Prospectus or material documents incorporated therein so that, in the case of the Registration Statement, it will not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.
- (c) No Misstatement or Material Omission. The Agents shall not have advised the Company that the Registration Statement or Prospectus, or any amendment or supplement thereto, contains an untrue statement of fact that in Agents' reasonable opinion is material, or omits to state a fact that in Agents' opinion is material and is required to be stated therein or is necessary to make the statements therein not misleading.
- (d) <u>Material Changes</u>. Except as contemplated in the Prospectus, or disclosed in the Company's reports filed with the Commission, there shall not have been any Material Adverse Effect, or any development that could reasonably be expected to cause a Material Adverse Effect.
- (e) <u>Company Counsel Legal Opinions</u>. The Agents shall have received the opinions and letters of Company Counsel required to be delivered pursuant <u>Section 7(m)</u> on or before the date on which such delivery of such opinions and letters are required pursuant to <u>Section 7(m)</u>.
- (f) Agents Counsel Legal Opinion. The Agents shall have received from Duane Morris LLP, counsel for the Agents, such opinion or opinions, on or before the date on which the delivery of the Company Counsel legal opinion is required pursuant to Section 7(m), with respect to such matters as the Agents may reasonably require, and the Company shall have furnished to such counsel such documents as they request for enabling them to pass upon such matters.
- (g) Comfort Letter. The Agents shall have received the Comfort Letter required to be delivered pursuant Section 7(n) on or before the date on which such delivery of such letter is required pursuant to Section 7(n).

- (h) Representation Certificate. The Agents shall have received the certificate required to be delivered pursuant to Section 7(1) on or before the date on which delivery of such certificate is required pursuant to Section 7(1).
- (i) Secretary's Certificate. On or prior to the first Representation Date, the Agents shall have received a certificate, signed on behalf of the Company by its corporate Secretary, in form and substance satisfactory to the Agents and their counsel.
- (j) No Suspension. Trading in the Common Shares shall not have been suspended on the Exchange and the Common Shares shall not have been delisted from the Exchange.
- (k) Other Materials. On each date on which the Company is required to deliver a certificate pursuant to Section 7(1), the Company shall use its reasonable efforts to furnish to the Agents such appropriate further information, certificates and documents as the Agents may reasonably request and which are usually and customarily furnished by an issuer of securities in connection with a securities offering. All such opinions, certificates, letters and other documents will be in compliance with the provisions hereof. The Company will furnish the Agents with such conformed copies of such opinions, certificates, letters and other documents as the Agents shall reasonably request.
- (l) <u>Securities Act Filings Made</u>. All filings with the Commission required by Rule 424 under the Securities Act to have been filed prior to the issuance of any Placement Notice hereunder shall have been made within the applicable time period prescribed for such filing by Rule 424.
- (m) <u>Approval for Listing</u>. The Placement Shares shall either have been approved for listing on the Exchange, subject only to notice of issuance, or the Company shall have filed an application for listing of the Placement Shares on the Exchange at, or prior to, the issuance of any Placement Notice.
  - (n) No Termination Event. There shall not have occurred any event that would permit the Agents to terminate this Agreement pursuant to Section 13(a).

### 11. <u>Indemnification and Contribution.</u>

- (a) <u>Company Indemnification</u>. The Company agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Agents, their partners, members, directors, officers, employees and agents and each person, if any, who controls the Agents within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act as follows:
- (i) against any and all loss, liability, claim, damage and expense whatsoever, as incurred, joint or several, arising out of or based upon any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Registration Statement (or any amendment thereto), or the omission or alleged omission therefrom of a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, or arising out of any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact included in any related Issuer Free Writing Prospectus or the Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto), or the omission or alleged omission therefrom of a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading;

(ii) again	nst any and all loss, liability, claim, damage and expense whatsoever, as incurred, joint or several, to the extent of the aggregate amount
paid in settlement of any litigation, or any	y investigation or proceeding by any governmental agency or body, commenced or threatened, or of any claim whatsoever based upon
any such untrue statement or omission, or	r any such alleged untrue statement or omission; provided that (subject to Section 11(d) below) any such settlement is effected with the
written consent of the Company, which co	onsent shall not unreasonably be delayed or withheld; and

(iii) against any and all expense whatsoever, as incurred (including the reasonable and documented out-of-pocket fees and disbursements of counsel), reasonably incurred in investigating, preparing or defending against any litigation, or any investigation or proceeding by any governmental agency or body, commenced or threatened, or any claim whatsoever based upon any such untrue statement or omission, or any such alleged untrue statement or omission, to the extent that any such expense is not paid under (i) or (ii) above,

provided, however, that this indemnity agreement shall not apply to any loss, liability, claim, damage or expense to the extent arising out of any untrue statement or omission or alleged untrue statement or omission made solely in reliance upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by any Agent expressly for use in the Registration Statement (or any amendment thereto), or in any related Issuer Free Writing Prospectus or the Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto).

