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March 18, 2011

TO OUR STOCKHOLDERS:

I am pleased to invite you to attend the 2011 annual meeting of stockholders of Lexicon Pharmaceuticals, Inc. to be held on Thursday, April 28, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. CDT, at the offices of the company, 8800 Technology Forest Place, The Woodlands, Texas.

Your vote is important, regardless of the number of shares that you hold. Whether or not you plan to attend the annual meeting, I hope you will vote as soon as possible, either electronically on the Internet, by telephone or by signing and returning the enclosed proxy card. Your proxy will not be used if you are present at the annual meeting and prefer to vote in person or if you revoke your proxy.

Thank you for your ongoing support of and continued interest in Lexicon Pharmaceuticals. We look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting.

Sincerely,

/s/ Arthur T. Sands, M.D., Ph.D.

Arthur T. Sands, M.D., Ph.D.
President and Chief Executive Officer

LEXICON PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.
8800 Technology Forest Place
The Woodlands, Texas 77381
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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS
TO BE HELD APRIL 28, 2011

TO OUR STOCKHOLDERS:

The annual meeting of stockholders of Lexicon Pharmaceuticals, Inc. will be held on Thursday, April 28, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. CDT, at the offices of the company, 8800 Technology Forest Place, The Woodlands, Texas, to:

- elect three Class II directors;
- hold an advisory vote on the compensation paid to our named executive officers;
- hold an advisory vote to determine the frequency of future advisory votes on the compensation paid to our named executive officers;

- ratify and approve the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent auditors for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2011; and

- act on any other business that properly comes before the annual meeting.

You are entitled to vote at the annual meeting only if you are the record owner of shares of our common stock at the close of business on February 28, 2011.

It is important that your shares be represented at the annual meeting whether or not you plan to attend. Please cast your vote electronically on the Internet, by telephone or by signing and returning the enclosed proxy card as promptly as possible. If you are present at the annual meeting, and wish to do so, you may revoke the proxy and vote in person.

By order of the board of directors,

/s/ Brian T. Crum

Brian T. Crum
Secretary

The Woodlands, Texas
March 18, 2011

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PROXY STATEMENT

FOR

ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

To Be Held April 28, 2011

GENERAL INFORMATION

Purpose of this Proxy Statement

We have prepared this proxy statement to solicit proxies on behalf of our board of directors for use at our 2011 annual meeting of stockholders and any adjournment or postponement of such meeting.

Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials

As permitted by rules adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission, we are providing access to our proxy materials over the Internet. Accordingly, on or about March 18, 2011, we are mailing to our stockholders a notice containing instructions on how to access our proxy materials, including our proxy statement and annual report, and vote electronically over the Internet. The notice also provides instructions on how stockholders may request a paper copy of our proxy materials free of charge. Our proxy materials may be accessed by stockholders at any time after the date of mailing of the notice.

Date, Time and Place of Annual Meeting

The annual meeting will be held on Thursday, April 28, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. CDT at the offices of the company, 8800 Technology Forest Place, The Woodlands, Texas.

Matters to Be Considered at the Annual Meeting

At the annual meeting, our stockholders will be asked to consider and act upon the following matters:

- the election of three Class II directors;
- an advisory vote on the compensation paid to our named executive officers;
- an advisory vote to determine the frequency of future advisory votes on the compensation paid to our named executive officers; and
- a proposal to ratify and approve the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent auditors for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2011.

Our board of directors does not intend to bring any other matters before the annual meeting and has not been informed that any other matters are to be presented by others. Our bylaws contain several requirements that must be satisfied in order for any of our stockholders to bring a proposal before one of our annual meetings, including a requirement of delivering proper advance notice to us. Stockholders are advised to review our bylaws if they intend to present a proposal at any of our annual meetings.

Shares Entitled to Vote

You are entitled to vote at the annual meeting and at any postponement or adjournment thereof if you were the record owner of shares of our common stock as of the close of business on February 28, 2011, the record date for the annual meeting established by our board of directors. On the record date, we had 337,629,510 shares of our common stock outstanding. If you were the record owner of shares of our common stock on the record date, you will be entitled to one vote for each share of stock that you own on each matter that is called to vote at the annual meeting or at any postponement or adjournment thereof.

Quorum

We must have a quorum to conduct any business at the annual meeting. This means that at least a majority of our outstanding shares eligible to vote at the annual meeting must be represented at the annual meeting, either in person or

by proxy. Abstentions

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are counted for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present. In addition, shares held by intermediaries that are voted for at least one matter at the annual meeting will be counted as being present for purposes of determining a quorum for all matters. This is true even if the beneficial owner's discretion has been withheld for voting on some or all other matters (commonly referred to as a "broker non-vote").

Vote Necessary to Approve Proposals

Our Class II directors will be elected by a plurality vote. As a result, the three persons receiving the greatest number of votes will be elected to serve as our Class II directors. Withholding authority to vote for a director nominee will not affect the outcome of the election of directors.

The approval on an advisory basis of the compensation paid to our named executive officers will require the affirmative vote of the majority of the votes cast with respect to such matter. Any abstention from voting or broker non-vote with respect to such matter will not count as a vote for or against the compensation paid to our named executive officers and will not affect the outcome of the advisory vote.

The frequency of future advisory votes on the compensation paid to our named executive officers approved on an advisory basis by our stockholders will be determined by the option of once every one, two or three years receiving the greatest number of votes cast with respect to such matter. Any abstention from voting or broker non-vote with respect to such matter will not count as a vote for any of the three options for the frequency of future advisory votes on the compensation paid to our named executive officers and will not affect the outcome of the advisory vote.

The ratification and approval of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent auditors for the year ending December 31, 2011 will require the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast with respect to such matter. Any abstention from voting or broker non-vote with respect to such matter will not count as a vote for or against the ratification and approval of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent auditors for the year ending December 31, 2011 and will not affect the outcome of the proposal.

Any other business that may properly come before the annual meeting for a vote will require the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast with respect to such matter unless a greater vote is required by law or our charter or bylaws. Any abstention from voting or broker non-vote with respect to these matters will not count as a vote for or against these proposals and will not affect the outcome of the proposals.

How to Vote Your Shares

You may vote in person at the annual meeting or by proxy. To ensure that your shares are represented at the annual meeting, we recommend you vote by proxy even if you plan to attend the annual meeting in person. Even if you vote by proxy, if you wish, you can revoke your proxy and vote in person at the annual meeting. If you want to vote at the annual meeting but your shares are held by an intermediary, such as a broker or bank, you will need to obtain from the intermediary either proof of your ownership of such shares as of February 28, 2011 or a proxy from such intermediary authorizing you to vote your shares at the meeting.

You may receive more than one proxy depending on how you hold your shares. If you hold your shares through an intermediary, such as a broker or bank, you may receive materials from them asking you how you want your shares to be voted at the annual meeting.

How to Vote by Proxy

By Internet or Telephone. You may vote electronically on the Internet or by telephone by following the instructions contained on the notice of Internet availability of our proxy materials. If you hold your shares through an intermediary, such as a broker or bank, please follow the voting instructions contained on the voting card used by the intermediary.

