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REGISTRATION STATEMENT  
UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

**Titan Pharmaceuticals, Inc.**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**2836**  
(Primary Standard Industrial  
Classification Code Number)

**94-3171940**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

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**Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public:** As soon as practicable after the effective date of this registration statement.

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, check the following box.

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act of 1933, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

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Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company" and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act of 1934.

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

The information in this preliminary prospectus is not complete and may be changed. These securities may not be sold until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This preliminary prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities, nor does it seek an offer to buy these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted.

PRELIMINARY PROSPECTUS, SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED FEBRUARY 10, 2022



6,004,855 shares of common stock

This prospectus relates to the resale from time to time of up to 6,004,855 shares of our common stock, \$0.001 par value per share, including 5,953,834 issuable upon the exercise of outstanding warrants held by the selling stockholders named herein (the "Selling Stockholders").

The Selling Stockholders may offer the shares of common stock from time to time directly or through underwriters, broker or dealers and in one or more public or private transactions at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, at fixed prices, at negotiated prices, at various prices determined at the time of sale or at prices related to prevailing market prices, as further described herein. If the shares of common stock are sold through underwriters, broker-dealers or agents, the Selling Stockholders or purchasers of the shares will be responsible for underwriting discounts or commissions or agents' commissions. The timing and amount of any sale is within the sole discretion of the Selling Stockholders.

We will not receive any proceeds from the sale of these shares by the Selling Stockholders.

Our common stock is listed on The NASDAQ Capital Market under the symbol "TTNP." On \_\_\_\_\_, 2022, the last reported sale price of our common stock on The Nasdaq Capital Market was \$\_\_ per share.

**Investing in our common stock involves a high degree of risk. Before buying any of our securities, you should carefully read "Risk Factors" on page 4 of this prospectus, and under similar headings in the other documents that are incorporated by reference into this prospectus.**

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

The date of this prospectus is \_\_\_\_\_, 2022

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You should rely only on the information contained in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus. Neither we nor the Selling Stockholders have authorized, and no underwriter is expected to authorize, anyone to provide you with information that is different. This prospectus is not an offer to sell or solicitation of an offer to buy these securities in any circumstances under which the offer or solicitation is unlawful. The Selling Stockholders are offering to sell, and seeking offers to buy, our securities only in jurisdictions where offers and sales are permitted. You should not assume that the information we have included in this prospectus is accurate as of any date other than the date of this prospectus, or that any information we have incorporated by reference is accurate as of any date other than the date of the document incorporated by reference, regardless of the time of delivery of this prospectus or of any of our securities. Our business, financial condition, results of operations, and prospects may have changed since that date.

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

The Titan design logo and the marks "Titan," "Titan Pharmaceuticals," "Probuphine®" and "ProNeura®" are the property of Titan. This prospectus supplement contains additional trade names, trademarks and service marks of ours and of other companies. We do not intend our use or display of other companies' trade names, trademarks or service marks to imply a relationship with, or endorsement or sponsorship of us by, these other companies.

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## SUMMARY

*This summary provides an overview of selected information contained elsewhere or incorporated by reference in this prospectus and does not contain all of the information you should consider before investing in our securities. You should carefully read this prospectus and the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part in their entirety.*

before investing in our securities, including the information discussed under “Risk Factors” and our financial statements and notes thereto that are incorporated by reference in this prospectus. Unless otherwise indicated herein, the terms “Titan,” “we,” “our,” “us,” or “the Company” refer to Titan Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

## **Our Company**

We are a pharmaceutical company developing therapeutics utilizing our proprietary long-term drug delivery platform, ProNeura®, for the treatment of select chronic diseases for which steady state delivery of a drug has the potential to provide an efficacy and/or safety benefit. ProNeura consists of a small, solid implant made from a mixture of ethylene-vinyl acetate, or EVA, and a drug substance. The resulting product is a solid matrix that is designed to be administered subdermally in a brief, outpatient procedure and is removed in a similar manner at the end of the treatment period. These procedures may be performed by trained health care providers, or HCPs, including licensed and surgically qualified physicians, nurse practitioners, and physician’s assistants in a HCP’s office or other clinical setting.

Our first product based on our ProNeura technology was Probuphine® (buprenorphine implant), which is approved in the United States, Canada and the European Union, or EU, for the maintenance treatment of opioid use disorder in clinically stable patients taking 8 mg or less a day of oral buprenorphine. While Probuphine continues to be commercialized in Canada and in the EU (as Sixmo™) by other companies that have either licensed or acquired the rights from Titan, we discontinued commercialization of the product in the U.S. during the fourth quarter of 2020. Discontinuation of our commercial operations has allowed us to focus our limited resources on important product development programs and transition back to a product development company.

### **ProNeura Continuous Drug Delivery Platform**

Our ProNeura continuous drug delivery system consists of a small, solid rod-shaped implant made from a mixture of EVA and a given drug substance. The resulting product is a solid matrix that is placed subdermally, normally in the inside part of the upper arm in a short physician office-based procedure using a local anesthetic and is removed in a similar manner at the end of the treatment period. The drug substance is released continuously through the process of dissolution-controlled diffusion. This results in a continuous, steady rate of release generally similar to intravenous administration. We believe that such long-term, near linear release characteristics are desirable as they avoid the fluctuating peak and trough drug levels seen with oral dosing that often poses treatment problems in a range of diseases.

The ProNeura platform was developed to address the need for a simple, practical method to achieve continuous long-term drug delivery, and, depending on the characteristics of the compound to be delivered, can potentially provide treatment on an outpatient basis over extended periods of up to 12 months. We believe that the benefits of this technology have been demonstrated by the clinical results seen to date with Probuphine, and, in addition, that the development and regulatory process have been affirmed by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, or FDA, the European Medicines Agency, or EMA, and Health Canada approvals of this product. We have further demonstrated the feasibility of the ProNeura platform with small molecules, hormones, and bio-active peptides. The delivery system works with both hydrophobic and hydrophilic molecules. We have also shown the flexibility of the platform by experimenting with the release characteristics of the EVA implants, layering the implants with varying concentrations of drug, and generating implants of different sizes and porosity to achieve a desired delivery profile. We have recently received a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to undertake preliminary work on a long-acting implant capable of delivering dual compounds- an human immunodeficiency virus, or HIV, preventative therapeutic and a contraceptive for women and girls in developing countries.

### **Development Programs**

Several years ago, we began limited non-clinical laboratory experiments in collaboration with JT Pharmaceuticals, Inc., or JT Pharma, to assess the feasibility of delivering JT Pharma’s kappa opioid agonist peptide, or TP-2021, utilizing our ProNeura system. We successfully manufactured a prototype implant containing TP-2021 (TP-2021-ProNeura) to be used in appropriate small animal models. While our initial work focused on TP-2021’s ability to activate peripheral kappa opioid receptors, potentially providing a non-addictive treatment for certain types of pain, in January 2021, our research pivoted to explore the feasibility of using TP-2021 in the treatment of chronic pruritus, a severe and debilitating condition defined as itching of the skin lasting longer than six weeks. According to a 2015 review by Mollanazar, N., et al., an estimated 23 – 44 million Americans suffer from chronic pruritus in the setting of both cutaneous and systemic conditions. Current treatments include antihistamines, corticosteroids, and over-the-counter lotions, all of which are relatively ineffective and/or have undesirable side-effect profiles. The antipruritic effect of kappa opioid agonists is thought to be related to their binding to kappa opioid receptors on keratinocytes, immune cells, and peripheral itch neurons.

In February 2021, we announced that early non-clinical studies of TP-2021 showed very high affinity and specificity for the human kappa opioid receptor and demonstrated potent antipruritic activity when injected subcutaneously in a mouse model for moderate to severe pruritus. TP-2021 ProNeura implants were then formulated and tested in this model. In November 2021, data presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Neuroscience demonstrated that significant reduction in scratching behavior in this proven animal model for pruritus was maintained in mice who received the TP-2021 ProNeura implant through Day 56 post-implantation, when compared with control untreated mice, with no safety issues observed for the implanted animals over the three-month duration of treatment. Subsequently, efficacy in this pruritus model has been extended through Day 84 post-implantation. In addition, the TP-2021 ProNeura implant provided sustained supra-therapeutic plasma levels of the peptide through Day 84 post-implantation in a separate pharmacokinetic study in mice. We believe that subdermal implantation of TP-2021-ProNeura could potentially deliver therapeutic concentrations of TP-2021 in human subjects for up to six months or longer following a single in-office procedure. We will need to conduct Investigational New Drug, or IND, enabling non-clinical safety and pharmacology studies in preparation for regulatory approval to enter human clinical studies.

Pursuant to a research and option license agreement with the Medical University of South Carolina Foundation for Research Development, we are also synthesizing a limited number of new peptides designed, like TP-2021, to bind to peripheral kappa opioid receptors. We will consider further development of any of these newly synthesized compounds that meet the criteria for high-affinity receptor bonding and antipruritic activity to enhance our intellectual property position. We are also assessing the feasibility of non-implant biodegradable depot formulations of these kappa opioid receptor agonist peptides to provide antipruritic activity for shorter (e.g. 1 – 3 months) sustained periods. We have allocated a substantial portion of the proceeds of this offering to fund our kappa opioid agonist peptide program through the IND submission, which we estimate can be accomplished within 18 to 24 months.

