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**Transcenta Holding Limited**

**創勝集團醫藥有限公司**

*(registered by way of continuation in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)*

**(Stock Code: 6628)**

**INTERIM RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT  
FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

The board (the “**Board**”) of directors (the “**Directors**”) of Transcenta Holding Limited (the “**Company**”) is pleased to announce the unaudited consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively, the “**Group**”) for the six months ended June 30, 2023 (the “**Reporting Period**”) and comparison with the operating results for the corresponding period in 2022. These results were based on the unaudited consolidated interim financial statements for the Reporting Period, which were prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (“**IFRSs**”) and reviewed by the audit committee of the Company (the “**Audit Committee**”) and the Company’s auditor, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu.

In this announcement, “we”, “us” and “our” refer to the Company (as defined above) and where the context otherwise requires, the Group (as defined above). Certain amount and percentage figure included in this announcement have been subject to rounding adjustments, or have been rounded to one or two decimal places. Any discrepancies in any table, chart or elsewhere between totals and sums of amounts listed therein are due to rounding.

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

### International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”) Measures:

- **Revenue** increased from RMB21.8 million for the six months ended June 30, 2022 to RMB36.1 million for the six months ended June 30, 2023, primarily attributable to the increase in CDMO services.
- **Other income** decreased by RMB6.3 million from RMB23.9 million for the six months ended June 30, 2022 to RMB17.6 million for the six months ended June 30, 2023, primarily due to the decrease in government grants recognized during the six months ended June 30, 2023.
- **Other gains and losses** decreased by RMB0.9 million from a gain of RMB10.2 million for the six months ended June 30, 2022 to a gain of RMB9.3 million for the six months ended June 30, 2023, primarily attributable to difference in net foreign exchange gain.
- **Research and development expenses** increased by RMB37.6 million from RMB170.3 million for the six months ended June 30, 2022 to RMB207.9 million for the six months ended June 30, 2023, primarily attributable to our pipeline advancement and resource prioritization.
- **Administrative and selling expenses** decreased by RMB0.9 million from RMB58.9 million for the six months ended June 30, 2022 to RMB58.0 million for the six months ended June 30, 2023, primarily attributable to the decrease in personnel cost and professional services.
- As a result of the above factors, **total comprehensive expenses for the period** increased by RMB35.2 million from RMB210.1 million for the six months ended June 30, 2022 to RMB245.3 million for the six months ended June 30, 2023, primarily attributable to R&D expense increase related to our pipeline advancement offset by the increase in CDMO revenue.

### **Non-International Financial Reporting Standards (“Non-IFRS”) Measures:**

- **Revenue** increased from RMB21.8 million for the six months ended June 30, 2022 to RMB36.1 million for the six months ended June 30, 2023, primarily attributable to the increase in CDMO services.
- **Other income** decreased by RMB6.3 million from RMB23.9 million for the six months ended June 30, 2022 to RMB17.6 million for the six months ended June 30, 2023, primarily due to the decrease in government grants recognized during the six months ended June 30, 2023.
- **Research and development expenses** excluding the share-based payment expenses increased by RMB38.1 million from RMB165.8 million for the six months ended June 30, 2022 to RMB203.9 million for the six months ended June 30, 2023, primarily attributable to our pipeline advancement and resource prioritization.
- **Administrative and selling expenses** excluding the share-based payment expenses decreased by RMB8.7 million from RMB57.4 million for the six months ended June 30, 2022 to RMB48.7 million for the six months ended June 30, 2023, primarily attributable to the decrease in personnel cost and professional services.
- **Adjusted loss and total comprehensive expenses for the period** excluding the effect of share-based payment expenses increased by RMB27.9 million from RMB204.1 million for the six months ended June 30, 2022 to RMB232.0 million for the six months ended June 30, 2023, primarily due to R&D expense increase related to our pipeline advancement offset by the increase in CDMO revenue.

## BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS

In the first half of 2023, the Company continued to accelerate clinical progress across both the oncology and non-oncology pipelines.

Our lead asset, the Claudin18.2-targeting antibody osemitamab (TST001), has shown encouraging efficacy outcomes with manageable safety profile in patients with a broad range of tumor Claudin18.2 expressions in a Phase Ib study, where it was combined with chemotherapy. We are pleased to share that we have received regulatory approvals from China Center for Drug Evaluation (CDE) and South Korea Ministry of Food and Drug Safety (MFDS) to proceed with a global Phase III pivotal trial for osemitamab (TST001). This trial will test the treatment's effectiveness when combined with nivolumab and chemotherapy for the first-line (1L) treatment of patients with HER2-negative, Claudin18.2 expressing locally advanced or metastatic gastric or gastroesophageal junction (G/GEJ) adenocarcinoma. Additionally, we dosed our first patient in TST003 (anti-gremlin1 antibody) First-in-Human (FIH) study in the U.S. in March 2023 and presented the early clinical findings at the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) Annual Meeting 2023.

We are also making important strides with other programs in our non-oncology pipeline. In a China Phase I study, TST002 (blosozumab) has delivered encouraging preliminary bone mineral density (BMD) data, with a notable increase of lumbar spine BMD and total hip BMD observed across different dose cohorts.

Our work has attracted strong interests from multinational corporations (MNCs) and other industry players who are keen to collaborate with us on our pipeline molecules, including osemitamab (TST001), TST002 and TST003. We have made significant progress in the clinical trial collaboration with BMS on evaluating the combination of osemitamab (TST001) with nivolumab in both first-line or late-line G/GEJ cancer.

Furthermore, we have also made significant investments in improving our continuous bioprocessing platform technology. We have further upgraded our manufacturing technology platform, and we have not only improved cost efficiency but also strengthened our competitive edge.

In summary, our Company's achievements in the first half of 2023 demonstrated our commitment to advancing medical treatments and making a positive impact on patients' lives.

As of the date of this announcement, a shortlist of our achievements includes the following:

### **Clinical Programs Achievements**

#### ***Osemitamab (TST001, A Humanized ADCC Enhanced Claudin18.2 mAb for Solid Tumors)***

- In January 2023, we presented the design of Phase I/II studies (TranStar102) of osemitamab (TST001) in combination with nivolumab plus Capecitabine and Oxaliplatin (CAPOX) in 1L or with nivolumab in late-line treatment in locally advanced and metastatic G/GEJ cancer at American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) GI 2023.
- In March 2023, in collaboration with leading researchers at Beijing Cancer Hospital and other institutes, we published the study results of Claudin18.2-targeting Immuno-PET probe [89Zr]Zr-DFO-TST001 for non-invasive imaging in gastrointestinal tumors on Journal of Pharmaceutical Analysis.
- In March 2023, we received orphan drug designation from the U.S. FDA for the treatment of patients with pancreatic cancer for osemitamab (TST001).
- In April 2023, we completed the enrollment of Claudin18.2 expressing first-line advanced G/GEJ cancer patients in cohorts C (osemitamab in combination with CAPOX) and G (osemitamab in combination with nivolumab and CAPOX) for the China Phase I/II study (TranStar102, NCT04495296). The data from these cohorts support the upcoming global Phase III pivotal trial (TranStar301) to be initiated in the second half of 2023.
- In April 2023, we submitted the CTA of the global, randomized Phase III pivotal study (TranStar301) to China CDE and South Korea MFDS and we have obtained approvals as of the date of this announcement.
- In June 2023, at American Society of Clinical Oncology annual meeting (ASCO), we presented the updated data of osemitamab (TST001) in combination with CAPOX as the 1L treatment of advanced G/GEJ cancer (cohort C from TranStar102) and showed progression free survival (PFS) of 9.5 months and duration of response (DoR) of 9.9 months from all dose groups. We also presented a Trial-in-Progress of TranStar101, the ongoing Phase Ib trial in the U.S., exploring the combination of osemitamab (TST001) in combination with nivolumab, and osemitamab (TST001) in combination with nivolumab and mFOLFOX6 in G/GEJ cancer.
- In June 2023, at European Society for Medical Oncology World Congress on Gastrointestinal Congress (ESMO GI), we presented the PFS data of 9.5 months by Claudin18.2 expression level from cohort C of TranStar102, the Phase I/II study of osemitamab (TST001) plus Capecitabine and Oxaliplatin (CAPOX) as the 1L treatment of advanced G/GEJ cancer. These data show that the Claudin18.2 positive patients benefiting from the addition of osemitamab (TST001) to standard of care could represent more than 55% of all G/GEJ adenocarcinomas. These data support the upcoming global Phase III pivotal trial (TranStar301) to be initiated in the second half of 2023.

### **CDx Progress for Osemitamab (TST001)**

- Claudin18.2 GMP CDx kit manufacturing is being completed and will be delivered prior to the pivotal trial for osemitamab (TST001).

### ***TST002 (Bloszumab) (A Humanized Sclerostin mAb for Osteoporosis)***

- In January 2023, we completed the dose escalation of TST002 study in China and successfully enrolled 32 patients in total.
- In March 2023, we filed the supplementary application to the current China IND of TST002 for a Phase II study.
- In May 2023, we completed the database lock and data unblinding of the Phase I study (NCT05391776) of single dose of TST002 in Chinese postmenopausal women and elder men with reduced BMD. We presented the preliminary result of TST002 single ascending dose study at the 2023 annual meeting of Chinese Society of Osteoporosis and Bone Mineral Research (CSOBMR). Safety, bone formation and resorption markers and BMD data have been collected from 32 patients treated with follow up for 85 days. The average increase of lumbar spine BMD at day 85 (D85) after one dose of TST002 ranged from 3.52% to 5.94% and total hip BMD from 1.30% to 2.24% across dose cohorts. This exceeded the least significant difference (2.77%) and was clinically meaningful. The BMD increase was associated with dose dependent increase in bone formation marker and reduction in bone resorption marker – consistent with the dual mechanism of action of increasing osteoblast mediated bone formation and inhibiting osteoblast mediated bone resorption. Encouraging BMD increases in the total hip and femoral neck BMD were also observed with good safety profile. These results are comparable with those observed in bloszumab single ascending dose study in Japanese subjects at the similar dose levels, and support our plan to initiate a Phase II clinical study in Chinese osteoporosis patients with multiple doses once every two to three months.
- In June 2023, we received the China CDE approval for initiation of Phase II clinical study in Chinese osteoporosis patients.