By Mail. If you request a paper copy of our proxy materials, you may vote by mail by completing, dating and signing the proxy card provided and mailing it in the pre-addressed envelope enclosed with the paper copy of our proxy materials.

How Your Proxy Will Be Voted

Giving us your proxy means that you are authorizing us to vote your shares at the annual meeting and at any adjournment or postponement thereof in the manner you direct. You may vote for our nominees for election as Class II directors, or withhold your vote for any one or more of those nominees. You may vote for or against the approval on an advisory basis of the compensation paid to our named executive officers, or abstain from voting in that advisory

vote. You may vote to hold future advisory votes on the compensation paid to our named executive officers once every one, two or three years, or abstain from voting in that advisory

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vote. You may vote for or against the proposal to ratify and approve the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent auditors for the year ending December 31, 2011 or abstain from voting on that proposal.

If any of our nominees for election as Class II directors become unavailable for any reason before the election, we may reduce the number of directors serving on our board of directors, or our board of directors may designate substitute nominees, as necessary. We have no reason to believe that any of our nominees for election as Class II directors will be unavailable. If our board of directors designates any substitute nominees, the persons receiving your proxy will vote your shares for such substitute(s) if they are instructed to do so by our board of directors or, in the absence of any such instructions, in accordance with their own best judgment.

If you vote by proxy but do not specify how you want your shares voted, your shares will be voted in favor of our nominees for election as Class II directors, in favor of the compensation paid to our named executive officers, to hold future advisory votes on the compensation paid to our named executive officers every year, and in favor of the ratification and approval of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent auditors for the year ending December 31, 2011.

If you vote by proxy and any additional business properly comes before the annual meeting, the persons receiving your proxy will vote your shares on those matters as instructed by our board of directors or, in the absence of any such instructions, in accordance with their own best judgment. As of the date of this proxy statement, we are not aware of any other matter to be raised at the annual meeting.

How to Revoke Your Proxy

You may revoke your proxy at any time before your shares are voted by providing our corporate secretary with either a new proxy with a later date or a written notice of your desire to revoke your proxy at the following address:

Lexicon Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
8800 Technology Forest Place
The Woodlands, Texas 77381
Attention: Corporate Secretary

You may also revoke your proxy at any time prior to your shares having been voted by attending the annual meeting in person and notifying the inspector of election of your desire to revoke your proxy. Your proxy will not automatically be revoked merely because you attend the annual meeting.

Inspector of Election

Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc. will count votes and provide a representative who will serve as an inspector of election for the annual meeting.

List of Stockholders Entitled to Vote

A list of our stockholders entitled to vote at the annual meeting will be available for inspection at the annual meeting. The stockholder list will also be available for inspection for ten days prior to the annual meeting at our corporate offices located at 8800 Technology Forest Place, The Woodlands, Texas. Any inspection of this list at our offices will need to be conducted during ordinary business hours. If you wish to conduct an inspection of the stockholder list, we request that you please contact our corporate secretary before coming to our offices.

Solicitation of Proxies and Expenses

We are asking for your proxy on behalf of our board of directors. We will bear the entire cost of preparing, printing and soliciting proxies. We will send notices of Internet availability of proxy materials and, if requested, paper copies of our proxy materials to all of our stockholders of record as of the record date and to all intermediaries, such as brokers and banks, that held any of our shares on that date on behalf of others. These intermediaries will then forward the notices and, if requested, paper copies of our proxy materials to the beneficial owners of our shares, and we will reimburse them for their reasonable out-of-pocket expenses for forwarding such materials. Our directors, officers and employees may solicit proxies by mail, in person or by telephone or other electronic communication. Our directors, officers and employees will not receive additional compensation for their solicitation efforts, but they will be reimbursed for any out-of-pocket expenses they incur.

Householding

As permitted by rules adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission, we are delivering a single notice of Internet availability of proxy materials, annual report and proxy statement, as applicable, to any household at which

two or more stockholders

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reside if we believe the stockholders are members of the same family, unless otherwise instructed by one or more of the stockholders. We will promptly deliver separate copies of these documents upon the written or oral request of any stockholder at a shared address to which a single copy of the documents were delivered.

If your household received a single set of any of these documents, but you would prefer to receive your own copy, or if you share an address with another stockholder and together both of you would like to receive only a single set of these documents, please follow these instructions:

If your shares are registered in your own name, please contact our transfer agent, BNY Mellon Shareowner

- Services, and inform them of your request by calling them at (800) 635-9270 or writing them at 480 Washington Boulevard., Jersey City, New Jersey 07310.

If an intermediary, such as a broker or bank, holds your shares, please contact Broadridge and inform them of your

- request by calling them at (800) 542-1061 or writing them at Householding Department, 51 Mercedes Way, Edgewood, New York 11717. Be sure to include your name, the name of your brokerage firm and your account number.

**PROPOSAL NUMBER 1:
ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

Our board of directors, which currently has nine members, is divided or “classified” into three classes. Directors in each class are elected to hold office for a term ending on the date of the third annual meeting following the annual meeting at which they were elected. The current term of our Class II directors will expire at this annual meeting. The current terms of our Class III and Class I directors will expire at our 2012 and 2013 annual meetings of stockholders, respectively.

The board of directors has nominated and urges you to vote for the election of the individuals identified below, who have been nominated to serve as Class II directors until our 2014 annual meeting of stockholders or until their successors are duly elected and qualified. Each of these individuals is a member of our present board of directors. Your signed proxy will be voted for the nominees named below unless you specifically indicate on the proxy that you are withholding your vote.

Nominees for Class II Directors

The following individuals are nominated for election as Class II directors:

Name	Age	Position with the Company	Year First Became a Director
Samuel L. Barker, Ph.D.	68	Chairman of the Board of Directors (Class II)	2000
Christopher J. Sobecki	52	Director (Class II)	2007
Judith L. Swain, M.D.	62	Director (Class II)	2007

Samuel L. Barker, Ph.D. has been a director since March 2000 and became chairman of our board of directors in March 2005. In March 2001, Dr. Barker co-founded Clearview Projects, Inc., a provider of partnering and transaction services to biopharmaceutical companies, and served as its president and chief executive officer from July 2003 until November 2004. Dr. Barker served in a series of leadership positions at Bristol-Myers Squibb Company until his retirement in 1999. His positions at Bristol-Myers Squibb included service as executive vice president, Worldwide Franchise Management and Strategy during 1998; president, United States Pharmaceuticals from 1992 to 1997; and president, Bristol-Myers Squibb Intercontinental Commercial Operations from 1990 to 1992. Prior to 1990, Dr. Barker held executive positions in research and development, manufacturing, finance, business development and sales and marketing at Squibb Pharmaceuticals. Dr. Barker currently serves as a director of Cadence Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and served as a director of AtheroGenics, Inc. from 2006 to 2009. Dr. Barker received his B.S. from Henderson State College, his M.S. from the University of Arkansas and his Ph.D. from Purdue University.