### **Nalmefene Development Program**

In September 2019, the National Institute for Drug Addiction, or NIDA, awarded us an approximately \$8.7 million grant over two years for our nalmefene implant development program for the prevention of opioid relapse following detoxification of patients suffering opioid use disorder, or OUD. An injectable formulation of nalmefene was approved by the FDA in 1995 for the management and reversal of opioid overdose, including respiratory depression, but this is no longer marketed in the U.S. Oral nalmefene was approved by the EMA in 2013 for treating alcohol dependence. A nasal formulation of nalmefene is currently in clinical development by another company for the treatment of opioid overdose.

The NIDA grant provides funds for the completion of implant formulation development, cGMP manufacturing and non-clinical studies required for filing an Investigational New Drug application, or IND. In early 2020, following a meeting with the FDA to review our non-clinical development plans and obtain guidance regarding filing an IND, the FDA provided clear guidance on the type of development plan that we should follow. Specifically, that this product development should follow the more expansive 505(b)(1) regulatory pathway rather than the shorter, more streamlined 505(b)(2) regulatory pathway we had been pursuing. Based on this input, we determined that collection of all the requisite non-clinical chronic toxicology data would require an additional six-month rodent chronic toxicity study and a three month increase in the duration of an ongoing six-month non-rodent chronic toxicity study, resulting in a delay of the IND filing. We discussed the change in development plan with NIDA and they accepted our plan to reallocate previously approved funds for conduct of such studies and extended the existing grant term through August 2022. In September 2021, the FDA advised that it was reconsidering the regulatory pathway for the nalmefene implant and could ultimately determine that the 505(b)(2) process is potentially appropriate. We expect to submit the

IND for this program in Q1 2022. If accepted, we would be eligible for the third through fifth year grant funding from NIDA. However, this funding availability is dependent on a progress review at NIDA. Additional funding from external sources for progression of the clinical program will be separately sought but will be dependent on finding a suitable partner.

#### *Other programs*

In October 2021, we received an approximately \$500,000 grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to demonstrate the ability to deliver a combination HIV preventative therapeutic and a contraceptive from a single ProNeura implant for women and adolescent girls in low- and middle-income countries.

In October 2021, we entered into a research and option license agreement, or MUSC Agreement, with the MUSC Foundation for Research Development, or MUSC FRD. Under the terms of the MUSC Agreement, we will conduct certain research, evaluation, proof of concept development and testing of at least three tetrapeptide kappa-opioid receptor agonist compounds related to the provisional U.S. patent application previously assigned to FRD by the Medical University of South Carolina ("MUSC") and entitled "Opioid Agonists and Methods of Use Thereof." In exchange, FRD has granted Titan the option to acquire an exclusive worldwide, commercial license to the inventions related to MUSC's compounds.

#### **Corporate Information**

We were incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware in February 1992. Our principal executive offices are located at 400 Oyster Point Blvd., Suite 505, South San Francisco, CA 94080. Our telephone number is (650) 244-4990. We make our SEC filings available on the Investor Relations page of our website, <http://titanpharm.com/>. Information contained on our website is not part of this prospectus.

### **RISK FACTORS**

*Investing in our securities involves a high degree of risk. You should carefully consider the risks described below and all of the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects could be materially and adversely affected by these risks.*

#### **Risks Related to This Offering**

***You may experience future dilution as a result of future equity offerings and other issuances of our common stock or other securities. In addition, this offering and future equity offerings and other issuances of our common stock or other securities may adversely affect our common stock price.***

In order to raise additional capital, we may in the future offer additional shares of our common stock or other securities convertible into or exchangeable for our common stock at prices that may not be the same as the price per share in this offering. We may not be able to sell shares or other securities in any other offering at a price per share that is equal to or greater than the price per share paid by the investor in this offering, and investors purchasing shares or other securities in the future could have rights superior to existing stockholders. The price per share at which we sell additional shares of our common stock or securities convertible into common stock in future transactions may be higher or lower than the price per share in this offering. You will incur dilution upon exercise of any outstanding stock options, warrants or upon the issuance of shares of common stock under our stock incentive programs. In addition, the sale of shares in this offering and any future sales of a substantial number of shares of our common stock in the public market, or the perception that such sales may occur, could adversely affect the price of our common stock. We cannot predict the effect, if any, that market sales of those shares of common stock or the availability of those shares for sale will have on the market price of our common stock.

***Our share price may be volatile, which could prevent you from being able to sell your shares at or above your purchase price.***

The market price of shares of our common stock has been and may continue to be subject to wide fluctuations in response to many risk factors listed in this section, and others beyond our control, including:

- results of our product development efforts;
- regulatory actions with respect to our products under development or our competitors' products;
- actual or anticipated fluctuations in our financial condition and operating results;
- actual or anticipated fluctuations in our competitors' operating results or growth rate;
- announcements by us, our potential future collaborators or our competitors of significant acquisitions, strategic collaborations, joint ventures, or capital commitments;
- issuance of new or updated research or reports by securities analysts;
- fluctuations in the valuation of companies perceived by investors to be comparable to us;
- inconsistent trading volume levels of our shares;
- additions or departures of key personnel;
- disputes or other developments related to proprietary rights, including patents, litigation matters and our ability to obtain patent protection for our technologies;
- announcement or expectation of additional financing efforts;
- sales of our common stock by us, our insiders or our other stockholders;
- market conditions for biopharmaceutical stocks in general; and
- general economic and market conditions.

The stock markets have experienced extreme price and volume fluctuations that have affected and continue to affect the market prices of equity securities of many companies. These fluctuations often have been unrelated or disproportionate to the operating performance of those companies. These broad market and industry fluctuations, as well as general economic, political and market conditions such as recessions, interest rate changes or international currency fluctuations, may negatively impact the market price of shares of our common stock and could subject us to securities class action litigation.

***If securities or industry analysts do not publish research or publish inaccurate or unfavorable research about our business, our share price and trading volume could decline.***

The trading market for our common stock will depend on the research and reports that securities or industry analysts publish about us or our business. We do not have any control over these analysts. There can be no assurance that analysts will cover us or provide favorable coverage. If one or more of the analysts who cover us downgrade our stock or change their opinion of our stock, our share price would likely decline. If one or more of these analysts cease coverage of our company or fail to regularly publish reports on us, we could lose visibility in the financial markets, which could cause our share price or trading volume to decline.

***Provisions in our corporate charter documents and under Delaware law could make an acquisition of our company, which may be beneficial to our stockholders, more difficult and may prevent attempts by our stockholders to replace or remove our current management.***

Provisions in our certificate of incorporation and our bylaws may discourage, delay or prevent a merger, acquisition or other change in control of our company that stockholders may consider favorable, including transactions in which you might otherwise receive a premium for your shares. These provisions could also limit the price that investors might be willing to pay in the future for shares of our common stock, thereby depressing the market price of our common stock. In addition, because our board of directors is responsible for appointing the members of our management team, these provisions may frustrate or prevent any attempts by our stockholders to replace or remove our current management by making it more difficult for stockholders to replace members of our board of directors. Among other things, these provisions provide that:

- the authorized number of directors can be changed only by resolution of our board of directors;
- our bylaws may be amended or repealed by our board of directors or our stockholders;
- stockholders may not call special meetings of the stockholders or fill vacancies on the board of directors;
- our board of directors is authorized to issue, without stockholder approval, preferred stock, the rights of which will be determined at the discretion of the board of directors and that, if issued, could operate as a “poison pill” to dilute the stock ownership of a potential hostile acquirer to prevent an acquisition that our board of directors does not approve;
- our stockholders do not have cumulative voting rights, and therefore our stockholders holding a majority of the shares of common stock outstanding will be able to elect all of our directors; and
- our stockholders must comply with advance notice provisions to bring business before or nominate directors for election at a stockholder meeting.

***Our failure to meet the continued listing requirements of Nasdaq could result in a de-listing of our common stock.***

During 2020, we received several notices from the Listing Qualifications Department the Nasdaq Stock Market, or Nasdaq, regarding the fact that the market price of our common stock was below the \$1.00 minimum bid price requirement for continued listing. As a result of the reverse stock split we effected on November 30, 2020, we were able to regain compliance with the minimum bid requirement and remain listed on Nasdaq. We have also previously received notices of noncompliance due to our failure to maintain the \$2,500,000 minimum stockholders’ equity requirement for continued listing. We were able to regain compliance with that requirement through capital raises and our discontinuation of the expenses associated with Probuphine commercial operations. There can be no assurance that we will continue to meet all of the criteria necessary for Nasdaq to allow us to remain listed. For example, our share price has recently fallen below the \$1.00 minimum bid price requirement for continued listing.

If our common stock is delisted from Nasdaq, our common stock would likely then trade only in the over-the-counter market. If our common stock were to trade on the over-the-counter market, selling our common stock could be more difficult because smaller quantities of shares would likely be bought and sold, transactions could be delayed, and we could face significant material adverse consequences, including: a limited availability of market quotations for our securities; reduced liquidity with respect to our securities; a determination that our shares are a “penny stock,” which will require brokers trading in our securities to adhere to more stringent rules, possibly resulting in a reduced level of trading activity in the secondary trading market for our securities; a reduced amount of news and analyst coverage for our Company; and a decreased ability to issue additional securities or obtain additional financing in the future. These factors could result in lower prices and larger spreads in the bid and ask prices for our common stock and would substantially impair our ability to raise additional funds and could result in a loss of institutional investor interest and fewer development opportunities for us.

