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April 29, 2016

Fellow Stockholder:

You are invited to attend the annual meeting of stockholders of Puma Biotechnology, Inc. to be held on Monday, June 13, 2016, at 1:00 p.m. local time, at the Luxe Sunset Boulevard Hotel, 11461 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90049.

At this year s annual meeting you will be asked to:

- 1. Elect five directors to serve for a one-year term;
- 2. Ratify the selection of our independent registered public accounting firm;
- 3. Approve an amendment to Puma Biotechnology, Inc. s Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation (the Certificate of Incorporation ) to eliminate the ability of stockholders to act by written consent;
- 4. Approve an amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation to eliminate the mandatory indemnification of all persons covered by Section 145 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware; and

5. Transact such other business as may properly come before the annual meeting. The accompanying Notice of Meeting and proxy statement describe these matters. We urge you to read this information carefully.

The Board of Directors unanimously believes that election of its nominees to serve as our directors, ratification of our independent registered public accounting firm, and approval of amendments to the Certificate of Incorporation to eliminate the ability of stockholders to act by written consent and to eliminate the mandatory indemnification of all persons covered by Section 145 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware are in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders and, accordingly, recommends a vote FOR each of the nominees for director named in the proxy statement and FOR each of the other proposals identified above.

It is important that your shares be represented and voted whether or not you plan to attend the annual meeting in person. You may submit your proxy over the Internet, or if you are receiving a paper copy of the proxy statement, by telephone or by completing and mailing a proxy card. Submitting your proxy over the Internet, by telephone or by written proxy will ensure your shares are represented at the annual meeting.

The Board of Directors appreciates and encourages stockholder participation. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Alan H. Auerbach

Chairman, President, Chief Executive Officer and Secretary

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## PUMA BIOTECHNOLOGY, INC.

## 10880 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 2150

#### Los Angeles, California 90024

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

#### TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2016

To the Stockholders of Puma Biotechnology, Inc. (the Company, we and our ):

We will hold an annual meeting of stockholders of the Company at the Luxe Sunset Boulevard Hotel, 11461 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90049, on Monday, June 13, 2016, at 1:00 p.m. local time. At the annual meeting, we will consider and act upon the following matters:

- 1. Election of Alan H. Auerbach, Jay M. Moyes, Adrian M. Senderowicz, Troy E. Wilson and Frank E. Zavrl as directors to serve for a one-year term expiring at the 2017 annual meeting of stockholders and until their successors are duly elected and qualified or until their earlier resignation or removal.
- 2 Ratification of the selection of PKF Certified Public Accountants, a Professional Corporation (PKF Certified Public Accountants), as our independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2016.
- 3. Approval of an amendment to Puma Biotechnology, Inc. s Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation (the Certificate of Incorporation ) to eliminate the ability of stockholders to act by written consent;
- 4. Approval of an amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation to eliminate the mandatory indemnification of all persons covered by Section 145 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware; and

5. Such other business as may properly come before the annual meeting or any adjournments or postponements of the annual meeting. The proxy statement accompanying this notice describes each of these items of business in detail. The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR each of the nominees for director named in the proxy statement, a vote FOR the ratification of the selection of PKF Certified Public Accountants as our independent registered public accounting firm and a vote FOR the approval of each of the proposed amendments to the Certificate of Incorporation.

Only the Company s stockholders of record at the close of business on April 20, 2016, 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, are entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the annual meeting. On April 20, 2016, we had 32,493,092 shares of common stock outstanding. A list of stockholders eligible to vote at the annual meeting will be available for inspection at the annual meeting, and at the Company s executive offices at 10880 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 2150, Los Angeles, CA 90024 during regular business hours for a period of no less than ten days prior to the annual meeting.