Dr. Barker provides us with the benefit of his extensive experience in a wide variety of disciplines within the pharmaceutical industry, including the development and commercialization of pharmaceutical products, the identification, evaluation and negotiation of collaborative agreements, and the management of pharmaceutical marketing and sales efforts, as well as his organizational and management skills developed while serving in his various leadership positions at Bristol-Myers Squibb and Clearview Projects.

Christopher J. Sobecki has been a director since August 2007 and is a managing director of The Invus Group, LLC, which he joined in 1989. Mr. Sobecki is currently a director of Weight Watchers International, Inc., as well as a number of private companies in which Invus has invested. Mr. Sobecki served as a director of NitroMed, Inc. from 2006 to 2009. He holds a B.S. in industrial engineering from Purdue University and an M.B.A. from Harvard University.

Mr. Sobecki provides us with the benefit of his diversified business and financial experience, including a particular expertise in risk assessment and business strategy development, and relationships in the financial community gained in his active participation in the identification, selection, negotiation and oversight of investments by The Invus Group and his service as a director of public and private companies. Mr. Sobecki is a designee of Invus, L.P. and Invus C.V. pursuant to our stockholders' agreement with Invus described under the heading “Transactions with Related Persons - Arrangements with Invus.”

Judith L. Swain, M.D. has been a director since September 2007. Dr. Swain is the executive director of the Singapore Institute for Clinical Sciences within A*STAR, and the Lien Chow Professor of Medicine at the National University

of Singapore. From 2005 to 2006, she was the dean for translational medicine at the University of California, San Diego. Dr. Swain served as chair of the Department of Medicine at Stanford University from 1997 to 2005, and previously served on the medical faculties of the University of Pennsylvania and Duke University. Dr. Swain is currently a director of the Burroughs Wellcome Fund and a member of the Council of the Institute of Medicine, National Academies of Science. She has served in a number of national and international leadership roles and as a director or member of the scientific advisory boards for a number of biomedical technology companies and is co-founder of Synecor, LLC. Dr. Swain received her B.S. from the University of California, Los Angeles and her M.D. from the University of California, San Diego.

Dr. Swain provides us with the benefit of her extensive medical and scientific research experience gained in her more than 30 years as a practicing physician and research scientist, as well as her organizational and management skills developed in her numerous leadership positions with a variety of prominent research and academic institutions. The Board of Directors recommends that stockholders vote “FOR” the foregoing nominees for election as Class II directors.

Current and Continuing Directors

The current directors of the Company are identified below:

Name	Age	Position with the Company
Arthur T. Sands, M.D., Ph.D.	49	President and Chief Executive Officer and Director (Class III)
Samuel L. Barker, Ph.D. ⁽¹⁾	68	Chairman of the Board of Directors (Class II)
Philippe J. Amouyal ⁽²⁾	52	Director (Class III)
Raymond Debbane ⁽³⁾	56	Director (Class I)
Robert J. Lefkowitz, M.D. ⁽³⁾	67	Director (Class I)
Alan S. Nies, M.D. ⁽²⁾	73	Director (Class I)
Frank P. Palantoni ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	53	Director (Class III)
Christopher J. Sobecki	52	Director (Class II)
Judith L. Swain, M.D. ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾	62	Director (Class II)

(1) Member of the Audit Committee

(2) Member of the Compensation Committee

(3) Member of the Corporate Governance Committee

Information regarding the business experience of Dr. Barker, Mr. Sobecki and Dr. Swain is set forth above under the heading “- Nominees for Class II Directors.”

Arthur T. Sands, M.D., Ph.D. co-founded our company and has been our president and chief executive officer and a director since September 1995. At Lexicon, Dr. Sands pioneered the development of large-scale gene knockout technology for use in drug discovery. Before founding Lexicon, Dr. Sands served as an American Cancer Society postdoctoral fellow in the Department of Human and Molecular Genetics at Baylor College of Medicine. He received his B.A. in economics and political science from Yale University and his M.D. and Ph.D. from Baylor College of Medicine.

Dr. Sands provides us with the benefit of his experience as an entrepreneur and founder of our company, as well as the institutional knowledge and organizational and management skills he has developed as our president and chief executive officer.

Philippe J. Amouyal has been a director since August 2007 and is a managing director of The Invus Group, LLC, a position he has held since 1999. Previously, Mr. Amouyal was a vice president and director of The Boston Consulting Group, Inc. in Boston, Massachusetts, where he coordinated the global technology and electronics practice through most of the 1990s. Mr. Amouyal is a director of Weight Watchers International, Inc., as well as a number of private companies in which Invus has invested. He holds an M.S. in engineering and a DEA in management from Ecole Centrale de Paris and was a research fellow at the Center for Policy Alternatives of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Mr. Amouyal provides us with the benefit of his broad business and financial experience, as well as his expertise in compensation and performance management and the assessment and prioritization of research and development projects, gained in his active participation in the identification, selection, negotiation and oversight of investments by The Invus Group and his consulting experience with The Boston Consulting Group. Mr. Amouyal is a designee of Invus, L.P. and Invus C.V. pursuant to our stockholders' agreement with Invus described under the heading “Transactions with Related Persons - Arrangements with Invus.”

Raymond Debbane has been a director since August 2007. Mr. Debbane is president and chief executive officer of The Invus Group, LLC, which he founded in New York in 1985 as the exclusive investment advisor of Benelux-based Artal Group S.A. In 1999, Artal became the controlling shareholder of Weight Watchers International, Inc., for which

Mr. Debbane serves as chairman of the board of directors. He also serves as chairman or director of a number of private companies in which Invus and Artal Group S.A. have invested. Before founding The Invus Group, Mr. Debbane was a manager in the Paris office of The Boston Consulting Group, Inc., where he did consulting work for a number of major European and international companies. Mr. Debbane holds an M.B.A. from Stanford University, an M.S. in food science and technology from the University of California at Davis, and a B.S. in agricultural sciences and agricultural engineering from American University of Beirut.

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Mr. Debbane provides us with the benefit of his extensive financial markets and investment expertise gained in more than 20 years of leading the identification, selection, negotiation and oversight of a wide range of investments in his role as president and chief executive officer of The Invus Group, as well as his background in strategic consulting across a broad range of industries developed while with The Boston Consulting Group. Mr. Debbane is a designee of Invus, L.P. and Invus C.V. pursuant to our stockholders' agreement with Invus described under the heading "Transactions with Related Persons - Arrangements with Invus."

Robert J. Lefkowitz, M.D. has been a director since February 2001 and a consultant to our company since March 2003. Dr. Lefkowitz is the James B. Duke Professor of Medicine, professor of biochemistry and a Howard Hughes Medical Institute investigator at Duke University Medical Center, where he has served on the faculty since 1973. Dr. Lefkowitz is a member of the National Academy of Sciences and has received more than 50 major awards for his research, including the Shaw Prize, the Albany Medical Center Prize and the 2007 National Medal of Science presented to him by President George W. Bush. Dr. Lefkowitz received his B.A. from Columbia University and his M.D. from Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Dr. Lefkowitz provides us with the benefit of his medical expertise and his extensive experience in biological and pharmaceutical research, particularly with respect to the identification of drug targets and preclinical evaluation of drug candidates, gained in more than 35 years as a member of the faculty at Duke University Medical Center.

