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**505 Lomas Santa Fe Drive, Suite 270**

**Solana Beach, CA 92075**

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF  
STOCKHOLDERS AND PROXY STATEMENT**

Dear Stockholder:

The annual meeting of stockholders of Evoke Pharma, Inc. will be held at the office of Latham & Watkins, LLP, located at 12670 High Bluff Drive, San Diego, CA 92130 on May 20, 2014 at 1:00 pm., local time, for the following purposes:

1. To elect three (3) directors for a three-year term to expire at the 2017 annual meeting of stockholders;
2. To consider and vote upon the ratification of the selection of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2014; and
3. To transact such other business as may be properly brought before the meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof.

The foregoing items of business are more fully described in the attached proxy statement, which forms a part of this notice and is incorporated herein by reference. Our board of directors has fixed the close of business on March 21, 2014 as the record date for the determination of stockholders entitled to notice of and to vote at the annual meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof.

Accompanying this notice is a proxy card. Whether or not you expect to attend our annual meeting, please complete, sign and date the enclosed proxy card and return it promptly, or complete and submit your proxy via phone or the internet in accordance with the instructions provided on the enclosed proxy card. If you plan to attend our annual meeting and wish to vote your shares personally, you may do so at any time before the proxy is voted.

All stockholders are cordially invited to attend the meeting.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

David A. Gonyer, R.Ph.

*President, Chief Executive Officer and  
Director*

Solana Beach, California

April 8, 2014

**Your vote is important. Please vote your shares whether or not you plan to attend the meeting.**

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**505 Lomas Santa Fe Drive, Suite 270**

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**PROXY STATEMENT FOR THE 2014 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS**

**TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2014**

The board of directors of Evoke Pharma, Inc. is soliciting the enclosed proxy for use at the annual meeting of stockholders to be held on May 20, 2014 at 1:00 p.m., local time, at the office of Latham & Watkins, LLP, located at 12670 High Bluff Drive, San Diego, California 92130. If you need directions to the location of the annual meeting, please contact us at (858) 345-1494.

**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be Held on May 20, 2014.**

This proxy statement and our annual report are available electronically at <http://www.proxydocs.com/EVOK>.

**GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE ANNUAL MEETING AND VOTING**

**Why did you send me this proxy statement?**

We sent you this proxy statement and the enclosed proxy card because our board of directors is soliciting your proxy to vote at the 2014 annual meeting of stockholders. This proxy statement summarizes information related to your vote at the annual meeting. All stockholders who find it convenient to do so are cordially invited to attend the annual meeting in person. However, you do not need to attend the meeting to vote your shares. Instead, you may simply complete, sign and return the enclosed proxy card.

We intend to begin mailing this proxy statement, the attached notice of annual meeting and the enclosed proxy card on or about April 8, 2014 to all stockholders of record entitled to vote at the annual meeting. Only stockholders who owned our common stock on March 21, 2014 are entitled to vote at the annual meeting. On this record date, there were 6,096,752 shares of our common stock outstanding. Common stock is our only class of stock entitled to vote.

**What am I voting on?**

There are two proposals scheduled for a vote:

*Proposal 1: To elect three (3) directors:*

David A. Gonyer, R.Ph.

Todd C. Brady, M.D., Ph.D.

Kenneth J. Widder, M.D.

*Proposal 2:* Ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accountants for the year ending December 31, 2014.

**How many votes do I have?**

Each share of our common stock that you own as of March 21, 2014 entitles you to one vote.

**How do I vote by proxy?**

With respect to the election of directors, you may either vote For all of the nominees to the board of directors or you may Withhold your vote for any nominee you specify. With respect to the ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accountants, you may vote For or Against or abstain from voting.



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*Stockholders of Record: Shares Registered in Your Name*

If you are a stockholder of record, there are several ways for you to vote your shares. Whether or not you plan to attend the meeting, we urge you to vote by proxy to ensure that your vote is counted.

**By Mail:** You may vote using your proxy card by completing, signing, dating and returning the proxy card in the self-addressed, postage-paid envelope provided. If you properly complete your proxy card and send it to us in time to vote, your proxy (one of the individuals named on your proxy card) will vote your shares as you have directed. If you sign the proxy card but do not make specific choices, your shares, as permitted, will be voted as recommended by our board of directors. If any other matter is presented at the annual meeting, your proxy (one of the individuals named on your proxy card) will vote in accordance with his or her best judgment. As of the date of this proxy statement, we knew of no matters that needed to be acted on at the meeting, other than those discussed in this proxy statement.

**Via the Internet:** You may vote at [www.proxypush.com/EVOK](http://www.proxypush.com/EVOK), 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Have your proxy card available when you enter the website and use the Company Number and Account Number shown on your proxy card. Votes submitted through the Internet must be received by 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time, on May 19, 2014.

**By Telephone:** You may vote using a touch-tone telephone by calling 1-855-686-4811, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Have your proxy card available when you call and use the Company Number and Account Number shown on your proxy card. Votes submitted by telephone must be received by 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time, on May 19, 2014.

**In Person:** You may still attend the meeting and vote in person even if you have already voted by proxy. To vote in person, come to the annual meeting and we will give you a ballot at the annual meeting.

*Beneficial Owners: Shares Registered in the Name of a Broker or Bank*

If you are a beneficial owner of shares registered in the name of your broker, bank or other agent, you should have received a proxy card and voting instructions with these proxy materials from that organization rather than directly from us. Simply complete and mail the proxy card to ensure that your vote is counted. You may be eligible to vote your shares electronically over the Internet or by telephone. A large number of banks and brokerage firms offer Internet and telephone voting. If your bank or brokerage firm does not offer Internet or telephone voting information, please complete and return your proxy card in the self-addressed, postage-paid envelope provided. To vote in person at the annual meeting, you must obtain a valid proxy from your broker, bank or other agent. Follow the instructions from your broker or bank included with these proxy materials, or contact your broker or bank to request a proxy form.

**May I revoke my proxy?**

If you give us your proxy, you may revoke it at any time before it is exercised. You may revoke your proxy in any one of the three following ways:

you may send in another signed proxy with a later date,

you may notify our corporate secretary, Matthew J. D. Onofrio, in writing before the annual meeting that you have revoked your proxy, or

you may notify our corporate secretary, Matthew J. D. Onofrio, in writing before the annual meeting and vote in person at the meeting.

**What constitutes a quorum?**

The presence at the annual meeting, in person or by proxy, of holders representing a majority of our outstanding common stock as of March 21, 2014, or approximately 3,049,774 shares, constitutes a quorum at the meeting, permitting us to conduct our business.

**What vote is required to approve each proposal?**

*Proposal 1: Election of Directors.* The three nominees who receive the most For votes (among votes properly cast in person or by proxy) will be elected. Only votes For or Withheld will affect the outcome.

*Proposal 2: Ratification of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.* The ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP must receive For votes from the holders of a majority of the shares of common stock present or represented by proxy and entitled to vote at the annual meeting.

Voting results will be tabulated and certified by Mediant Communications LLC.

**What is the effect of abstentions and broker non-votes?**

Shares of common stock held by persons attending the annual meeting but not voting, and shares represented by proxies that reflect abstentions as to a particular proposal, will be counted as present for purposes of determining the presence of a quorum.

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Abstentions are treated as shares present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote, so abstaining has the same effect as a negative vote for purposes of determining whether our stockholders have ratified the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP, our independent registered public accounting firm. However, because the election of directors is determined by a plurality of votes cast, abstentions will not be counted in determining the outcome of such a proposal.

Shares represented by proxies that reflect a broker non-vote will be counted for purposes of determining whether a quorum exists. A broker non-vote occurs when a nominee holding shares for a beneficial owner has not received instructions from the beneficial owner and does not have discretionary authority to vote the shares for certain non-routine matters. With regard to the election of directors, broker non-votes, if any, will not be counted as votes cast and will have no effect on the result of the vote. However, ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP is considered a routine matter on which a broker or other nominee has discretionary authority to vote. As a result, broker non-votes will be counted for purposes of this proposal.

### **Who is paying the costs of soliciting these proxies?**

We will pay all of the costs of soliciting these proxies. Our directors, officers and other employees may solicit proxies in person or by telephone, fax or email. We will not pay our directors, officers or other employees any additional compensation for these services. We will ask banks, brokers and other institutions, nominees and fiduciaries to forward these proxy materials to their principals and to obtain authority to execute proxies. We will then reimburse them for their expenses. Our costs for forwarding proxy materials will not be significant.

### **How do I obtain an Annual Report on Form 10-K?**

If you would like a copy of our annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013 that we filed with the SEC, we will send you one without charge. Please write to:

Evoke Pharma, Inc.

505 Lomas Santa Fe Drive, Suite 270

Solana Beach, CA 92075

Attn: Corporate Secretary

All of our SEC filings are also available free of charge in the investor relations section of our website at [www.evokepharma.com](http://www.evokepharma.com).

### **How can I find out the results of the voting at the annual meeting?**

Preliminary voting results will be announced at the annual meeting. Final voting results will be published in our current report on Form 8-K to be filed with the SEC within four business days after the annual meeting. If final voting results are not available to us in time to file a Form 8-K within four business days after the meeting, we intend to file a Form 8-K to publish preliminary results and, within four business days after the final results are known to us, file an additional Form 8-K to publish the final results.

## **PROPOSAL 1:**

### **ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

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Our board of directors is divided into three classes, with one class of our directors standing for election each year, generally for a three-year term. The current term of the company's Class I directors, David A. Gonyer, R.Ph. Todd C. Brady, M.D., Ph.D. and Kenneth J. Widder, M.D., will expire at the 2014 annual meeting.

The nominees for Class I director for election at the 2014 annual meeting are Mr. Gonyer and Drs. Brady and Widder. If each of Mr. Gonyer and Drs. Brady and Widder are elected at the 2014 annual meeting, such individuals will be elected to serve for a term of three years that will expire at our 2017 annual meeting of stockholders and until such individual's successor is elected and qualified.

If no contrary indication is made, proxies in the accompanying form will be voted for the nominees, or in the event that any nominee is not a candidate or is unable to serve as a director at the time of the election (which is not currently expected), for any nominee who is designated by our board of directors to fill the vacancy. Mr. Gonyer and Drs. Brady and Widder are currently members of our board of directors.

All of our directors bring to the board of directors significant leadership experience derived from their professional experience and service as executives or board members of other corporations and/or venture capital firms. The process undertaken by the nominating and corporate governance committee in recommending qualified director candidates is described below under Director Nominations Process. Certain individual qualifications and skills of our directors that contribute to the board of directors' effectiveness as a whole are described in the following paragraphs.