*Your vote is very important.* It is important that your shares be represented and voted whether or not you plan to attend the annual meeting in person. If you are viewing the proxy statement on the Internet, you may grant your proxy electronically via the Internet by following the instructions on the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials previously mailed to you and the instructions listed on the Internet site. If you are receiving a paper copy of the proxy statement, you may submit your proxy by completing and mailing the proxy card enclosed with the proxy statement, or you may grant your proxy electronically via the Internet or by telephone by following the instructions on the proxy card. Submitting a proxy over the Internet, by telephone or by mailing a proxy card will ensure your shares are represented at the annual meeting.

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The Luxe Sunset Boulevard Hotel is accessible to those who require special assistance or accommodation. If you require special assistance or accommodation, please contact Investor Relations at (424) 248-6500 or ir@pumabiotechnology.com or write to: Puma Biotechnology, Inc., 10880 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 2150, Los Angeles, California 90024, Attention: Investor Relations.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

Alan H. Auerbach Chairman, President, Chief Executive Officer and Secretary

## PROXY STATEMENT

## INFORMATION CONCERNING VOTING AND SOLICITATION

#### General

Your proxy is solicited on behalf of the Board of Directors (the Board ) of Puma Biotechnology, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the Company, we, us or our ), for use at our 2016 annual meeting of stockholders to be held on Monday, June 13, 2016, at 1:00 p.m. local time, at the Luxe Sunset Boulevard Hotel, 11461 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90049, or at any continuation, postponement or adjournment thereof (the annual meeting ), for the purposes discussed in this proxy statement and in the accompanying Notice of Annual Meeting and any business properly brought before the annual meeting. Proxies are solicited to give all stockholders of record an opportunity to vote on matters properly presented at the annual meeting.

In accordance with the Securities and Exchange Commission s notice and access model, we have elected to provide access to our proxy materials, including our notice of annual meeting, this proxy statement and our annual report to stockholders, over the Internet. Accordingly, on or about April 29, 2016, we intend to make our proxy materials available on the Internet and to mail a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials (the Notice ) to all stockholders of record. On or about April 29, 2016, we also intend to mail a paper copy of the proxy materials and proxy card to other stockholders of record who have elected to receive such materials in paper form. Brokers and other nominees who hold shares on behalf of beneficial stockholders will be sending their own similar notice. All stockholders will have the ability to access the proxy materials on the website referred to in the Notice or to request to receive a printed set of the proxy materials. Instructions on how to request a printed copy by mail or electronically may be found on the Notice and on the website referred to in the Notice, including an option to request paper copies on an ongoing basis. If you properly request a printed copy of the proxy materials, together with a proxy card, to you, within three business days of such request.

# Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the 2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be Held on June 13, 2016

The Notice of Annual Meeting, this proxy statement and our 2015 Annual Report, which consists of a letter to stockholders and our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015, are available on our website at *http://investor.pumabiotechnology.com/annual-meeting*. This website address contains the following documents: the Notice, the proxy statement and proxy card sample, and the 2015 Annual Report. You are encouraged to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

## Who Can Vote

You are entitled to vote at the annual meeting if you were a stockholder of record of our common stock as of the close of business on April 20, 2016. You are entitled to one vote for each share of common stock held on all matters to be voted upon at the annual meeting. Your shares may be voted at the annual meeting only if you are present in person or represented by a valid proxy.

## Voting of Shares

You may vote by attending the annual meeting and voting in person or you may submit a proxy to have your shares voted at the annual meeting. The method of submitting your proxy will differ depending on whether you are viewing this proxy statement on the Internet or receiving a paper copy and whether you are a beneficial stockholder or a stockholder of record.

*Beneficial Stockholders*. Beneficial stockholders hold their shares through a broker, bank, trustee or other nominee (that is, in street name) rather than directly in their own name. If you hold your shares in street name,

you are a beneficial stockholder, and the Notice and proxy materials were made available to you by the organization holding your account. This organization is considered the stockholder of record for purposes of voting at the annual meeting. As a beneficial stockholder, you have the right to instruct that organization on how to vote the shares held in your account. If you requested printed copies of the proxy materials by mail, you will receive a voting instruction form from your bank, broker, trustee or other nominee.