Alan S. Nies, M.D. has been a director since November 2003 and chairman of our medical advisory board since March 2003. From 1992 through September 2002, Dr. Nies served in a series of senior management positions at Merck & Co. Inc., most recently as senior vice president, clinical sciences from 1999 to 2002. Prior to joining Merck, Dr. Nies spent fifteen years as professor of medicine and pharmacology and head of the Division of Clinical Pharmacology at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center. Dr. Nies holds a B.S. from Stanford University and an M.D. from Harvard Medical School.

Dr. Nies provides us with the benefit of his extensive clinical development experience, particularly with respect to the design, management and reporting of clinical trials, as well as his organizational and management skills developed while serving in his various leadership positions with Merck and the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center.

Frank P. Palantoni has been a director since November 2004. Mr. Palantoni is a partner at P3 Capital Management LLC, an early stage consumer products equity fund. Mr. Palantoni served as chief executive officer of Prestige Brands Holding, Inc. from April to June 2006 and as a director from January to June 2006. From 1998 to 2004, Mr. Palantoni held a variety of senior management positions with Novartis AG, most recently as president and chief executive officer, worldwide of its Gerber Products Company, Novartis Infant and Baby Division. Mr. Palantoni also served as president and chief executive officer for North American operations of Novartis Consumer Health Division from 2000 to 2001. Prior to joining Novartis, he held a series of senior management positions with The Danone Group. He holds a B.S. from Tufts University and an M.B.A. from Columbia University.

Mr. Palantoni provides us with the benefit of his extensive business operations experience, as well as his expertise in compensation and performance management and his broad business and management skills developed while serving in his various leadership positions in the consumer health products industry.

PROPOSAL NUMBER 2:

ADVISORY VOTE ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act requires that we provide our stockholders with an opportunity to vote, on a non-binding and advisory basis, on the compensation of our named executive officers, as disclosed in this proxy statement in accordance with the compensation disclosure rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

As described below under "Executive and Director Compensation- Compensation Discussion and Analysis," we have developed a compensation policy that is designed to attract and retain key executives responsible for our success and motivate management to enhance long-term stockholder value. We believe our compensation policy strikes an appropriate balance between the implementation of responsible, measured compensation practices and the effective provision of incentives for our named executive officers to exert maximum efforts for our success.

Accordingly, we ask our stockholders to vote on the following resolution at the annual meeting:

“RESOLVED, that the Company's stockholders hereby approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of the named executive officers, as disclosed in the Company's proxy statement for the 2011 annual meeting of stockholders pursuant to the compensation disclosure rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission, including the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, 2010 Summary Compensation Table and the other compensation related tables and disclosure.”

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As this vote is advisory, it will not be binding upon the Board of Directors or the compensation committee and neither the Board of Directors nor the compensation committee will be required to take any action as a result of the outcome of this vote. However, the compensation committee will carefully consider the outcome of this vote when considering future executive compensation policies.

The Board of Directors recommends that stockholders vote “FOR” the approval, on an advisory basis of the compensation paid to our named executive officers, as disclosed in this proxy statement.

PROPOSAL NUMBER 3:

ADVISORY VOTE ON THE FREQUENCY OF FUTURE ADVISORY VOTES ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act requires that we provide our stockholders with an opportunity to vote, on a non-binding and advisory basis, on the frequency of future advisory votes on the compensation paid to our named executive officers, as disclosed in accordance with the compensation disclosure rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Stockholders may cast votes indicating that they prefer we conduct future advisory votes on executive compensation once every one, two or three years, or abstain from casting a vote. The Board of Directors has determined that an annual advisory vote on executive compensation is the most appropriate alternative for us, as it will permit our stockholders to provide direct input on our executive compensation philosophy, policies and practices as disclosed in the proxy statement for our annual meeting of stockholders each year.

As this vote is advisory, it will not be binding upon the Board of Directors and the Board of Directors may decide that it is in the best interest of our stockholders to hold an advisory vote on executive compensation more or less frequently than the frequency receiving the most votes cast by our stockholders. However, the Board of Directors will carefully consider the outcome of this vote when considering the frequency of future advisory votes on executive compensation.

The Board of Directors recommends that stockholders vote for the option of every "1 YEAR" as the preferred frequency for future advisory votes on compensation paid to our named executive officers.

PROPOSAL NUMBER 4:

RATIFICATION AND APPROVAL OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

The board of directors has appointed the firm of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent auditors to make an examination of our accounts for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2011, subject to ratification by our stockholders. Representatives of Ernst & Young LLP, are expected to be present at the annual meeting, will have an opportunity to make a statement if they desire to do so and are expected to be available to respond to appropriate questions.

The Board of Directors recommends that stockholders vote “FOR” ratification and approval of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent auditors for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2011.

Compensation of Independent Auditors

The following table presents the estimated aggregate fees billed and to be billed by Ernst & Young LLP for services performed during our last two fiscal years.

	Years Ended December 31,	
	2010	2009
Audit fees ⁽¹⁾	\$479,700	\$371,000
Audit-related fees ⁽²⁾	24,000	24,000
Tax fees	—	—
All other fees	—	—
	\$503,700	\$395,000

(1) “Audit fees” include professional services rendered for (i) the audit of our internal control over financial reporting, as required by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2009 and 2010, (ii) the audit of our annual financial statements for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2009 and 2010, (iii) the reviews of the

financial statements included in our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q for such years and (iv) the issuance of consents and other matters relating to registration statements filed by us.

(2) "Audit-related fees" include assurance or related services reasonably related to our audit for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2009 and 2010. These fees related to the audit of the financial statements of our 401(k) plan.

The audit committee reviewed and approved all the fees described above. As part of its duties, the audit committee has determined that the provision by Ernst & Young LLP of the non-audit services described above is compatible with maintaining the auditors' independence.

Audit Committee Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures

The audit committee has adopted policies and procedures requiring the pre-approval of all audit and non-audit services rendered by our independent auditors, either as part of the audit committee's approval of the scope of the engagement of the independent auditors or on a case-by-case basis before the independent auditors are engaged to provide each service. The audit committee's pre-approval authority may be delegated to one or more of its members, but any pre-approval decision must be reported to the full audit committee at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

Audit Committee Report

The role of the audit committee is to assist the board of directors in its oversight of our financial reporting process. The audit committee reviews our internal accounting procedures and consults with, and reviews the services provided by, our independent auditors.

The management of our company is responsible for the preparation, presentation and integrity of our financial statements, our accounting and financial reporting principles and internal controls and procedures designed to assure compliance with the accounting standards and applicable laws and regulations. Our independent auditors are responsible for auditing our financial statements and expressing an opinion as to their conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In the performance of its oversight function, the audit committee has reviewed and discussed the audited financial statements with management. The committee has also discussed with our independent auditors the matters required to be discussed by Statement on Auditing Standards No. 61, Communication with Audit Committees, as currently in effect. Finally, the committee has received the written disclosures and the letter from our independent auditors required by the applicable requirements of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board regarding our independent auditors' communications with the audit committee concerning independence, as currently in effect, and has discussed with our independent auditors their independence.