**Table of Contents****Information Regarding Directors**

The information set forth below as to the directors and nominees for director has been furnished to us by the directors and nominees for director:

**Nominees for Election to the Board of Directors****For a Three-Year Term Expiring at the****2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (Class I)**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Present Position with Evoke Pharma, Inc.</b>
David A. Gonyer, R.Ph.	50	Chief Executive Officer and Director
Todd C. Brady, M.D., Ph.D.	42	Director
Kenneth J. Widder, M.D.	61	Director

*David A. Gonyer, R.Ph.* is one of our co-founders and has served as our President and Chief Executive Officer and as a member of our board of directors since March 2007. From January 2004 to June 2007, Mr. Gonyer served as Vice President, Strategic and Product Development of Medgenex, Inc., a subsidiary of Victory Pharma, Inc. a biopharmaceutical company focused on acquiring, developing and marketing products to treat pain and related conditions. From April 2000 to December 2004, Mr. Gonyer was a founder and Vice President of Sales and Marketing at Xcel Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a specialty pharmaceutical focused on neurological disorders. From December 1996 to April 2000, Mr. Gonyer served as Director of Marketing at Elan/Dura Pharmaceuticals, Inc. From 1987 to 1996, Mr. Gonyer held a broad range of management positions in commercial operations, alliance/partnership management, and regional sales at Eli Lilly & Company. Mr. Gonyer serves as a member of the board of directors of Neurelis, Inc., a privately held neurological specialty pharmaceutical company. Mr. Gonyer is a Registered Pharmacist and holds a B.Sc. in Pharmacy from Ferris State University School of Pharmacy. As one of our co-founders and having served as our Chief Executive Officer since March 2007, Mr. Gonyer's extensive knowledge of our business, as well as over 25 years of experience in the pharmaceutical industry, including executive leadership in several pharmaceutical companies, contributed to our board of directors' conclusion that he should serve as a director of our company.

*Todd C. Brady, M.D., Ph.D.* has served as a member of our board of directors since June 2007. Dr. Brady is President, Chief Executive Officer, and Director of Aldeyra Therapeutics, a biotechnology company. Prior to Aldeyra, he was an Entrepreneur in Residence and Principal at Domain Associates, a leading healthcare venture capital firm that he joined in 2004. Dr. Brady is also a member of the Board of Directors of Novadigm Therapeutics, Cantex Pharmaceuticals, Sebacia, and Asmacure. Prior to joining Domain, Dr. Brady was co-founder and Chief Executive Officer of Phenome Sciences, a biotechnology firm he merged with Xanthus Pharmaceuticals (acquired by Antisoma), where he was later Executive Vice President of Strategic Development and Planning. Dr. Brady also worked as head of business development and medical director at Aderis Pharmaceuticals (acquired by Schwarz Pharma, now part of UCB). Earlier in his career, Dr. Brady was an investment professional at CB Health Ventures (now Excel Medical Ventures), a healthcare venture capital fund. Dr. Brady holds an M.D. from Duke University Medical School, a Ph.D. from Duke University Graduate School, and an A.B. from Dartmouth College. Dr. Brady's extensive knowledge of our business and history, experience as a board member of multiple companies and expertise in strategic development contributed to our board of directors' conclusion that he should serve as a director of our company.

*Kenneth J. Widder, M.D.* has served as a member of our board of directors since June 2007. Dr. Widder has 32 years of experience working with biomedical companies. Dr. Widder has been a General Partner with Latterell Venture

Partners since 2007 and serves on the boards of Meritage Pharma Inc., Naurex Inc., Vision of Children, and the San Diego Museum of Art. Dr. Widder has founded seven companies and was Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of five of these companies. His last company, Sytera Inc., merged with Sirion Therapeutics, an ophthalmology specialty pharmaceutical company. Prior to Sytera, Dr. Widder co-founded and was the initial Chief Executive Officer of NovaCardia, a company acquired by Merck. Prior to NovaCardia, Dr. Widder founded and was Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Santarus Inc., which was recently acquired by Salix Pharmaceuticals for \$2.6 billion. Additionally, Dr. Widder was Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Converge Medical, a medical device company developing a suture-less anastomosis system for vein grafts in coronary bypass surgery. Dr. Widder started his career as a founder, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Molecular Biosystems, where he was responsible for the development and approval of Albutex and Optison, the first two ultrasound contrast agents to be approved in the United States. Dr. Widder is an inventor on over 30 patents and patent applications and has authored or co-authored over 25 publications. Dr. Widder holds an M.D. from Northwestern University and trained in pathology at Duke University. Dr. Widder's extensive knowledge of our business and history, experience as a board member of multiple publicly-traded and privately-held companies and expertise in developing and financing contributed to our board of directors' conclusion that he should serve as a director of our company.

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Present Position with Evoke Pharma, Inc.</b>
Cam L. Garner	65	Chairman of the Board of Directors
Scott L. Glenn	63	Director

*Cam L. Garner* is one of our co-founders and has served as Chairman of our board of directors since June 2007. Mr. Garner co-founded specialty pharmaceutical companies Zogenix, Inc., Cadence Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Somaxon Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Elevation Pharmaceuticals, Inc., DJ Pharma, Verus Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Xcel Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Meritage Pharma, Inc., Kalyra Pharmaceuticals and OrPro Therapeutics. He has served as Chairman of Zogenix, Cadence Pharmaceuticals, Verus, Elevation and Meritage since August 2006, May 2004, November 2002, December 2007 and February 2008, respectively. Xcel was acquired in March 2005 by Valeant Pharmaceuticals International, DJ Pharma was sold to Biovail in 2000, Elevation was acquired by Sunovion Pharmaceuticals Inc. in September 2012, Somaxon was acquired by Pernix Therapeutics in March 2013 and Cadence Pharmaceuticals was acquired by Mallinckrodt plc in March 2014. Mr. Garner was Chief Executive Officer of Dura Pharmaceuticals, Inc. from 1989 to 1995 and its Chairman and Chief Executive Officer from 1995 until it was sold to Elan in November 2000. He also serves on the board of directors of Aegis Therapeutics, Inc., Meritage Pharma, Inc., Neurelis, Inc., and Zogenix. Mr. Garner earned his B.A. in Biology from Virginia Wesleyan College and an M.B.A. from Baldwin-Wallace College. As one of our co-founders and having served as our Chairman since June 2007, Mr. Garner's extensive knowledge of our business and history, experience as a board member of multiple publicly-traded and privately-held companies, and expertise in developing, financing and providing strong executive leadership to numerous biopharmaceutical companies contributed to our board of directors' conclusion that he should serve as a director of our company.

*Scott L. Glenn* is one of our co-founders and has served as a member of our board of directors since June 2007. Since he founded it 1999, Mr. Glenn has been the Managing Partner of Windamere Venture Partners. Mr. Glenn is the past founder of Prometheus Laboratories, Inc., Santarus, DexCom, Cadence Pharmaceuticals, NovaCardia Inc., Somaxon Pharmaceuticals, Zogenix, SpineWave, SkinMedica and Conception Technologies, and currently serves on the board of directors of Tokalas, Inc., and Kalyra Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Prior to Mr. Glenn's involvement in venture capital, he was the President and Chief Executive Officer of Quidel Corporation. Prior to Quidel, Mr. Glenn held various management positions, including Division General Manager with Allergan. Mr. Glenn holds a B.S. in Finance and Accounting from California State University at Fullerton. As one of our co-founders and having served on our board since June 2007, Mr. Glenn's extensive knowledge of our business and history, experience as a board member of multiple publicly-traded and privately-held companies, and expertise in developing, financing and providing strong executive leadership to numerous biopharmaceutical companies contributed to our board of directors' conclusion that he should serve as a director of our company.

**Term Expiring at the****2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (Class III)**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Present Position with Evoke Pharma, Inc.</b>
Malcolm R. Hill, Pharm.D.	57	Director
Ann D. Rhoads	48	Director

*Malcolm R. Hill, Pharm.D.* has served as a member of our board of directors since June 2007. Dr. Hill has more than 25 years of academic and pharmaceutical industry experience in new product assessment and clinical trial design and execution, with a special emphasis in gastroenterology, respiratory medicine, and drug delivery systems. Dr. Hill has been a Chief Scientific Officer at Meritage Pharma since 2008. Prior to joining Meritage, Dr. Hill was Senior Vice President of Research and Development at Verus Pharmaceuticals, Inc. where he was responsible for various development-stage programs. Dr. Hill was a member of the senior management team at Dura Pharmaceuticals, where he served as a vice president and corporate officer. At Dura, Dr. Hill was responsible for all clinical development activities related to the Spiros® dry powder inhaler, including numerous asthma programs. Dr. Hill was a Partner at ProPharmaCon, LLC, a product development and regulatory consulting company for clients with pharmaceutical products in every stage of the development cycle. Dr. Hill's academic career includes his position at the National Jewish Medical and Research Center, and he has also served as an assistant professor in the Schools of Medicine and Pharmacy at the University of Colorado. Dr. Hill has published more than 80 articles on the topics of clinical pharmacology and pharmacokinetics and the treatment of pediatric asthma and related conditions. Dr. Hill earned his Pharm.D. from the University of Southern California and completed a post-doctoral program at the Veterans Administration Medical Center, San Diego, as well as a research fellowship in the Schools of Medicine and Pharmacy at the University of Florida Health Sciences Center. Dr. Hill's experience as a founder of a private pharmaceutical firm, strong background in clinical and product development and substantial knowledge of the pharmaceutical industry contributed to our board of directors' conclusion that he should serve as a director of our company.

*Ann D. Rhoads* has served as a member of our board of directors since June 2013. Currently, Ms. Rhoads is the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Zogenix, a publicly-traded pharmaceutical company, and has served in that capacity since March 2010. From 2000 through the end of 2009, Ms. Rhoads served as the Chief Financial Officer of Premier, Inc., a healthcare supply management company. From 1998 to 2000, she was Vice President, Strategic Initiatives at Premier, Inc., and from 1993 to 1998, she was a Vice President of The Sprout Group, an institutional venture capital firm. Ms. Rhoads holds a B.S. in Finance from the University of Arkansas and a M.B.A. from the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration. Ms. Rhoads currently serves on the board of



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directors of Globus Medical Inc. and previously served on the board of directors of Novellus Systems, Inc. from 2003 until 2012. Ms. Rhoads' experience as the chief financial officer of a publicly-traded pharmaceutical company and as a member of the board of directors of a publicly-traded company brings to our board of directors and the committees of our board of directors valuable financial skills and expertise, which qualify her to serve as an audit committee financial expert on our audit committee, and significant executive management experience and leadership skills, as well as a strong understanding of corporate governance principles, all of which contributed to our board of directors conclusion that she should serve as a director of our company.