In addition to the foregoing, if our common stock is delisted from Nasdaq and it trades on the over-the-counter market, the application of the “penny stock” rules could adversely affect the market price of our common stock and increase the transaction costs to sell those shares. The Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, has adopted regulations which generally define a “penny stock” as an equity security that has a market price of less than \$5.00 per share, subject to specific exemptions. If our common stock is delisted from Nasdaq and it trades on the over-the-counter market at a price of less than \$5.00 per share, our common stock would be considered a penny stock. The SEC’s penny stock rules require a broker-dealer, before a transaction in a penny stock not otherwise exempt from the rules, to deliver a standardized risk disclosure document that provides information about penny stocks and the risks in the penny stock market. The broker-dealer must also provide the customer with current bid and offer quotations for the penny stock, the compensation of the broker-dealer and the salesperson in the transaction, and monthly account statements showing the market value of each penny stock held in the customer’s account. In addition, the penny stock rules generally require that before a transaction in a penny stock occurs, the broker-dealer must make a special written determination that the penny stock is a suitable investment for the purchaser and receive the purchaser’s agreement to the transaction. If applicable in the future, these rules may restrict the ability of brokers-dealers to sell our common stock and may affect the ability of investors to sell their shares, until our common stock no longer is considered a penny stock.

#### **Risks Related to Our Business and Industry**

***Our ProNeura development programs are at very early stages and will require substantial additional resources that may not be available to us.***

To date, other than our work on Probuphine in OUD, and our work on nalmefene, we have conducted only limited research and development activities assessing our ProNeura delivery system’s applicability in other potential indications. While the nalmefene program is being funded in large part by NIDA, there is no assurance that NIDA will continue to provide the necessary funding to complete the regulatory approval process for this product candidate. We will also require substantial additional funds to advance our kappa opioid agonist program beyond the proof-of-concept stage and to support further research and development activities, including the anticipated costs of nonclinical studies and clinical trials, regulatory approvals, and eventual commercialization of any therapeutic based on our ProNeura platform technology. If we are unable to obtain substantial government grants or enter into third party collaborations to fund our ProNeura programs, we will need to seek additional sources of financing, which may not be available on favorable terms, if at all. If we are unsuccessful in obtaining the requisite funding for our ProNeura programs, we could be forced to discontinue product development. Furthermore, funding arrangements with collaborative partners or others may require us to relinquish rights to technologies, product candidates or products that we would

otherwise seek to develop or commercialize ourselves or license rights to technologies, product candidates or products on terms that are less favorable to us than might otherwise be available.

Our ability to successfully develop any future product candidates based on our ProNeura drug delivery technology is subject to the risks of failure and delay inherent in the development of new pharmaceutical products, including: delays in product development, clinical testing, or manufacturing; unplanned expenditures in product development, clinical testing, or manufacturing; failure to receive regulatory approvals; emergence of superior or equivalent products; inability to manufacture on our own, or through any others, product candidates on a commercial scale; and failure to achieve market acceptance. Because of these risks, our research and development efforts may not result in any commercially viable products and our business, financial condition, and results of operations could be materially harmed.

***Clinical trials required for new product candidates are expensive and time-consuming, and their outcome is uncertain***

Conducting clinical trials is a lengthy, time-consuming, and expensive process. The length of time may vary substantially according to the type, complexity, novelty, and intended use of the product candidate, and often can be several years or more per trial. Delays associated with products for which we are directly conducting clinical trials may cause us to incur additional operating expenses. The commencement and rate of completion of clinical trials may be delayed by many factors, including, for example:

- inability to manufacture sufficient quantities of qualified materials under cGMP for use in clinical trials;
- slower than expected rates of patient recruitment;
- failure to recruit a sufficient number of patients; modification of clinical trial protocols;

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- changes in regulatory requirements for clinical trials;
- the lack of effectiveness during clinical trials;
- the emergence of unforeseen safety issues;
- delays, suspension, or termination of the clinical trials due to the institutional review board responsible for overseeing the study at a particular study site; and
- government or regulatory delays or “clinical holds” requiring suspension or termination of the trials.

The results from early clinical trials are not necessarily predictive of results obtained in later clinical trials. Accordingly, even if we obtain positive results from early clinical trials, we may not achieve the same success in future clinical trials. Clinical trials may not demonstrate statistically significant safety and effectiveness to obtain the requisite regulatory approvals for product candidates. The failure of clinical trials to demonstrate safety and effectiveness for the desired indications could cause us to abandon a product candidate and could delay development of other product candidates. Any delay in, or termination of, our clinical trials could materially harm our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

***We face risks associated with third parties conducting preclinical studies and clinical trials of our products***

We depend on third-party laboratories and medical institutions to conduct preclinical studies and clinical trials for our products and other third-party organizations to perform data collection and analysis, all of which must maintain both good laboratory and good clinical practices. We also depend upon third party manufacturers for the production of any products we may successfully develop to comply with cGMP of the FDA, which are similarly outside our direct control. If third party laboratories and medical institutions conducting studies of our products fail to maintain both good laboratory and clinical practices, the studies could be delayed or have to be repeated.

***We face risks associated with product liability lawsuits that could be brought against us***

The testing, manufacturing, marketing and sale of human therapeutic products entail an inherent risk of product liability claims. We currently have a limited amount of product liability insurance, which may not be sufficient to cover claims that may be made against us in the event that the use or misuse of our product candidates causes, or merely appears to have caused, personal injury or death. In the event we are forced to expend significant funds on defending product liability actions, and in the event those funds come from operating capital, we will be required to reduce our business activities, which could lead to significant losses. Adequate insurance coverage may not be available in the future on acceptable terms, if at all. If available, we may not be able to maintain any such insurance at sufficient levels of coverage and any such insurance may not provide adequate protection against potential liabilities. Whether or not a product liability insurance policy is obtained or maintained in the future, any claims against us, regardless of their merit, could severely harm our financial condition, strain our management and other resources or destroy the prospects for commercialization of the product which is the subject of any such claim.

***We may be unable to protect our patents and proprietary rights***

Our future success will depend to a significant extent on our ability to:

- obtain and keep patent protection for our products, methods and technologies on a domestic and international basis;
- enforce our patents to prevent others from using our inventions;
- maintain and prevent others from using our trade secrets; and
- operate and commercialize products without infringing on the patents or proprietary rights of others.

We cannot assure you that our patent rights will afford any competitive advantages, and these rights may be challenged or circumvented by third parties. Further, patents may not be issued on any of our pending patent applications in the U.S. or abroad. Because of the extensive time required for development, testing and regulatory review of a potential product, it is possible that before a potential product can be commercialized, any related patent may expire or remain in existence for only a short period following commercialization, reducing or eliminating any advantage of the patent. If we sue others for infringing our patents, a court may determine that such patents are invalid or unenforceable. Even if the validity of our patent rights is upheld by a court, a court may not prevent the alleged infringement of our patent rights on the grounds that such activity is not covered by our patent claims.

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In addition, third parties may sue us for infringing their patents. In the event of a successful claim of infringement against us, we may be required to:

- pay substantial damages;
- stop using our technologies and methods;
- stop certain research and development efforts;
- develop non-infringing products or methods; and
- obtain one or more licenses from third parties.

If required, we cannot assure you that we will be able to obtain such licenses on acceptable terms, or at all. If we are sued for infringement, we could encounter substantial delays in development, manufacture and commercialization of our product candidates. Any litigation, whether to enforce our patent rights or to defend against allegations that we infringe third party rights, will be costly, time consuming, and may distract management from other important tasks.

We also rely in our business on trade secrets, know-how and other proprietary information. We seek to protect this information, in part, through the use of confidentiality agreements with employees, consultants, advisors and others. Nonetheless, we cannot assure you that those agreements will provide adequate protection for our trade secrets, know-how or other proprietary information and prevent their unauthorized use or disclosure. To the extent that consultants, key employees or other third parties apply technological information independently developed by them or by others to our proposed products, disputes may arise as to the proprietary rights to such information, which may not be resolved in our favor.

***We must comply with extensive government regulations.***

The research, development, manufacture, labeling, storage, record-keeping, advertising, promotion, import, export, marketing and distribution of pharmaceutical products are subject to an extensive regulatory approval process by the FDA in the U.S. and comparable health authorities in foreign markets. The process of obtaining required regulatory approvals for drugs is lengthy, expensive and uncertain. Approval policies or regulations may change, and the FDA and foreign authorities have substantial discretion in the pharmaceutical approval process, including the ability to delay, limit or deny approval of a product candidate for many reasons. Despite the time and expense invested in clinical development of product candidates, regulatory approval is never guaranteed. Regulatory approval may entail limitations on the indicated usage of a drug, which may reduce the drug's market potential. Even if regulatory clearance is obtained, post-market evaluation of the products, if required, could result in restrictions on a product's marketing or withdrawal of the product from the market, as well as possible civil and criminal sanctions. Of the large number of drugs in development, only a small percentage successfully complete the regulatory approval process and are commercialized.

***We face intense competition.***

With respect to our product development programs, we face competition from numerous companies that currently market, or are developing, products for the treatment of the diseases and disorders we have targeted, many of which have significantly greater research and development capabilities, experience in obtaining regulatory approvals and manufacturing, marketing, financial and managerial resources than we have. We also compete with universities and other research institutions in the development of products, technologies and processes, as well as the recruitment of highly qualified personnel. Our competitors may succeed in developing technologies or products that are more effective than the ones we have under development or that render our proposed products or technologies noncompetitive or obsolete. In addition, our competitors may achieve product commercialization or patent protection earlier than we will.