(b) <u>Indemnification by the Agents.</u> Each Agent agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Company and its directors and officers, and each person, if any, who (i) controls the Company within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act or (ii) is controlled by or is under common control with the Company against any and all loss, liability, claim, damage and expense described in the indemnity contained in <u>Section 11(a)</u>, as incurred, but only with respect to untrue statements or omissions, or alleged untrue statements or omissions, made in the Registration Statement (or any amendments thereto) or in any related Issuer Free Writing Prospectus or the Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto) in reliance upon and in conformity with information relating to such Agent and furnished to the Company in writing by such Agent expressly for use therein.

Procedure. Any party that proposes to assert the right to be indemnified under this Section 11 will, promptly after receipt of notice of commencement of any action against such party in respect of which a claim is to be made against an indemnifying party or parties under this Section 11, notify each such indemnifying party of the commencement of such action, enclosing a copy of all papers served, but the omission to so notify such indemnifying party will not relieve the indemnifying party from (i) any liability that it might have to any indemnified party otherwise than under this Section 11 and (ii) any liability that it may have to any indemnified party under the foregoing provisions of this Section 11 unless, and only to the extent that, such omission results in the forfeiture of substantive rights or defenses by the indemnifying party. If any such action is brought against any indemnified party and it notifies the indemnifying party of its commencement, the indemnifying party will be entitled to participate in and, to the extent that it elects by delivering written notice to the indemnified party promptly after receiving notice of the commencement of the action from the indemnified party, jointly with any other indemnifying party similarly notified, to assume the defense of the action, with counsel reasonably satisfactory to the indemnified party, and after notice from the indemnifying party to the indemnified party of its election to assume the defense, the indemnifying party will not be liable to the indemnified party for any legal or other expenses except as provided below and except for the reasonable and documented costs of investigation subsequently incurred by the indemnified party in connection with the defense. The indemnified party will have the right to employ its own counsel in any such action, but the fees, expenses and other charges of such counsel will be at the expense of such indemnified party unless (1) the employment of counsel by the indemnified party has been authorized in writing by the indemnifying party, (2) the indemnified party has reasonably concluded (based on advice of counsel) that there may be legal defenses available to it or other indemnified parties that are different from or in addition to those available to the indemnifying party, (3) a conflict or potential conflict of interest exists (based on advice of counsel to the indemnified party) between the indemnified party and the indemnifying party (in which case the indemnifying party will not have the right to direct the defense of such action on behalf of the indemnified party) or (4) the indemnifying party has not in fact employed counsel to assume the defense of such action within a reasonable time after receiving notice of the commencement of the action, in each of which cases the reasonable and documented out-of-pocket fees, disbursements and other charges of counsel will be at the expense of the indemnifying party or parties. It is understood that the indemnifying party or parties shall not, in connection with any proceeding or related proceedings in the same jurisdiction, be liable for the reasonable and documented out-of-pocket fees, disbursements and other charges of more than one separate firm admitted to practice in such jurisdiction at any one time for all such indemnified party or parties. All such reasonable and documented out-of-pocket fees, disbursements and other charges will be reimbursed by the indemnifying party promptly after the indemnifying party receives a written invoice relating to fees, disbursements and other charges in reasonable detail. An indemnifying party will not, in any event, be liable for any settlement of any action or claim effected without its written consent. No indemnifying party shall, without the prior written consent of each indemnified party, settle or compromise or consent to the entry of any judgment in any pending or threatened claim, action or proceeding relating to the matters contemplated by this Section 11 (whether or not any indemnified party is a party thereto), unless such settlement, compromise or consent (1) includes an unconditional release of each indemnified party from all liability arising out of such litigation, investigation, proceeding or claim and (2) does not include a statement as to or an admission of fault, culpability or a failure to act by or on behalf of any indemnified party.

Contribution. In order to provide for just and equitable contribution in circumstances in which the indemnification provided for in the foregoing paragraphs of this Section 11 is applicable in accordance with its terms but for any reason is held to be unavailable from the Company or an Agent, the Company and such Agent will contribute to the total losses, claims, liabilities, expenses and damages (including any investigative, legal and other expenses reasonably incurred in connection with, and any amount paid in settlement of, any action, suit or proceeding or any claim asserted, but after deducting any contribution received by the Company from persons other than the Agents, such as persons who control the Company within the meaning of the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, officers of the Company who signed the Registration Statement and directors of the Company, who also may be liable for contribution) to which the Company and the Agents may be subject in such proportion as shall be appropriate to reflect the relative benefits received by the Company on the one hand and the Agents on the other hand. The relative benefits received by the Company on the one hand and the Agents on the other hand shall be deemed to be in the same proportion as the total Net Proceeds from the sale of the Placement Shares (net of commissions paid to the Agents but before deducting expenses) received by the Company bear to the total compensation received by the Agents (before deducting expenses) from the sale of Placement Shares on behalf of the Company. If, but only if, the allocation provided by the foregoing sentence is not permitted by applicable law, the allocation of contribution shall be made in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect not only the relative benefits referred to in the foregoing sentence but also the relative fault of the Company, on the one hand, and such Agent, on the other hand, with respect to the statements or omission that resulted in such loss, claim, liability, expense or damage, or action in respect thereof, as well as any other relevant equitable considerations with respect to such offering. Such relative fault shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether the untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or omission or alleged omission to state a material fact relates to information supplied by the Company or such Agent, the intent of the parties and their relative knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent such statement or omission. The Company and each Agent agree that it would not be just and equitable if contributions pursuant to this Section 11(d) were to be determined by pro rata allocation or by any other method of allocation that does not take into account the equitable considerations referred to herein. The amount paid or payable by an indemnified party as a result of the loss, claim, liability, expense, or damage, or action in respect thereof, referred to above in this Section 11(d) shall be deemed to include, for the purpose of this Section 11(d), any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by such indemnified party in connection with investigating or defending any such action or claim to the extent consistent with Section 11(c) hereof. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section 11(d), an Agent shall not be required to contribute any amount in excess of the commissions received by it under this Agreement and no person found guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the Securities Act) will be entitled to contribution from any person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation. For purposes of this Section 11(d), any person who controls a party to this Agreement within the meaning of the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, and any officers, directors, partners, employees or agents of an Agent, will have the same rights to contribution as that party, and each officer who signed the Registration Statement and director of the Company will have the same rights to contribution as the Company, subject in each case to the provisions hereof. Any party entitled to contribution, promptly after receipt of notice of commencement of any action against such party in respect of which a claim for contribution may be made under this Section 11(d), will notify any such party or parties from whom contribution may be sought, but the omission to so notify will not relieve that party or parties from whom contribution may be sought from any other obligation it or they may have under this Section 11(d) except to the extent that the failure to so notify such other party materially prejudiced the substantive rights or defenses of the party from whom contribution is sought. Except for a settlement entered into pursuant to the last sentence of Section 11(c) hereof, no party will be liable for contribution with respect to any action or claim settled without its written consent if such consent is required pursuant to Section 11(c) hereof.