## **Board Independence**

Our board of directors has determined that all of our directors are independent directors within the meaning of the applicable Nasdaq Stock Market LLC, or Nasdaq, listing standards, except for David A. Gonyer, our President and Chief Executive Officer.

## **Board Leadership Structure**

Our board of directors is currently led by its chairman, Cam L. Garner. Our board of directors recognizes that it is important to determine an optimal board leadership structure to ensure the independent oversight of management as the company continues to grow. We separate the roles of chief executive officer and chairman of the board in recognition of the differences between the two roles. The chief executive officer is responsible for setting the strategic direction for the company and the day-to-day leadership and performance of the company, while the chairman of the board of directors provides guidance to the chief executive officer and presides over meetings of the full board of directors. We believe that this separation of responsibilities provides a balanced approach to managing the board of directors and overseeing the company.

## **The Board's Role in Risk Oversight**

Our board of directors has responsibility for the oversight of the company's risk management processes and, either as a whole or through its committees, regularly discusses with management our major risk exposures, their potential impact on our business and the steps we take to manage them. The risk oversight process includes receiving regular reports from board committees and members of senior management to enable our board to understand the company's risk identification, risk management and risk mitigation strategies with respect to areas of potential material risk, including operations, finance, legal, regulatory, strategic and reputational risk.

The audit committee reviews information regarding liquidity and operations, and oversees our management of financial risks. Periodically, the audit committee reviews our policies with respect to risk assessment, risk management, loss prevention and regulatory compliance. Oversight by the audit committee includes direct communication with our external auditors, and discussions with management regarding significant risk exposures and the actions management has taken to limit, monitor or control such exposures. The compensation committee is responsible for assessing whether any of our compensation policies or programs has the potential to encourage excessive risk-taking. The nominating and corporate governance committee manages risks associated with the independence of the board, corporate disclosure practices, and potential conflicts of interest. While each committee is responsible for evaluating certain risks and overseeing the management of such risks, the entire board is regularly informed through committee reports about such risks. Matters of significant strategic risk are considered by our board as a whole.

## **Board of Directors Meetings**

During the fiscal year 2013, our board of directors met eight times, including telephonic meetings. In that year, each director attended at least 88% of the aggregate of the meetings held by the board of directors and the committee on which they served, during the periods in which they served.

### **Committees of the Board of Directors**

We have three standing committees: the audit committee, the compensation committee and the nominating and corporate governance committee. Each of these committees has a written charter approved by our board of directors. A copy of each charter can be found under the Corporate Governance section of our website at [www.evokepharma.com](http://www.evokepharma.com).

#### *Audit Committee*

The audit committee's main function is to oversee our accounting and financial reporting processes, internal systems of control, independent registered public accounting firm relationships and the audits of our financial statements. This committee's responsibilities include, among other things:

selecting and engaging our independent registered public accounting firm;

evaluating the qualifications, independence and performance of our independent registered public accounting firm;

approving the audit and non-audit services to be performed by our independent registered public accounting firm;

reviewing the design, implementation, adequacy and effectiveness of our internal controls and our critical accounting policies;

discussing with management and the independent registered public accounting firm the results of our annual audit and the review of our quarterly unaudited financial statements;

reviewing, overseeing and monitoring the integrity of our financial statements and our compliance with legal and regulatory requirements as they relate to financial statements or accounting matters;

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reviewing with management and our auditors any earnings announcements and other public announcements regarding our results of operations;

preparing the report that the SEC requires in our annual proxy statement;

reviewing and approving any related party transactions and reviewing and monitoring compliance with our code of conduct and ethics; and

reviewing and evaluating, at least annually, the performance of the audit committee and its members including compliance of the audit committee with its charter.

The members of our audit committee are Ms. Rhoads, Mr. Glenn and Dr. Widder. Ms. Rhoads serves as the chairperson of the committee. All members of our audit committee meet the requirements for financial literacy under the applicable rules and regulations of the SEC and The NASDAQ Capital Market. Our board of directors has determined that Ms. Rhoads is an audit committee financial expert as defined by applicable SEC rules and has the requisite financial sophistication as defined under the applicable NASDAQ rules and regulations. Our board of directors has determined each of Mr. Glenn, Ms. Rhoads and Dr. Widder is independent under the applicable rules of the SEC and The NASDAQ Capital Market. The audit committee met two times during 2013, including telephonic meetings. The audit committee is governed by a written charter that satisfies the applicable standards of the SEC and The NASDAQ Capital Market. The charter is available to stockholders on our website at [www.evokepharma.com](http://www.evokepharma.com).

### *Compensation Committee*

Our compensation committee reviews and recommends policies relating to compensation and benefits of our officers and employees. The compensation committee reviews and recommends corporate goals and objectives relevant to the compensation of our Chief Executive Officer and other executive officers, evaluates the performance of these officers in light of those goals and objectives and recommends to our board of directors the compensation of these officers based on such evaluations. The compensation committee also recommends to our board of directors the issuance of stock options and other awards under our equity plan. The compensation committee will review and evaluate, at least annually, the performance of the compensation committee and its members, including compliance by the compensation committee with its charter. The members of our compensation committee are Mr. Garner, Dr. Brady and Ms. Rhoads. Mr. Garner serves as the Chairman of the committee. Our Board has determined that each of Mr. Garner, Dr. Brady and Ms. Rhoads is independent under the applicable rules and regulations of The NASDAQ Capital Market, is a non-employee director as defined in Rule 16b-3 promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act, and is an outside director as that term is defined in Section 162(m) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or Section 162(m). The compensation committee met one time during 2013, including telephonic meetings. The compensation committee is governed by a written charter, which the compensation committee reviews and evaluates at least annually. The charter is available to stockholders on our website at [www.evokepharma.com](http://www.evokepharma.com).

### *Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee*

The nominating and corporate governance committee is responsible for making recommendations to our board of directors regarding candidates for directorships and the size and composition of our board of directors. In addition, the nominating and corporate governance committee is responsible for overseeing our corporate governance policies and reporting and making recommendations to our board of directors concerning governance matters.

The members of our nominating and corporate governance committee are Drs. Brady, Hill and Widder. Dr. Brady serves as the chairman of the committee. Our board has determined that each of Drs. Brady, Hill and Widder is independent under the applicable rules and regulations of The NASDAQ Capital Market relating to nominating and corporate governance committee independence. The nominating and corporate governance committee did not meet during the 2013 fiscal year. The nominating and corporate governance committee is governed by a written charter that is available to stockholders on our website at [www.evokepharma.com](http://www.evokepharma.com).

### **Report of the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors**

The audit committee oversees the company's financial reporting process on behalf of our board of directors. Management has the primary responsibility for the financial statements, for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting, and for assessing the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting. In fulfilling its oversight responsibilities, the audit committee reviewed the audited financial statements in the company's annual report with management, including a discussion of any significant changes in the selection or application of accounting principles, the reasonableness of significant judgments, the clarity of disclosures in the financial statements and the effect of any new accounting initiatives.

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The audit committee reviewed with Ernst & Young LLP, which is responsible for expressing an opinion on the conformity of the company's audited financial statements with generally accepted accounting principles, its judgments as to the quality, not just the acceptability, of the company's accounting principles and such other matters as are required to be discussed with the audit committee under generally accepted auditing standards, including the Statement on Auditing Standards No. 61 (Communication with Audit Committees), as amended (AICPA, Professional Standards, Vol. 1 AU Section 380), as adopted by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board in Rule 3200T. In addition, the audit committee has discussed with Ernst & Young LLP, its independence from management and the company, has received from Ernst & Young LLP the written disclosures and the letter required by applicable requirements of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board regarding Ernst & Young LLP's communications with the audit committee concerning independence, and has considered the compatibility of non-audit services with the auditors' independence.

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The audit committee met with Ernst & Young LLP to discuss the overall scope of its services, the results of its audit and review and the overall quality of the company's financial reporting. Ernst & Young LLP, as the company's independent registered public accounting firm, also periodically updates the audit committee about new accounting developments and their potential impact on the company's reporting. The audit committee's meetings with Ernst & Young LLP were held with and without management present. The audit committee is not employed by the company, nor does it provide any expert assurance or professional certification regarding the company's financial statements. The audit committee relies, without independent verification, on the accuracy and integrity of the information provided, and representations made, by management and the company's independent registered public accounting firm.

In reliance on the reviews and discussions referred to above, the audit committee has recommended to the company's board of directors that the audited financial statements be included in our annual report for the year ended December 31, 2013. The audit committee and the company's board of directors also have recommended, subject to stockholder approval, the ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the company's independent registered public accounting firm for 2014.

This report of the audit committee is not soliciting material, shall not be deemed filed with the SEC and shall not be incorporated by reference by any general statement incorporating by reference this proxy statement into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, whether made before or after the date hereof and irrespective of any general incorporation language in any such filing, except to the extent that we specifically incorporate this information by reference, and shall not otherwise be deemed filed under such acts.

The foregoing report has been furnished by the audit committee.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors  
Ann D. Rhoads (Chairperson)  
Scott L. Glenn  
Kenneth J. Widder, M.D.

## **Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation**

Mr. Garner, Dr. Brady and Ms. Rhoads served on our compensation committee during the 2013 fiscal year. None of the members of our compensation committee has ever been one of our officers or employees. None of our executive officers currently serves, or has served, as a member of the board of directors or compensation committee of any entity that has one or more executive officers serving as a member of our board of directors or compensation committee.

## **Director Nomination Process**

### *Director Qualifications*

In evaluating director nominees, the nominating and corporate governance committee will consider, among other things, the following factors:

personal and professional integrity, ethics and values;

experience in corporate management, such as serving as an officer or former officer of a publicly-held company;

development or commercialization experience in large pharmaceutical companies;

experience as a board member or executive officer of another publicly-held company;

strong finance experience;

diversity of expertise and experience in substantive matters pertaining to our business relative to other board members;

diversity of background and perspective, including with respect to age, gender, race, place of residence and specialized experience;

conflicts of interest; and

practical and mature business judgment.