***We depend on a small number of employees and consultants***

We are highly dependent on the services of a limited number of personnel and the loss of one or more of such individuals could substantially impair our ongoing commercialization efforts. We compete in our hiring efforts with other pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies and it may be difficult and could take an extended period of time because of the limited number of individuals in our industry with the range of skills and experience required and because of our limited resources.

In addition, we retain scientific and clinical advisors and consultants to assist us in all aspects of our business. Competition to hire and retain consultants from a limited pool is intense. Further, because these advisors are not our employees, they may have commitments to, or consulting or advisory contracts with, other entities that may limit their availability to us, and typically they will not enter into non-compete agreements with us. If a conflict of interest arises between their work for us and their work for another entity, we may lose their services. In addition, our advisors may have arrangements with other companies to assist those companies in developing products or technologies that may compete with ours.

***We face potential liability related to the privacy of health information we obtain from clinical trials sponsored by us or our collaborators, from research institutions and our collaborators, and directly from individuals.***

Numerous federal and state laws, including state security breach notification laws, state health information privacy laws, and federal and state consumer protection laws, govern the collection, use, and disclosure of personal information. In addition, most health care providers, including research institutions from which we or our collaborators obtain patient health information, are subject to privacy and security regulations promulgated under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, or HIPAA, as amended by the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act. Although we are not directly subject to HIPAA, we could potentially be subject to criminal penalties if we, our affiliates, or our agents knowingly obtain or disclose individually identifiable health information maintained by a HIPAA-covered entity in a manner that is not authorized or permitted by HIPAA.

***We face risks related to health epidemics, such as the current COVID-19 global pandemic, that could adversely affect our operations or financial results***

The spread of COVID-19, the novel coronavirus, including restrictions on travel, "shelter in place" orders, and quarantine policies put into place by businesses and state and local governments to mitigate its transmission, may have a material adverse effect on our business. While the duration of the pandemic and its potential economic impact are difficult to predict, it already has caused significant disruption in the healthcare industry and is likely to have continuing impacts as it continues. The travel restrictions, "shelter in place" orders, quarantine policies, and general concerns about the spread of COVID-19 was a significant factor in our decision to wind down our commercial operations because of the resulting disruptions in the delivery of healthcare to patients, our sales and marketing efforts and REMS training activities, as well as the operations of the various parts of our supply and distribution chain. The ultimate impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, or any other health epidemic, is highly uncertain and subject to change. We do not yet know the full extent of potential impacts on our business, healthcare systems or the global economy as a whole. As the pandemic continues, it may result in a sustained economic downturn that could affect our ability to access capital on reasonable terms, or at all.

***We are increasingly dependent on information technology systems, infrastructure and data. Cybersecurity breaches could expose us to liability, damage our reputation, compromise our confidential information or otherwise adversely affect our business.***

We are increasingly dependent upon information technology systems, infrastructure and data. Our computer systems may be vulnerable to service interruption or destruction, malicious intrusion and random attack. Security breaches pose a risk that sensitive data, including intellectual property, trade secrets or personal information may be exposed to unauthorized persons or to the public. Cyber-attacks are increasing in their frequency, sophistication and intensity, and have become increasingly difficult to detect. Cyber-attacks could include the deployment of harmful malware, denial-of service, social engineering and other means to affect service reliability and threaten data confidentiality, integrity and availability. Our key business partners face similar risks, and a security breach of their systems could adversely affect our security posture. While we continue to invest in data protection and information technology, there can be no assurance that our efforts will prevent service interruptions, or identify breaches in our systems, that could adversely affect our business and operations and/or result in the loss of critical or sensitive information, which could result in financial, legal, business or reputational harm.

#### **Risks Related to Our Financial Condition and Need for Additional Capital**

##### ***We have incurred net losses in almost every year since our inception and we may never achieve profitability***

We have incurred net losses in almost every year since our inception. Our financial statements have been prepared assuming that we will continue as a going concern. For the nine months ended September 30, 2021 and the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, we had net losses of approximately \$6.2 million, \$18.2 million and \$16.5 million, respectively, and had net cash used in operating activities of approximately \$6.8 million, \$17.2 million and \$15.4 million, respectively. These net losses and negative cash flows have had, and will continue to have, an adverse effect on our stockholders' equity and working capital. We expect to continue to incur net losses and negative operating cash flow for the foreseeable future as we focus on development of ProNeura based products. The amount of future net losses will depend, in part, on the rate of future growth of our expenses and our ability to obtain government or third-party funding for our development programs. We may never achieve profitability.

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##### ***We will require additional proceeds to fund our product development programs***

We currently estimate that our available cash and cash equivalents will be sufficient to fund our working capital needs and product development efforts to the end of the third quarter of 2022. We will require additional funds to advance our kappa opioid agonist program beyond the proof-of-concept stage, and to fund any of our ProNeura development programs into the clinic and to complete the regulatory approval process necessary to commercialize any products we might develop. While we are currently evaluating the alternatives available to us, including government grants and third-party collaborations for one or more of our ProNeura programs, our efforts to address our liquidity requirements may not be successful. There can be no assurance that any source of capital will be available to us on acceptable terms.

##### ***Our net operating losses and research and development tax credits may not be available to reduce future federal and state income tax payments.***

At December 31, 2020, we had federal net operating loss and tax credit carryforwards of approximately \$268.8 million and approximately \$8.0 million, respectively, and state net operating loss and tax credit carryforwards of approximately \$109.7 million and approximately \$9.2 million, respectively, available to offset future taxable income, if any. Current federal and state tax laws include substantial restrictions on the utilization of net operating loss and tax credits in the event of an ownership change and we cannot assure you that our net operating loss and tax carryforwards will continue to be available.

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#### **CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

This prospectus contains "forward-looking statements" that involve substantial risks and uncertainties. All statements other than statements of historical facts contained in this prospectus, including statements regarding our future results of operations and financial position, strategy and plans, and our expectations for future operations, are forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act. We have attempted to identify forward-looking statements by terminology including "anticipates," "believes," "can," "continue," "could," "estimates," "expects," "intends," "may," "plans," "potential," "predicts," "should," or "will" or the negative of these terms or other comparable terminology. Although we do not make forward looking statements unless we believe we have a reasonable basis for doing so, we cannot guarantee their accuracy. Forward-looking statements included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus or our other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC, include, but are not necessarily limited to, those relating to uncertainties relating to:

- our ability to raise capital when needed;
- difficulties or delays in the product development process, including the results of preclinical studies or clinical trials;
- financing and strategic agreements and relationships;
- difficulties or delays in the regulatory approval process;
- adverse side effects or inadequate therapeutic efficacy of our drug candidates that could slow or prevent product development or commercialization;
- dependence on third party suppliers;
- uncertainties relating to manufacturing, sales, marketing and distribution of our drug candidates that may be successfully developed and approved for commercialization;
- the uncertainty of protection for our patents and other intellectual property or trade secrets; and
- competition.

These statements are only predictions and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, including the risks outlined under "Risk Factors" or elsewhere in this prospectus, which may cause our or our industry's actual results, levels of activity, performance or achievements expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements.

Forward-looking statements should not be read as a guarantee of future performance or results, and will not necessarily be accurate indications of the times at, or by which, that performance or those results will be achieved. Forward-looking statements are based on information available at the time they are made and/or management's good faith belief as of that time with respect to future events, and are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual performance or results to differ materially from what is expressed in or suggested by the forward-looking statements.

Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made. You should not put undue reliance on any forward-looking statements. We assume no obligation to update forward-looking statements to reflect actual results, changes in assumptions or changes in other factors affecting forward-looking information, except to the extent required by applicable securities laws. If we do update one or more forward-looking statements, no inference should be drawn that we will make additional updates with respect to those or other forward-looking statements. We caution you not to give undue weight to such projections, assumptions and estimates.

#### **USE OF PROCEEDS**

We will not receive any of the proceeds from the sale of shares of common stock by the Selling Stockholders. However, to the extent that the Private Warrants (as defined herein under "Selling Stockholders") are exercised for cash, we will receive proceeds up to an aggregate of \$5,317,000. We intend to use any cash proceeds received from

exercise of the Private Warrants for working capital and other general corporate purposes.

## DIVIDEND POLICY

We have never declared or paid cash dividends on our common stock. We currently intend to retain all available funds and any future earnings for use in the operation of our business and do not anticipate paying any cash dividends in the foreseeable future. Any future determination to declare cash dividends will be made at the discretion of our board of directors and will depend on our financial condition, results of operations, capital requirements, general business conditions and other factors that our board of directors may deem relevant.

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## SELLING STOCKHOLDERS

On February 2, 2022, we entered into a Securities Purchase Agreement with a single institutional investor (the “Purchaser”) pursuant to which we issued pre-funded warrants to purchase an aggregate of 1,289,796 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$0.001 per share (the “Private Pre-Funded Warrants”) and warrants to purchase an aggregate of 4,664,038 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$1.14 (the “Private Warrants” and together with the Private Pre-Funded Warrants, the “Placement Warrants”). The Private Warrants are exercisable until August 4, 2027.