12. Representations and Agreements to Survive Delivery. The indemnity and contribution agreements contained in Section 11 of this Agreement and all representations and warranties of the Company herein or in certificates delivered pursuant hereto shall survive, as of their respective dates, regardless of (i) any investigation made by or on behalf of the Agents, any controlling persons, or the Company (or any of their respective officers, directors or controlling persons), (ii) delivery and acceptance of the Placement Shares and payment therefor or (iii) any termination of this Agreement.

#### 13. <u>Termination.</u>

a. An Agent may terminate this Agreement with respect to itself, by notice to the Company, as hereinafter specified at any time (1) if there has been, since the time of execution of this Agreement or since the date as of which information is given in the Prospectus, any Material Adverse Effect, or any development that would reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect that, in the sole judgment of such Agent, is material and adverse and makes it impractical or inadvisable to market the Placement Shares or to enforce contracts for the sale of the Placement Shares, (2) if there has occurred any material adverse change in the financial markets in the United States or the international financial markets, any outbreak of hostilities or escalation thereof or other calamity or crisis or any change or development involving a prospective change in national or international political, financial or economic conditions, in each case the effect of which is such as to make it, in the judgment of such Agent, impracticable or inadvisable to market the Placement Shares or to enforce contracts for the sale of the Placement Shares, (3) if trading in the Common Shares has been suspended or limited by the Commission or the Exchange, or if trading generally on the Exchange has been suspended or limited, or minimum prices for trading have been fixed on the Exchange, (4) if any suspension of trading of any securities of the Company on any exchange or in the over-the-counter market shall have occurred and be continuing, of (6) if a banking moratorium has been declared by either U.S. Federal or New York authorities. Any such termination shall be without liability of any party to any other party except that the provisions of Section 9 (Payment of Expenses), Section 11 (Indemnification and Contribution), Section 12 (Representations and Agreements to Survive Delivery), Section 18 (Governing Law and Time; Waiver of Jury Trial) and Section 19 (Consent to Jurisdiction) hereof shall remain in full force and effect notwithstand

b. The Company shall have the right, by giving five (5) days' notice as hereinafter specified to terminate this Agreement in its sole discretion at any time after the date of this Agreement. Any such termination shall be without liability of any party to any other party except that the provisions of Section 9 (Payment of Expenses), Section 11 (Indemnification and Contribution), Section 12 (Representations and Agreements to Survive Delivery), Section 18 (Governing Law and Time; Waiver of Jury Trial) and Section 19 (Consent to Jurisdiction) hereof shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding such termination.