### ***TST003 (A First-in-Class Humanized Anti-GREMLIN-1 Antibody)***

- In January 2023, we received IND clearance from China CDE of China's National Medical Products Administration (NMPA) for TST003.
- In March 2023, we dosed our first patient in TST003 (NCT05731271) First-in-Human (FIH) study in the U.S.(NCT05731271).
- In April 2023, we presented the poster for preclinical study results of TST003 at the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) Annual Meeting 2023. Preclinical characterization results provided the rationale for on-going clinical evaluation of TST003 in patients with advanced solid tumors with high unmet medical need either as monotherapy or in combination with SoC, in particular colorectal cancer (CRC) and castration resistant prostate cancer (CRPC).

### ***TST005 (A PD-L1/TGF- $\beta$ Bi-functional Fusion Protein for Solid Tumors)***

- The dose escalation study is ongoing and encouraging preliminary results of Phase I study have been reported at ASCO in June 2023. TST005 demonstrated a manageable safety profile and five heavily pre-treated patients had durable SD for more than six months. Two of them had failed prior anti-PD-1 treatments. PK/PD data showed favorable profiles with dose dependent exposure, and complete reduction of serum TGF $\beta$ -1 levels at all doses and saturated PD-L1 receptor occupancy maintained over the dosing interval at high doses.

### **Research/Early Development Update**

#### ***TST010 (T regulatory cell depleting mAb to target immune checkpoint inhibitor resistance)***

- In April 2023, we presented the poster for preclinical study results of TST010 at the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) Annual Meeting 2023. Preclinical studies in mouse syngeneic tumor models demonstrate that TST010 has a good potential to induce effective anti-tumor immune responses in TME and tumor growth inhibition especially in combination with PD-1/PD-L1 inhibitor.

### **Business Development Achievements**

#### ***Osemitamab (TST001, A Humanized ADCC Enhanced Claudin18.2 mAb for Solid Tumors)***

- We have continued the clinical trial collaboration with BMS, enabling the enrollment completion in China of 82 patients with osemitamab (TST001), nivolumab and chemotherapy in TranStar102.
- We have continued the collaboration with a global companion diagnostic (CDx) development partner for our Claudin18.2 specific IHC CDx Assay.
- We have been in discussions with multiple potential partners including MNCs on the global collaboration of osemitamab (TST001) for Claudin18.2 positive gastric cancer and other solid tumors.



## **CMC&CDMO UPDATES**

### ***Platform technology advancement and capacity expansion***

- We have continued to invest in our highly intensified Integrated Continuous Bioprocessing (ICB) platform to increase our competitive edge which allows us to accelerate speed to clinic/market, lower manufacturing risks, ensure drug supply, and significantly lower cost of goods.
- We have made significant investments to improve our proprietary in-house cell line expression system and cell culture media. These efforts were undertaken to support continued process intensification, growth of our CDMO business and to provide additional future revenue stream from licensing of our cell line expression system and launch of our cell culture media business.
- We have completed testing of the Mobius Multi-Column Chromatography (MCC) system and the Combo system (industry-first automated and single-use flow-through polishing continuous downstream technology); both are ready for GMP operation.
- We have established an ADC lab to support development of internal and external ADC programs.

### ***CMC deliverables***

- In support of osemitamab (TST001) late-stage and commercial manufacturing process, we have integrated our hybrid continuous downstream processing technology to continuous perfusion pivotal manufacturing process.
- We have completed commercial process characterization of osemitamab (TST001) and initiated the pre-Process Performance Qualification (PPQ) run.

### ***CDMO business***

- In 2023, we expanded and grew our CDMO services, including addition of new service categories in CHO cell culture media development and CMC development capability for ADC.
- We have added more than 12 new clients compared to first half of 2022, and we have expanded service in media development, ADC development, lyophilized formulation, analytical testing, formulation studies, particle investigation and drug product Fill & Finish.



## MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

### OVERVIEW

We are a clinical stage biopharmaceutical company with fully integrated capacities in discovery, research, development, and manufacturing.

We adopt a multi-regional development strategy with an aim to forge a global commercial pathway for our products. With the help of an experienced and fully functional team with extensive global clinical research and development capabilities located both in China and the U.S, we have gained the first-mover advantage for several programs. In particular, we are ready to initiate a global pivotal trial for osemitamab (TST001) before the approval of competing antibody. As of the date of this announcement, we have obtained China CDE and South Korea MFDS approvals for initiating a global Phase III trial for osemitamab (TST001) in combination with nivolumab and chemotherapy as the 1L treatment for Claudin18.2 expressing locally advanced or metastatic G/GEJ adenocarcinomas. A proprietary Claudin18.2 companion diagnostic assay has also been developed to support the patient screening for pivotal trial.

With our proprietary antibody discovery platform, the Immune Tolerance Breaking (“**IMTB**”) technology platform, we have been continuing to expand our application modality to support our precision medicine strategy. Our fully integrated CMC capabilities can support internal and external programs for both IND to Biologics License Application (BLA) filing, and commercial production. By elevating the role of translational science, we are able to progress molecules from IND filing into development for a broader range of clinical applications and with greater potential for successful development into valuable and marketable therapies. With our Integrated Continuous Biomanufacturing (ICB) platform, we continued to strengthen and maintain industry-best cell culture productivity, providing high quality and low-cost products to meet patient needs for products such as osemitamab (TST001) and TST002. In addition, we are also providing high quality CDMO services and generating revenue to sustain our operations with our advanced platform and technology.

Moreover, with the global rights and commercial potential of our pipeline, we continue to execute our global strategy by establishing partnerships with global and local biopharmaceutical companies as well as academic research institutions.

## Our Product Pipeline

We have established a diversified and differentiated pipeline of 13 molecules in oncology, bone disorders and nephrology. Most of antibody candidates were generated in-house by our antibody discovery platform covering validated, partially validated, and novel biological pathways, whereas one pipeline candidate was acquired through in-licensing. The following chart summarizes the drug candidates that are currently under development globally across various therapeutic areas as of the date of this announcement:

Drug candidate	Target	Indications	Clinical trial region	Preclinical	IND	Phase 1a	Phase 1b/Phase 2a	Pivotal Phase 2b / Phase 3	Rights	Partner
Osemitamab (TST001)	Claudin 18.2	G/GEJC	1L	Global	Combo with Nivolumab/Chemo				Global	In-house
			1L	China	Combo with Chemo					
		PDAC	2/3L	Global	Combo with Nivolumab					
			1L	Global	Combo with Chemo					
MSB0254	VEGFR2	Solid tumors	China	Mono				Global	In-house	
TST005	PD-L1/TGF-β Bi-functional	Solid tumors (HPV+ and NSCLC, etc)	Global	Mono				Global	In-house	
TST003	Gremlin 1 (FIC)	Solid tumors	Global	Mono				Global	In-house	
TST006	Bi-specific	Solid tumors	Global	Mono				Global	In-house	
TST010	Undisclosed ADCC enhanced mAb	Solid tumors	Global	Mono				Global	In-house	
TST012	Undisclosed mAb	Solid tumors	Global	Mono				Global	In-house	
TST013	Undisclosed ADC	Solid tumors	Global	Mono				Global	In-house	
MSB2311	PD-L1	TMB-H solid tumors	China	Mono				Global	In-house	
		Solid tumors	China	Combo with VEGFRi						
Biosozumab (TST002)	Sclerostin	Osteoporosis	China	Mono				Greater China	Levy	
TST004	MASP2	IgAN, TMA	Global	Mono				Global	LEBUND	
TST008	MASP2/BAFF Bi-specific (FIC)	SLE/LN/IgAN	Global	Mono				Global	In-house	
TST801	Bi-specific (FIC)	SLE/LN/IgAN	Global	Mono				Global	In-house	

Source: Company

Abbreviations: PD-L1=Programmed death-ligand 1; VEGFR2=Vascular endothelial growth factor receptor 2; TGFβ=Transforming growth factor beta; MASP2=Mannan-binding lectin serine protease 2; IND=Investigational new drug; FIC=First-in-class; HPV=Epstein-Barr Virus; BMP Antagonist=Bone morphogenetic protein Antagonist; TACI=transmembrane activator and CAML interactor; CAML=calcium-modulator and cyclophilin ligand; NSCLC=Non-small cell lung cancer; SLE=Systemic lupus erythematosus; TMA=Thrombotic microangiopathy; IgA nephropathy=Immunoglobulin A nephropathy; Combo=Combination; Chemo=Chemotherapy; VEGFRi=Vascular endothelial growth factor receptor 2 inhibitor

- (1) Solid tumors in the “Indications” column include all the tumor types other than hematologic malignancies. The particular tumor types as indications for each product depends on the mechanism of action of the corresponding drug candidate and emerging or established pre-clinical/clinical evidence. See the subsections headed “Clinical Development Plan” for each of our drug candidates in “Business” section of the Prospectus for the specific tumor types targeted for clinical development.
- (2) Global in the “Clinical trial region” column represents Asia (including China), United States, European Union and Oceania.