In February 2022, we issued shares to JT Pharma pursuant to the asset purchase agreement upon the achievement of a clinical milestone.

We agreed to register the shares of common stock issued to JT Pharma and the shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of the Placement Warrants to permit the Selling Stockholders and their respective pledgees, donees, transferees and other successors-in-interest that receive their shares from the Selling Stockholders as a gift, partnership distribution or other non-sale related transfer after the date of this prospectus to resell the shares when and as they deem appropriate in the manner described in the “Plan of Distribution.”

The information set forth in the following table regarding the beneficial ownership after resale of shares of common stock is based upon information provided by the Selling Stockholders and the assumption that the Purchaser will exercise the Placement Warrants in full and sell all of the underlying shares of common stock covered by this prospectus.

Name of Selling Stockholder	Shares of common stock beneficially owned prior to offering	Maximum number of shares of common stock to be sold	Number of shares of common stock owned after offering	Percentage ownership after offering
Armistice Capital Master Fund Ltd.(1)	9,354,076(2)	5,953,834	3,400,242	(2)
JT Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	51,021(3)	51,021	—	*

\* Less than 1%

- (1) The securities are directly held by Armistice Capital Master Fund Ltd. (the “Master Fund”), a Cayman Islands exempted company, and may be deemed to be indirectly beneficially owned by Armistice Capital, LLC (“Armistice”), as the investment manager of the Master Fund; and (ii) Steven Boyd, as the Managing Member of Armistice Capital. Armistice and Steven Boyd disclaim beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of their respective pecuniary interest therein. The address of the Master Fund is c/o Armistice Capital, LLC, 510 Madison Avenue, 7th Floor, New York, NY 10022.
- (2) Includes 2,274,242 shares underlying registered pre-funded warrants, the shares underlying the Placement Warrants being registered for resale hereby and 50,000 underlying other warrants. The warrants are each subject to certain beneficial ownership limitations that prohibit the Master Fund from exercising any portion thereof if, following the exercise, the Master Fund’s ownership of our common stock would exceed the relevant warrant’s ownership limitation.
- (3) Does not include shares held by James McNab, a member of our board. Mr. McNab is a principal of JT Pharma and has voting and dispositive power with respect to these shares.

## PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

The Selling Stockholders will act independently of our company in making their decisions with respect to the timing, manner and size of any sales. The Selling Stockholders and any of their respective pledgees, donees, transferees or other successors-in-interest may, from time to time, sell any or all of the shares of common stock beneficially owned by them and offered hereby directly or through one or more broker-dealers or agents. The Selling Stockholders will be responsible for commissions charged by such broker-dealers or agents. Such shares of common stock may be sold in one or more transactions at fixed prices, at prevailing market prices at the time of the sale, at varying prices determined at the time of sale, or at negotiated prices.

Each Selling Stockholder may use any one or more of the following methods when selling shares:

- through underwriters, brokers or dealers (who may act as agent or principal and who may receive compensation in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions from the Selling Stockholder, the purchaser or such other persons who may be effecting such sales) for resale to the public or to institutional investors at various times;
- through negotiated transactions, including, but not limited to, block trades in which the broker or dealer so engaged will attempt to sell the shares as agent but may position and resell a portion of the block as principal to facilitate the transaction;
- through purchases by a broker or dealer as principal and resale by that broker or dealer for its account;

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- on any national securities exchange or quotation service on which the shares may be listed or quoted at the time of sale at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, at prices related to such prevailing market prices, or at negotiated prices;
- in private transactions other than exchange or quotation service transactions;

- short sales, purchases or sales of put, call or other types of options, forward delivery contracts, swaps, offerings of structured equity-linked securities or other derivative transactions or securities;
- transactions with a broker-dealer or its affiliate, whereby the broker-dealer or its affiliate will engage in short sales of shares and may use shares to close out its short position;
- options or other types of transactions that require the delivery of shares to a broker-dealer or an affiliate thereof, who will then resell or transfer the shares;
- loans or pledges of shares to a broker-dealer or an affiliate, who may sell the loaned shares or, in an event of default in the case of a pledge, sell the pledged shares;
- through offerings of securities exercisable, convertible or exchangeable for shares, including, without limitation, securities issued by trusts, investment companies or other entities;
- offerings directly to one or more purchasers, including institutional investors;
- through ordinary brokerage transactions and transactions in which a broker solicits purchasers;
- through distribution to the security holders of the Selling Stockholder;
- through a combination of any such methods of sale; or
- through any other method permitted under applicable law.

Additionally, the Selling Stockholders may resell all or a portion of its shares in open market transactions in reliance upon Rule 144 under the Securities Act, provided that it meets the criteria and conforms to the requirements of Rule 144.

The Selling Stockholders may be deemed to be statutory underwriters under the Securities Act. In addition, any other broker-dealers who act in connection with the sale of the shares hereunder may be deemed to be “underwriters” within the meaning of Section 2(11) of the Securities Act, and any commissions received by them and profit on any resale of the shares as principal may be deemed to be underwriting discounts and commissions under the Securities Act. Any other broker-dealers engaged by the Selling Stockholders may arrange for other brokers-dealers to participate in sales. Such broker-dealers and any other participating broker-dealers may, in connection with such sales, be deemed to be underwriters within the meaning of the Securities Act. If the Selling Stockholders effect such transactions through underwriters, broker-dealers or agents, such underwriters, broker-dealers or agents may receive commissions in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions from such Selling Stockholders or commissions from purchasers of the shares of common stock for whom they may act as agent or to whom they may sell as principal, or both (which discounts, concessions or commissions as to particular underwriters, broker-dealers or agents may be less than or in excess of those customary in the types of transactions involved). Any discounts or commissions received by any such broker-dealers may be deemed to be underwriting discounts and commissions under the Securities Act.

There can be no assurance that the Selling Stockholders will sell any or all of the shares of common stock registered pursuant to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part.

We are not aware of any plans, arrangements or understandings between the Selling Stockholders and any other underwriter, broker-dealer or agent regarding the sale of shares of common stock by the Selling Stockholders.

We will pay all expenses incident to the filing of this registration statement. These expenses include accounting and legal fees in connection with the preparation of the registration statement of which this prospectus form a part, legal and other fees in connection with the qualification of the sale of the shares under the laws of certain states (if any), registration and filing fees and other expenses.

## EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

### Summary Compensation Table

The following table shows information concerning the annual compensation for services provided to us by our named executive officers for the last two fiscal years:

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Options Awards (\$ (1))	Stock Awards (\$ (1))	All other Compensation (\$)	Total Compensation (\$)
Marc Rubin, M.D.(2) Executive Chairman	2021	\$ 390,244	\$ —	\$ 494,003	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 884,247
	2020	\$ 250,521	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 250,521
Sunil Bhonsle (2)(3) Former Chief Executive Officer, President and Principal Financial Officer	2021	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 32,934	\$ —	\$ 20,800 (5)	\$ 53,734
	2020	\$ 239,063	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 65,385 (4)	\$ 304,448
Katherine Beebe DeVarney, Ph.D. (3) Executive Vice President and Chief Scientific Officer	2021	\$ 383,641	\$ —	\$ 494,003	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 877,644
	2020	\$ 365,000	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 365,000
Dane Hallberg (6) Former Executive Vice President and Chief Commercial Officer	2021	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
	2020	\$ 124,856	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 175,000 (7)	\$ 299,856

- (1) Amounts shown represent the grant date fair value computed in accordance with FASB ASC 718.  
(2) Beginning in January 2020, our Chief Executive Officer and our Executive Chairman agreed to a 50% reduction in their base salaries through June 30, 2020.  
(3) In October 2020, Mr. Bhonsle retired as an executive and Dr. Beebe DeVarney assumed the roles of President and Chief Operating Officer.  
(4) Amounts shown represent the payment of accrued vacation at time of retirement.  
(5) Amounts shown represent payments for consulting services.  
(6) Mr. Hallberg's employment terminated in April 2020.  
(7) Amounts shown represent severance payments.

### Outstanding Equity Awards At Fiscal Year-End

The following table summarizes the number of securities underlying outstanding plan awards for each named executive officer as of December 31, 2021.

Name	Option Awards		Exercise Price (\$)	Expiration Date
	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Awards (#) Exercisable	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Awards (#) Unexercisable		
Marc Rubin, M.D.	253	—	1,137.60	1/3/2022
	203	—	594.00	3/16/2025
	506	—	918.00	12/14/2025
	440	—	918.00	02/02/2026
	390	—	702.00	02/13/2027
	946	—	174.60	03/07/2028
	2,779	—	52.50	4/2/2029
	91,667	58,333	4.02	02/10/2031
Sunil Bhonsle	304	—	1,137.60	1/3/2022
	243	—	594.00	3/16/2025
	506	—	918.00	12/14/2025
	496	—	918.00	2/2/2026
	445	—	702.00	02/13/2027
	945	—	174.60	03/7/2028
	2,778	—	52.50	4/2/2029
	—	10,000	4.02	02/10/2031
Katherine Beebe DeVarney, Ph.D.	152	—	46.58	1/3/2022
	142	—	594.00	3/16/2025
	223	—	46.58	12/14/2025
	223	—	46.58	2/13/2027
	945	—	174.00	3/7/2028
	91,667	58,333	4.02	02/10/2031

In February 2021, Dr. Rubin and Dr. Beebe DeVarney were each granted options to purchase 150,000 shares of common stock. The options vest over 24 months with 50% of the awarded options vesting on the six-month anniversary of the Grant Date with the remaining balance vesting over the remaining eighteen months.