- c. Each Agent shall have the right, by giving five (5) days' notice as hereinafter specified to terminate this Agreement with respect to itself in its sole discretion at any time after the date of this Agreement. Any such termination shall be without liability of any party to any other party except that the provisions of Section 9 (Payment of Expenses), Section 11 (Indemnification and Contribution), Section 12 (Representations and Agreements to Survive Delivery), Section 18 (Governing Law and Time; Waiver of Jury Trial) and Section 19 (Consent to Jurisdiction) hereof shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding such termination.
- d. Unless earlier terminated pursuant to this <u>Section 13</u>, this Agreement shall automatically terminate upon the issuance and sale of all of the Placement Shares through the Agents on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth herein except that the provisions of <u>Section 9</u> (Payment of Expenses), <u>Section 11</u> (Indemnification and Contribution), <u>Section 12</u> (Representations and Agreements to Survive Delivery), <u>Section 18</u> (Governing Law and Time; Waiver of Jury Trial) and <u>Section 19</u> (Consent to Jurisdiction) hereof shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding such termination.
- e. This Agreement shall remain in full force and effect unless terminated pursuant to Sections 13(a), (b), (c), or (d) above or otherwise by mutual agreement of the parties; provided, however, that any such termination by mutual agreement shall in all cases be deemed to provide tha Section 9 (Payment of Expenses), Section 11 (Indemnification and Contribution), Section 12 (Representations and Agreements to Survive Delivery), Section 18 (Governing Law and Time; Waiver of Jury Trial) and Section 19 (Consent to Jurisdiction) shall remain in full force and effect. Upon termination of this Agreement, the Company shall not have any liability to an Agent for any discount, commission or other compensation with respect to any Placement Shares not otherwise sold by an Agent under this Agreement. To the extent this Agreement is terminated by one Agent or by the Company with respect to one Agent pursuant to Sections 13(a), (b) or (c) above, this Agreement shall terminate only with respect to such Agent and shall remain in full force and effect with respect to the Company and the other Agents, unless and until terminated pursuant to Sections 13(a), (b), (c), or (d) above.
- f. Any termination of this Agreement shall be effective on the date specified in such notice of termination; *provided, however*, that such termination shall not be effective until the close of business on the date of receipt of such notice by an Agent or the Company, as the case may be. If such termination shall occur prior to the Settlement Date for any sale of Placement Shares, such Placement Shares shall settle in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.
- 14. Notices. All notices or other communications required or permitted to be given by any party to any other party pursuant to the terms of this Agreement shall be in writing, unless otherwise specified, and if sent to Agents, shall be delivered to:

B. Riley FBR, Inc.

299 Park Avenue, 21<sup>st</sup> Floor New York, NY 10171 Attention: General Counsel Telephone: (212) 457-9947 Email: atmdesk@brileyfbr.com Oppenheimer & Co. Inc. 85 Broad Street, 26th Floor New York, NY 10004 Attention: Peter Vogelsang, OGC

Telephone: (212) 667-8195

Email: peter.vogelsang@opco.com

H.C. Wainwright & Co., LLC 430 Park Avenue New York, NY 10022

Attention: Head of Investment Banking

E-mail: atm@hcwco.com

### with a copy to:

Duane Morris LLP 1540 Broadway New York, NY 10036 Attention: Dean M. Colucci Telephone: (973) 424-2020

Email: dmcolucci@duanemorris.com

# And if to the Company, shall be delivered to:

Acasti Pharma Inc. 545 Promenade du Centropolis, Suite 100 Laval, Québec, Canada H7T 0A3 Attention: President

Email: j.dalvise@acastipharma.com

## With a copy to:

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# And to:

Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP 620 8th Avenue, New York, New York 10011 Each party to this Agreement may change such address for notices by sending to the parties to this Agreement written notice of a new address for such purpose. Each such notice or other communication shall be deemed given (i) when delivered personally or by verifiable facsimile transmission (with an original to follow) on or before 4:30 p.m., New York City time, on a Business Day or, if such day is not a Business Day, on the next succeeding Business Day, (ii) on the next Business Day after timely delivery to a nationally-recognized overnight courier and (iii) on the Business Day actually received if deposited in the U.S. mail (certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid). For purposes of this Agreement, "Business Day" shall mean any day on which the Exchange and commercial banks in the City of New York are open for business.

- 15. <u>Successors and Assigns.</u> This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the Company and each Agent and their respective successors and the affiliates, controlling persons, partners, members, officers, directors, employees and agents referred to in <u>Section 11</u> hereof. References to any of the parties contained in this Agreement shall be deemed to include the successors and permitted assigns of such party. Nothing in this Agreement, express or implied, is intended to confer upon any party other than the parties hereto or their respective successors and permitted assigns any rights, remedies, obligations or liabilities under or by reason of this Agreement, except as expressly provided in this Agreement. Neither the Company nor the Agents may assign its rights or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party.
- 16. <u>Adjustments for Share Splits</u>. The parties acknowledge and agree that all share-related numbers contained in this Agreement shall be adjusted to take into account any share consolidation, share split, share dividend or similar event effected with respect to the Placement Shares.
- 17. Entire Agreement; Amendment; Severability. This Agreement (including all schedules and exhibits attached hereto and Placement Notices issued pursuant hereto), constitutes the entire agreement of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all other prior and contemporaneous agreements and undertakings, both written and oral, among the parties hereto with regard to the subject matter hereof. Neither this Agreement nor any term hereof may be amended except pursuant to a written instrument executed by the Company and the Agents. In the event that any one or more of the provisions contained herein, or the application thereof in any circumstance, is held invalid, illegal or unenforceable as written by a court of competent jurisdiction, then such provision shall be given full force and effect to the fullest possible extent that it is valid, legal and enforceable, and the remainder of the terms and provisions herein shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal or unenforceable term or provision was not contained herein, but only to the extent that giving effect to such provision and the remainder of the terms and provisions hereof shall be in accordance with the intent of the parties as reflected in this Agreement.
- 18. GOVERNING LAW AND TIME; WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL. THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK WITHOUT REGARD TO THE PRINCIPLES OF CONFLICTS OF LAWS. SPECIFIED TIMES OF DAY REFER TO NEW YORK CITY TIME. EACH PARTY HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY AND ALL RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY.