Based upon the review and discussions described in this report, and subject to the limitations on the role and responsibilities of the audit committee referred to in the audit committee charter, the audit committee recommended to the board of directors that the audited financial statements be included in our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010.

Audit Committee

Samuel L. Barker, Ph.D. (Chairman)

Frank P. Palantoni

Judith L. Swain, M.D.

The foregoing audit committee report shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference by any general statement incorporating by reference this proxy statement into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, except to the extent that we specifically incorporate this compensation committee report by reference, and shall not otherwise be deemed filed under such acts.

STOCK OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

The following table presents information regarding the beneficial ownership of our common stock as of February 28, 2011 by:

- each of the individuals listed in "Executive and Director Compensation - Summary Compensation Table for 2010";
- each of our directors;
- each person, or group of affiliated persons, who is known by us to own beneficially five percent or more of our common stock; and
- all current directors and executive officers as a group.

Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission computing the number of shares beneficially owned by a person and the percentage ownership of that person. Shares of common stock underlying options held by that person that are currently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days of February 28, 2011 are considered outstanding. These shares, however, are not considered outstanding when

computing the percentage ownership of each other person.

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Except as indicated in the footnotes to this table and pursuant to state community property laws, each stockholder named in the table has sole voting and investment power for the shares shown as beneficially owned by them. Percentage of ownership is based on 337,629,510 shares of common stock outstanding on February 28, 2011. Unless otherwise indicated in the footnotes, the address of each of the individuals named below is: c/o Lexicon Pharmaceuticals, Inc., 8800 Technology Forest Place, The Woodlands, Texas 77381.

	Beneficial Ownership		Percentage Ownership	
	Number of Shares Beneficially Owned	Shares Issuable Pursuant to Options Exercisable within 60 Days of February 28, 2011		
Invus, L.P., Invus Public Equities, L.P., Invus C.V. and related parties ⁽¹⁾	165,110,497	—	48.9	%
FMR LLC and related parties ⁽²⁾	40,017,988	—	11.9	%
Arthur T. Sands, M.D., Ph.D. ⁽³⁾	1,663,226	2,423,307	1.2	%
Jeffrey L. Wade, J.D.	47,973	949,908	*	
Alan J. Main, Ph.D.	44,973	1,063,236	*	
Brian P. Zambrowicz, Ph.D.	158,851	1,319,988	*	
Steven A. Tragash	—	68,239	*	
Ajay Bansal	—	—	*	
James F. Tessmer	23,469	247,385	*	
Philip M. Brown, M.D., J.D. ⁽⁴⁾	24,306	257,536	*	
Samuel L. Barker, Ph.D.	66,000	142,333	*	
Philippe J. Amouyal	—	50,666	*	
Raymond Debbane ⁽⁵⁾	165,110,497	50,666	48.9	%
Robert J. Lefkowitz, M.D.	—	107,166	*	
Alan S. Nies, M.D.	5,000	97,666	*	
Frank P. Palantoni	—	79,166	*	
Christopher J. Sobecki	1,000	50,666	*	
Judith L. Swain, M.D.	—	50,666	*	
All current directors and executive officers as a group ⁽³⁾⁽⁵⁾ (13 persons)	167,120,989	6,663,322	50.5	%

* Represents beneficial ownership of less than 1 percent.

⁽¹⁾ Based upon a Schedule 13D/A filed with the SEC on March 19, 2010, reflecting the beneficial ownership of our common stock by Invus, L.P., Invus Public Equities, L.P., Invus C.V. and related parties. Invus, L.P. and related parties may be deemed to have sole investment and voting power with respect to 131,436,780 of such shares and shared voting power with respect to 3,891,108 of such shares. Invus Public Equities, L.P. and related parties may be deemed to have sole investment and shared voting power with respect to 3,891,108 of such shares. Invus C.V. and related parties may be deemed to have sole investment and voting power with respect to 29,782,609 of such shares. All of such shares are subject to certain voting restrictions pursuant to our stockholders' agreement with Invus, L.P. and Invus C.V. described under the heading "Transactions with Related Persons - Arrangements with Invus." The address for Invus, L.P. and Invus Public Equities, L.P. is Clarendon House, 2 Church Street, Hamilton HM II, Bermuda. The address for Invus C.V. is Marten Meesweg 25, Rotterdam 3068 AV, Netherlands. The address for all related parties is 750 Lexington Avenue, 30th Floor, New York, New York 10022.

⁽²⁾ Based upon a Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on February 14, 2011, reflecting the beneficial ownership of our common stock by FMR LLC and related parties. FMR LLC and Edward C. Johnson 3d each have sole investment power with respect to the shares. The address for FMR LLC and all related parties is 82 Devonshire Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02109.

(3) The number of shares beneficially owned by Dr. Sands includes 60,000 shares held in the name of minor children and 817,500 shares owned by Sands Associates LP. The general partners of Sands Associates LP are ATS Associates, L.L.C., owned by Dr. Sands, and MES Associates, L.L.C., owned by Dr. Sands' wife.

(4) Based upon certain representations made to us by Dr. Brown.

(5) Based upon a Schedule 13D/A filed with the SEC on March 19, 2010, reflecting the beneficial ownership by Mr. Debbane of the shares of our common stock beneficially owned by Invus, L.P., Invus Public Equities, L.P., Invus C.V. and related parties. Mr. Debbane disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares. The address for Mr. Debbane is c/o The Invus Group, LLC, 750 Lexington Avenue, 30th Floor, New York, New York 10022.

Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance

Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act requires our directors and executive officers, and persons who own more than 10% of our common stock, to file initial reports of ownership and reports of changes in ownership of our common stock with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Directors, executive officers and greater than 10% stockholders are required by Securities and Exchange Commission regulations to furnish us with copies of all such forms that they file.

To our knowledge, based solely on our review of the copies of such reports received by us and on written representations by certain reporting persons that no reports on Form 5 were required, we believe that during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010, all Section 16(a) filing requirements applicable to our executive officers, directors and 10% stockholders were complied with in a timely manner.

EQUITY COMPENSATION PLAN INFORMATION

The following table presents aggregate summary information as of December 31, 2010 regarding the common stock that may be issued upon exercise of options, warrants and rights under all of our existing equity compensation plans, including our Equity Incentive Plan, Non-Employee Directors' Stock Option Plan and Coelacanth Corporation 1999 Stock Option Plan.

Plan Category	(a) Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights	(b) Weighted average exercise price per share of outstanding options, warrants and rights	(c) Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a))
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders ⁽¹⁾	19,957,453	\$3.4549	11,381,098
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders ⁽²⁾	993	4.3558	—
Total	19,958,446	\$3.4550	11,381,098

⁽¹⁾ Consists of shares of our common stock issuable upon the exercise of outstanding options or vesting of outstanding restricted stock units granted under our Equity Incentive Plan and Non-Employee Directors' Stock Option Plan or remaining available for issuance under those plans.