The nominating and corporate governance committee's goal is to assemble a board of directors that brings to the company a variety of perspectives and skills derived from high quality business and professional experience. Moreover, the nominating and corporate governance committee believes that the background and qualifications of the board of directors, considered as a group, should provide a significant mix of experience, knowledge and abilities that will allow the board of directors to fulfill its responsibilities. Nominees are not discriminated against on the basis of race, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, disability or any other basis proscribed by law

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Other than the foregoing criteria for director nominees, the nominating and corporate governance committee has not adopted a formal policy with respect to a fixed set of specific minimum qualifications for its candidates for membership on the board of directors. The nominating and corporate governance committee may consider such other facts, including, without limitation, diversity, as it may deem are in the best interests of the company and its stockholders. The nominating and corporate governance committee does, however, believe it is appropriate for at least one, and, preferably, several, members of our board of directors to meet the criteria for an audit committee financial expert as defined by SEC rules, and that a majority of the members of our board of directors be independent as required under the Nasdaq qualification standards. The nominating and corporate governance committee also believes it is appropriate for our President and Chief Executive Officer to serve as a member of our board of directors. Our directors' performance and qualification criteria are reviewed annually by the nominating and corporate governance committee.

### *Identification and Evaluation of Nominees for Directors*

The nominating and corporate governance committee identifies nominees for director by first evaluating the current members of our board of directors willing to continue in service. Current members with qualifications and skills that are consistent with the nominating and corporate governance committee's criteria for board of director service and who are willing to continue in service are considered for re-nomination, balancing the value of continuity of service by existing members of our board of directors with that of obtaining a new perspective or expertise.

If any member of our board of directors does not wish to continue in service or if our board of directors decides not to re-nominate a member for re-election, the nominating and corporate governance committee may identify the desired skills and experience of a new nominee in light of the criteria above, in which case, the nominating and corporate governance committee would generally poll our board of directors and members of management for their recommendations. The nominating and corporate governance committee may also review the composition and qualification of the boards of directors of our competitors, and may seek input from industry experts or analysts. The nominating and corporate governance committee reviews the qualifications, experience and background of the candidates. Final candidates are interviewed by the members of the nominating and corporate governance committee and by certain of our other independent directors and executive management. In making its determinations, the nominating and corporate governance committee evaluates each individual in the context of our board of directors as a whole, with the objective of assembling a group that can best contribute to the success of our company and represent stockholder interests through the exercise of sound judgment. After review and deliberation of all feedback and data, the nominating and corporate governance committee makes its recommendation to our board of directors. To date, the nominating and corporate governance committee has not utilized third-party search firms to identify board of director candidates. The nominating and corporate governance committee may in the future choose to do so in those situations where particular qualifications are required or where existing contacts are not sufficient to identify an appropriate candidate.

The nominating and corporate governance committee evaluates nominees recommended by stockholders in the same manner as it evaluates other nominees. We have not received director candidate recommendations from our stockholders and do not have a formal policy regarding consideration of such recommendations. However, any recommendations received from stockholders will be evaluated in the same manner that potential nominees suggested by board members, management or other parties are evaluated. We do not intend to treat stockholder recommendations in any manner different from other recommendations.

Under our amended and restated bylaws, stockholders wishing to suggest a candidate for director should write to our corporate secretary and provide such information about the stockholder and the proposed candidate as is set forth in our amended and restated bylaws and as would be required by SEC rules to be included in a proxy statement. In



addition, the stockholder must include the consent of the candidate and describe any arrangements or undertakings between the stockholder and the candidate regarding the nomination. In order to give the nominating and corporate governance committee sufficient time to evaluate a recommended candidate and/or include the candidate in our proxy statement for the 2014 annual meeting, the recommendation should be received by our corporate secretary at our principal executive offices in accordance with our procedures detailed in the section below entitled "Stockholder Proposals."

### **Director Attendance at Annual Meetings**

Although our company does not have a formal policy regarding attendance by members of our board of directors at our annual meeting, we encourage all of our directors to attend.

### **Communications with our Board of Directors**

Stockholders seeking to communicate with our board of directors should submit their written comments to our corporate secretary at Evoke Pharma, Inc., 505 Lomas Santa Fe Drive, Suite 270, Solana Beach, California 92075. The corporate secretary will forward such communications to each member of our board of directors; provided that, if in the opinion of our corporate secretary it would be inappropriate to send a particular stockholder communication to a specific director, such communication will only be sent to the remaining directors (subject to the remaining directors concurring with such opinion).

**Table of Contents****Corporate Governance**

Our company's Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, Corporate Governance Guidelines, Audit Committee Charter, Compensation Committee Charter and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee Charter are available, free of charge, on our website at [www.evokepharma.com](http://www.evokepharma.com). Please note, however, that the information contained on the website is not incorporated by reference in, or considered part of, this proxy statement. We will also provide copies of these documents, as well as our company's other corporate governance documents, free of charge, to any stockholder upon written request to Evoke Pharma, Inc., Attention: Corporate Secretary, 505 Lomas Santa Fe Drive, Suite 270, Solana Beach, California 92075.

**Director Compensation**

The following table sets forth information for the year ended December 31, 2013 regarding the compensation awarded to, earned by or paid to our non-employee directors who served on our board of directors during 2013. Employees of our company who also serve as a director do not receive additional compensation for their performance of services as a director.

<b>Director</b>	<b>Fees Earned or Paid in Cash (\$)</b>	<b>Option Awards (\$)<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>All Other Compensation (\$)</b>	<b>Total (\$)</b>
Cam Garner	10,761	136,980 <sup>(2)</sup>	75,000 <sup>(8)</sup>	222,741
Todd C. Brady, M.D., Ph. D.	6,322	136,980 <sup>(3)</sup>		143,302
Scott L. Glenn	5,717	136,980 <sup>(4)</sup>		142,697
Malcolm R. Hill, Pharm.D.	5,179	136,980 <sup>(5)</sup>		142,159
Ann D. Rhoads	7,398	136,980 <sup>(6)</sup>		144,378
Kenneth J. Widder, M.D.	6,188	136,980 <sup>(7)</sup>		143,168

- (1) Amounts listed represent the aggregate grant date fair value amount computed as of the grant date for each option awarded during 2013 in accordance with Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification Topic 718, or ASC 718. Assumptions used in the calculation of these amounts are included in Note 7 to the Financial Statements in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013. As required by SEC rules, the amounts shown exclude the impact of estimated forfeitures related to service-based vesting conditions. Our directors will only realize compensation to the extent the trading price of our common stock is greater than the exercise price of such stock options.
- (2) Represents options to purchase 18,000 shares of our common stock granted to Mr. Garner for service as a member of our Board of Directors. The shares subject to this award vest in three equal annual installments on each of September 24, 2014, 2015 and 2016 provided Mr. Garner continues to provide services to us through such dates. As of December 31, 2013, options to purchase an aggregate of 18,000 shares of our common stock were held by Mr. Garner.
- (3) Represents options to purchase 18,000 shares of our common stock granted to Dr. Brady for service as a member of our Board of Directors. The shares subject to this award vest in three equal annual installments on each of September 24, 2014, 2015 and 2016 provided Dr. Brady continues to provide services to us through such dates. As of December 31, 2013, options to purchase an aggregate of 18,000 shares of our common stock were held by Dr. Brady.
- (4) Represents options to purchase 18,000 shares of our common stock granted to Mr. Glenn for service as a member of our Board of Directors. The shares subject to this award vest in three equal annual installments on each of

September 24, 2014, 2015 and 2016 provided Mr. Glenn continues to provide services to us through such dates. As of December 31, 2013, options to purchase an aggregate of 18,000 shares of our common stock were held by Mr. Glenn.

- (5) Represents options to purchase 18,000 shares of our common stock granted to Dr. Hill for service as a member of our Board of Directors. The shares subject to this award vest in three equal annual installments on each of September 24, 2014, 2015 and 2016 provided Dr. Hill continues to provide services to us through such dates. As of December 31, 2013, options to purchase an aggregate of 23,250 shares of our common stock were held by Dr. Hill.
- (6) Represents options to purchase 18,000 shares of our common stock granted to Ms. Rhoads for service as a member of our Board of Directors. The shares subject to this award vest in three equal annual installments on each of September 24, 2014, 2015 and 2016 provided Ms. Rhoads continues to provide services to us through such dates. As of December 31, 2013, options to purchase an aggregate of 18,000 shares of our common stock were held by Ms. Rhoads.
- (7) Represents options to purchase 18,000 shares of our common stock granted to Dr. Widder for service as a member of our Board of Directors. The shares subject to this award vest in three equal annual installments on each of September 24, 2014, 2015 and 2016 provided Dr. Widder continues to provide services to us through such dates. As of December 31, 2013, options to purchase an aggregate of 18,000 shares of our common stock were held by Dr. Widder.
- (8) Represents compensation earned by Mr. Garner for his services as a consultant to us prior to the initial public offering.

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The table below shows the aggregate numbers of option awards (exercisable and unexercisable) held as of December 31, 2013 by each non-employee director who was serving as of December 31, 2013.

<b>Director</b>	<b>Options Exercisable at December 31, 2013</b>	<b>Options Unexercisable at December 31, 2013</b>
Cam Garner		18,000
Todd C. Brady, M.D., Ph.D.		18,000
Scott L. Glenn		18,000
Malcolm R. Hill, Pharm.D.	5,250	18,000
Ann D. Rhoads		18,000
Kenneth J. Widder, M.D.		18,000

Our board of directors has approved a compensation program for our non-employee directors, which program became effective on the day prior to the public trading date of our common stock. This program consists of annual retainer fees and long-term equity awards. Each non-employee director will receive an annual cash retainer of \$17,500 for his or her services. In addition, the chair of our board of directors will receive an additional annual cash retainer of \$17,500, the chair of the audit committee will receive an additional annual cash retainer of \$7,500, the chair of the compensation committee will receive an additional annual cash retainer of \$5,000 and the chair of the nominating and corporate governance committee will receive an additional annual cash retainer of \$3,500. Audit committee members will receive an additional cash retainer of \$3,750, compensation committee members will receive an additional annual cash retainer of \$2,500 and nominating and corporate governance committee members will receive an additional annual cash retainer of \$1,750. Each of our non-employee directors received an award of options to purchase 18,000 shares of our common stock on the closing date of our initial public offering, which options vest in three equal installments on each of the first three anniversaries of the date of grant. These initial option grants to our non-employee directors upon the closing of our initial public offering each had an exercise price per share of \$12.00, which represented the initial price to the public of our common stock. Following our initial public offering, each non-employee director who is newly elected or appointed to the board of directors will receive an initial grant of options to purchase 18,000 shares of our common stock, vesting in three equal annual installments on each of the first three anniversaries of the date of grant, upon such election or appointment to the board of directors, thereafter annual grants of options to purchase 9,000 shares of our common stock, vesting on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

**Vote Required; Recommendation of the Board of Directors**

If a quorum is present and voting at the annual meeting, the three nominees receiving the highest number of votes will be elected to our board of directors. Votes withheld from any nominee, abstentions and broker non-votes will be counted only for purposes of determining a quorum. Broker non-votes will have no effect on this proposal as brokers or other nominees are not entitled to vote on such proposals in the absence of voting instructions from the beneficial owner.

**OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT THE STOCKHOLDERS VOTE FOR THE ELECTION OF DAVID A. GONYER, R.PH., TODD C. BRADY, M.D., PH.D. AND KENNETH J. WIDDER, M.D. PROXIES SOLICITED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL BE SO VOTED UNLESS YOU SPECIFY OTHERWISE ON YOUR PROXY CARD.**

**PROPOSAL 2:**

**RATIFICATION OF SELECTION OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS**

The audit committee has selected Ernst & Young LLP as the company's independent registered public accountants for the year ending December 31, 2014 and has further directed that management submit the selection of independent registered public accountants for ratification by the stockholders at the annual meeting. Ernst & Young LLP has audited the company's financial statements since its inception in 2007. Representatives of Ernst & Young LLP are expected to be present at the annual meeting, will have an opportunity to make a statement if they so desire, and will be available to respond to appropriate questions.

Stockholder ratification of the selection of Ernst & Young LLP as the company's independent registered public accountants is not required by Delaware law, the company's amended and restated certificate of incorporation, or the company's amended and restated bylaws. However, the audit committee is submitting the selection of Ernst & Young LLP to the stockholders for ratification as a matter of good corporate practice. If the stockholders fail to ratify the selection, the audit committee will reconsider whether to retain the firm. Even if the selection is ratified, the audit committee in its discretion may direct the appointment of different independent registered public accountants at any time during the year if the audit committee determines that such a change would be in the best interests of the company and its stockholders.

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The following table represents aggregate fees billed to us for services related to the fiscal years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, by Ernst & Young LLP, our independent registered public accounting firm.

	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>
Audit Fees <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 542,135	\$ 40,000
Audit Related Fees <sup>(2)</sup>		
Tax Fees <sup>(3)</sup>		
All Other Fees		
	\$ 542,135	\$ 40,000

- (1) Audit Fees consist of fees billed for professional services performed by Ernst & Young LLP for the audit of our annual financial statements, the review of our registration statement on Form S-1, the quarterly review of our financial statements, and related services that are normally provided in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements.
- (2) Audit Related Fees consist of fees billed by Ernst & Young LLP for assurance and related services that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of our financial statements. There were no such fees incurred during 2013 or 2012.
- (3) Tax Fees consist of fees for professional services, including tax consulting and compliance performed by Ernst & Young LLP. There were no such fees incurred during 2013 or 2012.

The audit committee has considered whether the provision of non-audit services is compatible with maintaining the independence of Ernst & Young LLP, and has concluded that the provision of such services is compatible with maintaining the independence of our auditors.

**Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures**

Our audit committee has established a policy that all audit and permissible non-audit services provided by our independent registered public accounting firm will be pre-approved by the audit committee, and all such services were pre-approved in accordance with this policy during the fiscal years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012. These services may include audit services, audit-related services, tax services and other services. The audit committee considers whether the provision of each non-audit service is compatible with maintaining the independence of our auditors. Pre-approval is detailed as to the particular service or category of services and is generally subject to a specific budget. Our independent registered public accounting firm and management are required to periodically report to the audit committee regarding the extent of services provided by the independent registered public accounting firm in accordance with this pre-approval, and the fees for the services performed to date.

**Vote Required; Recommendation of the Board of Directors**

The affirmative vote of a majority of the shares of common stock present or represented by proxy and entitled to vote at the meeting will be required to ratify the selection of Ernst & Young LLP. Abstentions will be counted toward the

tabulation of votes cast on this proposal and will have the same effect as negative votes. The approval of Proposal 2 is a routine proposal on which a broker or other nominee has discretionary authority to vote. Accordingly, no broker non-votes will likely result from this proposal.

**OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT THE STOCKHOLDERS VOTE TO RATIFY THE SELECTION OF ERNST & YOUNG LLP AS OUR INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014. PROXIES SOLICITED BY OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL BE SO VOTED UNLESS STOCKHOLDERS SPECIFY OTHERWISE ON THEIR PROXY CARDS.**

#### **SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT**

The following table sets forth information with respect to the beneficial ownership of our common stock as of December 31, 2013 by:

each of our named executive officers;

each of our directors;

all of our executive officers and directors as a group; and

each person or group of affiliated persons known by us to beneficially own more than 5% of our common stock.

The number of shares beneficially owned by each stockholder is determined under rules issued by the SEC. Under these rules, beneficial ownership includes any shares as to which a person has sole or shared voting power or investment power. Applicable percentage ownership is based on 6,099,547 shares of common stock outstanding on March 31, 2014, which gives effect to the conversion of all outstanding shares of our convertible preferred stock into shares of common stock at the time of our initial public offering of common stock in September 2013. In computing the number of shares beneficially owned by a person and the percentage

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ownership of that person, shares of common stock subject to options, warrants or other rights held by such person that are currently exercisable or will become exercisable within 60 days of March 31, 2014 are considered outstanding, although these shares are not considered outstanding for purposes of computing the percentage ownership of any other person.

Unless otherwise indicated, the address of each beneficial owner listed below is c/o Evoke Pharma, Inc., 505 Lomas Santa Fe Drive, Suite 270, Solana Beach, CA 92075. We believe, based on information provided to us that each of the stockholders listed below has sole voting and investment power with respect to the shares beneficially owned by the stockholder unless noted otherwise, subject to community property laws where applicable.

Name of Beneficial Owner	Beneficial Ownership	
	Number of Shares	Percent of Total
<b>5% or Greater Stockholders</b>		
Funds affiliated with Domain Associates, L.L.C. <sup>(1)</sup> One Palmer Square Princeton, NJ 08542	1,138,583	18.7%
Funds affiliated with LVP GP III, LLC <sup>(2)</sup> 1 Embarcadero Center, Suite 4050 San Francisco, CA 94111	1,138,579	18.7%
<b>Executive Officers and Directors</b>		
David A. Gonyer, R.Ph. <sup>(3)</sup>	530,901	8.6%
Matthew J. D. Onofri <sup>(4)</sup>	259,439	4.2%
Marilyn R. Carlson, D.M.D., M.D. Cam L. Garner <sup>(5)</sup>	375,605	6.2%
Todd C. Brady, M.D., Ph.D. Scott L. Glenn <sup>(6)</sup>	120,855	2.0%
Malcolm R. Hill, Pharm.D. <sup>(7)</sup> Ann D. Rhoads	19,250	*
Kenneth J. Widder, M.D. <sup>(2)</sup> All executive officers and directors as a group (9 persons) <sup>(8)</sup>	2,444,630	39.1%

\* Less than 1%.

(1) Includes 5,250 shares held by Domain Associates, L.L.C., 1,114,327 shares held by Domain Partners VII, L.P. and 19,006 shares held by DP VII Associates, L.P. The voting and disposition of the shares held by Domain Associates, L.L.C. is determined by the managing members of Domain Associates, L.L.C. James C. Blair, Brian H. Dovey, Brian K. Halak, Kim P. Kamdar, Kathleen K. Schoemaker, Jesse I. Treu and Nicole Vitullo are the managing members of Domain Associates, L.L.C. and share voting and investment power with respect to these shares. The voting and disposition of the shares held by Domain Partners VII, L.P. and DP VII Associates, L.P. is determined by the managing members of One Palmer Square Associates VII, L.L.C., the general partner of Domain Partners VII, L.P. and DP VII Associates, L.P. James C. Blair, Brian H. Dovey, Brian K. Halak, Kathleen K. Schoemaker, Jesse I. Treu and Nicole Vitullo and are the managing members of One Palmer Square Associates VII, L.L.C. and share voting and investment power with respect to these shares. Each member disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares, except to the extent of his or her pecuniary interest therein.



- (2) Includes 1,054,262 shares held by LVP Life Science Ventures III, L.P., 52,711 shares held by LVP III Associates, L.P., 26,356 shares held by LVP III Partners, L.P., and 5,250 shares held by LVPMC, LLC. LVP GP III, LLC is the general partner of LVP Life Science Ventures III, L.P., LVP III Associates, L.P. and LVP III Partners, L.P. Patrick F. Latterell, Stephen M. Salmon, James N. Woody and Kenneth J. Widder, the members of LVPMC, LLC and LVP GP III, LLC, share voting and investment power with respect to these shares. Each member disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- (3) Includes (a) 30,000 shares Mr. Gonyer acquired upon the early exercise of options, 3,532 of which are subject to our right of repurchase within 60 days of March 31, 2014, and (b) 72,000 shares Mr. Gonyer has the right to acquire pursuant to outstanding options which are immediately exercisable, 12,567 of which would be subject to our right of repurchase within 60 days of March 31, 2014.
- (4) Includes (a) 30,000 shares Mr. D Onofrio acquired upon the early exercise of options, 3,532 of which are subject to our right of repurchase within 60 days of March 31, 2014, and (b) 46,000 shares Mr. D Onofrio has the right to acquire pursuant to outstanding options which are immediately exercisable, 8,029 of which would be subject to our right of repurchase within 60 days of March 31, 2014.
- (5) Includes (a) 335,605 shares held by Garner Investments, L.L.C., of which Mr. Garner is the managing member, (b) 20,000 shares held by the Anna Berenice Garner Irrevocable Trust dated 8/13/2007, of which Mr. Garner is a trustee and (c) 20,000 shares held by the Lee Adair Garner Irrevocable Trust dtd 8/13/2007, of which Mr. Garner is a trustee.
- (6) Includes (a) 105,250 shares held by Glenn Holdings, L.P., of which Mr. Glenn is the General Partner, and (b) 15,605 shares held by Windamere III, LLC, of which Mr. Glenn is the Managing Member.
- (7) Includes 5,250 shares that Dr. Hill has the right to acquire pursuant to outstanding options which are immediately exercisable.
- (8) Includes 123,250 shares of common stock subject to outstanding options which are immediately exercisable, 20,596 of which would be subject to our right of repurchase within 60 days of March 31, 2014.

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The following table sets forth certain information about our executive officers as of March 31, 2014:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Position</b>
<b>Executive Officers:</b>		
David A. Gonyer, R.Ph.	50	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director
Matthew J. D. Onofrio		Executive Vice President, Chief Business Officer, Secretary &
	44	Treasurer
Marilyn R. Carlson, D.M.D., M.D.	66	Chief Medical Officer
The biography of David A. Gonyer, R.Ph. can be found under Proposal 1 Election of Directors.		