Stockholders of Record. If your shares are registered directly in your name with our transfer agent, Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., or if you hold stock certificates in your name, you are considered the stockholder of record with respect to those shares, and the Notice and proxy materials were made available directly to you by the Company. If you requested printed copies of the proxy materials by mail, you will receive a proxy card from us.

Whether you are a stockholder of record or a beneficial stockholder, you may direct how your shares are voted without attending the annual meeting. If you are a stockholder of record, you may submit a proxy to authorize how your shares are voted at the annual meeting. You can submit a proxy over the Internet by following the instructions on the website referred to in the Notice or, if you requested and received printed copies of the proxy materials, you can also submit a proxy by mail or telephone pursuant to the instructions on the proxy card enclosed with the proxy materials.

If you are a beneficial stockholder, you may also submit your voting instructions over the Internet by following the instructions provided in the Notice, or, if you requested and received printed copies of the proxy materials, you can also submit voting instructions by telephone or mail by following the instructions provided to you by your bank, broker, trustee or other nominee.

Submitting your proxy or voting instructions via the Internet, by telephone or by mail will not affect your right to vote in person should you decide to attend the annual meeting, although beneficial stockholders must obtain a legal proxy from the bank, broker, trustee or other nominee that holds their shares giving them the right to vote the shares at the annual meeting in order to vote in person at the meeting.

The Internet and telephone voting facilities will close at 12:00 noon (CT) on June 12, 2016. If you vote through the Internet, you should be aware that you may incur costs to access the Internet, such as usage charges from telephone companies or Internet service providers and that these costs must be borne by you. If you submit your proxy over the Internet or by telephone, then you need not return a written proxy card by mail. If you intend to submit your proxy over the Internet or by telephone and have not done so prior to 12:00 noon (CT) on June 12, 2016, your only alternative if you wish to vote at the annual meeting will be to attend the annual meeting and vote in person.

**YOUR VOTE IS VERY IMPORTANT.** You should submit your proxy even if you plan to attend the annual meeting. If you properly give your proxy and submit it to us in time to vote, one of the individuals named as your proxy will vote your shares as you have directed.

All shares entitled to vote and represented by properly submitted proxies (including those submitted electronically, telephonically and in writing) that have not been properly revoked, will be voted at the annual meeting in accordance with the instructions indicated on those proxies. If no direction is indicated on a properly submitted proxy, your shares will be voted **FOR** each of the nominees for director named in the proxy statement, **FOR** the ratification of the selection of PKF Certified Public Accountants as our independent registered public accounting firm, and

**FOR** the approval of the amendments to the Company's Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation (the Certificate of Incorporation ) to eliminate the ability of stockholders to act by written consent and to eliminate the mandatory indemnification of all persons covered by Section 145 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware. The proxy gives each of Alan H. Auerbach and Charles R. Eyler discretionary authority to vote your shares in accordance with his best judgment with respect to all additional matters that might come before the annual meeting.

#### **Revocation of Proxy**

If you are a stockholder of record, you may revoke your proxy at any time before your proxy is voted at the annual meeting by taking any of the following actions:

delivering to our Corporate Secretary a signed written notice of revocation, bearing a date later than the date of the proxy, stating that the proxy is revoked;

signing and delivering a new paper proxy, relating to the same shares and bearing a later date than the original proxy;

submitting another proxy by telephone or over the Internet (the proxy holders will vote your shares in accordance with your latest telephone or Internet voting instructions); or

attending the annual meeting and voting in person, although attendance at the annual meeting will not, by itself, revoke a proxy. Written notices of revocation and other communications with respect to the revocation of proxies should be addressed to:

Puma Biotechnology, Inc.

10880 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 2150

Los Angeles, CA 90024

Attention: Corporate Secretary

If you are a beneficial stockholder and you submit a voting instruction form, you may change your vote by submitting new voting instructions to your bank, broker, trustee or other nominee in accordance with the procedures of such bank, broker, trustee or other nominee.

#### Voting in Person

If you plan to attend the annual meeting and wish to vote in person, you will be given a ballot at the annual meeting.