There were no options exercised by our named executive officers during 2021.

#### Pension Benefits

We do not sponsor any qualified or non-qualified defined benefit plans.

#### Nonqualified Deferred Compensation

We do not maintain any non-qualified defined contribution or deferred compensation plans. The Compensation Committee, which is comprised solely of "outside directors" as defined for purposes of Section 162(m) of the Code, may elect to provide our officers and other employees with non-qualified defined contribution or deferred compensation benefits if the Compensation Committee determines that doing so is in our best interests. We sponsor a tax qualified defined contribution 401(k) plan in which Dr. Rubin and Mr. Bhonsle participated.

#### Employment Agreements

In April 2019, we entered into employment agreements with Dr. Rubin and Mr. Bhonsle providing for base annual salaries of \$325,000 and 425,000, respectively. The employment agreements contain the following terms:

- Bonuses. The executive may, at the sole discretion of the board of directors or the compensation committee, be considered for an annual bonus of up to 50% of his then base salary, payable in cash or awards under our equity incentive plan.
- Term; Termination. The Employment Agreements have a 24 month term expiring on April 1, 2021 but may be terminated by us for any reason at any time. In the event of termination by us without cause or by the executive for good reason not in connection with a change of control, as those terms are defined in such agreements, the executive is entitled to (i) severance for the greater of 12 months or the balance of the term, (ii) a pro rata portion of any annual bonus, (iii) 12 months of COBRA payments, and (iv) the immediate accelerated vesting of any unvested restricted shares and stock options. In the event such a termination is within 30 days prior to or six months following a change of control, the executive is entitled to an additional six months of COBRA payments.
- Restrictive Covenants. The Employment Agreements contain one-year post-termination noncompetition and non-solicitation provisions.
- Clawback. The Employment Agreements contain a two-year post-termination clawback of benefits provision in the event of a restatement of financial results upon which such benefits were based.

In November 2018, we entered into an employment agreement with Dr. Beebe DeVarney providing for a base annual salary of \$365,000. The employment agreement contains the following terms:

- **Bonuses.** The executive may, at the sole discretion of the board of directors or the compensation committee, be considered for an annual bonus of up to 50% of her then base salary, payable in cash or awards under our equity incentive plan.
- **Term; Termination.** The Employment Agreement may be terminated by us for any reason at any time. In the event of termination by us without cause or by the executive for good reason or in connection with a change of control, as those terms are defined in such agreements, the executive is entitled to (i) severance for 12 months following the termination date, (ii) a pro rata portion of any annual bonus, (iii) 12 months of COBRA payments, and (iv) the immediate accelerated vesting of any unvested restricted shares and stock options.
- **Restrictive Covenants.** The Employment Agreement contains six-month post-termination noncompetition and non-solicitation provisions.

In October 2020, Mr. Bhonsle retired. In February 2021, Dr. Rubin's and Dr. Beebe DeVarney's employment agreements were amended to provide for annual salaries of \$395,000 and \$385,000, respectively, and the term of Dr. Rubin's agreement was extended to September 30, 2021. In October 2021, Dr. Rubin's agreement was further extended to December 31, 2022. All other agreement terms remain substantially the same.

In September 2018, we entered into an employment agreement with Mr. Hallberg providing for a base annual salary of \$350,000. Mr. Hallberg's employment terminated in April 2020 and he received \$175,000 related to severance compensation.

### Director Compensation

#### Summary of Director Compensation

The following table summarizes compensation that our non-employee directors earned during 2021 for services as members of our Board.

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash (\$)	Stock Awards (\$)	Options Awards (\$)(1)	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation (\$)	Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Earnings (\$)	All Other Compensation (\$)	Total (\$)
Joseph A. Akers (2)	\$ 62,500	\$ —	\$ 82,334	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 144,834
M. David MacFarlane, Ph.D. (3)	\$ 62,500	\$ —	\$ 82,334	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 144,834
James R. McNab, Jr. (4)	\$ 62,500	\$ —	\$ 82,334	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 144,834

(1) Amounts shown represent the grant date fair value computed in accordance with FASB ASC 718.

(2) The aggregate number of option awards held at December 31, 2021 was 25,207.

(3) The aggregate number of option awards held at December 31, 2021 was 25,251.

(4) The aggregate number of option awards held at December 31, 2021 was 25,207.

In February 2021, Mr. Akers, Dr. MacFarlane and Mr. McNab were each granted options to purchase 25,000 shares of common stock. The options vested in full on the six-month anniversary of the Grant Date.

#### Certain Relationships and Related Transactions.

There were no related party transactions required to be reported during the last two fiscal years

#### Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation

During the last fiscal year, our compensation committee was comprised of Joseph A. Akers, M, David MacFarlane and James McNab, each of whom met the independence requirements and standards of Nasdaq, and there were no compensation committee interlocks.

#### Principal Accounting Fees and Services.

Aggregate fees billed by WithumSmith+Brown, formerly OUM & Co. LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, during the last two fiscal years were as follows:

	2021	2020
Audit Fees	\$ 297,850	\$ 385,546
Audit-Related Fees	—	—
Tax Fees	48,850	47,560
Total	\$ 346,700	\$ 433,106

### LEGAL MATTERS

The validity of the shares of common stock offered hereby will be passed upon for us by Loeb & Loeb LLP, New York, New York.

### EXPERTS

The financial statements as of and for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019 incorporated by reference in this prospectus constituting a part of the registration statement on Form S-1 have been so incorporated in reliance on the report of OUM & Co. LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, incorporated herein by reference, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

### WHERE YOU CAN FIND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

We have filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission a registration statement on Form S-1 under the Securities Act with respect to the securities offered by this

prospectus. This prospectus, which is part of the registration statement, omits certain information, exhibits, schedules and undertakings set forth in the registration statement. For further information pertaining to us and the securities offered hereby, reference is made to the registration statement and the exhibits and schedules to the registration statement. Statements contained in this prospectus as to the contents or provisions of any documents referred to in this prospectus are not necessarily complete, and in each instance where a copy of the document has been filed as an exhibit to the registration statement, reference is made to the exhibit for a more complete description of the matters involved.

You may read and copy all or any portion of the registration statement without charge at the public reference room of the Securities and Exchange Commission at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Copies of the registration statement may be obtained from the Securities and Exchange Commission at prescribed rates from the public reference room of the Securities and Exchange Commission at such address. You may obtain information regarding the operation of the public reference room by calling 1-800-SEC-0330. In addition, registration statements and certain other filings made with the Securities and Exchange Commission electronically are publicly available through the Securities and Exchange Commission's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). The registration statement, including all exhibits and amendments to the registration statement, has been filed electronically with the Securities and Exchange Commission. You may also read all or any portion of the registration statement and certain other filings made with the Securities and Exchange Commission on our website at [www.heatbio.com](http://www.heatbio.com). The information contained in, and that can be accessed through, our website is not incorporated into and is not part of this prospectus.

We are subject to the information and periodic reporting requirements of the Exchange Act and, accordingly, are required to file annual reports containing financial statements audited by an independent public accounting firm, quarterly reports containing unaudited financial data, current reports, proxy statements and other information with the Securities and Exchange Commission. You will be able to inspect and copy such periodic reports, proxy statements and other information at the Securities and Exchange Commission's public reference room, the website of the Securities and Exchange Commission referred to above, and our website at [www.titanpharm.com](http://www.titanpharm.com). Except for the specific incorporated reports and documents listed above, no information available on or through our website shall be deemed to be incorporated in this prospectus or the registration statement of which it forms a part.

## INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows us to "incorporate by reference" into this prospectus the information we file with it, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. The information we incorporate by reference is an important part of this prospectus, and later information that we file with the SEC will automatically update and supersede some of this information. We incorporate by reference the documents listed below and any future filings we make with the SEC under Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, including filings made after the date of the initial registration statement, until we sell all of the shares covered by this prospectus or the sale of shares by us pursuant to this prospectus is terminated. In no event, however, will any of the information that we furnish to, pursuant to Item 2.02 or Item 7.01 of any Current Report on Form 8-K (including exhibits related thereto) or other applicable SEC rules, rather than file with, the SEC be incorporated by reference or otherwise be included herein, unless such information is expressly incorporated herein by a reference in such furnished Current Report on Form 8-K or other furnished document. The documents we incorporate by reference are:

- [our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2020, filed with the SEC on March 31, 2021;](#)
- [our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2021, filed with the SEC on May 17, 2021;](#)
- [our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 2021, filed with the SEC on August 16, 2021;](#)
- [our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2021, filed with the SEC on November 15, 2021;](#)
- [our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January 8, 2021, January 19, 2021, February 4, 2021, July 26, 2021; October 26, 2021, October 28, 2021, November 9, 2021 December 14, 2021, December 22, 2021, December 29, 2021, January 3, 2022 and February 3, 2022;](#)
- [our Definitive Proxy Statement filed with the SEC on November 5, 2021;](#)
- [our Additional Definitive Proxy Materials filed with the SEC on November 22, 2021, December 14, 2021, December 22, 2021 and December 29, 2021;](#) and
- [the description of our common stock contained in our registration statement on Form 8-A \(File No. 001-13341\) filed under the Exchange Act on October 8, 2015 including any amendment or reports filed for the purpose of updating such descriptions.](#)

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

We will provide each person to whom a prospectus is delivered a copy of all of the information that has been incorporated by reference in this prospectus but not delivered with the prospectus. You may obtain copies of these filings, at no cost, through the "Investor Relations" section of our website ([www.titanpharm.com](http://www.titanpharm.com)) and you may request a copy of these filings (other than an exhibit to any filing unless we have specifically incorporated that exhibit by reference into the filing), at no cost, by writing or telephoning us at the following address:

400 Oyster Point Boulevard, Suite 505  
South San Francisco, CA 94080  
(650) 244-4990

Information on, or that can be accessed through, our website is not incorporated into this prospectus or other securities filings and is not a part of these filings.