*Matthew J. D. Onofrio* is one of our co-founders and has served as our Executive Vice President, Chief Business Officer, Secretary and Treasurer since 2010 and as our Executive Vice President, Corporate Development, Secretary and Treasurer since March 2007. Mr. D. Onofrio has over 21 years of experience in both large and small pharmaceutical firms. Prior to founding Evoke, Mr. D. Onofrio was Vice President, Business Development for Victory Pharma, a growing specialty pharmaceutical company based in San Diego. Mr. D. Onofrio was previously Director and Head of West Coast Business Development at Vertex Pharmaceuticals, a biotechnology company, directing partnership efforts associated with the La Jolla research facility as well as other corporate assets. Mr. D. Onofrio also held various commercial roles of increasing responsibility over a decade at Eli Lilly & Company, including significant experience in worldwide corporate business development. During his licensing career, Mr. D. Onofrio has developed and executed license and investment relationships across a wide collection of disease states and technologies. Mr. D. Onofrio earned a B.S. in Chemistry from San Diego State University and an M.B.A. (Finance) from the Marshall School of Business, University of Southern California.

*Marilyn R. Carlson, D.M.D., M.D.* has served as our Chief Medical Officer since December 2013. Dr. Carlson has worked closely with Evoke as an outside consultant since the company was founded in 2007. Dr. Carlson has been the key clinical and regulatory expert for Evoke through the entire development of EVK-001, including the most recent successful Phase 2b trial in gastroparesis. She has also participated in all of Evoke's meetings with the U.S. Food & Drug Administration, or FDA. Prior to joining Evoke, in 2012 Dr. Carlson helped found Agility Clinical, Inc., a contract research organization focused on the support of virtual companies, start-up companies and companies with orphan drugs. From 2004 to 2012, Dr. Carlson served as Vice President, Medical and Regulatory Affairs at Synteract, Inc., a clinical research organization, where she was responsible for safety surveillance, medical monitoring and regulatory submissions, among other duties. In 2004, Dr. Carlson founded and served as President of entreMeDica, Inc., a consulting firm offering chief medical officer services to biotechnology and life sciences companies and supporting marketed products in a variety of therapeutic areas. Dr. Carlson also served as Vice President, Medical/Regulatory and Chief Medical Officer at Prometheus Laboratories Inc. from 2000 to 2004 and as Vice President, Clinical and Medical Affairs and Chief Medical Officer at Advanced Corneal Systems (now ISTA Pharmaceuticals) in 2000. Before that, Dr. Carlson worked at XOMA (US) LLC as Vice President, Clinical and Medical Affairs from 1999 to 2000 and as Medical Director from 1997 to 1999. From 1991 to 1997, Dr. Carlson held positions in clinical research, medical affairs and technical brand management at Proctor & Gamble Healthcare and Proctor & Gamble Pharmaceuticals. Prior to joining The Proctor & Gamble Company, Dr. Carlson held academic and clinical positions at Case Western Reserve University, Western Reserve Geriatric Education Center and the MetroHealth Medical Center in Cleveland, Ohio. She holds a B.A. from Hunter College of the City University of New

York, a D.M.D. from the Harvard School of Dental Medicine and an M.D. from Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, and completed an internal medicine residency at The Cleveland Clinic Foundation.

**Overview**

This Executive Compensation section provides information about the material components of our executive compensation program for our named executive officers, consisting of the following persons:

David A. Gonyer, R.Ph., our President and Chief Executive Officer;

Matthew J. D. Onofrio, our Executive Vice President, Chief Business Officer, Secretary and Treasurer; and

Marilyn R. Carlson, D.M.D., M.D., our Chief Medical Officer.

**Table of Contents****Summary Compensation Table**

The following table shows information regarding the compensation earned by our named executive officers during the fiscal years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012:

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary \$	Bonus (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	Option Awards (\$) <sup>(2)</sup>	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation (\$) <sup>(3)</sup>	All Other Compensation (\$) <sup>(4)</sup>	Total \$
David A. Gonyer <i>President and Chief Executive Officer</i>	2013	317,992	209,300	563,587	225,000	21,647	1,315,879
	2012	309,000				11,316	309,000
Matthew J. D. Onofrio <i>EVP, Chief Business Officer, Secretary and Treasurer</i>	2013	275,608	145,080	563,587	130,000	14,935	1,114,275
	2012	268,000				15,782	268,000
Marilyn R. Carlson <sup>(5)</sup> <i>Chief Medical Officer</i>	2013	23,750		597,970		1,352	623,072

(1) Amounts shown represent performance bonuses earned for 2013, which were each paid in cash during the first quarter of 2014.

(2) In accordance with SEC rules, this column reflects the aggregate grant date fair value of the option awards granted during 2013 computed in accordance with Financial Accounting Standard Board ASC Topic 718 for stock-based compensation transactions, or ASC 718. Assumptions used in the calculation of these amounts are included in Note 7 to the Financial Statements in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013, filed with the SEC on March 25, 2014. These amounts do not reflect the actual economic value that will be realized by the named executive officer upon the vesting of the stock options, the exercise of the stock options, or the sale of the common stock underlying such stock options.

(3) Amounts shown represent payments made related to retention agreements entered into during March 2012, and amended in May 2013.

(4) Amount shown represents the cost of company-paid health insurance premiums (in the case of Mr. Gonyer and Mr. D. Onofrio) and reimbursement for health insurance benefits (in the case of Dr. Carlson).

(5) Dr. Carlson became an employee on December 1, 2013.

**Narrative Disclosure to Compensation Tables****Employment Agreements***Employment Agreements with Messrs. Gonyer and D. Onofrio*

We have entered into employment agreements with each of Messrs. Gonyer and D. Onofrio, which agreements were amended and restated in June 2013.

Pursuant to each of the employment agreements, if we terminate such officer's employment without cause (as defined below), such officer resigns for good reason (as defined below) or such officer's employment is terminated as a result of his or her death or following his or her permanent disability, the executive officer or his or her estate, as applicable, is entitled to the following payments and benefits: (1) fully earned but unpaid base salary through the date of termination at the rate then in effect, plus all other amounts under any compensation plan or practice to which he or she is entitled; (2) a lump sum cash payment in an amount equal to 12 months of his base salary as in effect immediately prior to the date of termination; (3) a lump sum cash payment in an amount equal to his or her bonus (as defined below) for the year in which the termination of his employment occurs, prorated for the period of his service during such year, provided that the officer shall not be entitled to receive such amount in the event that his termination results from his discharge by us without cause prior to a change in control (as defined below); (4) a lump sum cash payment in an amount equal to the cost of the continuation of health benefits for a period of 12 months following date of termination; (5) a lump sum cash payment in an amount equal to the cost of his life insurance premiums for a period of 12 months following the date of termination; (6) solely in the event of the officer's termination by us without cause or by the officer for good reason, a lump sum cash payment in an amount equal to \$15,000 for outplacement service; and (7) the automatic acceleration of the vesting and exercisability of outstanding unvested stock awards as to the number of stock awards that would have vested over the 12-month period following termination had such executive officer remained continuously employed by us during such period. In the event an officer's termination without cause or resignation for good reason

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occurs within three months prior to the occurrence of a change in control or within 12 months following a change in control, all of his outstanding unvested stock awards will accelerate and become fully vested on the later of (1) the date of termination or (2) the date of such change in control.

### *Employment Agreement with Dr. Carlson*

In connection with her commencement of employment in December 2013, we entered into an employment agreement with Dr. Carlson.

Pursuant to the employment agreement, Dr. Carlson agrees to devote 80% of her productive time and efforts to the performance of her duties as Chief Medical Officer. Pursuant to the employment agreement, Dr. Carlson's base salary will be \$285,000 per year, which amount will be subject to review each year at the sole discretion of the compensation committee. Dr. Carlson will also be eligible to earn, commencing with the fiscal year ending December 31, 2014, an annual cash performance bonus under the Company's bonus plan or plans applicable to senior executives. Dr. Carlson's target annual bonus under any such plan will be 30% of her base salary actually paid for such year. The annual cash performance bonus payable will be based on the achievement of individual and/or Company performance goals to be determined in good faith by the compensation committee. The Company will also pay Dr. Carlson a taxable monthly payment equal to the monthly premium Dr. Carlson pays for healthcare coverage under Medicare, in an amount not to exceed \$2,000 per month.

Pursuant to the employment agreement, if we terminate Dr. Carlson's employment without cause (as defined below) or Dr. Carlson resigns for good reason (as defined below), Dr. Carlson is entitled to the following payments and benefits: (1) fully earned but unpaid base salary through the date of termination at the rate then in effect, plus all other amounts under any compensation plan or practice to which she is entitled; (2) a lump sum cash payment in an amount equal to her monthly base salary as in effect immediately prior to the date of termination for a period of 9 months; (3) a lump sum cash payment in an amount equal to her bonus for the year in which the termination of her employment occurs, prorated for the period of her service during such year, provided that Dr. Carlson shall not be entitled to receive such amount in the event that her termination results from her discharge by the Company without cause prior to a change in control (as defined below); and (4) a taxable monthly payment in an amount equal to her monthly healthcare coverage costs under Medicare as in effect immediately prior to the date of termination, in an amount not to exceed \$2,000 per month, for a period of nine months.

In the event Dr. Carlson's termination without cause or resignation for good reason occurs within three months prior to the occurrence of a change in control or within 12 months following a change in control, all of her outstanding unvested stock awards will accelerate and become fully vested on the later of (1) the date of termination or (2) the date of such change in control.

The Employment Agreement also contains standard confidentiality, non-competition and non-solicitation covenants.

### *Defined Terms for Purposes of Employment Agreements*

For purposes of the employment agreements with the named executive officers, "cause" generally means an executive officer's (1) commission of an act of fraud, embezzlement or dishonesty that has a material adverse impact on us or any successor or affiliate of ours; (2) conviction of, or entry into a plea of guilty or no contest to, a felony; (3) unauthorized use or disclosure of our confidential information or trade secrets or any successor or affiliate of ours that has a material adverse impact on any such entity; (4) gross negligence, insubordination or material violation of any duty of loyalty, or any other material misconduct on the part of the executive officer; (5) ongoing and repeated failure or refusal to perform or neglect of his or her duties as required by his or her employment agreement, which

failure, refusal or neglect continues for 15 days following his or her receipt of written notice from our board of directors stating with specificity the nature of such failure, refusal or neglect; or (6) breach of any material provision of his or her employment agreement.