## **BUSINESS REVIEW**

During the first half of 2023, we have made significant progress with our pipeline assets in both oncology and non-oncology therapeutic areas and achieved multiple clinical and preclinical milestones that are listed as follows:

### **Oncology Program**

Our oncology pipeline includes multiple innovative and differentiated biologic molecules targeting major cancer pathways. Several drug candidates, including osemitamab (TST001), MSB0254, TST003, TST005, TST006, TST010, TST012 and TST013, are designed to target tumors with different mechanisms that are potentially synergistic for tumor indications with high unmet medical needs. Our key oncology candidates include:

- Osemitamab (TST001), our lead asset, is a potential best-in-class and differentiated antibody targeting Claudin18.2, a validated tumor associated antigen in several solid tumors indications, including but not limited to gastric and gastroesophageal cancer. Approvals to launch a global Phase III registration trial (TranStar301) to develop osemitamab (TST001) in combination with nivolumab and chemotherapy as the 1L treatment for Claudin18.2 expressing G/GEJ adenocarcinomas have been received from China CDE and South Korea MFDS. Consultations with regulatory bodies in other regions including U.S. FDA are planned in the third quarter of 2023. Further exploration includes other Claudin18.2 expressing tumors other than G/GEJ cancer.
- MSB0254 is a high affinity humanized antibody against VEGFR2, with an anti-tumor mechanism of action by inhibiting/normalizing tumor angiogenesis. Phase I study of MSB0254 has been completed and RP2D dose has been determined.
- TST003 is a first-in-class humanized antibody targeting GREMLIN-1. It is currently tested in a global FIH trial.
- TST005 is a bifunctional fusion protein targeting both PD-1/PD-L1 and TGF- $\beta$  pathways, the latter being a key MOA for PD-1/PD-L1 resistance. TST005 global Phase I study has been completed in the first half of 2023.
- TST006 is a bispecific Claudin18.2-PD-L1 antibody which is currently in preclinical stage.
- TST010 is a newly nominated preclinical antibody candidate at preclinical stage, targeting regulatory T cells to enhance T cell mediated tumor killing.
- TST012 is an ADCC enhanced mAb candidate at preclinical stage targeting biomarker expressing gastric cancer and other solid tumors.
- TST013 is an ADC candidate at preclinical stage targeting biomarker expressing breast cancer and other solid tumors.

Our broad portfolio also offers opportunities to cover additional unmet medical needs through combinations: for example, TST005, MSB0254, TST003 and TST010 are highly synergistic with osemitamab (TST001) allowing to enhance our Claudin18.2 franchise through proprietary combinations with osemitamab (TST001); TST003 and MSB0254 combinations have the potential to offer new therapeutic alternatives for various solid tumors.

## **Osemitamab (TST001, A Humanized ADCC Enhanced Anti-Claudin18.2 mAb for Solid Tumors)**

Osemitamab (TST001), our lead asset, is a potential best-in-class and ADCC enhanced humanized anti-body specifically targeting Claudin18.2 with high-affinity. Claudin18.2 is overexpressed in multiple tumor type cancers, including gastric/gastroesophageal junction cancer, pancreatic cancer, biliary tract cancer and other types of solid tumors. Osemitamab (TST001) is currently ranked among the top two most advanced clinical programs for Claudin18.2 globally, and the first in China.

Osemitamab (TST001) is currently in Phase II development and is expected to enter Phase III global clinical trials in 2023. As at the date of this announcement, we have obtained approvals from China CDE and South Korea MFDS to launch a global Phase III registration trial (TranStar301) to develop osemitamab (TST001) in combination with nivolumab and chemotherapy as the 1L treatment for Claudin18.2 expressing G/GEJ adenocarcinomas. Consultations with regulatory bodies in other regions including U.S. FDA are planned in the third quarter of 2023.

We have made significant progress in the first half of 2023 in advancing the clinical development for osemitamab (TST001), which includes:

### ***Recent Product Developments and Milestones***

- In January 2023, we presented the design of Phase I/II studies (TranStar102) of osemitamab (TST001) in combination with nivolumab plus CAPOX in 1L or with nivolumab in late-line treatment in locally advanced and metastatic G/GEJ cancer at American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) GI 2023.
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### **CDx Progress for Osemitamab (TST001)**

#### ***Recent Product Developments and Milestones***

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### **TST003 (A First-in-Class Humanized Anti-GREMLIN-1 Antibody)**

TST003 is a first-in-class and high affinity humanized monoclonal antibody targeting GREMLIN-1, a regulatory protein that is highly expressed by stromal cells and tumor cells in diverse human carcinomas, especially in colon cancer, prostate cancer, gastric cancer, lung cancer, esophageal cancer, pancreatic cancer, and breast cancer.

#### ***Recent Product Developments and Milestones***

- In January 2023, we received IND clearance from China CDE of China's National Medical Products Administration (NMPA) for TST003.
- In March 2023, we dosed our first patient in TST003 First-in-Human (FIH) study in the U.S (NCT05731271).
- In April 2023, we presented the poster for preclinical study results of TST003 at the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) Annual Meeting 2023. Preclinical characterization results provided the rationale for on-going clinical evaluation of TST003 in patients with advanced solid tumors with high unmet medical need either as monotherapy or in combination with SoC, in particular colorectal cancer (CRC) and castration resistant prostate cancer (CRPC).

## **TST005 (A PD-L1/TGF- $\beta$ Bi-functional Fusion Protein for Solid Tumors)**

TST005 is a bi-functional fusion protein designed to simultaneously target two immunosuppressive pathways, transforming growth factor- $\beta$  (TGF- $\beta$ ) and programmed cell death ligand-1 (PD-L1), that are commonly used by cancer cells to evade the immune system. TST005 global Phase I study has been completed in the first half of 2023.

### ***Recent Product Developments and Milestones***

- The dose escalation study is ongoing and encouraging preliminary results of Phase I study have been reported at ASCO in June 2023. TST005 demonstrated a manageable safety profile and five heavily pre-treated patients had durable SD for more than six months. Two of them had failed prior anti-PD-1 treatments. PK/PD data showed favorable profiles with dose dependent exposure, and complete reduction of serum TGF $\beta$ -1 levels at all doses and saturated PD-L1 receptor occupancy maintained over the dosing interval at high doses.

## **MSB0254 (A Humanized VEGFR2 mAb Candidate for Solid Tumors)**

MSB0254 is a high affinity humanized antibody against VEGFR2, with an anti-tumor mechanism of action by inhibiting tumor angiogenesis. MSB0254 has been generated using the Company's in-house antibody discovery platform. VEGFR-2 is overexpressed in neovascular tumor endothelial cells in many tumors in comparison to normal endothelial cells. VEGFR-2 pathway controls vascular permeability, survival and migration of the vascular endothelial cells. VEGFR-2 inhibitors have been shown to be able to inhibit tumor-induced angiogenesis and effectively block tumor growth, and thus may have a potential therapeutic role in multiple tumor types.

### ***Recent Product Developments and Milestones***

- As of the date of this announcement, we have completed the Phase I dose escalation study and determined RP2D dose.
- MSB0254 is a potential combination partner for checkpoint inhibitors and targeted therapies such as TST001, TST003 and TST005 to achieve better antitumor activities.

## **MSB2311 (A Humanized PD-L1 mAb Candidate for Solid Tumors)**

MSB2311, is a second-generation PD-L1 inhibitor with unique pH dependent PD-L1 binding property, an important differentiation from other PD-(L)1 antibodies. We have proposed to deprioritize MSB2311 due to the competitive landscape and substantial price cuts for PD-L1 products, and we will shift the resources to osemitamab (TST001) due to its higher competitive advantage and commercial potentials. MSB2311 will be kept for potential combo studies. Please refer to the "Reasons for the Change in Use of Net Proceeds" in our 2022 annual results announcement for further details.

## **TST010 (T regulatory Cell Depleting mAb to Target Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor Resistance)**

TST010 is an ADCC enhanced monoclonal antibody designed for depleting Tumor-infiltrating regulatory T cells (Tregs). Tregs' presence was reported to correlate with tumor progression and a worsening prognosis in many cancers. As at the date of this announcement, it is at preclinical stage.



## ***Recent Product Developments and Milestones***

- In April 2023, we presented the poster for preclinical study results of TST010 at the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) Annual Meeting 2023. Preclinical studies in mouse syngeneic tumor models demonstrate that TST010 has a good potential to induce effective anti-tumor immune responses in TME and tumor growth inhibition especially in combination with PD-1/PD-L1.

### **TST006 (A Bispecific Claudin18.2-PD-L1 Antibody)**

TST006 is a bi-specific antibody targeting Claudin18.2 and PD-L1, which has the potential for the treatment of Claudin18.2-expressing cancer patients who are resistant to or refractory from Claudin18.2 mAb or PD-1/PD-L1 mAb therapies, such as late-line gastric cancer patients, pancreatic cancer patients and others. As at the date of this announcement, it is at preclinical stage.

### **TST012 (An ADCC Enhanced mAb Candidate)**

TST012 is an ADCC enhanced mAb candidate targeting biomarker expressing gastric cancer and other solid tumors. As at the date of this announcement, it is at preclinical stage.

### **TST013 (An ADC Product Candidate)**

TST013 is an ADC candidate targeting biomarker expressing breast cancer and other solid tumors. As at the date of this announcement, it is at preclinical stage.

## **Non-oncology Program**

Our highly differentiated non-oncology pipelines target bone and kidney diseases (TST002, TST004, and TST008, TST801) that have large patient population and high unmet medical needs.

Within our non-oncology pipeline, we have focused on indication expansion to maximize market potentials and forming partnerships to accelerate product development. In addition to developing TST002 and TST004 in fast-to-market indications, we are also expanding these two candidates in additional indications with blockbuster potentials and to form partnerships to accelerate the product development. To further expand our current pipeline in IgA nephropathy, we are also developing preclinical candidate TST801, a first-in-class bi-functional antibody targeting systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE), a progressive disease affecting over three million people worldwide with early onset (age 18-44) and limited treatment options to slow down or stop the organ damages caused by the disease.