## PART II - INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

### Item 13. Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution

We estimate that expenses in connection with the distribution described in this registration statement (other than fees and commissions charged by the underwriters) will be as set forth below. We will pay all of the expenses with respect to the distribution, and such amounts, with the exception of the SEC registration fee and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc., or FINRA, filing fee, are estimates.

SEC registration fee	679
Legal fees and expenses	
Accounting fees and expenses	
Printing expenses	
Other (including transfer agent and registrar fees)	
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$</u>

#### Item 14. Indemnification of Directors and Officers

Subsection (a) of Section 145 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, or DGCL, empowers a corporation to indemnify any person who was or is a party or who is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the corporation) by reason of the fact that the person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if the person acted in good faith and in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe the person's conduct was unlawful.

Subsection (b) of Section 145 empowers a corporation to indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the corporation to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that the person acted in any of the capacities set forth above, against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit if the person acted in good faith and in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, except that no indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable to the corporation unless and only to the extent that the Court of Chancery or the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which the Court of Chancery or such other court shall deem proper.

Section 145 further provides that to the extent a director or officer of a corporation has been successful on the merits or otherwise in the defense of any action, suit or proceeding referred to in subsections (a) and (b) of Section 145, or in defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, such person shall be indemnified against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection therewith; that indemnification provided for by Section 145 shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which the indemnified party may be entitled; and the indemnification provided for by Section 145 shall, unless otherwise provided when authorized or ratified, continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director, officer, employee or agent and shall inure to the benefit of such person's heirs, executors and administrators. Section 145 also empowers the corporation to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against any liability asserted against such person and incurred by such person in any such capacity, or arising out of his status as such, whether or not the corporation would have the power to indemnify such person against such liabilities under Section 145.

Section 102(b)(7) of the DGCL provides that a corporation's certificate of incorporation may contain a provision eliminating or limiting the personal liability of a director to the corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, provided that such provision shall not eliminate or limit the liability of a director (i) for any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the corporation or its stockholders, (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (iii) under Section 174 of the DGCL, or (iv) for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit.

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Our certificate of incorporation and our bylaws provide that we will indemnify our directors and officers to the fullest extent permitted by the DGCL, which prohibits our certificate of incorporation from limiting the liability of our directors for the following:

- any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to us or our stockholders;
- acts or omissions not in good faith or that involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law;
- unlawful payment of dividends or unlawful stock repurchases or redemptions; or
- any transaction from which the director derived an improper benefit.

Our certificate of incorporation provides for indemnification of our directors and executive officers to the maximum extent permitted by the DGCL, and our bylaws provide for indemnification of our directors and executive officers to the maximum extent permitted by the DGCL.

We have entered into indemnification agreements with each of our current directors. These agreements will require us to indemnify these individuals to the fullest extent permitted under Delaware law against liabilities that may arise by reason of their service to us and to advance expenses incurred as a result of any proceeding against them as to which they could be indemnified. We also intend to enter into indemnification agreements with our future directors and executive officers.

In any underwriting agreement we enter into in connection with the sale of common stock and pre-funded warrants being registered hereby, the underwriters will agree to indemnify, under certain conditions, us, our directors, our officers and persons who control us, within the meaning of the Securities Act, against certain liabilities.

#### Item 15. Recent Sales of Unregistered Securities

The following information sets forth certain information with respect to all unregistered securities which we have sold during the last three years:

In June 2019, we issued 14,943 shares of our common stock to L. Molteni & C. Dei Fratelli Alitti Società Di Esercizio S.P.A. upon the conversion of a convertible loan at conversion price of \$45.00 per share.

In August 2019, in connection with a concurrent registered direct offering to a single institutional investor, we issued warrants to purchase 95,078 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$32.10 per share, which warrants are exercisable for a period of five years commencing February 9, 2020. Maxim Group LLC acted as the placement agent in connection with the offering and received a cash fee of 7.0% of the gross proceeds paid to us and reimbursement of certain out-of-pocket expenses.

In January 2020, in connection with a concurrent registered direct offering to a few institutional investors, we issued warrants to purchase 290,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$7.50 per share, which warrants are exercisable for a period of five years commencing September 18, 2020. Maxim Group LLC acted as the placement agent in connection with the offering and received a cash fee of 7.0% of the gross proceeds paid to us and reimbursement of certain out-of-pocket expenses.

In January 2021, in connection with a concurrent registered direct offering to a few institutional investors, we issued warrants to purchase 2,725,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$3.55 per share, which warrants are exercisable for a period of five and one-half years commencing January 20, 2021. Maxim Group LLC acted as the

placement agent in connection with the offering and received a cash fee of 7.0% of the gross proceeds paid to us and reimbursement of certain out-of-pocket expenses.

In February 2022, in connection with a concurrent registered direct offering to a single institutional investor, we (i) sold 1,289,796 pre-funded warrants at a price of \$1.179, each exercisable to purchase one share of common stock at an exercise price of \$0.001 per share and (ii) issued warrants to purchase 4,664,038 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$1.14 per share, which warrants are exercisable for a period of five and one-half years commencing February 4, 2022. Maxim Group LLC acted as the placement agent in connection with the offering and received a cash fee of 7.0% of the gross proceeds paid to us and reimbursement of certain out-of-pocket expenses.

The offers, sales and issuances of the securities described above were exempt from registration under the Securities Act by virtue of Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act.

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## Item 16. Exhibits

No.	Description
<a href="#">3.1.1</a>	<a href="#">Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Registrant, as amended<sup>(2)</sup></a>
<a href="#">3.1.2</a>	<a href="#">Certificate of Amendment to the Restated Certificate of Incorporation dated September 24, 2015<sup>(4)</sup></a>
<a href="#">3.1.3</a>	<a href="#">Certificate of Amendment to the Restated Certificate of Incorporation dated January 23, 2019<sup>(10)</sup></a>
<a href="#">3.1.4</a>	<a href="#">Certificate of Amendment to the Restated Certificate of Incorporation dated November 30, 2020<sup>(20)</sup></a>
<a href="#">3.2</a>	<a href="#">By-laws of the Registrant<sup>(1)</sup></a>
<a href="#">3.3</a>	<a href="#">Amendment to the By-laws of the Registrant dated December 29, 2021<sup>(23)</sup></a>
<a href="#">4.1</a>	<a href="#">Form of Lender Warrant<sup>(6)</sup></a>
<a href="#">4.2</a>	<a href="#">Form of Rights Agreement Warrant<sup>(7)</sup></a>
<a href="#">4.3</a>	<a href="#">Warrant Agency Agreement between Titan Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and Continental Stock Transfer &amp; Trust Company and Form of Offering Warrant<sup>(9)</sup></a>
<a href="#">4.4</a>	<a href="#">Representative's Purchase Warrant<sup>(9)</sup></a>
<a href="#">4.5</a>	<a href="#">Form of August 2019 Private Placement Warrant<sup>(11)</sup></a>
<a href="#">4.6</a>	<a href="#">Class B Warrant Agency Agreement dated October 16, 2019 between Titan Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and Maxim Group LLC Form of January 2020 Private Placement Warrant<sup>(12)</sup></a>
<a href="#">4.7</a>	<a href="#">Form of January 2020 Private Placement Warrant<sup>(13)</sup></a>
<a href="#">4.8</a>	<a href="#">Form of March 3, 2020 Warrant Amendment Agreement<sup>(16)</sup></a>
<a href="#">4.9</a>	<a href="#">Description of the Registrant's Common Stock<sup>(15)</sup></a>
<a href="#">4.10</a>	<a href="#">Warrant Agency Agreement between Titan Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and Continental Stock Transfer &amp; Trust Company and Form of Warrant<sup>(18)</sup></a>
<a href="#">4.11</a>	<a href="#">Form of January 2021 Private Placement Warrant<sup>(21)</sup></a>
<a href="#">4.12</a>	<a href="#">Form of February 2022 Registered Pre-Funded Warrant<sup>(24)</sup></a>
<a href="#">4.13</a>	<a href="#">Form of February 2022 Private Pre-Funded Warrant<sup>(24)</sup></a>
<a href="#">4.14</a>	<a href="#">Form of February 2022 Placement Warrant<sup>(24)</sup></a>
<a href="#">5.1</a>	Opinion of Loeb & Loeb LLP*
<a href="#">10.1</a>	<a href="#">Titan Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Third Amended and Restated 2015 Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan<sup>(10)</sup></a>
<a href="#">10.2</a>	<a href="#">Employment Agreement between the Registrant and Marc Rubir<sup>(5)</sup></a>
<a href="#">10.3 ±</a>	<a href="#">Distribution and Sublicense Agreement dated February 1, 2016 as amended by agreement dated August 2, 2018 between Titan Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and Knight Therapeutics Inc.<sup>(8)</sup></a>
<a href="#">10.4</a>	<a href="#">Amendment to lease for Registrant's facility dated March 21, 2016<sup>(8)</sup></a>
<a href="#">10.5</a>	<a href="#">Employment Agreement between the Registrant and Katherine Beebe DeVarney<sup>(14)</sup></a>