For purposes of the employment agreements with the named executive officers, **good reason** generally means (1) other than for Dr. Carlson, a change in the executive officer's status, position or responsibilities that, in the executive officer's reasonable judgment, represents a substantial and material reduction in the status, position or responsibilities as in effect immediately prior thereto; the assignment to the executive officer of any duties or responsibilities that, in the executive officer's reasonable judgment, are materially inconsistent with such status, position or responsibilities; or any removal of the executive officer from or failure to reappoint or reelect the executive officer to any of such positions, except in connection with the termination of the executive officer's employment for cause (as defined above), as a result of his or her permanent disability or death, or by the executive officer other than for good reason; (2) with respect to Dr. Carlson, a material diminution in her authority, duties or responsibilities; (3) a material reduction in the executive officer's annual base salary, except in connection with a general reduction in the compensation of our or any successor's or affiliate's personnel with similar status and responsibilities; (4) our or any successor's or affiliate's requirement the executive officer (without the executive officer's consent) be based at any place outside a 50-mile radius of his or her placement of employment as of the effective date of the employment agreement, except for reasonably required travel for our or any successor's or affiliate's business that is not materially greater than such travel requirements prior to the effective date of the employment agreement; (5) any material breach by us or any successor or affiliate of obligations to the executive officer under the employment agreement; (6) other than for Dr. Carlson, any purported termination of the executive officer's employment or service relationship for cause (as defined above) by us or any successor or affiliate that is not in accordance with the definition of cause; or (7) other than for Dr. Carlson, a change in control (as defined below).

For purposes of the employment agreements with the named executive officers, **bonus** generally means an amount equal to the greater of (1) the executive officer's target bonus for the fiscal year in which the date of termination occurs; or (2) the bonus awarded to the executive officer for the fiscal year prior to the date of termination (which bonus shall be annualized to the extent the executive officer was not employed for the entire fiscal year prior to the date of termination). If any portion of the bonus awarded to the executive officer consisted of securities or other property, the fair market value thereof shall be determined in good faith by our board of directors.



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For purposes of the employment agreements with the named executive officers, *change in control* has the same meaning as such term is given under the terms of our 2007 Equity Incentive Plan, except that for purposes of the employment agreements a change in control will not be triggered pursuant to a change in the composition of our board of directors, as more fully described below.

### ***Retention Letters***

In March 2012 we entered into retention agreements with each of Messrs. Gonyer and D Onofrio, which agreements were amended in May 2013. Pursuant to such agreements, and notwithstanding anything contained in the employment agreements, provided that each of Messrs. Gonyer and D Onofrio continues employment with us through the applicable payment dates, they will be entitled to receive \$225,000 and \$130,000, respectively, in connection with certain retention events. For purposes of the retention agreements, *retention event* generally meant (1) a change in control (as defined in the employment agreements described above) or (2) the consummation of a public or private equity financing in which investors purchase shares of our common or preferred stock. As the Company completed its initial public offering, and Messrs. Gonyer and D Onofrio remained employed through such date, the retention payments were made to Messrs. Gonyer and D Onofrio in 2013.

### ***Executive Compensation Components***

#### ***2013 Peer Group***

During 2013, our compensation committee retained Barney & Barney LLC as its independent compensation consultant. For 2013, Barney & Barney LLC, assisted the compensation committee in confirming a peer group of companies to be used in the compensation setting process. For 2013, a peer group of 26 life sciences companies in similar phases of development as us with the following characteristics was selected based on the following parameters and not on the basis of executive compensation levels:

Market capitalization less than \$500 million.

Revenues less than \$50 million.

Employee size less than 100 employees.

Peer group companies were located nationally.

The 2013 peer group consisted of the following companies:

AcelRx Pharmaceuticals, Inc.  
Aldera Therapeutics, Inc.  
Anacor Pharmaceuticals, Inc.  
ArQule, Inc.  
Cempra, Inc.

ImmunoCellular Therapeutics Ltd.  
Imprimis Pharmaceuticals, Inc.  
Intercept Pharmaceuticals, Inc.  
Kythera Biopharmaceuticals, Inc.  
MedicNova, Inc.

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Cyclacel Pharmaceuticals, Inc.  
Cytokinetics, Inc.  
CytRx Corporation  
Durata Therapeutics, Inc.  
Enanta Pharmaceuticals, Inc.  
Endocyte, Inc.  
Geron Corporation  
GTx, Inc.

OncoGeneX Pharmaceuticals, Inc.  
Oncothyreon, Inc.  
Pain Therapeutics, Inc.  
Raptor Pharmaceutical Corp.  
Sangamo BioSciences, Inc.  
Stemline Therapeutics, Inc.  
Synergy Pharmaceuticals, Inc.  
Tonix Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

While our compensation committee reviewed the foregoing comparable company data in connection with its determinations of the 2014 base salaries, target bonuses and equity awards for our named executive officers, our committee did not attempt to set those compensation levels or awards at a certain target percentile with respect to the comparable company data or otherwise rely entirely on that data to determine named executive officer compensation. Instead, as described above and consistent with past practice, the compensation committee members relied on their judgment and experience in setting those compensation levels and making those awards.

We expect that the compensation committee will continue to review comparable company data in connection with setting the compensation we offer our named executive officers to help ensure that our compensation programs are competitive and fair.

*Base Salaries*

In general, base salaries for our named executive officers are initially established through arm's length negotiation at the time the executive is hired, taking into account such executive's qualifications, experience and prior salary. Base salaries of our named executive officers are approved and reviewed annually by our compensation committee and adjustments to base salaries are based on the scope of an executive's responsibilities, individual contribution, prior experience and sustained performance. Decisions regarding salary increases may take into account an executive officer's current salary, equity ownership, and the amounts paid to an executive officer's peers inside

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our company by conducting an internal analysis, which compares the pay of an executive officer to other members of the management team. Base salaries are also reviewed in the case of promotions or other significant changes in responsibility. Base salaries are not automatically increased if the board of directors and compensation committee believe that other elements of the named executive officer's compensation are more appropriate in light of our stated objectives. This strategy is consistent with our intent of offering compensation that is both cost-effective, competitive and contingent on the achievement of performance objectives.

The actual base salaries paid to all of our named executive officers for 2013 are set forth in the Summary Compensation Table below.

In April 2013, our board of directors approved base salary increases of 4% over 2012 levels for 2013 for Messrs. Gonyer and D Onofrio to \$322,000 and \$279,000, respectively. These base salary increases represented ordinary course costs of living adjustments to the executives' base salaries.

In February 2014, our board of directors and compensation committee approved base salary increases for 2014 for Messrs. Gonyer and D Onofrio to \$362,250 and \$313,875, respectively. These base salary increases were approved in order to bring the base salaries for these executives closer to the median of similarly-situated executives for our peer group companies, although their 2014 base salaries continue to be below such level. Dr. Carlson did not receive a base salary adjustment as her employment commenced in December 2013.

### *Annual Cash Performance Bonuses*

Each named executive officer is also eligible for a performance bonus based upon the achievement of certain corporate performance goals and objectives approved by our board of directors and our compensation committee.

Bonuses are set based on the executive's base salary as of the end of the bonus year, and are expected to be paid out in the first quarter of the following year. The target levels for executive bonuses are currently (and for 2013 were) as follows: 50% of base salary for the Chief Executive Officer, 40% of base salary for our Executive Vice President and Chief Business Officer, and 30% of base salary for our Chief Medical Officer. The executive bonuses are 100% based on the achievement of corporate objectives that are set each year by the board of directors and the compensation committee. Since Dr. Carlson did not become an employee until December 1, 2013, she did not qualify for a bonus in 2013. All final bonus payments to our named executive officers are determined by our compensation committee, other than the bonus payments to our Chief Executive Officer, whose compensation is approved by the full board of directors. The actual bonuses awarded in any year, if any, may be more or less than the target, depending on individual performance and the achievement of corporate objectives and may also vary based on other factors at the discretion of the compensation committee (or the full board of directors, with respect to our Chief Executive Officer).

For 2013, the sole corporate performance objective was the completion of a financing on terms acceptable to the board of directors. As a result of our successful initial public offering, the board of directors and the compensation committee determined to award a 130% achievement level relative to this 2013 corporate objective. The bonuses paid to our named executive officers for 2013 are set forth in the Summary Compensation Table above.

### *Equity Compensation*

The goals of our long-term, equity-based incentive awards are to align the interests of our named executive officers and other employees, non-employee directors and consultants with the interests of our stockholders. Because vesting is based on continued employment, our equity-based incentives also encourage the retention of our named executive officers through the vesting period of the awards. In determining the size of the long-term equity incentives to be

awarded to our named executive officers, we take into account a number of internal factors, such as the relative job scope, the value of existing long-term incentive awards, individual performance history, prior contributions to us and the size of prior grants. For 2013, while our compensation committee reviewed competitive market data prepared by Barney & Barney in connection with its grant of long-term equity incentive awards to the named executive officers, such awards were not determined by reference to any specific target level of compensation or benchmarking. Based upon these factors, the compensation committee determines the size of the long-term equity incentives at levels it considers appropriate to create a meaningful opportunity for reward predicated on the creation of long-term stockholder value. We have not granted any equity awards other than stock options to date.

To reward and retain our named executive officers in a manner that best aligns employees' interests with stockholders' interests, we use stock options as the primary incentive vehicles for long-term compensation. We believe that stock options are an effective tool for meeting our compensation goal of increasing long-term stockholder value by tying the value of the stock options to our future performance. Because employees are able to profit from stock options only if our stock price increases relative to the stock option's exercise price, we believe stock options provide meaningful incentives to employees to achieve increases in the value of our stock over time.

The exercise price of each stock option grant is the fair market value of our common stock on the grant date, as determined by our board of directors from time to time. Stock option awards granted to our named executive officers generally vest over a four-year period as follows: 25% of the shares underlying the option vest on the first anniversary of the date of the vesting commencement date and the remainder of the shares underlying the option vest in equal monthly installments over the remaining 36 months thereafter. From time to time, our compensation committee may, however, determine that a different vesting schedule is appropriate. Prior to our initial public offering we also generally offered our employees the opportunity to early exercise their unvested stock options by purchasing shares underlying the unvested portion of an option subject to our right to repurchase any unvested shares for the lesser of the exercise price paid for the shares and the fair market value of the shares on the date of the holder's termination of service if the employee's service with us terminates prior to the date on which the options are fully vested.

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In December 2013, the compensation committee awarded stock options to purchase 94,250 shares of our common stock to both Mr. Gonyer and Mr. D Onofrio. The options granted to Messrs. Gonyer and D Onofrio vest in forty-eight equal monthly installments over the four year period following the date of grant. Dr. Carlson was provided stock options to purchase 100,000 shares of our common stock as a part of her employment agreement pursuant to the Company's 2013 Equity Incentive Plan, of which 25% of the stock options vest on the first anniversary of Dr. Carlson's commencement of employment, and the remainder vest in thirty-six equal monthly installments thereafter, subject to her continued employment with the Company on each applicable vesting date. The compensation committee's recommendation regarding each named executive officer's award amount was not based on any quantifiable factors, but instead was based on the compensation committee's subjective analysis of the award levels the committee deemed appropriate for each executive in light of various factors, including the dilution created as a result of our public offerings and the need to continue to incentivize our executives. Each of these factors was taken into consideration by the compensation committee for each executive, as was management's recommendations regarding the appropriate award levels. The final award levels, however, were entirely based on the compensation committee's subjective analysis of these general factors and internal pay equity considerations.