### **TST002 (Bloszumab) (A Humanized Sclerostin mAb for Osteoporosis)**

TST002, one of our key products, is a humanized monoclonal antibody with neutralizing activity against sclerostin for which we in-licensed the Great China rights from Eli Lilly. Eli Lilly has completed phase II trials with Bloszumab in postmenopausal women in the United States and Japan, and has shown an ability to induce statistically significant dose-dependent increases in spine, femoral neck, and total hip bone mineral density (BMD) as compared with placebo. In the highest dose group, Bloszumab treatment increased BMD by 17.7% at the spine, and 6.2% at the total hip from baseline within 12 months.



## ***Recent Product Developments and Milestones***

- In January 2023, we completed the dose escalation of TST002 study in China and successfully enrolled 32 patients in total.
- In March 2023, we filed the supplementary application to current China IND of TST002 for a Phase II study.
- In May 2023, we completed the database lock and data unblinding of the Phase I study (NCT05391776) of single dose of TST002 in Chinese postmenopausal women and elder men with reduced BMD. We presented the preliminary result of TST002 single ascending dose study at the 2023 annual meeting of Chinese Society of Osteoporosis and Bone Mineral Research (CSOBMR). Safety, bone formation and resorption markers and BMD data have been collected from 32 patients treated with follow up for 85 days. The average increase of lumbar spine BMD at day 85 (D85) after one dose of TST002 ranged from 3.52% to 5.94% and total hip BMD from 1.30% to 2.24% across dose cohorts. This exceeded the least significant difference (2.77%) and was clinically meaningful. The BMD increase was associated with dose dependent increase in bone formation marker and reduction in bone resorption marker – consistent with the dual mechanism of action of increasing osteoblast mediated bone formation and inhibiting osteoblast mediated bone resorption. Encouraging BMD increases in the total hip and femoral neck BMD were also observed with good safety profile. These results are comparable with that those observed in blosozumab single ascending dose study in Japanese subjects at the similar dose levels, and support our plan to initiate a Phase II clinical study in Chinese osteoporosis patients with multiple doses once every two to three months. The biomarker indicated the consistent mechanism of action of dual activity on increasing osteoblast mediated bone formation and inhibiting osteoclast mediated bone resorption.
- In June 2023, we received the China CDE approval for initiation of Phase II clinical study in Chinese osteoporosis patients.

### **TST004 (A Humanized MASP-2 mAb Candidate for Kidney Diseases)**

TST004, one of our key products, is a humanized mAb targeting mannan-binding lectin serine protease 2 (MASP2) designed to prevent inflammation and tissue damage mediated by lectin pathway complement activation. It can be potentially applied to multiple MASP2-dependent complement mediated diseases, including IgAN, a highly prevalent chronic kidney disease globally. As at the date of this announcement, it is at the Phase I stage.

### **TST008 (A Bi-Functional Antibody for MASP-2 and BAFF)**

TST008 is a first-in-class bispecific antibody combining MASP2 antibody with another molecule blocking B-cell activation and/or differentiation. As at the date of this announcement, it is at preclinical stage.

### **TST801 (A Bifunctional Fusion Protein)**

TST801 is a first-in-class bifunctional fusion protein targeting receptors involved in regulating B cell activation and differentiation and is designed for the treatment of SLE, a disease with high unmet medical needs and high prevalence globally. As at the date of this announcement, it is at preclinical stage.

**Cautionary Statement required by Rule 18A.08(3) of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Listing Rules”):** The Company cannot guarantee that it will be able to develop, or ultimately market, any of the above drug candidates successfully. Shareholders and potential investors of the Company are advised to exercise due care when dealing in the shares of the Company.

### **Research and Early Development Efforts**

We are dedicated to the discovery and development of differentiated and competitive biologics, targeting to shape an innovative and risk-balanced drug pipeline covering both oncology and non-oncology disease areas. We have expanded our discovery pipeline with two new IND-approved programs, one of which started the First-in-Human (FIH) study in the first half of 2023. Furthermore, we progressed two early-stage programs with intention to be developed as ADCC enhanced antibody or antibody drug conjugates (ADC). We have also progressed another early-stage program of a first-in-class bifunctional fusion protein for the treatment of SLE to the IND-enabling study stage. We are expanding two new non-oncology targets to B cell and/or complement pathways for autoimmune diseases in our early discovery pipeline.

### ***Strategic Partnership to Advance Pipeline***

Partnerships and collaborations are the key for maximizing the clinical and commercial potential of our assets. With the help of our differentiated or first-in-class molecules, we have established partnerships with BMS for clinical trial collaboration of osemitamab (TST001), Eli Lilly & Company for in-licensing TST002 rights in Greater China, Alebund Pharmaceuticals for developing TST004 in China. Besides, we have established multiple research collaborations with prominent academic institutions and industry players around the world, including a technology collaboration with Merck KGaA for continuous downstream processing.

Details of our existing partnerships are shown below.

### ***Osemitamab (TST001)***

We aim to develop osemitamab (TST001) as the cornerstone of the future new treatment paradigm in Claudin18.2 expressing solid tumors including gastric or gastroesophageal junction cancers.

In 2022, we established a global clinical trial collaboration with BMS to evaluate the combination of osemitamab (TST001) with Opdivo® (nivolumab), BMS' anti-PD-1 therapy, for the treatment of patients with unresectable locally advanced or metastatic Claudin18.2 expressing G/GEJ cancer with or without previous treatment.

We have been discussing with multiple MNCs on the potential global collaboration of osemitamab (TST001) for Claudin18.2 positive gastric cancer and other solid tumors. The combination of Claudin18.2 targeting antibody with chemotherapy has been validated recently by zolbetuximab as an effective treatment option for the 1L patients with HER2-negative, Claudin18.2 expressing G/GEJ cancer in two Phase III trials. Zolbetuximab benefits around 38% of all G/GEJ cancer, based on their Claudin18.2 expression levels. Osemitamab (TST001) is the second generation Claudin18.2 targeting antibody designed to have more potent anti-tumor activities than zolbetuximab. It is a humanized antibody with higher affinity and enhanced ADCC (antibody-dependent cellular cytotoxicity) which accounts for the direct killing of cancer cells via anti-Claudin18.2 antibody. Our preliminary clinical data indicate that osemitamab (TST001) has the potential to benefit a broader patient population of at least 55% of all cases. Our strategy is to lead the best-in-class development of osemitamab (TST001) with immunotherapy, delivering more effective treatment to patients with Claudin18.2 expressing G/GEJ cancer.

We have continued the collaboration with a global CDx development partner for our Claudin18.2 specific CDx Assay.

### ***TST002 (Blosozumab)***

In 2019, we entered into an exclusive and royalty bearing license agreement with Eli Lilly for LY-2541546 (blosozumab), LY-3108653 and LY-2950913 (each a “**Licensed Compound**”). We gained exclusive rights to develop, use or commercialize and manufacture the Licensed Compound in Greater China regions including the PRC, Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan.

We completed technology transfer, established manufacturing process for TST002, and GMP production for clinical use and all the additional preclinical studies required for TST002 IND application in China. We received IND Clearance from China CDE in 2021.

In 2022, the first patient was successfully dosed in China Phase I study of TST002 for the treatment of osteoporosis. As of December 2022, we have completed the enrollment of third dose cohorts and observed encouraging BMD increasing activity of TST002.

In 2023, we have completed the Phase Ia escalation study and observed encouraging BMD increasing activity after a single dose of TST002. In June 2023, we have also received CDE approval to start a Phase II study in China.

We have been actively discussing with multiple domestic pharmaceutical companies for the potential collaboration on the development and commercialization of TST002 in Greater China.

### ***TST004***

We collaborate with Shanghai Alebund Pharmaceuticals Limited (“**Alebund Pharmaceuticals**”) after establishing an equity joint venture registered under the law of PRC in 2020 to carry out pre-clinical research and conduct clinical trials in Greater China region. Currently, we have completed GMP material productions, in vitro/in vivo product characterization studies, non-GLP tox studies, GLP tox studies and pharmacology studies.

We have obtained IND clearance from the U.S. FDA and is currently working with Alebund Pharmaceuticals on China IND.

Multiple companies including MNCs and biotech have reached out to us for potential collaboration on TST004. Partnering processes are ongoing.

### ***TST003***

We have been approached by multiple MNCs and are in the process of potential partnership discussion.

### **Translational Research Collaborations**

We also entered multiple research collaborations with prominent academic institutions around the world, including the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute of Harvard Medical School, John Hopkins University, Beijing Cancer Hospital, Shanghai Pulmonary Hospital, Zhongshan Hospital, Zhongshan University, and Shanghai Jiao Tong University. The research collaborations covered osemitamab (TST001), TST003 and TST005. We also established strategic collaborations with multiple technology platform companies to explore different modalities for innovative targets, including multiple ADC platforms. These research collaborations further enhanced our global leading position in Claudin18.2 targeted combination therapies and strengthened our oncology programs.

### **Technology Partnership & Advancement**

In support of the implementation of highly intensified downstream technologies from Merck KGaA, we have completed rigorous testing of the Mobius Multi-Column Chromatography (MCC) system and the Combo system (industry-first automated and single-use flow-through polishing continuous downstream technology) and both are ready for GMP operation. A highly comprehensive sanitization procedure was also developed to help ensure bioburden control of the long term MCC operation.

## **Upgrade Manufacturing Technology and Expand Capacity**

In the first half of 2023, we have made significant progress in developing and implementing novel bioprocessing technologies to enhance our manufacturing capability and capacity.