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<a href="#">10.6</a>	<a href="#">Debt Settlement and Release Agreement by and between Titan Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Horizon Technology Finance Corporation and L. Molteni &amp; C. Dei Frattelli Alitti Società Di Esercizio S.P.A.<sup>(17)</sup></a>
<a href="#">10.7 ±±</a>	<a href="#">Asset Purchase Agreement dated October 27, 2020 between Titan Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and JT Pharmaceuticals, Inc.<sup>(19)</sup></a>
<a href="#">10.8</a>	<a href="#">Placement Agency Agreement dated January 15, 2021, by and between Titan Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and Maxim Group LLC<sup>(21)</sup></a>
<a href="#">10.9</a>	<a href="#">Amendment to Employment Agreement between the Registrant and Marc Rubir<sup>(22)</sup></a>
<a href="#">10.10</a>	<a href="#">Form of February 2022 Securities Purchase Agreement<sup>(24)</sup></a>
<a href="#">10.11</a>	<a href="#">Placement Agency Agreement dated February 2, 2022, by and between Titan Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and Maxim Group LLC<sup>(24)</sup></a>
<a href="#">14.1</a>	<a href="#">Code of Business Conduct and Ethics<sup>(3)</sup></a>
<a href="#">23.1</a>	Consent of OUM & Co., LLP, Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm
<a href="#">23.2</a>	Consent of Loeb & Loeb LLP (contained in Exhibit 5.1)*
<a href="#">24.1</a>	<a href="#">Power of Attorney (included on the signature page of this Registration Statement)</a>
<a href="#">107</a>	<a href="#">Filing Fee Table</a>

\* To be filed by amendment.

± Confidential treatment has been granted as to certain portions of this exhibit.

±± Certain information has been omitted from this exhibit in reliance upon Item 601(b)(10) of Regulation S-K.

(1) Incorporated by reference from the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-221126).

(2) Incorporated by reference from the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form 10 filed on January 14, 2010.

(3) Incorporated by reference from the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013.

(4) Incorporated by reference from the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on September 28, 2015.

(5) Incorporated by reference from the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on April 3, 2019.

(6) Incorporated by reference from the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on July 27, 2017.

(7) Incorporated by reference from the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on March 26, 2018.

(8) Incorporated by reference from the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 2018.

- (9) Incorporated by reference from the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated September 25, 2018.
- (10) Incorporated by reference from the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated January 25, 2019.
- (11) Incorporated by reference from the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated August 8, 2019.
- (12) Incorporated by reference from the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated October 18, 2019.
- (13) Incorporated by reference from the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated January 7, 2020.
- (14) Incorporated by reference from the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K dated April 1, 2019.
- (15) Incorporated by reference from the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K dated March 30, 2020.
- (16) Incorporated by reference from the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 2020.
- (17) Incorporated by reference from the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated October 26, 2020.
- (18) Incorporated by reference from the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1/A dated October 27, 2020.
- (19) Incorporated by reference from the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2020.
- (20) Incorporated by reference from the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated December 1, 2020.
- (21) Incorporated by reference from the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated January 19, 2021.
- (22) Incorporated by reference from the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated October 28, 2021.
- (23) Incorporated by reference from the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated December 29, 2021.
- (24) Incorporated by reference from the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K dated February 3, 2022.

## ITEM 17. UNDERTAKINGS

(a) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Securities Act");

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than 20% change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement.

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

Provided, however, that Paragraphs (a)(1)(i), (ii), and (iii) of this section do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the registrant pursuant to section 13 or section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(4) That, for the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act to any purchaser: If the registrant is subject to Rule 430C (§230.430C of this chapter), each prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) as part of a registration statement relating to an offering, other than registration statements relying on Rule 430B or other than prospectuses filed in reliance on Rule 430A (§230.430A of this chapter), shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the date it is first used after effectiveness. Provided, however, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such first use, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such date of first use.

(5) That, for the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act to any purchaser in the initial distribution of the securities, the undersigned registrant undertakes that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned registrant pursuant to this registration statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the undersigned registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to such purchaser:

(i) Any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424 (§230.424 of this chapter);

(ii) Any free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant or used or referred to by the undersigned registrant;

(iii) The portion of any other free writing prospectus relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant; and

(iv) Any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned registrant to the purchaser.

(b) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to section 13(a) or section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(c) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes to supplement the prospectus, after the expiration of the subscription period, to set forth the results of the subscription offer, the transactions by the underwriters during the subscription period, the amount of unsubscribed securities to be purchased by the underwriters, and the terms of any subsequent reoffering thereof. If any public offering by the underwriters is to be made on terms differing from those set forth on the cover page of the prospectus, a post-effective amendment will be filed to set forth the terms of such offering.

(d) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Company pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

(e) For the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, the registrant will treat the information omitted from the form of prospectus filed as part of this registration statement in reliance upon Rule 430A and contained in a form of prospectus filed by the registrant under Rule 424(b)(1), or (4), or 497(h) under the Securities Act as part of this registration statement as of the time the Commission declared it effective.

(f) For the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each post-effective amendment that contains a form of prospectus shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this Registration Statement on Form S-1 or amendment thereto to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of South San Francisco, State of California, this February 9, 2022.

TITAN PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

By: /s/ Kate Beebe DeVarney, Ph.D.

Name: Kate Beebe DeVarney, Ph.D.

Title: President and Chief Operating Officer

### POWER OF ATTORNEY

We the undersigned officers and directors of Titan Pharmaceuticals, Inc., hereby severally constitute and appoint Kate Beebe DeVarney, Ph.D. and Marc Rubin, M.D., and each of them singly, our true and lawful attorneys with full power to any of them, and to each of them singly, to sign for us and in our names in the capacities indicated below the registration statement on Form S-1 filed herewith and any and all pre-effective and post-effective amendments to said registration statement and any subsequent registration statement filed pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and to file the same with all exhibits thereto, and the other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and generally to do all such things in our name and behalf in our capacities as officers and directors to enable Titan Pharmaceuticals, Inc. to comply with the provisions of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and all requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission, hereby ratifying and confirming our signatures as they may be signed by our said attorneys, or any of them, to said registration statement and any and all amendments thereto.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act 1933, as amended, this report has been signed by the following persons on behalf of the Registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

<b>Signature</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date</b>
<u>/s/ Marc Rubin, M.D.</u> Marc Rubin, M.D.	Executive Chairman (principal executive officer and principal financial officer)	February 9, 2022
<u>/s/ Kate Beebe DeVarney, Ph.D.</u> Kate Beebe DeVarney, Ph.D.	President, Chief Operating Officer and Director	February 9, 2022
<u>/s/ Joseph A. Akers</u> Joseph A. Akers	Director	February 9, 2022
<u>/s/ M. David MacFarlane, Ph.D.</u> M. David MacFarlane, Ph.D.	Director	February 9, 2022
<u>/s/James R. McNab, Jr.</u> James R. McNab, Jr.	Director	February 9, 2022
<u>/s/ Brian E. Crowley</u> Brian E. Crowley	Vice President, Finance (principal accounting officer)	February 9, 2022

**CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference, in the Prospectus constituting a part of this Registration Statement on Form S-1, of our report dated March 31, 2021, relating to the financial statements of Titan Pharmaceuticals, Inc., appearing in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2020. Our report contains an explanatory paragraph expressing substantial doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern.

We also consent to the reference to us under the caption "Experts" in the Prospectus.

/s/ OUM & CO. LLP

San Francisco, California  
February 9, 2022

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## Calculation of Filing Fee Tables

**Form S-1**

(Form Type)

**Titan Pharmaceuticals, Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Table 1: Newly Registered and Carry Forward Securities

	Security Type	Security Class Title	Fee Calculation or Carry Forward Rule	Amount Registered	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Unit	Maximum Aggregate Offering Price(1)	Fee Rate	Amount of Registration Fee
Fees to Be Paid	Equity	Shares of common stock, \$0.001 par value per share	457(c)	5,953,834(1)	\$ 1.23	\$ 7,323,216	0.0000927	\$ 678.86
Fees to Be Paid	Equity	Shares of common stock, \$0.001 par value per share	457(c)	51,021	\$ 1.23	\$ 62,756	0.0000927	\$ 5.82
<b>Total Offering Amounts</b>						\$ 7,385,972		\$ 684.68
<b>Total Fees Previously Paid</b>								-
<b>Total Fee Offsets</b>								-
<b>Net Fee Due</b>								\$ 684.68

- (1) Represents shares issuable upon exercise of outstanding warrants. Pursuant to Rule 416, the securities being registered hereunder include such indeterminate number of additional securities as may be issuable to prevent dilution resulting from stock splits, stock dividends or similar transactions.
- (2) Estimated in accordance with Rule 457(c) and (g) of the Securities Act solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee on the basis of \$1.23 per share, which is the average of the high and low prices of the Registrant's common stock, as reported on the Nasdaq Capital Market, on February 7, 2022.