We have had no program, plan or practice pertaining to the timing of stock option grants to named executive officers coinciding with the release of material non-public information. Stock options granted to our named executive officers may be subject to accelerated vesting in certain circumstance. For additional discussion, please see Employment Agreements above and Change in Control Benefits below.

### ***Other Elements of Compensation***

#### ***Retirement Plans***

We currently maintain a 401(k) retirement savings plan that allows eligible employees to contribute a portion of their compensation, within limits prescribed by the Internal Revenue Code, on a pre-tax basis through contributions to the plan. Our named executive officers are eligible to participate in the 401(k) plan. We believe that providing a vehicle for tax-deferred retirement savings through our 401(k) plan adds to the overall desirability of our executive compensation package and further incentivizes our named executive officers in accordance with our compensation policies.

#### ***Employee Benefits and Perquisites***

Our named executive officers are eligible to participate in our health and welfare plans. We do not provide our named executive officers with significant perquisites or other personal benefits. We do, however, reimburse Dr. Carlson for her health care premiums and pay for the health and welfare benefits for our other named executive officers and our other four employees.

#### ***No Tax Gross-Ups***

We do not make gross-up payments to cover our named executive officers' personal income taxes that may pertain to any of the compensation paid or provided by our company.

#### ***Termination and Change in Control Benefits***

Our named executive officers may become entitled to certain benefits or enhanced benefits in connection with certain qualifying terminations of employment and/or a change in control of our company. Each of our named executive officers' employment agreements entitles them to severance in the event of their termination without cause or their

resignation for good reason (and, for Mr. Gonyer and Mr. D Onofrio, upon termination by reason of death or disability). In addition, each named executive officer is entitled to accelerated vesting of all outstanding equity awards upon his or her termination without cause or their resignation for good reason within three months prior to the occurrence of a change in control or within 12 months following a change in control of our company. In addition, the occurrence of a change in control constitutes good reason for Mr. Gonyer's and Mr. D Onofrio's resignation under their employment agreements. For additional discussion, please see Employment Agreements above.

### **Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End**

The following table sets forth specified information concerning unexercised stock options and unvested stock awards for each of the named executive officers outstanding as of December 31, 2013.

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Name	Option Awards					Stock Awards			Equity Incentive Awards: Market or Payout Value of Unearned Shares, or Other Rights That Have Not Vested (\$) <sup>(2)</sup>
	Grant Date	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#)	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#)	Equity Incentive Awards: Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options <sup>(1)</sup> (#)	Exercise Price (\$)	Expiration Date	Number of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (#)	Market Value of Shares or Units That Have Not Vested (\$) <sup>(2)</sup>	Equity Incentive Awards: Number of Unearned Shares, or Other Rights That Have Not Vested (#)
David A. Gonyer	12/2/13 2/9/11 11/18/10 9/14/07	72,000	94,250	8.67 0.40	12/1/23 2/8/21	6,863 <sup>(3)</sup>	51,129	41,250 <sup>(4)</sup>	307,313
Matthew J. D. Onofrio	12/2/13 2/9/11 11/18/10 9/14/07	46,000	94,250	8.67 0.40	12/1/23 2/8/21	6,863 <sup>(3)</sup>	51,129	13,750 <sup>(5)</sup>	102,438
Marilyn R. Carlson	12/2/13		100,000 <sup>(6)</sup>	8.67	12/1/23				

- Except as otherwise described below, the options have a ten year term and vest on a monthly basis over a four-year period following the grant date, subject to the option holder's continuous service through each such vesting date. All options granted prior to the date of our initial public offering are immediately exercisable. Restricted stock issued upon exercise of unvested options that have been early exercised are subject to a right of repurchase within 90 days of termination of employment.
- The market values shown were computed using \$7.45 per share, the closing price per share of our common stock on December 31, 2013.
- The restricted stock vests and shall be released from our repurchase option on a monthly basis over a four-year period of continuous service following November 10, 2010. Unvested restricted stock is subject to a right of repurchase within 90 days of termination of employment.
- Such shares shall be released from our repurchase option upon the achievement, if ever, of certain milestones related to our nasal metoclopramide product candidate as follows: 18,750 shares upon pivotal trial initiation and 22,500 shares upon the New Drug Application submission, all subject to Mr. Gonyer's continued service with us on the date of such events.
- Such shares shall be released from our repurchase option upon the achievement, if ever, of certain milestones related to our nasal metoclopramide product candidate as follows: 6,250 shares upon pivotal trial initiation and



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7,500 shares upon the New Drug Application submission, all subject to Mr. D Onofrio's continued service with us on the date of such events.

- (6) The options have a ten-year term and vest as to 25% of the shares subject to the option on the first anniversary of the date of grant and the remaining shares subject to the option vest on a monthly basis over the three-year period thereafter, subject to Dr. Carlson's continuous service through each such vesting date.

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**CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

The following includes a summary of transactions since January 1, 2013 to which we have been a party in which the amount involved exceeded or will exceed \$120,000, and in which any of our directors, executive officers or, to our knowledge, beneficial owners of more than 5% of our capital stock or any member of the immediate family of any of the foregoing persons had or will have a direct or indirect material interest. We believe the terms obtained or consideration that we paid or received, as applicable, in connection with the transactions described below were comparable to terms available or the amounts that would be paid or received, as applicable, from unaffiliated third parties.

**Investor Rights Agreement**

We entered into an investor rights agreement in June 2007 with the holders of our convertible preferred stock, including entities with which certain of our directors are affiliated. This agreement provides for certain rights relating to the registration of their shares of common stock issuable upon conversion of their convertible preferred stock, a right of first refusal to purchase future securities sold by us and certain additional covenants made by us. Except for the registration rights (including the related provisions pursuant to which we have agreed to indemnify the parties to the investor rights agreement), all rights under this agreement terminated upon the completion of our IPO. The registration rights will terminate in 2020, or for any particular holder with registration rights, at such time when all securities held by that stockholder subject to registration rights may be sold pursuant to Rule 144 under the Securities Act.

**Employment Agreements**

We have entered into employment agreements with the following executive officers: David A. Gonyer, R.Ph., our President and Chief Executive Officer; Matthew J. D. Onofrio, our Executive Vice President, Chief Business Officer, Secretary and Treasurer, and Marilyn R. Carlson, D.M.D., M.D., our Chief Medical Officer. For more information regarding these agreements, see [Executive Compensation and Other Information Employment Agreements](#) above.

**Indemnification Agreements**

Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and our amended and restated bylaws provide that we will indemnify each of our directors and officers to the fullest extent permitted by the Delaware General Corporation Law. Further, we have entered into indemnification agreements with each of our directors and officers, and we have purchased a policy of directors and officers liability insurance that insures our directors and officers against the cost of defense, settlement or payment of a judgment under certain circumstances.

**Stock Option Grants to Executive Officers and Directors**

We have granted stock options to our executive officers and certain of our directors as more fully described in the section [Executive Compensation and Other Information Executive Compensation Components Long-Term Equity Incentives](#) above.

**Policies and Procedures for Related Person Transactions**

Pursuant to our audit committee charter, our audit committee is responsible for reviewing and approving all transactions with related parties which are required to be reported under applicable SEC regulations, other than compensation-related matters. We have not adopted written procedures for review of, or standards for approval of,

these transactions, but instead our audit committee intends to review such transactions on a case by case basis.

**SECTION 16(a) BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP REPORTING COMPLIANCE**

Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act requires our directors and executive officers, and persons who own more than ten percent of a registered class of our equity securities, to file with the SEC initial reports of ownership and reports of changes in ownership of our common stock and other equity securities. To our knowledge, based solely on our review of copies of such forms that we have received, or written representations from reporting persons, we believe that during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013, all executive officers, directors and greater than 10% stockholders complied with all applicable filing requirements.

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**STOCKHOLDER PROPOSALS**

Proposals from stockholders intended to be presented at our annual meeting of stockholders to be held in 2015 must be received by us no later than December 9, 2014, which is 120 days prior to the first anniversary of the mailing date of this proxy, in order to be included in our proxy statement and form of proxy relating to that meeting. These proposals must comply with the requirements as to form and substance established by the SEC for such proposals in order to be included in the proxy statement. In addition, our amended and restated bylaws establish an advance notice procedure with regard to certain matters, including stockholder proposals not included in our proxy statement, to be brought before an annual meeting of stockholders. In general, notice must be received at our principal executive offices not less than 90 calendar days before nor more than 120 calendar days before the one year anniversary of the date of the previous year's annual meeting of stockholders. Therefore, to be presented at our 2015 annual meeting of stockholders, such a proposal must be received by us no earlier than January 20, 2015 and no later than February 19, 2015. However, if the date of the annual meeting is more than 30 days earlier or more than 60 days later than such anniversary date, notice must be received not less than 90 calendar days before nor more than 120 calendar days in advance of such annual meeting, or if later, ten calendar days following the date on which public announcement of the date of the meeting is first made. If the stockholder fails to give notice by these dates, then the persons named as proxies in the proxies solicited by the board of directors for the 2015 annual meeting may exercise discretionary voting power regarding any such proposal. Stockholders are advised to review our amended and restated bylaws which also specify requirements as to the form and content of a stockholder's notice.

**ANNUAL REPORT**

Our annual report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013 will be mailed to stockholders of record on or about April 8, 2014. Our annual report does not constitute, and should not be considered, a part of this proxy solicitation material.

Any person who was a beneficial owner of our common stock on the record date may request a copy of our annual report, and it will be furnished without charge upon receipt of a written request identifying the person so requesting a report as a stockholder of our company at such date. Requests should be directed to Evoke Pharma, Inc., 505 Lomas Santa Fe Drive, Suite 270, Solana Beach, California, Attention: Corporate Secretary.

**OTHER MATTERS**

We do not know of any business other than that described in this proxy statement that will be presented for consideration or action by the stockholders at the annual meeting. If, however, any other business is properly brought before the meeting, shares represented by proxies will be voted in accordance with the best judgment of the persons named in the proxies or their substitutes. All stockholders are urged to complete, sign and return the accompanying proxy card in the enclosed envelope.

By Order of the Board of Directors

David A. Gonyer, R.Ph.  
*President and Chief Executive Officer and  
Director*

Solana Beach, CA

April 8, 2014

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