- ***Platform Technology Advancement and Capacity Expansion***

- In the first half of 2023, we continued to invest in improving our in-house cell line expression system and is on track to make it available for licensing to CDMO clients as well as for use for internal programs in 2024.
- In addition, we have made substantial investments in the development and optimization of in-house cell culture perfusion and fed-batch media for two new commercial as well as in-house cell line expression systems. These efforts were undertaken to support our CDMO business and to facilitate the launch of our cell culture media business.
- We have completed the establishment of our ADC development lab to support ADC programs internally and externally. In addition, part of the platform analytical methods needed in support of ADC platform were also developed.
- We have installed a lab scale lyophilization equipment, IQ/OQ'ed and completed a test run to support formulation development of less stable molecules, as well as ADC's.

- ***CMC Deliverables***

- ICB manufacturing has been progressing into late-stage and commercial manufacturing process. In first half of 2023, we have integrated unit operations for continuous downstream purification of late-stage osemitamab (TST001) perfusion-based manufacturing process.
- We have completed commercial process characterization of osemitamab (TST001), initiated pre-PPQ run.
- Since the beginning of the operation of our facility in 2018, we have successfully completed 54 DS GMP lots with a success rate exceeding 98%. Additionally, we have completed 84 DP GMP lots with a success rate of 100%. These are in support of our internal pipeline as well as our CDMO clients in both China and the U.S.

- ***CDMO Business***

In the first half of 2023, our CDMO business unit added media development and ADC CMC development services to our clients. During the Reporting Period, our CDMO business added over 12 new clients in China and the U.S. with expanded service in media development, ADC development, lyophilized formulation, analytical testing, formulation studies, particle investigation and drug product Fill & Finish.

## EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

### Clinical Development

- In July 2023, we have received approvals from China CDE and South Korea MFDS to initiate TranStar301 global Phase III pivotal trial of osemitamab (TST001) in combination with nivolumab and chemotherapy for the 1L treatment of patients with HER2 negative, Claudin18.2 expressing locally advanced or metastatic G/GEJ cancer. In addition, we are in the process of EU and U.S. FDA regulatory interaction.
- In July 2023, we completed the first dose escalation cohort for TST003.
- In August 2023, we initiated the first Chinese site for the global FIH study for TST003.

### CDMO & CMC

- We started to offer services with new technologies such as media development and conjugation/purification process development for ADC molecules.
- We have started to offer formulation development service for unstable molecules using lyophilization technology.
- We plan to launch our cell culture media business offering our highly competitive fed-batch and perfusion media to a broad client base.

Save as disclosed above, the Group has had no material event since the end of the Reporting Period and up to the date of this announcement.

## FUTURE OUTLOOK

We expect to advance multiple key pipeline molecule programs and especially to initiate our first global registration trial (TranStar301) for osemitamab (TST001). We also strive to establish global collaboration on our leading assets such as osemitamab (TST001) and TST002. We also plan to further advance our CMC platform and grow our CDMO business and revenue. A detailed breakdown of expected developments for the remainder of 2023 and the first half of 2024 is as follows:

### Clinical Developments

#### *Osemitamab (TST001)*

- We plan to initiate a global pivotal trial (TranStar301) of osemitamab (TST001) for 1L G/GEJ cancer patients with Claudin18.2 overexpression. We anticipate submitting pivotal trial declarations with U.S. FDA, EMA, and other regions of the world including Japan.
- We plan to present clinical data at several medical conferences.
- We are exploring several Claudin18.2 expressing solid tumors other than G/GEJ cancer.

### ***TST002 (Blosozumab)***

- We plan to initiate a Phase II study in the second half of 2023.

### ***TST003***

- We will expand TST003 FIH trial to open enrollment in China and explore combinations, including with our own portfolio molecules.

### **Potential Partnerships**

- We expect that further clinical data from our lead asset osemitamab (TST001) and progresses on the preparation of the Phase III study will help advance the discussions with potential partners for global partnership of osemitamab (TST001) in Claudin18.2 expressing solid tumors including G/GEJ cancer, pancreatic cancer and NSCLC.
- We will continue partnership discussions for our clinical assets including TST003 as well as non-oncology pipeline molecules such as TST002, TST004, TST008 and TST801 to maximize the value of our assets.

### **CMC and Technology Developments**

- We will fully develop in-house cell line expression system and be ready for out-licensing for CDMO clients as well as for internal programs.
- We will complete Phase I development of proprietary cell culture media formulation (perfusion and fed-batch) for three commercial cell line expression systems, as well as for in-house system. We expect significant improvement in productivity and all cell culture media available for cell culture media business.
- We expect to complete the setup of infrastructure and establish internal development capabilities for lyophilized DP in support of internal and CDMO programs.



## CDMO

- We will continue to strengthen and expand BD activities globally to increase CDMO contracts from both China and U.S. clients.
- We will increase our efforts in marketing our CDMO services overseas.
- We plan to increase our competitiveness by improving operational efficiency, reducing cost, adding new capabilities such as drug product development for siRNA therapeutics, process development for ADC, and media development.
- We will offer more diversified and tailored service from developability assessment, cell line development, media development, process development and optimization, formulation and DP product development, analytical testing as well as integrated service package for IND and BLA filings.
- We aim to increase CDMO project using perfusion process and further establish ourselves as leader in continuous bioprocessing.

We will continue the progression of our pipeline and keep exploring partnerships to enhance the global development strategy and maximize commercial value of our drug candidates. We will continue to develop and implement leading technology to improve productivity with lower costs. Leading with our global strategy and vision, we will be able to unlock the full potential of our portfolio and drive long term value creation.

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

*Six months ended June 30, 2023 compared to six months ended June 30, 2022*

	<b>Six months ended June 30,</b>	
	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>RMB'000</b>	<b>RMB'000</b>
	<b>(Unaudited)</b>	<b>(Unaudited)</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>36,084</b>	21,758
Cost of sales	<u>(25,972)</u>	<u>(18,686)</u>
<b>Gross profits</b>	<b>10,112</b>	3,072
Other income	<b>17,585</b>	23,852
Other gains and losses, net	<b>9,279</b>	10,197
Impairment losses under expected credit loss model	<b>(267)</b>	–
Research and development (“R&D”) expenses	<b>(207,940)</b>	(170,315)
Administrative and selling expenses	<b>(57,954)</b>	(58,893)
Share of loss of a joint venture	<b>51</b>	(2,553)
Finance costs	<b>(8,626)</b>	(9,554)
<b>Loss before tax</b>	<b>(237,760)</b>	(204,194)
Income tax credit	<b>113</b>	121
Loss for the period	<b><u>(237,647)</u></b>	<b><u>(204,073)</u></b>
Other comprehensive (expense) income for the period		
<i>Item that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:</i>		
Exchange differences arising on translation of a foreign operation	<u>(7,658)</u>	<u>(5,991)</u>
Loss and total comprehensive expense for the period	<b><u>(245,305)</u></b>	<b><u>(210,064)</u></b>
<b>Non-IFRS measure: (Note)</b>		
Add: Adjusted for share-based compensation expenses	<u>13,337</u>	<u>5,976</u>
Adjusted loss and total comprehensive expenses for the period	<b><u>(231,968)</u></b>	<b><u>(204,088)</u></b>

*Note:* See section below headed “Non-IFRS Measure” for the details of the non-IFRS measure adjustments.

## Selected Data from Statement of Financial Position

	At June 30, 2023 <i>RMB'000</i> (Unaudited)	At December 31, 2022 <i>RMB'000</i> (Audited)
Non-current assets	1,061,266	1,078,070
Current assets	<u>868,766</u>	<u>1,056,475</u>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b><u>1,930,032</u></b>	<b><u>2,134,545</u></b>
Current liabilities	540,648	550,370
Non-current liabilities	<u>151,915</u>	<u>110,275</u>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b><u>692,563</u></b>	<b><u>660,645</u></b>
<b>Net current assets</b>	<b><u>328,118</u></b>	<b><u>506,105</u></b>

## 1. Revenue

The Group provides CDMO services and research and development services. CDMO services stands as an integrated platform to support the development of manufacturing processes and the production of advanced intermediates and active pharmaceutical ingredients and formulation development and dosage drug product manufacturing, for preclinical, clinical trials, new drug application, and commercial supply of chemical drugs as well as wide spectrum development from early to late stage. The research and development services are mainly for investigational new drug enabling studies based on customers' needs.

The Group primarily earns revenues by providing CDMO services and research and development services to its customers through fee-for-service ("FFS") contracts. Contract duration is generally a few months to two years. Under FFS method, the contracts usually have multiple deliverable units, which are generally in the form of technical laboratory reports and/or samples, each with individual selling price specified within the contract. The Group identifies each deliverable unit as a separate performance obligation, and recognizes FFS revenue of contractual elements at the point in time upon finalization, delivery and acceptance of the deliverable units.

Disaggregated revenue information:

	<b>Six months ended June 30,</b>	
	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>RMB'000</b>	<b>RMB'000</b>
	<b>(Unaudited)</b>	<b>(Unaudited)</b>
CDMO services	36,084	17,202
Research and development services	—	4,556
	<u>36,084</u>	<u>21,758</u>

## 2. Other Income

Other income consists of bank interest income and government grants. Government grants represent 1) various subsidies granted by the PRC local government authorities to our subsidiaries as incentives for our research and development activities, which are recognized when payments were received; and 2) amortisation of subsidies received from the PRC local government authorities to subsidize the purchase of the Group's property, plant and equipment.

For the six months ended June 30, 2023, other income of our Group decreased by RMB6.3 million, from RMB23.9 million for six months ended June 30, 2022. The decrease was primarily due to the decrease in government grants we recognized during the six months ended June 30, 2023.

## 3. Other Gains and Losses, Net

Other net gains and losses decreased by RMB 0.9 million for the six months ended June 30, 2023 from RMB10.2 million for the six months ended June 30, 2022, which is attributable to the difference in net foreign exchange gain.