#### **Quorum and Votes Required**

At the close of business on April 20, 2016, 32,493,092 shares of our common stock were outstanding and entitled to vote. All votes will be tabulated by the inspector of election appointed for the annual meeting, who will separately tabulate votes for, against, abstentions and broker non-votes.

*Quorum.* A majority of the outstanding shares of common stock, present in person or represented by proxy, will constitute a quorum at the annual meeting. Shares of common stock held by persons attending the annual meeting but not voting, shares represented by proxies that reflect abstentions as to a particular proposal and broker non-votes, if any, will be counted as present for purposes of determining a quorum.

*Broker Non-Votes.* Brokers or other nominees who hold shares of common stock in street name for a beneficial owner of those shares typically have the authority to vote in their discretion on routine proposals when they have not received instructions from beneficial owners. However, brokers are not allowed to exercise their voting discretion with respect to the election of directors or for the approval of certain non-routine matters, without specific instructions from the beneficial owner. These non-voted shares are referred to as broker non-votes. Proposal 2 (ratifying the appointment of our independent registered public accounting firm), Proposal 3 (amendment of Certificate of Incorporation to eliminate the ability of stockholders to act by written consent) and Proposal 4 (amendment of Certificate of Incorporation to eliminate the mandatory indemnification of all persons covered by Section 145 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware) are considered routine matters. If you are a beneficial stockholder holding shares through a broker or other nominee and you do

not submit instructions on how your shares should be voted, your broker or other nominee will not be able to vote your shares on Proposal 1 (election of directors).

## Votes Required

*Proposal 1* Election of Directors. Directors will be elected by a plurality of the votes of the shares present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote. Thus, the five nominees receiving the greatest number of votes FOR their election will be elected. Abstentions and broker non-votes are not considered votes cast and therefore will not affect the outcome of the vote.

*Proposal 2 Ratification of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.* The affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast at the annual meeting is required for the ratification of the selection of PKF Certified Public Accountants, a Professional Corporation, as our independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2016. Abstentions are not considered votes cast and therefore will not affect the outcome of the vote. Brokers have authority in the absence of timely instructions from their beneficial owners to vote on this proposal. As a result, there will be no broker non-votes for this proposal.

*Proposal 3* Approval of Amendment to Certificate of Incorporation to Eliminate the Ability of Stockholders to Act by Written Consent. The affirmative vote of a majority of the shares issued and outstanding as of the record date is required for approval of this amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation. Abstentions will have the same effect as votes against this proposal. Brokers have authority in the absence of timely instructions from their beneficial owners to vote on this proposal. As a result, there will be no broker non-votes for this proposal.

*Proposal 4* Approval of Amendment to Certificate of Incorporation to Eliminate the Mandatory Indemnification of All Persons Covered by Section 145 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware. The affirmative vote of a majority of the shares issued and outstanding as of the record date is required for approval of this amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation. Abstentions will have the same effect as votes against this proposal. Brokers have authority in the absence of timely instructions from their beneficial owners to vote on this proposal. As a result, there will be no broker non-votes for this proposal.

#### **Solicitation of Proxies**

Our Board is soliciting proxies for the annual meeting from our stockholders. We will bear the entire cost of soliciting proxies from our stockholders. In addition to the solicitation of proxies by delivery of the Notice or proxy statement by mail, we will request that brokers, banks and other nominees that hold shares of our common stock, which are beneficially owned by our stockholders, send Notices, proxies and proxy materials to those beneficial owners and secure those beneficial owners voting instructions. We will reimburse those record holders for their reasonable expenses. We have engaged Innisfree M&A Incorporated to assist in the solicitation of proxies and provide related advice and informational support for a services fee and the reimbursement of customary disbursements, which are not expected to exceed \$25,000 in the aggregate. We may use several of our regular employees, who will not be specially compensated, to solicit proxies from our stockholders, either personally or by telephone, Internet, facsimile or special delivery letter.