- 19. CONSENT TO JURISDICTION. EACH PARTY HEREBY IRREVOCABLY SUBMITS TO THE NON-EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OF THE STATE AND FEDERAL COURTS SITTING IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, FOR THE ADJUDICATION OF ANY DISPUTE HEREUNDER OR IN CONNECTION WITH ANY TRANSACTION CONTEMPLATED HEREBY, AND HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES, AND AGREES NOT TO ASSERT IN ANY SUIT, ACTION OR PROCEEDING, ANY CLAIM THAT IT IS NOT PERSONALLY SUBJECT TO THE JURISDICTION OF ANY SUCH COURT, THAT SUCH SUIT, ACTION OR PROCEEDING IS BROUGHT IN AN INCONVENIENT FORUM OR THAT THE VENUE OF SUCH SUIT, ACTION OR PROCEEDING IS IMPROPER. EACH PARTY HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES PERSONAL SERVICE OF PROCESS AND CONSENTS TO PROCESS BEING SERVED IN ANY SUCH SUIT, ACTION OR PROCEEDING BY MAILING A COPY THEREOF (CERTIFIED OR REGISTERED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED) TO SUCH PARTY AT THE ADDRESS IN EFFECT FOR NOTICES TO IT UNDER THIS AGREEMENT AND AGREES THAT SUCH SERVICE SHALL CONSTITUTE GOOD AND SUFFICIENT SERVICE OF PROCESS AND NOTICE THEREOF. NOTHING CONTAINED HEREIN SHALL BE DEEMED TO LIMIT IN ANY WAY ANY RIGHT TO SERVE PROCESS IN ANY MANNER PERMITTED BY LAW.
- 20. <u>Use of Information</u>. The Agents may not use any information gained in connection with this Agreement and the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, including due diligence, to advise any party with respect to transactions not expressly approved by the Company.
- 21. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. Delivery of an executed Agreement by one party to the other may be made by facsimile transmission.

### 22. <u>Effect of Headings.</u>

The section and Exhibit headings herein are for convenience only and shall not affect the construction hereof.

#### 23. Permitted Free Writing Prospectus.

Each of the Company and Agents represents, warrants and agrees that, unless it obtains the prior consent of the other party, it has not made and will not make any offer relating to the Placement Shares that would constitute an Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, or that would otherwise constitute a "free writing prospectus," as defined in Rule 405, required to be filed with the Commission. Any such free writing prospectus consented to by Agent or by the Company, as the case may be, is hereinafter referred to as a "Permitted Free Writing Prospectus." The Company represents and warrants that it has treated and agrees that it will treat each Permitted Free Writing Prospectus as an "issuer free writing prospectus," as defined in Rule 433, and has complied and will comply with the requirements of Rule 433 applicable to any Permitted Free Writing Prospectus, including timely filing with the Commission where required, legending and record keeping.

#### Absence of Fiduciary Relationship.

The Company acknowledges and agrees that:

- (a) each Agent is acting solely as agent in connection with the public offering of the Placement Shares and in connection with each transaction contemplated by this Agreement and the process leading to such transactions, and no fiduciary or advisory relationship between the Company or any of its respective affiliates, stockholders (or other equity holders), creditors or employees or any other party, on the one hand, and the Agents, on the other hand, has been or will be created in respect of any of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, irrespective of whether or not any Agent has advised or is advising the Company on other matters, and the Agents have no obligation to the Company with respect to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement except the obligations expressly set forth in this Agreement;
- (b) it is capable of evaluating and understanding, and understands and accepts, the terms, risks and conditions of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement;
- (c) the Agents have not provided any legal, accounting, regulatory or tax advice with respect to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and it has consulted its own legal, accounting, regulatory and tax advisors to the extent it has deemed appropriate; and
- (d) it is aware that the Agents and their affiliates are engaged in a broad range of transactions which may involve interests that differ from those of the Company and the Agents have no obligation to disclose such interests and transactions to the Company by virtue of any fiduciary, advisory or agency relationship or otherwise; provided that the Agents hereby agree not to engage in any such transaction which would cause its interests to be in direct conflict with the best interests of the Company.

### Definitions.

As used in this Agreement, the following terms have the respective meanings set forth below:

- "Applicable Time" means (i) each Representation Date and (ii) the time of each sale of any Placement Shares pursuant to this Agreement.
- "Issuer Free Writing Prospectus" means any "issuer free writing prospectus," as defined in Rule 433, relating to the Placement Shares.
- "Rule 172," "Rule 405," "Rule 415," "Rule 424," "Rule 424(b)," "Rule 430B," and "Rule 433" refer to such rules under the Securities Act Regulations.

All references in this Agreement to financial statements and schedules and other information that is "contained," "included" or "stated" in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus (and all other references of like import) shall be deemed to mean and include all such financial statements and schedules and other information that is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus, as the case may be.

All references in this Agreement to the Registration Statement, the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement to any of the foregoing shall be deemed to include the copy filed with the Commission pursuant to EDGAR; all references in this Agreement to any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus (other than any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus that, pursuant to Rule 433, are not required to be filed with the Commission) shall be deemed to include the copy thereof filed with the Commission pursuant to EDGAR; and all references in this Agreement to "supplements" to the Prospectus shall include, without limitation, any supplements, "wrappers" or similar materials prepared in connection with any offering, sale or private placement of any Placement Shares by the Agents outside of the United States to the extent those materials are reviewed and consented to in advance by the Company.