#### 4. *Research and Development Expenses*

Research and development expenses primarily consist of pre-clinical expenses including testing fee and pre-clinical trial expenses, staff cost for our research and development personnel, clinical expenses including testing fee and clinical trial expenses, materials consumed for research and development of our drug candidates, depreciation and amortization expenses and others. The research and development expenses increased by RMB37.6 million from RMB170.3 million for the six months ended June 30, 2022 to RMB207.9 million for the six months ended June 30, 2023, primarily due to the increase in clinical expenses and the decrease in pre-clinical expenses with the progress of research and development activities of our pipelines.

The following table sets forth the components of the Group's research and development expenses for the period indicated.

	<b>Six months ended June 30,</b>	
	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>RMB'000</b>	<b>RMB'000</b>
	<b>(Unaudited)</b>	<b>(Unaudited)</b>
Clinical expenses	<b>88,507</b>	51,202
Pre-clinical expenses	<b>11,210</b>	29,004
Staff cost	<b>70,952</b>	57,436
Materials consumed	<b>8,659</b>	8,919
Depreciation and amortization expenses	<b>20,832</b>	18,114
Others	<b>7,780</b>	5,640
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<b>Total</b>	<b>207,940</b>	170,315
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#### 5. *Administrative and selling expenses*

The administrative and selling expenses decreased by RMB0.9 million from RMB58.9 million for the six months ended June 30, 2022 to RMB58.0 million for six months ended June 30, 2023, primarily attributable to the decrease in personnel cost and professional services. Our selling expenses primarily consist of personnel cost, travel, depreciation and amortization and others. Our administrative expenses consist primarily of salaries and related benefits costs for our administrative personnel, professional fees for services provided by professional institutions, depreciation and amortization expenses, office expenses for our daily operation, traveling and transportation expenses, and others.

The following table sets forth the components of the Group's selling and administrative expenses for the period indicated.

	<b>Six months ended June 30,</b>	
	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>RMB'000</b>	<b>RMB'000</b>
	<b>(Unaudited)</b>	<b>(Unaudited)</b>
Salaries and related benefits costs	<b>28,454</b>	33,863
Professional fees	<b>10,719</b>	6,251
Depreciation and amortization expenses	<b>4,049</b>	2,590
Office expenses	<b>9,060</b>	8,478
Others	<b>5,672</b>	7,711
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	<b>57,954</b>	58,893
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**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE EXPENSE**

*FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2023*

	NOTES	Six months ended 30 June	
		2023 RMB'000 (Unaudited)	2022 RMB'000 (Unaudited)
Revenue	3	36,084	21,758
Cost of sales		<u>(25,972)</u>	<u>(18,686)</u>
Gross profit		10,112	3,072
Other income		17,585	23,852
Other gains and losses, net	4	9,279	10,197
Impairment losses under expected credit loss model		(267)	–
Research and development expenses		(207,940)	(170,315)
Administrative and selling expenses		(57,954)	(58,893)
Share of results of a joint venture		51	(2,553)
Finance costs		<u>(8,626)</u>	<u>(9,554)</u>
Loss before tax		(237,760)	(204,194)
Income tax credit	5	<u>113</u>	<u>121</u>
Loss for the period		<u><u>(237,647)</u></u>	<u><u>(204,073)</u></u>
<b>Other comprehensive expense for the period</b>			
<b><i>Item that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:</i></b>			
Exchange differences arising on translation of a foreign operation		<u>(7,658)</u>	<u>(5,991)</u>
Total comprehensive expense for the period		<u><u>(245,305)</u></u>	<u><u>(210,064)</u></u>
Loss per share			
– Basic and diluted (RMB)	7	<u><u>(0.58)</u></u>	<u><u>(0.47)</u></u>

**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**AT 30 JUNE 2023**

	<i>NOTES</i>	At 30 June 2023 <i>RMB'000</i> (Unaudited)	At 31 December 2022 <i>RMB'000</i> (Audited)
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Property, plant and equipment		400,571	418,992
Right-of-use assets		32,929	31,302
Goodwill		471,901	471,901
Interests in a joint venture		1,270	1,219
Deposits paid for acquisition of property plant and equipment		6,855	6,673
Intangible assets		95,920	95,996
Other receivables	8	1,540	1,707
Time deposits		50,000	50,000
Pledged bank deposits		280	280
		<u>1,061,266</u>	<u>1,078,070</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Inventories		23,529	20,566
Trade and other receivables	8	69,900	69,623
Contract costs		9,599	17,636
Value-added-tax recoverable		1,961	5,564
Pledged bank deposits		5,856	47,636
Bank balances and cash		757,921	895,450
		<u>868,766</u>	<u>1,056,475</u>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Trade and other payables	9	156,576	148,381
Contract liabilities		947	1,146
Short-term overdrafts		369,890	387,600
Lease liabilities		5,235	5,243
Deferred income		8,000	8,000
		<u>540,648</u>	<u>550,370</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>328,118</u>	<u>506,105</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>1,389,384</u>	<u>1,584,175</u>



	<b>At 30 June 2023 RMB'000 (Unaudited)</b>	<b>At 31 December 2022 RMB'000 (Audited)</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>		
Long-term overdrafts	<b>60,000</b>	16,000
Lease liabilities	<b>4,382</b>	2,617
Deferred income	<b>62,300</b>	66,300
Deferred tax liabilities	<b>25,233</b>	25,358
	<u><b>151,915</b></u>	<u>110,275</u>
<b>Net assets</b>	<u><b>1,237,469</b></u>	<u>1,473,900</u>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>		
Share capital	<b>275</b>	272
Treasury shares	<b>(11)</b>	(9)
Reserves	<b>1,237,205</b>	1,473,637
	<u><b>1,237,469</b></u>	<u>1,473,900</u>
<b>Total equity</b>	<u><b>1,237,469</b></u>	<u>1,473,900</u>

## NOTES TO THE INTERIM FINANCIAL INFORMATION

### 1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34 (“IAS 34”) “Interim Financial Reporting” issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (“IASB”) as well as with the applicable disclosure requirements of Appendix 16 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

### 2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, except for certain financial instruments, which are measured at fair values.

Other than additional accounting policies resulting from application of new and amendments to International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRSs”), the accounting policies and methods of computation used in the condensed consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 30 June 2023 are the same as those presented in the Group’s annual consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.

#### **Application of new and amendments to IFRSs**

In the current interim period, the Group has applied the following new and amendments to IFRSs issued by the IASB, for the first time, which are mandatorily effective for the Group’s annual period beginning on 1 January 2023 for the preparation of the Group’s condensed consolidated financial statements:

IFRS 17 (including the June 2020 and December 2021 Amendments to IFRS 17)	Insurance Contracts
Amendments to IAS 8	Definition of Accounting Estimates
Amendments to IAS 12	Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction
Amendments to IAS 12	International Tax Reform-Pillar Two model Rules

Except as described below, the application of the new and amendments to IFRSs in the current interim period has had no material impact on the Group’s financial positions and performance for the current and prior periods and/or on the disclosures set out in these condensed consolidated financial statements.

#### **2.1 Impacts and changes in accounting policies on application of Amendments to IAS 12 Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction**

##### **2.1.1 Accounting policies**

Deferred tax is recognised on temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the consolidated financial statements and the corresponding tax bases used in the computation of taxable profit. Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all taxable temporary differences. Deferred tax assets are generally recognised for all deductible temporary differences to the extent that it is probable that taxable profits will be available against which those deductible temporary differences can be utilised. Such deferred tax assets and liabilities are not recognised if the temporary difference arises from the initial recognition (other than in a business combination) of assets and liabilities in a transaction that affects neither the taxable profit nor the accounting profit and at the time of the transaction does not give rise to equal taxable and deductible temporary differences. In addition, deferred tax liabilities are not recognised if the temporary difference arises from the initial recognition of goodwill.

For leasing transactions in which the tax deductions are attributable to the lease liabilities, the Group applies IAS 12 requirements to the lease liabilities, and the related assets separately. The Group recognises a deferred tax asset related to lease liabilities to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary difference can be utilised and a deferred tax liability for all taxable temporary differences.

### **2.1.2 Transition and summary of effects**

As disclosed in the Group's annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022, the Group previously applied the IAS 12 requirements to assets and liabilities arising from a single transaction as a whole and temporary differences relating to the relevant assets and liabilities were assessed on a net basis. Upon the application of the amendments, the Group assessed the relevant assets and liabilities separately. In accordance with the transition provision:

- (i) the Group has applied the new accounting policy retrospectively to leasing transactions that occurred on or after 1 January 2022;
- (ii) the Group also, as at 1 January 2022, recognised a deferred tax asset (to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary difference can be utilised) and a deferred tax liability for all deductible and taxable temporary difference associated with right-of-use-assets and lease liabilities.

The application of the amendments has had no material impact on the Group's financial position and performance. And it has no impact on the retained earnings at the earliest period presented.

### **2.2 Impacts on application of Amendments to IAS 12 Income Taxes International Tax Reform-Pillar Two model Rules**

IAS 12 is amended to add the exception to recognising and disclosing information about deferred tax assets and liabilities that are related to tax law enacted or substantively enacted to implement the Pillar Two model rules published by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (the "Pillar Two legislation"). The amendments require that entities shall apply the amendments immediately upon issuance. The amendments also require that entities shall disclose separately its current tax expense/income related to Pillar Two income taxes, and the qualitative and quantitative information about its exposure to Pillar Two income taxes in periods in which the Pillar Two legislation is enacted or substantially enacted but not yet in effect in annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2023.

The Group is yet to apply the temporary exception during the current interim period because the Group's entities are operating in jurisdictions which the Pillar Two legislation has not yet been enacted or substantially enacted. The Group will disclose known or reasonably estimable information that helps users of financial statements to understand the Group's exposure to Pillar Two income taxes in the Group's annual consolidated financial statements in which the Pillar Two legislation has been enacted or substantially enacted and will disclose separately current tax expense/income related to Pillar Two income taxes when it is in effect.