#### Assistance

If you need assistance in submitting your proxy over the Internet or completing your proxy card or have questions regarding the annual meeting, please contact Investor Relations at (424) 248-6500 or ir@pumabiotechnology.com or write to: Puma Biotechnology, Inc., 10880 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 2150, Los Angeles, CA 90024, Attention: Investor Relations.

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## **Forward-Looking Statements**

This proxy statement contains forward-looking statements (as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995). These statements are based on our current expectations and involve risks and uncertainties, which may cause results to differ materially from those set forth in the statements. The forward-looking statements may include statements regarding actions to be taken by us. We undertake no obligation to publicly update any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. Forward-looking statements should be evaluated together with the many uncertainties that affect our business, particularly those mentioned in the risk factors in Item 1A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015 and in our periodic reports on Form 10-Q and our current reports on Form 8-K.

## **PROPOSAL 1**

## **ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

#### **Board Structure**

Under our amended and restated bylaws (Bylaws), the number of directors shall be fixed from time to time by resolutions of the directors. Our Board has fixed the current size of the Board at five members.

#### **Directors and Board Nominees**

Based upon the recommendation of our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, our Board has nominated Alan H. Auerbach, Jay M. Moyes, Adrian M. Senderowicz, Troy E. Wilson and Frank E. Zavrl for election as directors to the Board. If elected, each director will serve a one-year term expiring at the close of our next annual meeting in 2017, and until such director s successor is elected and qualified, or until such director s earlier resignation or removal. Each of Messrs. Auerbach, Moyes and Zavrl and Drs. Senderowicz and Wilson currently serve on our Board. Biographical information on each of the nominees is furnished below under Director Biographical Information.

Set forth below is certain information with respect to the nominees. Proxies cannot be voted for a greater number of nominees than the five nominees set forth below.

Name	Age	Position with the Company	Director Since
Alan H. Auerbach	46	President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman	2011
		of the Board	
Jay M. Moyes(1)(3)(5)	62	Director	2012
Adrian M. Senderowicz(4)(6)	52	Director	2015
Troy E. Wilson(2)(6)	47	Director	2013
Frank E. Zavrl(2)(4)	46	Director	2015

- (1) Current member and Chairman of the Audit Committee
- (2) Current member of the Audit Committee
- (3) Current member and Chairman of the Compensation Committee
- (4) Current member of the Compensation Committee
- (5) Current member and Chairman of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee
- (6) Current member of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee

#### **Director Biographical Information**

The following biographical information is furnished with respect to our directors (including nominees).

*Alan H. Auerbach.* Mr. Auerbach has served as Chairman of our Board and as our President and Chief Executive Officer since October 2011. Prior to October 2011, he served in such capacity at Puma Biotechnology, Inc. (Puma), a privately held Delaware corporation and our predecessor, from its inception in September 2010. Prior to founding Puma, Mr. Auerbach founded Cougar Biotechnology, Inc. (Cougar) in May 2003 and served as its Chief Executive Officer, President and a member of its board of directors until July 2009, when Cougar was acquired by Johnson & Johnson. From July 2009 until January 2010, Mr. Auerbach served as the Co-Chairman of the Integration Steering Committee at Cougar (as part of Johnson & Johnson) that provided leadership and oversight for the development and global commercialization of Cougar s lead drug candidate, abiraterone acetate, for the treatment of advanced prostate cancer. Prior to founding Cougar, from June 1998 to April 2003, Mr. Auerbach was a Vice President, Senior Research Analyst at Wells Fargo Securities, where he was responsible for research coverage of small- and middle-capitalization biotechnology companies, with a focus on companies in the field of oncology. Mr. Auerbach has served as a director of Radius Health, Inc., a public

pharmaceutical company focused on acquiring and developing new therapeutics for the treatment of osteoporosis and other women s health conditions, since May 2011 and its predecessor entity from October 2010 to May 2011. Mr. Auerbach received a B.S. in Biomedical Engineering from Boston University and an M.S. in Biomedical Engineering from the University of Southern California. Mr. Auerbach was nominated to serve as a director because of his position as our President and Chief Executive Officer and his significant experience as an executive and research analyst in the biotechnology industry.