⁽²⁾ Consists of shares of our common stock issuable upon the exercise of outstanding options granted under the Coelacanth Corporation 1999 Stock Option Plan, which we assumed in connection with our July 2001 acquisition of Coelacanth Corporation. See the information appearing under the heading entitled "Coelacanth Corporation 1999 Stock Option Plan" in footnote 14 to our consolidated financial statements included as part of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Independence of the Board of Directors

After reviewing all relevant transactions and relationships involving each member of the board of directors (and his or her family), the board of directors has affirmatively determined that Samuel L. Barker, Ph.D., Philippe J. Amouyal, Raymond Debbane, Robert J. Lefkowitz, M.D., Alan S. Nies, M.D., Frank P. Palantoni, Christopher J. Sobecki and Judith L. Swain, M.D., which members constitute a majority of the board of directors, are “independent” in accordance with the applicable listing standards of The Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc. The board of directors also determined that Kathleen M. Wiltsey, who resigned from our board of directors effective February 17, 2010, was “independent” in accordance with the applicable listing standards of The Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc. during her service as director. In making such determinations, the board of directors considered our consulting agreements with Robert J. Lefkowitz, M.D., under which Dr. Lefkowitz serves as a consultant to us on matters relating to our drug discovery and development efforts, and with Alan S. Nies, M.D., under which Dr. Nies serves as chairman of our medical advisory board.

Board Committees

Audit Committee. Our audit committee has been established in accordance with Section 3(a)(58)(A) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and monitors the integrity of our financial statements, reviews our internal accounting procedures and oversees the qualifications, independence and performance of our independent auditors. The audit committee operates pursuant to a charter that was last amended and restated by the board of directors on October 26, 2005, a copy of which appears on our website at www.lexpharma.com under the caption “Investors - Corporate Governance.”

The current members of our audit committee are Samuel L. Barker, Ph.D. (chair), Frank P. Palantoni and Judith L. Swain, M.D. The board of directors, in its business judgment, has determined that Dr. Barker, Mr. Palantoni and Dr. Swain are “independent” in accordance with the applicable listing standards of The Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc. The board of directors, in its business judgment, has also determined that Samuel L. Barker, Ph.D. is an “audit committee financial expert” as defined in Item 407(d)(5) of Regulation S-K.

Compensation Committee. Our compensation committee evaluates the performance of management, determines the compensation of our executive officers and reviews general policy relating to compensation and benefits of our employees. The compensation committee also administers the issuance of stock options and other awards under our Equity Incentive Plan. The compensation committee operates pursuant to a charter that was approved by the board of directors on February 11, 2004, a copy of which appears on our website at www.lexpharma.com under the caption “Investors - Corporate Governance.”

The compensation committee may delegate any of its authority to subcommittees consisting of one or more compensation committee members, with all subcommittee decisions being presented to the full compensation committee at its next scheduled meeting. The compensation committee did not delegate any such authority with respect to 2010 compensation matters. The compensation committee may retain compensation consultants or other advisors to assist in its evaluation of executive compensation. Although the compensation committee has engaged consultants to advise the committee on matters relating to executive compensation in prior years, the compensation committee did not engage any consultants with respect to 2010 compensation matters.

The compensation committee meets in connection with most regularly scheduled meetings of the board of directors, and holds at least two meetings after the commencement of each year specifically devoted to making compensation decisions regarding the year just ended. In preparation for such decisions, our president and chief executive officer reviews the performance of executive officers other than himself and, in consultation with the compensation committee and at its direction, makes certain recommendations to the compensation committee relating to their compensation. The compensation committee reviews such recommendations and makes changes to such recommendations as it deems appropriate. All executive compensation determinations are made by the compensation committee in the absence of management.

The current members of our compensation committee are Mr. Palantoni (chair), Philippe J. Amouyal and Alan S. Nies, M.D. The board of directors, in its business judgment, has determined that Mr. Palantoni, Mr. Amouyal and Dr. Nies are “independent” in accordance with the applicable listing standards of The Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc. In making

such determinations, the board of directors considered our consulting agreement with Dr. Nies described under the heading “Corporate Governance - Independence of the Board of Directors.”

Corporate Governance Committee. Our corporate governance committee identifies individuals qualified to become members of our board of directors, selects candidates or nominees for director positions to be filled by the board of directors or our stockholders and develops appropriate corporate governance principles. The corporate governance committee operates pursuant

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to a charter that was approved by the board of directors on February 11, 2004, a copy of which appears on our website at www.lexpharma.com under the caption "Investors - Corporate Governance."

The corporate governance committee has not established any specific minimum qualifications for membership on our board of directors. Rather, the committee will generally consider all relevant factors, which may include independence, experience, diversity, leadership qualities and strength of character. As the corporate governance committee does not uniquely consider diversity relative to the other factors, the committee has not established a policy with regard to the consideration of diversity in identifying potential director candidates. The corporate governance committee uses its available network of contacts when compiling a list of potential director candidates and may also engage outside consultants when appropriate. The committee also considers potential director candidates recommended by stockholders and other parties and all potential director candidates are evaluated based on the above criteria. Because the corporate governance committee makes no distinction in its evaluation of candidates based on whether such candidates are recommended by stockholders or other parties, no formal policy or procedure has been established for the consideration of director candidates recommended by stockholders.

Any stockholder wishing to propose a potential director candidate may submit a recommendation in writing within the time frame specified in our bylaws. All such communications should be sent to 8800 Technology Forest Place, The Woodlands, Texas 77381, Attn: Corporate Governance Committee. Submissions should include the full name of the proposed candidate and a detailed description of the candidate's qualifications, business experience and other relevant biographical information.

The current members of our corporate governance committee are Raymond Debbane (chair), Robert J. Lefkowitz, M.D. and Judith L. Swain, M.D. The board of directors, in its business judgment, has determined that Mr. Debbane, Dr. Lefkowitz and Dr. Swain are "independent" in accordance with the applicable listing standards of The Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc. In making such determinations, the board of directors considered our consulting agreement with Dr. Lefkowitz described under the heading "Corporate Governance - Independence of the Board of Directors."

Board Leadership Structure and Role in Risk Oversight

The current leadership structure of our board of directors reflects a separation of the roles of chairman and principal executive officer. This leadership structure is intended to provide our board of directors with an appropriate level of independence from management and encourage a high degree of autonomy within our board of directors.

Our board of directors administers its risk oversight responsibilities by evaluating the material risks, including operational risks and liquidity risks, facing our company or inherent in our corporate strategy. This is accomplished through regular discussions with management and by reference to the independent understanding and knowledge of many such risks possessed by members of our board of directors. Our board of directors regularly reviews the viability and prudence of our corporate strategy in light of the evolving nature of such risks and makes adjustments to that strategy when appropriate. Our board of directors oversees management's implementation of our corporate strategy, remains alert for excessive risk-taking in such implementation and provides timely input to management regarding any critical risk issues. The efforts of our board of directors to oversee any risks relating to our financial reporting or internal accounting procedures are supplemented by the regular interactions of our audit committee with the individuals with day-to-day responsibilities for such functions.

Board and Committee Meetings and Attendance in 2010

The board of directors met seven times in 2010 and took certain additional actions by unanimous written consent. In 2010, the audit committee met five times, the compensation committee met seven times and the corporate governance committee met two times and took certain additional actions by unanimous written consent. During 2010, none of our directors attended fewer than 75 percent of the aggregate number of meetings of the board of directors and committees during the period served.