### **2.3 Impacts on application of Amendments to IAS 1 and IFRS Practice Statement 2 Disclosure of Accounting Policies**

In addition, the Group will apply Amendments to IAS 1 and IFRS Practice Statement 2 *Disclosure of Accounting Policies* which are mandatorily effective for the Group's annual period beginning on 1 January 2023 for the preparation of the Group's consolidated financial statements for the year ending 31 December 2023.

IAS 1 is amended to replace all instances of the term "significant accounting policies" with "material accounting policy information". Accounting policy information is material if, when considered together with other information included in an entity's financial statements, it can reasonably be expected to influence decisions that the primary users of general purpose financial statements make on the basis of those financial statements.

The amendments also clarify that accounting policy information may be material because of the nature of the related transactions, other events or conditions, even if the amounts are immaterial. However, not all accounting policy information relating to material transactions, other events or conditions is itself material. If an entity chooses to disclose immaterial accounting policy information, such information must not obscure material accounting policy information.

IFRS Practice Statement 2 *Making Materiality Judgements* (the "Practice Statement") is also amended to illustrate how an entity applies the "four-step materiality process" to accounting policy disclosures and to judge whether information about an accounting policy is material to its financial statements. Guidance and examples are added to the Practice Statement.

The application of the amendments in the current period had no material impact on the condensed consolidated financial statements but is expected to affect the disclosures of the Group's accounting policies in the Group's annual consolidated financial statements for the year ending 31 December 2023.

### 3. REVENUE

Disaggregated revenue information:

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2023 RMB'000 (Unaudited)	2022 RMB'000 (Unaudited)
CDMO services	36,084	17,202
Research and development services	–	4,556
	<u>36,084</u>	<u>21,758</u>

### 4. OTHER GAINS AND LOSSES, NET

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2023 RMB'000 (Unaudited)	2022 RMB'000 (Unaudited)
Net foreign exchange gain	9,142	13,372
Loss arising on revision of interest rate of promissory notes receivables	–	(3,299)
Others	137	124
	<u>9,279</u>	<u>10,197</u>

### 5. INCOME TAX CREDIT

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2023 RMB'000 (Unaudited)	2022 RMB'000 (Unaudited)
PRC Enterprise Income Tax: Under provision in prior years	(12)	–
Deferred tax: Current period	125	121
	<u>113</u>	<u>121</u>

### 6. DIVIDENDS

No dividends were paid, declared or proposed during the interim period. The directors of the Company have determined that no dividend will be paid in respect of the interim period.

## 7. LOSS PER SHARE

The calculation of the basic and diluted loss per share attributable to the owners of the Company is based on the following data:

	<b>Six months ended 30 June</b>	
	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>RMB'000</b>	<b>RMB'000</b>
	<b>(Unaudited)</b>	<b>(Unaudited)</b>
<b>Loss</b>		
Loss for the period attributable to the owners of the Company for the purposes of calculating basic and diluted loss per share	<u>(237,647)</u>	<u>(204,073)</u>
<b>Number of weighted average ordinary shares</b>		
Weighted average number of ordinary shares of the purpose of calculating basic and diluted loss per share	<u>407,713,827</u>	<u>435,195,687</u>

For six months ended 30 June 2023 and 2022, the number of treasury shares were excluded from the total number of shares of the Company for the computation of basic loss per share.

For six months ended 30 June 2023 and 2022, the computation of diluted loss per share did not assume the exercise of share options and the vesting of restricted share units since their assumed exercise would result in a decrease in loss per share.

## 8. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

Details of trade and other receivables are as follows:

	<b>At 30 June 2023 RMB'000 (Unaudited)</b>	<b>At 31 December 2022 RMB'000 (Audited)</b>
Trade receivables	48,234	34,012
Less: Allowance for credit losses	<u>(267)</u>	<u>–</u>
	<u>47,967</u>	<u>34,012</u>
Other receivables:		
Interest receivable	474	12,016
Prepayments for:		
Research and development services	15,933	18,719
Legal and professional services	1,801	2,083
Purchase of raw materials	1,746	2,039
Refundable rental deposits	1,540	1,707
Others	<u>1,979</u>	<u>754</u>
	<u>71,440</u>	<u>71,330</u>
Analysis as:		
Non-current	1,540	1,707
Current	<u>69,900</u>	<u>69,623</u>
	<u>71,440</u>	<u>71,330</u>

The Group normally grants a credit period of 30 days or a particular period agreed with customers effective from the date when the services have been completed and accepted by customers.

The following is an aged analysis of trade receivable net of allowance for credit losses presented based on the date of completion of service at the end of each reporting period:

	At 30 June 2023 <i>RMB'000</i> (Unaudited)	At 31 December 2022 <i>RMB'000</i> (Audited)
Within 30 days	21,550	31,965
31 – 60 days	–	1,936
61 – 90 days	3,231	96
91 – 120 days	149	–
121 – 365 days	23,037	15
	<u>47,967</u>	<u>34,012</u>

Analysis of trade and other receivables of the Group denominated in currencies other than the functional currency of the relevant group entities is set out below:

	At 30 June 2023 <i>RMB'000</i> (Unaudited)	At 31 December 2022 <i>RMB'000</i> (Audited)
US\$	<u>5,779</u>	<u>1,461</u>

## 9. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	At 30 June 2023 <i>RMB'000</i> (Unaudited)	At 31 December 2022 <i>RMB'000</i> (Audited)
Trade payables	54,518	48,154
Accrued research and development expenses	64,598	51,246
Payables for		
– Purchase of property, plant and equipment	2,103	10,520
– Legal and professional fee	2,412	1,125
– Others	7,262	7,351
Interest payables	229	576
Other tax payables	1,771	1,238
Accrued staff costs and benefits	20,143	27,022
Other accruals	3,540	1,149
	<u>156,576</u>	<u>148,381</u>

The average credit period on purchases of goods and services of the Group is 30 days.

The following is an aged analysis of trade payables, presented based on earlier of the date of goods and services received and the invoice dates as at the end of the reporting period:

	At 30 June 2023 <i>RMB'000</i> (Unaudited)	At 31 December 2022 <i>RMB'000</i> (Audited)
0 – 30 days	29,116	32,579
31 – 60 days	1,146	1,669
61 – 90 days	4,075	4,271
91 – 120 days	3,955	287
121 – 365 days	14,750	9,240
Over 365 days	1,476	108
	<u>54,518</u>	<u>48,154</u>

Analysis of trade and other payables of the Group denominated in currencies other than the functional currency of relevant group entities is set out below:

	At 30 June 2023 <i>RMB'000</i> (Unaudited)	At 31 December 2022 <i>RMB'000</i> (Audited)
US\$	<u>2,952</u>	<u>2,900</u>

## Other Comprehensive Income

Our other comprehensive income increased from a loss of RMB6.0 million for the six months ended June 30, 2022 to a loss of RMB7.7 million for the six months ended June 30, 2023.

## Non-IFRS Measure

To supplement the Group's consolidated financial statements, which are presented in accordance with the IFRS, the Company also uses adjusted loss and total comprehensive expenses for the period and other adjusted figures as additional financial measures, which are not required by, or presented in accordance with, the IFRS. The use of this non-IFRS measure has limitations as an analytical tool, and you should not consider it in isolation from, or as substitute for analysis of, the Group's results of operations or financial condition as reported under IFRS. The Company's presentation of such adjusted figure may not be comparable to a similarly titled measure presented by other companies. However, the Company believes that this and other non-IFRS measures are reflections of the Group's normal operating results by eliminating potential impacts of items that the management do not consider to be indicative of the Group's operating performance, and thus facilitate comparisons of operating performance from period to period and company to company to the extent applicable.



Adjusted loss and total comprehensive expenses for the period represents the loss and total comprehensive expenses for the period excluding the effect of share-based compensation expenses. The table below sets forth a reconciliation of the loss and total comprehensive expenses for the period to adjusted loss and total comprehensive expenses for the period during the periods indicated:

	<b>Six months ended June 30,</b>	
	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>RMB'000</b>	<b>RMB'000</b>
	<b>(Unaudited)</b>	<b>(Unaudited)</b>
Total comprehensive expenses for the period:	<b>(245,305)</b>	(210,064)
Share-based compensation expenses	<b>13,337</b>	5,976
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Adjusted loss and total comprehensive expenses for the period	<b><u>(231,968)</u></b>	<b><u>(204,088)</u></b>

### **Employees and Remuneration Policies**

The following table sets forth a breakdown of our employees as at June 30, 2023 by function.

	<b>Number of employees</b>	<b>% of total number of employees</b>
Research and Development	172	54.09
General and Administrative	59	18.55
Manufacturing	87	27.36
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	<b><u>318</u></b>	<b><u>100.00</u></b>

Our employees' remuneration comprises salaries, bonuses, employee provident fund and social security contributions and other welfare payments. In accordance with applicable Chinese laws, we have made contributions to social security insurance funds (including pension plans, medical insurance, work-related injury insurance, unemployment insurance and maternity insurance) and housing funds for our employees.

### **Liquidity and Financial Resources**

As of June 30, 2023, bank balances and cash, pledged bank deposits and time deposits were RMB814.1 million, as compared to RMB993.4 million as of December 31, 2022. The decreased was mainly due to pipeline advancement.

### **Gearing Ratio**

The gearing ratio of the Group was calculated using interest-bearing borrowings less cash and cash equivalents divided by (deficiency of) total equity and multiplied by 100%. Since the Group maintained a net cash position as at June 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, the gearing ratio is not applicable.