[Signature Page Follows]

If the foregoing correctly sets forth the understanding between the Company and each of the Agents, please so indicate in the space provided below for that purpose, whereupon this letter shall constitute a binding agreement between the Company and each of the Agents.

Very truly yours,

## ACASTI PHARMA INC.

By: /s/ Janelle D'Alvise

Name: Janelle D'Alvise

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

## ACCEPTED as of the date first-above written:

## B. RILEY FBR, INC.

By: /s/ Patrice McNicoll

Name: Patrice McNicoll

Title: Co-Head of Investment Banking

## OPPENHEIMER & CO. INC.

By: /s/ Michael A. Margolis

Name: Michael A. Margolis, R.Ph. Title: Co-Head of Healthcare Investment Banking

## H.C. WAINWRIGHT & CO., LLC

By: /s/ Mark W. Viklund

Name: Mark W. Viklund Title: Chief Executive Officer

## **SCHEDULE 1**

# FORM OF PLACEMENT NOTICE

From: Acasti Pharma Inc.

To: [B. Riley FBR, Inc.][Oppenheimer & Co. Inc][H.C. Wainwright & Co., LLC]

Attention: [•]

Subject: At Market Issuance--Placement Notice

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the terms and subject to the conditions contained in the Amended and Restated At Market Issuance Sales Agreement between Acasti Pharma Inc., a company incorporated under the laws of the Province of Québec (the "Company"), and B. Riley FBR, Inc. ("B. Riley FBR") Oppenheimer & Co. Inc ("Oppenheimer") and H.C. Wainwright & Co., LLC ("Wainwright"), dated June 29, 2020, the Company hereby requests that [dentify Designated Agent] sell up to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the Company's Common Shares, no par value per share, at a minimum market price of \$\_\_\_\_\_\_ per share, during the time period beginning [month, day, time] and ending [month, day, time].

SCHEDULE 2	

	Compensation	

The Company shall pay to the Designated Agent in cash, upon each sale of Placement Shares pursuant to this Agreement, an amount equal to 3.0% of the gross proceeds from each sale of Placement Shares.

## **SCHEDULE 3**

## **Notice Parties**

The Company

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## EXHIBIT 7(1)

## Form of Representation Date Certificate

This Representation Date Certificate (this "Certificate") is executed and delivered in connection with Section 7(l) of the Amended and Restated At Market Issuance Sales Agreement (the "Agreement"), dated June 29, 2020, and entered into between Acasti Pharma Inc. (the 'Company'') and B. Riley FBR, Inc, Oppenheimer & Co. Inc. and H.C. Wainwright & Co., LLC. All capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings given to such terms in the Agreement.

The undersigned has carefully examined the Registration Statement, the Prospectus, any supplements to the Prospectus (each as defined in the Agreement) and the Agreement and hereby certifies that:

- 1. the representations and warranties of the Company in the Agreement are true and correct in all material respects on and as of the date hereof and the Company has complied with all the agreements and satisfied all the conditions on its part to be performed or satisfied at or prior to the date hereof;
- 2. to the Company's knowledge, no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement has been issued and no proceedings for that purpose have been instituted or threatened; and
- 3. since the date of the most recent financial statements included in the Prospectus (exclusive of any supplement thereto subsequent to the date hereof), there has been no event or condition constituting a Material Adverse Effect, except as set forth in or contemplated in the Prospectus (exclusive of any supplement thereto subsequent to the date hereof).

ACASTI PHARMA INC.
By:
Name:
Title:

Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt llp

1000 De La Gauchetière Street West Suite 2100 Montréal, Québec, Canada H3B 4W5 514.904.8100 main 514.904.8101 facsimile



June 29, 2020

Acasti Pharma Inc. 545 Promenade du Centropolis Suite 100 Laval, Quebec H7T 0A3

Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

## Re: Acasti Pharma Inc. - Registration Statement on Form S-3

We have acted as Canadian and U.S. counsel to Acasti Pharma Inc. (the "Corporation"), a corporation governed by the Business Corporations Act (Québec), in connection with the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (the "Registration Statement") filed by the Corporation on the date hereof with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the 'SEC"), for the registration of the sale by the Corporation and resale by certain securityholders from time to time on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), of up to:

- (i) US\$200,000,000 in aggregate amount of Unallocated Primary Securities (as defined below);
- (ii) 7,072,962 common shares of the Corporation (the "Common Shares") issuable upon exercise of outstanding warrants of the Corporation in accordance with the terms of the warrant agreement (the "Warrant Agreement") included as an exhibit to the Corporation's Registration Statement on Form F-1 (No. 333-220755) (the 'December 2017 Warrant Shares''); and
- (iii) 297,430 Common Shares issuable upon exercise of outstanding warrants of the Corporation in accordance with the terms of the warrant certificates (the **Warrant Certificates**") issued by the Corporation to certain securityholders as compensation for their service as underwriters for the Corporation's public offering in December 2017 (the "Broker Warrant Shares").