It is our policy to encourage the members of our board of directors to attend all annual meetings of stockholders. Seven members of our board of directors attended our 2010 annual meeting of stockholders.

Code of Business Conduct and Ethics

We have adopted a code of business conduct and ethics that applies to all of our directors, officers and employees, the text of which appears on our website at www.lexpharma.com under the caption "Investors - Corporate Governance." We intend to disclose on our website the nature of any amendment to or waiver from our code of business conduct and

ethics that applies to our principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller, or persons performing similar functions within four business days following the date of such amendment or waiver. In the case of any such waiver, including an implicit waiver, we also intend to disclose the name of the person to whom the waiver was granted and the date of the waiver. To date, we have not granted any waivers under our code of business conduct and ethics.

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Corporate Governance Guidelines

We have adopted corporate governance guidelines, including, among other things, guidelines with respect to the structure of our board of directors, director selection and qualifications, and non-employee director compensation. The text of our corporate governance guidelines appears on our website at www.lexpharma.com under the caption "Investors - Corporate Governance."

Stockholder Communications with the Board of Directors

We believe that our stockholders are currently provided a reasonable means to communicate with our board of directors and individual directors. As a result, our board of directors has not established a formal process for stockholders to send communications to the board of directors or individual directors. However, the corporate governance committee will consider, from time to time, whether adoption of a formal process for such stockholder communications has become necessary or appropriate. Stockholders may send communications to the board of directors or individual directors by mail at 8800 Technology Forest Place, The Woodlands, Texas 77381, Attn: Board of Directors or any individual director.

Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation

During 2010, Frank P. Palantoni, Philippe J. Amouyal and Alan S. Nies, M.D. served as members of the compensation committee of our board of directors. Mr. Amouyal is a designee of Invus, L.P. and Invus C.V. pursuant to our stockholders' agreement with Invus described under the heading "Transactions with Related Persons - Arrangements with Invus." During 2010, none of our executive officers served as a member of the board of directors or compensation committee of another entity, one of whose executive officers served as a member of our board of directors or compensation committee.

TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PERSONS

Arrangements with Invus

In June 2007, we entered into a securities purchase agreement with Invus, L.P., under which Invus, L.P. made an initial investment of approximately \$205.5 million to purchase 50,824,986 shares of our common stock in August 2007. Under the securities purchase agreement, as amended and supplemented, and after accounting for the \$181.5 million in net proceeds from our public offering and concurrent private placement of common stock in March 2010, Invus, L.P. and its affiliate Invus C.V., which we collectively refer to as Invus, have the right to require us to initiate a pro rata rights offering to our stockholders, which would provide all stockholders with non-transferable rights to acquire shares of our common stock, in an aggregate amount of up to approximately \$163.0 million. The price per share of the rights offering would be designated by Invus in a range between \$4.50 and a then-current average market price of our common stock. All stockholders would have oversubscription rights with respect to the rights offering and Invus would be required to purchase its pro rata portion of the offering. Invus may exercise its right to require us to conduct such a rights offering by giving us notice within a period of one year beginning on February 28, 2011, which will be extended by the number of days during such period that Invus is not permitted under the securities purchase agreement to initiate the rights offering as a result of any "blackout period" in connection with certain public offerings of our common stock.

Under the securities purchase agreement, until the later of the completion of the rights offering or the expiration of the period during which Invus may require us to initiate the rights offering, we have agreed not to issue any of our common stock for a per share price of less than \$4.50 without the prior written consent of Invus, except pursuant to an employee or director stock option, incentive compensation or similar plan or to persons involved in the pharmaceutical industry in connection with simultaneous strategic transactions involving such persons in the ordinary course. In addition, if we notify Invus of a proposed public offering for an offering above \$4.50 per share during the period in which Invus may require us to initiate the rights offering, Invus will have a period of 10 business days in which to exercise its right to require us to conduct the rights offering, in which case we would be required to forego the proposed public offering and proceed with the rights offering.

Board of Directors. Concurrently with the execution of the securities purchase agreement, we entered into a stockholders' agreement with Invus, L.P. under which Invus has the right to designate the greater of three members or 30% (or the percentage of all the outstanding shares of our common stock owned by Invus and its affiliates, if less

than 30%) of all members of our board of directors, rounded up to the nearest whole number of directors, and pursuant to which Invus has designated Philippe J. Amouyal, Raymond Debbane and Christopher J. Sobecki. Mr. Debbane is president and chief executive officer of The Invus Group, LLC, an affiliate of Invus, and Mr. Amouyal and Mr. Sobecki are each managing directors of The Invus Group, LLC.

In the event that the number of shares of our common stock owned by Invus and its affiliates ever exceeds 50% of the total number of shares of our common stock then outstanding (not counting for such purpose any shares acquired by Invus from third parties in excess of 40% (or, if higher, its then pro rata amount) of the total number of outstanding shares of common stock, as permitted by the standstill provisions of the stockholders' agreement), from and after that time, Invus will have the right to designate a number of directors equal to the percentage of all the outstanding shares of our common stock owned by Invus and

its affiliates, rounded up to the nearest whole number of directors. The directors appointed by Invus have proportionate representation on the compensation committee and corporate governance committee of our board of directors.

Invus' rights with respect to the designation of members of our board of directors and its compensation and corporate governance committees will terminate if the percentage of all the outstanding shares of our common stock owned by Invus and its affiliates falls below 10%. Invus will also have the right to terminate these provisions at any time following the date on which the percentage of all the outstanding shares of our common stock owned by Invus and its affiliates exceeds 50% (not counting for such purpose any shares acquired by Invus and its affiliates from third parties in excess of 40% (or, if higher, its then pro rata amount) of the total number of outstanding shares of our common stock, as permitted by the standstill provisions of the stockholders' agreement).

Preemptive Rights. Invus has preemptive rights under the stockholders' agreement to participate in future equity issuances by us (including any qualified offering), subject to certain exceptions, so as to maintain its then-current percentage ownership of our capital stock. Subject to certain limitations, Invus will be required to exercise its preemptive rights in advance with respect to certain marketed offerings, in which case it will be obligated to buy its pro rata share of the number of shares being offered in such marketed offering, including any over-allotment (or such lesser amount specified in its exercise of such rights), so long as the sale of the shares were priced within a range within 10% above or below the market price on the date we notified Invus of the offering and we met certain other conditions.

The provisions of the stockholders' agreement relating to preemptive rights will terminate on the earlier to occur of August 28, 2017 and the date on which the percentage of all the outstanding shares of our common stock owned by Invus and its affiliates falls below 10%.

Standstill Provisions. Invus is subject to standstill provisions restricting its ability to purchase or otherwise acquire additional shares of common stock from third parties to an amount that would result in its ownership of our common stock not exceeding 49% of the total number of shares outstanding. These standstill provisions will not apply to the acquisitions of securities by way of stock splits, stock dividends, reclassifications, recapitalizations, or other distributions by us, acquisitions contemplated by the securities purchase agreement and the stockholders' agreement, including in the rights offering and upon Invus' exercise of preemptive rights under the stockholders' agreement.