## **Other Financial Information**

### ***Significant Investments, Material Acquisitions and Disposals***

The Group did not make any significant investments (including any investment in an investee company with a value of 5 percent or more of the Group's total assets as at June 30, 2023) during the period ended June 30, 2023. The Group did not have any material acquisitions or disposals of subsidiaries, associated companies or joint ventures for the six months ended June 30, 2023.

### ***Foreign Exchange Risk***

The functional currency of the Company is Renminbi. During the period ended 30 June, 2023, certain bank balances and cash, trade and other receivables, amounts due from related parties and trade and other payables are denominated in U.S. dollars, which are exposed to foreign currency risk. The Group currently does not have a foreign currency hedging policy. However, the management monitors foreign exchange exposure and will consider hedging significant foreign currency exposure should the need arise.

### ***Bank Loans and Other Borrowings***

As at 30 June 2023, bank borrowings amounting to RMB45,890,000 (as at 31 December 2022: RMB49,100,000), are secured by property, plant and equipment with carrying amount of RMB96,624,476.87 (as at 31 December 2022: RMB106,027,000). All bank borrowings were denominated in RMB. We had an aggregate of RMB355,000,000 overdrafts with fixed interest rates as at 30 June 2023.

### ***Contingent Liabilities***

As at December 31, 2022 and June 30, 2023, we did not have any material contingent liabilities.

## **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND OTHER INFORMATION**

The Company was incorporated under the laws of the British Virgin Islands on August 20, 2010 and continued in the Cayman Islands on March 26, 2021 as an exempted company with limited liability, and the Shares of the Company were listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange on September 29, 2021 (the "**Listing Date**").

The Company is committed to maintaining and promoting stringent corporate governance. The principle of the Company's corporate governance is to promote effective internal control measures and to enhance the transparency and accountability of the Board to all Shareholders.

The Company has adopted the principles and code provisions set out in the Corporate Governance Code contained in Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules (the "**CG Code**") as the basis of the Company's corporate governance practices.

## **Compliance with the Corporate Governance Code**

During the Reporting Period, the Company has applied the principles of and complied with all the applicable code provisions set out from time to time in the CG Code.

The Company will continue to regularly review and monitor its corporate governance practices to ensure compliance and alignment with the latest measures and standards set out in the CG Code, and maintain a high standard of corporate governance practices of the Company. The Company will report its compliance with the CG Code in the corporate governance report of the Company for the year ending December 31, 2023.

## **Compliance with the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors**

The Company has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (the “**Model Code**”) as set out in Appendix 10 to the Listing Rules as its own securities dealing code to regulate all dealings by Directors and relevant employees in securities of the Company and other matters covered by the Model Code.

Specific enquiry has been made of all the Directors and they have confirmed that they have complied with the Model Code during the six months ended June 30, 2023. No incident of non-compliance of the Model Code by the relevant employees has been noted by the Company during the six months ended June 30, 2023.

## **Audit Committee**

The Company has established the Audit Committee with written terms of reference in compliance with Rule 3.21 of the Listing Rules and the CG Code. The primary duties of the Audit Committee are to review and supervise the financial reporting process and internal controls system of our Group, review and approve connected transaction (if any) and provide advice and comments to the Board. The Audit Committee comprises three members, namely Mr. Jiasong Tang (唐稼松), Mr. Zhihua Zhang (張志華) and Dr. Yining Zhao (趙奕寧), with Mr. Jiasong Tang (唐稼松) (being our independent non-executive Director with the appropriate professional qualifications) as chairperson of the Audit Committee.

The Audit Committee has reviewed the unaudited consolidated financial statements of the Group for the six months ended June 30, 2023 and has met with the independent auditor, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu. The Audit Committee has also discussed matters with respect to the accounting policies and practices adopted by the Company, internal control and financial reporting matters with senior management members of the Group. The Audit Committee considers that this announcement is in compliance with the relevant accounting standards, rules and regulations and appropriate disclosures have been duly made.

## **Other Board Committees**

In addition to the Audit Committee, the Company has also established a nomination committee and a remuneration committee.

## Purchase, Sale or Redemption of the Company's Listed Securities

During the Reporting Period and up to the date of the announcement, the Company repurchased a total of 1,040,000 ordinary shares (the “**Shares Repurchased**”) of the Company on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “**Stock Exchange**”) at an aggregate consideration of approximately HK\$5,154,633. Particulars of the Shares Repurchased are as follows:

Month of Repurchase	No. of Shares Repurchased	Price paid per share		Aggregate Consideration (HK\$)
		Highest (HK\$)	Lowest (HK\$)	
April	86,000	3.36	3.14	283,403
May	633,000	5.31	3.98	3,194,489
June	321,000	5.30	5.00	1,676,741
<b>Total</b>	1,040,000			5,154,633

The Shares Repurchased from December 22, 2022 to June 20, 2023 were subsequently cancelled on June 30, 2023.

Save as disclosed above, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's securities listed on the Stock Exchange during the Reporting Period and up to the date of this announcement.

### Material Litigation

The Company was not involved in any material litigation or arbitration during the six months ended June 30, 2023. The Directors are also not aware of any material litigation or claims that are pending or threatened against the Group during the six months ended June 30, 2023.

### Future Plans for Material Investment or Capital Assets

Save as disclosed in this announcement, the Group does not have other plans for material investments and capital assets as at the date of this announcement.

## Use of Net Proceeds

With the Shares of the Company listed on the Stock Exchange on September 29, 2021 and based on the Offer Price of HK\$16.00 per Offer Share, the net proceeds from the Global Offering were approximately HK\$553.4 million (the “**Net Proceeds**”). As disclosed in announcement of the Company dated March 30, 2023 (the “**2022 Annual Results Announcement**”), the Board has resolved to change the intended use of Net Proceeds and remove the investment from MSB2311 and put them into TST001 (the “**Change in Use of Net Proceeds**”). The Company expects to fully utilize the residual amount of the net proceeds in accordance with such intended purposes by the end of 2025. The table below sets out the utilization of Net Proceeds as at June 30, 2023.

Use of Net Proceeds	Intended allocation of Net Proceeds after the Change in Use of Net Proceeds		Amount utilized as at June 30, 2023	Unutilized net proceeds as at June 30, 2023	Expected timeline of full utilization of the unutilized Net Proceeds
	<i>% of net proceeds (approximately)</i>	<i>HK\$ million</i>	<i>HK\$ million</i>	<i>HK\$ million</i>	
1. Research and development of our pipeline product candidates, funding of ongoing and planned clinical and preclinical trials, preparation for registration filings and other steps or activities related to the commercialization of our four anchor products as follows:	82%	453.8	81.3	372.5	On or before December 31, 2025
(i) fund ongoing and planned clinical trials, preparation for registration filings and potential commercial launch (including sales and marketing) of our key product, osemitamab (TST001)	50%	276.7	42.8	233.9	On or before December 31, 2025
(ii) fund ongoing and planned clinical trials, preparation for registration filings and potential commercial launch (including sales and marketing) of our key product, TST005	10%	55.3	1.6	53.7	On or before December 31, 2025
(iii) fund ongoing and planned clinical trials, preparation for registration filings and potential commercial launch (including sales and marketing) of our key product, TST002	10%	55.3	0	55.3	On or before December 31, 2025
(iv) fund ongoing and planned pre-clinical trials and preparation for registration filings of our key product and other pipeline products, including TST004, MSB0254, TST003, TST006 and TST008	12%	66.5	36.9	29.6	On or before December 31, 2025

Use of Net Proceeds	Intended allocation of Net Proceeds after the Change in Use of Net Proceeds		Amount utilized as at June 30, 2023	Unutilized net proceeds as at June 30, 2023	Expected timeline of full utilization of the unutilized Net Proceeds
	<i>% of net proceeds (approximately)</i>	<i>HK\$ million</i>	<i>HK\$ million</i>	<i>HK\$ million</i>	
2. Fund the business development for pipeline expansion and technology development, with a focus in oncology assets that have synergy with our current pipeline and promising clinical evidences, and/or technology platforms that can complement our current discovery and development platforms, such as ADC, small molecule targeted therapies, and other advanced new technologies	8%	44.3	0	44.3	On or before December 31, 2025
3. For general working capital purposes and general operation expenses	10%	55.3	29.3	26	On or before December 31, 2025
Total	<u>100%</u>	<u>553.4</u>	<u>110.6</u>	<u>442.8</u>	

For detailed description of the intended use of proceeds and the expected timeline, please refer to the section headed “Future plans and use of proceeds” in the Prospectus and “Reasons for the Change in Use of Net Proceeds” in the 2022 Annual Results Announcement.

The aforesaid expected timeline of full utilization of the Net Proceeds is based on the Directors’ best estimation barring unforeseen circumstances, and is subject to change in light of future development or any unforeseen circumstances.

## INTERIM DIVIDEND

The Board does not recommend the distribution of an interim dividend for the six months ended June 30, 2023.

## **PUBLICATION OF THE INTERIM RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT AND INTERIM REPORT**

This interim results announcement has been published on the websites of the Stock Exchange (<http://www.hkexnews.hk>) and the Company (<http://www.transcenta.com/>).

The 2023 interim report of the Group for the six months ended June 30, 2023 will be published on the aforesaid websites of the Stock Exchange and the Company and will be dispatched to the Company's shareholders in due course.

By order of the Board  
**Transcenta Holding Limited**  
**Xueming Qian**  
*Executive Director and  
Chief Executive Officer*

Hong Kong, August 22, 2023

*As at the date of this announcement, the board of directors of the Company comprises Dr. Xueming Qian as executive Director and chief executive officer, Mr. Xiaolu Weng as executive Director, Dr. Yining Zhao as chairman and non-executive Director, and Mr. Jiasong Tang, Dr. Jun Bao, Mr. Zhihua Zhang and Dr. Kumar Srinivasan as independent non-executive Directors.*