The Registration Statement includes two prospectuses: (i) a base prospectus (the "Base Prospectus"); and (ii) a sales agreement prospectus (the "Sales Agreement Prospectus") covering up to US\$75,000,000 that may be sold under the Sales Agreement, dated June 29, 2020, among the Corporation and B. Riley FBR, Inc., Oppenheimer & Co. Inc., and H.C. Wainwright & Co., LLC. (such agreement, the "Sales Agreement" and such shares, the "Sales Agreement Shares"). The Base Prospectus provides it will be supplemented in the future by one or more prospectus supplements (each, a "Prospectus Supplement"). The Registration Statement, including the Base Prospectus (as supplemented from time to time by one or more Prospectus Supplements) and the Sales Agreement Prospectus, will provide for the registration by the Corporation of the following securities of the Corporation (collectively, the "Securities"):

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- (a) Common Shares;
- (b) warrants to acquire Common Shares (the "Warrants");
- (c) units comprising any combination of Common Shares and Warrants (the 'Units');
- (d) the Sales Agreement Shares (together with the Common Shares, the Warrants and the Units, the 'Unallocated Primary Securities');
- (e) the December 2017 Warrant Shares; and
- (f) the Broker Warrant Shares.

We have examined the Registration Statement and all such corporate and public records, statutes and regulations and have made such investigations and have reviewed such other documents as we have deemed relevant and necessary and have considered such questions of law as we have considered relevant and necessary in order to give the opinions hereinafter set forth. As to various questions of fact material to such opinions which were not independently established, we have relied upon a certificate of an officer of the Corporation.

We are qualified to practice law in the Province of Québec and these opinions are rendered solely with respect to the Province of Québec and the federal laws of Canada applicable in the Province of Québec and, as they relate to the legally binding nature of and enforceability of the Warrants and the Units, the laws of the State of New York.

For the purposes of the opinions set forth below, we have assumed without independent investigation or verification by us that:

- (a) the Registration Statement and any amendments thereto (including post-effective amendments) will have become effective and such effectiveness shall not have been terminated or rescinded;
- (b) the Securities will have the terms described in and will otherwise be issued as described in the Registration Statement or in a prospectus supplement and a prospectus supplement will have been prepared and filed with the SEC regarding the Securities offered thereby;



- (c) all Securities will be issued and sold in compliance with applicable U.S. federal and state securities laws and in the manner specified in the Registration Statement and the applicable Prospectus Supplement;
- (d) there shall not have occurred any change in law affecting the validity or enforceability of such Securities;
- (e) any Warrants or Units will be governed by the laws of the State of New York;
- (f) any Securities (other than Common Shares, the Sales Agreement Shares, the December 2017 Warrant Shares and the Broker Warrant Shares) issued by the Corporation are to be issued pursuant to a definitive agreement or certificate evidencing the terms thereof (a "Securities Agreement"); and
- (g) none of the terms of any Securities to be established subsequent to the date hereof, nor the issuance and delivery of such Securities, nor the execution, delivery and performance by the Corporation of any Securities Agreement, nor the compliance by the Corporation with the terms of such Securities, will violate any applicable law or regulation or will result in a violation of any provision of any instrument or agreement then binding upon the Corporation, or any restriction imposed by any court or governmental body having jurisdiction over the Corporation.

We have also assumed (a) the legal capacity of all individuals, the genuineness of all signatures, the veracity of the information contained therein, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals and the conformity to authentic or original documents of all documents submitted to us as certified, conformed, electronic, photostatic or facsimile copies and (b) the completeness, truth and accuracy of all facts set forth in the official public records, certificates and documents supplied by public officials or otherwise conveyed to us by public officials.

On the basis of the foregoing and subject to the qualifications hereinafter expressed, we are of the opinion that:

(a) when (i) all requisite corporate action, including the adoption of appropriate resolutions of the Board of Directors of the Corporation or a duly authorized committee thereof (the "Authorizing Resolutions"), has been taken by the Corporation to authorize the issuance of any Common Shares and the consideration to be received therefor, and (ii) certificates evidencing such shares have been duly executed, countersigned, issued and delivered, against payment therefor of the consideration specified in such Authorizing Resolutions, in the manner described in such Authorizing Resolutions, such Common Shares will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable;