*Jay M. Moyes.* Mr. Moyes has been a director since April 2012. Mr. Moyes has been a member of the Board and chairman of the audit committee of Osiris Therapeutics, Inc., a publicly held bio-surgery company, since May 2006. He has also been a member of the board of directors and the chairman of the audit committee for each of Biocardia, Inc., a privately held cardiovascular regenerative medicine company, and Integrated Diagnostics, Inc., a privately held molecular diagnostics company, since January 2011 and March 2011, respectively. Mr. Moyes was a member of the board of directors of Amedica Corporation, a public orthopedic implant company, from November 2012 to August 2014. He also served as Chief Financial Officer of Amedica from October 2013 to August 2014. From May 2008 through July 2009, Mr. Moyes served as the Chief Financial Officer of XDx, Inc., a privately held molecular diagnostics company, from June 1996 until his retirement in November 2007, and as its Vice President of Finance from July 1993 until July 2005. From 1991 to 1993, Mr. Moyes served as Vice President of Finance from July 1993 until July 2005. From 1991 to 1993, Mr. Moyes served as Vice President of Finance from July 1993 until July 2005. From 1991 to 1993, Mr. Moyes served as Vice President of Finance from July 1993 until July 2005. From 1991 to 1993, Mr. Moyes served as Vice President of Finance from July 1993 until July 2005. From 1991 to 1993, Mr. Moyes served as Vice President of Finance from July 1993 until July 2005. From 1991 to 1993, Mr. Moyes served as Vice President of Finance from July 1993 until July 2005. From 1991 to 1993, Mr. Moyes served as Chief Financial Officer of Genmark, Inc., a privately held genetics company. Mr. Moyes held various positions with the accounting firm of KPMG LLP from 1979 through 1991, most recently as a Senior Manager. He holds an M.B.A. from the University of Utah, a B.A. in economics from Weber State University, and is formerly a Certified Public Accountant. Mr. Moyes also served as a member of t

*Adrian M. Senderowicz.* Dr. Senderowicz has been a director since August 2015. Dr. Senderowicz has been Senior Vice President and Chief Medical Officer of Cerulean Pharma, Inc., a public clinical-stage company developing nano-particle conjugates, since September 2015. Dr. Senderowicz served as the Chief Medical Officer and Senior Vice President, Clinical Development and Regulatory Affairs from August 2014 to February 2015, and Clinical and Regulatory Strategy Officer from February 2015 to April 2015 of Ignyta, Inc., a public precision oncology biotechnology company. Prior to joining Ignyta, Dr. Senderowicz was Vice President, Global Regulatory Oncology at Sanofi, a position he held from September 2013 to August 2014. Prior to Sanofi, Dr. Senderowicz was Chief Medical Officer and Vice President, Medical Development at Tokai Pharmaceuticals, Inc. from August 2012 to March 2013. From August 2008 to March 2012, Dr. Senderowicz held positions of increasing responsibility, including Senior Medical Director, Oncology Clinical Development, at AstraZeneca. Before his tenure at AstraZeneca, Dr. Senderowicz spent almost four years in a variety of leadership positions at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration Division of Oncology Drug Products in the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research. Prior to his work with the FDA, Dr. Senderowicz held a variety of clinical and research positions, including Coordinator of the Prostate Cancer Drug Development Clinic and Investigator and Chief, Molecular Therapeutics Unit, with the National Cancer Institute/National Institutes of Health. Dr. Senderowicz holds both an M.D. and an Instructor of Pharmacology degree from the School of Medicine at the Universidad de Buenos Aires in Argentina. Dr. Senderowicz was nominated as a director because of his extensive clinical and regulatory background and his significant experience in the life sciences industry.