- (b) when (i) all requisite corporate action, including the adoption of Authorizing Resolutions, has been taken by the Corporation to establish the terms of and to authorize the issuance of any series of Warrants and the consideration to be received therefor and to authorize the Securities Agreement relating thereto; (ii) all actions described in paragraph (a) above with respect to the Common Shares issuable upon the exercise of such Warrants have been taken; and (iii) the applicable Securities Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by the parties thereto and certificates evidencing such Warrants have been duly executed, countersigned, issued and delivered, against payment therefor of the consideration specified in such Authorizing Resolutions, in accordance with the applicable Securities Agreement and in the manner described in such Authorizing Resolutions, such Warrants will be valid and legally binding obligations of the Corporation, enforceable against the Corporation in accordance with their terms;
- (c) when (i) all requisite corporate action, including the adoption of Authorizing Resolutions, has been taken by the Corporation to establish the terms of and to authorize the issuance of any Units and the consideration to be received therefor and to authorize the Securities Agreement relating thereto; (ii) all actions described in paragraph (a) and/or (b) above, as applicable, with respect to the issuance of Common Shares and/or Warrants in connection with such Units have been taken; and (iii) the applicable Securities Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by the parties thereto and certificates evidencing such Units have been duly executed, countersigned, issued and delivered, against payment therefor of the consideration specified in such Authorizing Resolutions, in accordance with the applicable Securities Agreement and in the manner described in such Authorizing Resolutions, such Units will be valid and legally binding obligations of the Corporation, enforceable against the Corporation in accordance with their terms;
- (d) when certificates evidencing the Sales Agreement Shares have been duly executed, countersigned, issued and delivered against payment therefor of the consideration, all in accordance with the Sales Agreement, such Sales Agreement Shares will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable;
- (e) when certificates evidencing the December 2017 Warrant Shares have been duly executed, countersigned, issued and delivered against payment therefor of the consideration, all in accordance with the Warrant Agreement, the December 2017 Warrant Shares will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable; and
- (f) when certificates evidencing the Broker Warrant Shares have been duly executed, countersigned, issued and delivered against payment therefor of the consideration, all in accordance with the Warrant Certificates, the Broker Warrant Shares will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.



The foregoing opinions are subject to the following qualifications and limitations:

- (a) enforceability may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, fraudulent transfer and conveyance, receivership, preference, moratorium, arrangement or winding up laws or other similar laws now or hereafter in effect, and related regulations and judicial doctrines, relating to or affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights and remedies generally; and
- (b) enforceability may be limited by equitable principles, whether such equitable principles are considered at law or in equity, including the principle that equitable remedies such as specific performance and injunction may only be granted in the discretion of a court of competent jurisdiction.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion letter as an exhibit to the Registration Statement and to the use of our name wherever it appears in the Registration Statement and the prospectuses contained therein. In giving this consent, we do not admit that we are in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP

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## Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Board of Directors

Acasti Pharma Inc.:

We consent to the use of our report dated June 29, 2020, with respect to the consolidated balance sheets as of March 31, 2020 and 2019 of Acasti Pharma Inc., the related consolidated statements of loss and comprehensive loss, changes in shareholders' equity and cash flows for each of the years in the two-year period ended March 31, 2020, and the related notes, incorporated by reference herein and to the reference to our firm under the heading "Experts" in the prospectuses.

The audit report dated June 29, 2020 contains an explanatory paragraph that states that Acasti Pharma Inc. has incurred operating losses and negative cash flows from operations since its inception, and additional funds will be needed in the future that raise substantial doubt about its ability to continue as a going concern. The consolidated financial statements do not include any adjustments that might result from the outcome of this uncertainty.

The audit report dated June 29, 2020 also refers to a change in accounting framework as Acasti Pharma Inc. has retrospectively adopted U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and has changed its reporting currency from Canadian dollars to U.S. dollars.

/s/ KPMG LLP\*

June 29, 2020

Montréal, Canada

\*CPA auditor, CA, public accountancy permit No. A122596

June 29, 2020

Acasti Pharma Inc. 545 Promenade du Centropolis, Suite 100 Laval, Québec Canada H7T 0A3

Re: Consent of Destum Partners, Inc.

The Board of Directors of Acasti Pharma Inc.,

We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement on Form S-3, including any amendment thereto, any related prospectus and any related prospectus supplement, of information, data and statements from our market research reports with respect to CaPre, dated August 19, 2016 and November 17, 2017 (the "Reports"), as well as any citation of the Reports, and references to our name, contained in Acasti Pharma Inc.'s annual report on Form 10-K dated June 29, 2020 for its fiscal year ended March 31, 2020, which is incorporated by reference into this registration statement on Form S-3.

We further hereby consent to the filing of this letter as an exhibit to this registration statement on Form S-3.

In giving such consent, we do not thereby admit that we come within the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the rules and regulations of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission thereunder.

Yours faithfully,

For and on behalf of

Destum Partners, Inc.

By: /s/ Thomas J. Filipczak

Name: Thomas J. Filipczak Title: Managing Director & Partner June 29, 2020

Acasti Pharma Inc. 545 Promenade du Centropolis, Suite 100 Laval, Québec Canada H7T 0A3

Re: Consent of Dr. André Marette

The Board of Directors of Acasti Pharma Inc.,

I hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement on Form S-3, including any amendment thereto, any related prospectus and any related prospectus supplement, of information, data and statements from the non-clinical studies to determine the effect of CaPre on (i) glucose and insulin metabolism in a prediabetes or type 2 diabetic setting and (ii) hyperlipidemia and hepatic metabolism in a prediabetes or type 2 diabetic setting (the "Studies"), as well as any citation of the Studies and references to my name, contained in Acasti Pharma Inc.'s annual report on Form 10-K dated June 29, 2020 for its fiscal year ended March 31, 2020, which is incorporated by reference into this registration statement on Form S-3.

I further hereby consent to the filing of this letter as an exhibit to this registration statement on Form S-3.

In giving such consent, I do not thereby admit that I come within the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the rules and regulations of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission thereunder.

Yours faithfully,

By: /s/ André Marette
Name: Dr. André Marette