*Troy E. Wilson.* Dr. Wilson has been a director since October 2013. Dr. Wilson has been the President and Chief Executive Officer and a member of the board of directors of Kura Oncology, Inc., a public reporting clinical stage biopharmaceutical company discovering and developing personalized therapeutics for the treatment of solid tumors and blood cancers, since August 2014. He has also been the President and Chief Executive Officer and a member of the board of managers of Avidity NanoMedicines LLC, a private biopharmaceutical company, since November 2012 and the President and Chief Executive Officer and a member of the board of

managers of Wellspring Biosciences LLC, a private biopharmaceutical company, since July 2012 and May 2012, respectively. Dr. Wilson served as the President and Chief Executive Officer and a member of the board of directors of Intellikine, a private biopharmaceutical company, from April 2007 to January 2012 and from August 2007 to January 2012, respectively. He has served as a director of Zosano Pharma Corporation, a public clinical stage specialty pharmaceutical company that has developed a proprietary transdermal microneedle patch system to deliver its proprietary formulations of existing drugs through the skin for the treatment of a variety of indications, since June 2014, and as a member of the board of managers of Araxes Pharma LLC, a private biopharmaceutical company, since May 2012. He holds a J.D. from New York University and graduated with a Ph.D. in bioorganic chemistry and a B.A. in biophysics from the University of California, Berkeley. Dr. Wilson was nominated to serve as a director because of his background in finance and accounting and his experience in the life sciences industry.

*Frank E. Zavrl.* Mr. Zavrl has been a director since September 2015. Mr. Zavrl served as a Partner at Adage Capital Management, L.P. from 2002 to 2011, specializing in biotechnology investments. Prior to joining Adage Capital, Mr. Zavrl was a Portfolio Manager from 1999 to 2002 at Merlin Biomed, a healthcare investment group. From 1998 to 1999, Mr. Zavrl was an analyst at Scudder Kemper Investments Inc., focusing on biotechnology investments. Mr. Zavrl received a B.S. in Biochemistry from the University of California, Berkeley and an M.B.A. from the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College. Mr. Zavrl was nominated as a director because of his significant experience and background in the biotechnology investments field.

## **Board Recommendation**

# OUR BOARD UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR THE ELECTION OF EACH OF THE FIVE DIRECTOR NOMINEES.

## **Executive Officers**

Set forth below is information regarding each of our executive officers as of the date of this proxy statement.

Name	Age	Position
Alan H. Auerbach	46	President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board
Charles R. Eyler	68	Senior Vice President, Finance and Administration and Treasurer
Richard P. Bryce, MBChB,	58	Senior Vice President, Clinical Research and Development
MRCGP, MFPM		
Steven Lo	49	Chief Commercial Officer
Richard B. Phillips, Ph.D.	62	Interim Head of Regulatory Affairs, Quality Assurance and Pharmacovigilance
Alan H. Auerbach. See Director Biogr	aphical	Information above.

*Charles R. Eyler*. Mr. Eyler has served as our Senior Vice President, Finance and Administration and Treasurer since October 2011. Prior to October 2011, he served in such capacity at Puma beginning in September 2011. Prior to joining Puma, Mr. Eyler served as Senior Vice President of Finance at Cougar until July 2009, when Cougar was acquired by Johnson & Johnson. He also served as Treasurer of Cougar from April 2006 to July 2009. From July 2009 until March 2010, Mr. Eyler served on the Integration Steering Committee at Cougar (as part of Johnson & Johnson) and oversaw the integration of Cougar s finance and IT functions with those of Johnson & Johnson. From April 2010 until September 2011, Mr. Eyler explored various entrepreneurial and other opportunities. Prior to joining Cougar, Mr. Eyler served as Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer of Hayes Medical Inc. from March 1999 to January 2004. Mr. Eyler received his B.S. from Drexel University and his M.B.A. from Saint Francis College.

Richard P. Bryce, MBChB, MRCGP and MFPM. Dr. Bryce has served as our Senior Vice President, Clinical Research and Development since June 2012. Dr. Bryce previously served as Senior Medical Director for Onyx Pharmaceuticals, a biopharmaceutical company, from September 2008 to June 2012, where he oversaw the Phase III clinical trial program of carfilzomib for the treatment of multiple myeloma and the Phase II clinical trial program of sorafenib for the treatment of breast and colorectal cancers. From August 2007 to August 2008, Dr. Bryce served as Senior Medical Director for ICON Clinical Research, a clinical research organization, where he was responsible for developing and evaluating oncology protocols, medical monitoring, and overseeing drug safety management activities in connection with the clinical trials of oncology drugs. From May 2005 until July 2007, he served as Executive Vice President of Medical Affairs at Ergomed Clinical Research, a clinical research organization, where he worked to establish the company s U.S. operations, had overall responsibility for the global Phase I unit activities, drug safety, medical writing and regulatory affairs, and oversaw the company s provision of consulting services to various oncology-focused biotechnology companies. From April 2003 to May 2005, Dr. Bryce served as International Medical Leader at Roche, where he oversaw the global Phase IV clinical trial program of Xeloda<sup>®</sup> (capecitabine) for the treatment of breast cancer. Dr. Bryce holds a BSc in Medical Sciences and his primary medical degree (MBChB) from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. He also holds post-graduate diplomas in Obstetrics and Gynaecology from the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of London and in Child Health and Pharmaceutical Medicine from the Royal College of Physicians of the United Kingdom. He is a member of the Royal College of General Practitioners and the Royal College of Physicians (Faculty of Pharmaceutical Medicine) of the United Kingdom. He is also a member of the American Society of Clinical Oncology, the American Society of Hematology and the European Society of Medical Oncology.

*Steven Lo.* Mr. Lo has served as our Chief Commercial Officer since September 2015. Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Lo held a number of positions at Corcept Therapeutics Incorporated from September 2010 to September 2015, including Senior Vice President & Head of Oncology, Senior Vice President & Chief Commercial Officer and Vice President & Head of Commercial Operations. Prior to Corcept, Mr. Lo was with Genentech, Inc. from December 1997 to September 2010. At Genentech, Mr. Lo held a number of positions, including Senior Director, Oncology Marketing, where he prepared and led the first U.S. launch of Herceptin<sup>®</sup> in adjuvant HER2-positive breast cancer and also worked with Genentech s then ex-U.S. marketing partner, Roche, to develop the global adjuvant launch strategy for Herceptin<sup>®</sup> in adjuvant HER2-positive breast cancer. Mr. Lo received a B.S. in Microbiology from the University of California, Davis and a Master of Health Administration from the University of Southern California.

*Richard B. Phillips, Ph.D.* Dr. Phillips has served as our Interim Head of Regulatory Affairs, Quality Assurance and Pharmacovigilance since April 2016. Dr. Phillips previously served in a similar capacity at the Company as Senior Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, Quality Assurance and Pharmacovigilance from November 2011 to November 2014. From March 2010 to October 2011, he worked as a consultant with pharmaceutical and biotech companies in the area of regulatory affairs. From January 2007 to July 2009, Dr. Phillips served as Senior Vice President of Regulatory Affairs and Quality Assurance at Cougar Biotechnology, Inc., and following the acquisition of Cougar by Johnson & Johnson, from July 2009 until March 2010, he oversaw the integration of Cougar s regulatory affairs and quality assurance function with Johnson & Johnson. From September 2005 to January 2007, Dr. Phillips was employed by Amgen Inc., where he was the Director of Regulatory Affairs and Global Regulatory Leader for Vectibix (panitumumab), which received FDA approval in 2006 for the treatment of metastatic colorectal cancer. Dr. Phillips has also held regulatory affairs management positions with Chugai Pharma USA, Pfizer Inc. (Parke-Davis), Johnson & Johnson (Janssen, L.P.), Novartis A.G., G.D. Searle (Pfizer) and Structural GenomiX. Dr. Phillips received a B.S. from the University of California, Irvine and a Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley.

None of our directors, nominees or executive officers is related by blood, marriage or adoption to any other director, nominee or executive officer. In addition, except as indicated herein, no arrangements or understandings exist between any director or person nominated for election as a director and any other person pursuant to whom such person is to be selected as a director or nominee for election as a director