Except for acquisitions pursuant to the provisions described above, and subject to certain exceptions, Invus has agreed that it will not, and will cause its affiliates not to, without the approval of our unaffiliated board, directly or indirectly:

- solicit proxies to vote any of our voting securities or any voting securities of our subsidiaries;
- submit to our board of directors a written proposal for any merger, recapitalization, reorganization, business combination or other extraordinary transaction involving an acquisition of us or any of our subsidiaries or any of our or our subsidiaries' securities or assets by Invus and its affiliates;
- enter into discussions, negotiations, arrangements or understandings with any third party with respect to any of the foregoing; or
- request us or any of our representatives, directly or indirectly, to amend or waive any of these standstill provisions.

The standstill provisions of the stockholders' agreement will terminate on the earliest to occur of (a) August 28, 2017, (b) the date on which the percentage of all the outstanding shares of our common stock owned by Invus and its affiliates falls below 10%, (c) the date on which the percentage of all of the outstanding shares of our common stock owned by Invus and its affiliates exceeds 50% (not counting for such purpose any shares acquired by Invus from third parties in excess of 40% (or, if higher, its then pro rata amount) of the total number of outstanding shares of common stock, as permitted by the standstill provisions of the stockholders' agreement), (d) the date on which any third party makes a public proposal to acquire (by purchase, exchange, merger or otherwise) assets or business constituting 50% or more of our revenues, net income or assets or 50% of any class of our equity securities or our board of directors recommends or approves, or proposes to recommend or approve, any such transaction or (e) the date on which any

third party acquires beneficial ownership (by purchase, exchange, merger or otherwise) of assets or business constituting 20% or more of our revenues, net income or assets or 20% of any class of our equity securities or our board of directors recommends or approves, or proposes to recommend or approve, any such transaction.

Sales to Third Parties. Subject to certain exceptions, Invus has agreed that neither it nor its affiliates will sell any shares of common stock to third parties that are not affiliated with Invus if, to Invus' knowledge, such transfer would result in any such third party (or any person or group including such third party) owning more than 14.9% of the total number of outstanding shares of our common stock.

The provisions of the stockholders' agreement relating to sales to third parties will terminate on the earliest to occur of (a) August 28, 2017, (b) the date on which the percentage of all the outstanding shares of our common stock owned by Invus and its affiliates falls below 10%, and (c) the date on which the percentage of all the outstanding shares of our common stock owned by Invus and its affiliates exceeds 50% (not counting for such purpose any shares acquired by Invus and its affiliates from third parties in excess of 40% (or, if higher, its then pro rata amount) of the total number of outstanding shares of our common stock, as permitted by the standstill provisions of the stockholders' agreement).

Voting of Shares. In any election of persons to serve on our board of directors, Invus will be obligated to vote all of the shares of common stock held by it and its affiliates in favor of the directors nominated by our board of directors, as long as we have complied with our obligation with respect to the designation of members of our board of directors described above and the individuals designated by Invus for election to our board of directors have been nominated, and, if applicable, are serving on our board of directors. With respect to all other matters submitted to a vote of the holders of our common stock, Invus will be obligated to vote any shares that it acquired from third parties in excess of 40% (or, if higher, its then pro rata amount) of the total number of outstanding shares of common stock, as permitted by the standstill provisions of the stockholders' agreement, in the same proportion as all the votes cast by other holders of our common stock, unless Invus and we (acting with the approval of the unaffiliated board) agree otherwise. Invus may vote all other shares of our common stock held by it in its sole discretion.

The provisions of the stockholders' agreement relating to voting will terminate on the earliest to occur of (a) August 28, 2017, (b) the date on which the percentage of all the outstanding shares of our common stock held by Invus and its affiliates falls below 10%, (c) the date on which the percentage of all outstanding shares of our common stock owned by Invus and its affiliates exceeds 50% (not counting for such purpose any shares acquired by Invus from third parties in excess of 40% (or, if higher, its then pro rata amount) of the total number of outstanding shares of our common stock, as permitted by the provisions of the stockholders' agreement), and (d) the termination of the standstill provisions in accordance with the stockholders' agreement.

Minority Protections. Invus is entitled to certain minority protections, including consent rights over (a) the creation or issuance of any new class or series of shares of our capital stock (or securities convertible into or exercisable for shares of our capital stock) having rights, preferences or privileges senior to or on parity with our common stock, (b) any amendment to our certificate of incorporation or bylaws, or amendment to the certificate of incorporation or bylaws of any of our subsidiaries, in a manner adversely affecting Invus' rights under the securities purchase agreement and the related agreements, (c) the repurchase, retirement, redemption or other acquisition of our or our subsidiaries' capital stock (or securities convertible into or exercisable for shares of our or our subsidiaries' capital stock), (d) any increase in the size of our board of directors to more than 12 members and (e) the adoption or proposed adoption of any stockholders' rights plan, "poison pill" or other similar plan or agreement, unless Invus is exempt from the provisions of such plan or agreement.

The provisions of the stockholders' agreement relating to minority protections will terminate on the earlier to occur of August 28, 2017 and the date on which Invus and its affiliates hold less than 15% of the total number of outstanding shares of our common stock.

Registration Rights. Concurrently with the execution of the securities purchase agreement, we entered into a registration rights agreement with Invus, L.P., pursuant to which Invus, L.P. and its affiliates have certain demand and piggyback registration rights with respect to shares of our common stock held by them.

Related Party Transaction Policies

We have adopted written policies and procedures for the review, approval and ratification of interested transactions with related parties. Subject to certain exceptions provided in Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K, an "interested transaction" means any transaction, arrangement or relationship in which we are a participant and the amount involved will or may be expected to exceed \$120,000 in any calendar year, and in which any related party has or will have a direct or indirect material interest. A "related party" means (a) any executive officer, director, nominee for election as a director or any person beneficially owning five percent or more of our common stock and (b) any immediate family member of such parties.

All interested transactions are subject to the review and approval of our audit committee and if advance audit committee approval is not feasible, then the interested transaction will be considered for ratification at the audit

committee's next regularly scheduled meeting. In determining whether to approve or ratify any interested transaction, the audit committee will consider, among other factors it may deem appropriate, whether the interested transaction is on terms no less favorable than terms generally available to an unaffiliated third party under similar circumstances and the extent of the related party's interest in the transaction. No director participates in any discussion or approval of an interested transaction for which he or she is a related party. On at least an annual basis, the audit committee reviews and assesses any ongoing interested transactions to ensure that the transaction remains appropriate.

EXECUTIVE AND DIRECTOR COMPENSATION

Compensation Discussion and Analysis

We have developed a compensation policy that is designed to attract and retain key executives responsible for our success and motivate management to enhance long-term stockholder value. All compensation decisions are made by our compensation committee pursuant to authority delegated by our board of directors and the annual compensation package for executive and other officers typically consists primarily of three elements:

- a base salary, which reflects the responsibilities relating to the position and individual performance;
- variable annual cash bonus awards, determined relative to pre-established bonus targets expressed as a percentage of base salary; and
- long-term stock-based incentive awards, designed to provide a continuing proprietary interest in our success.

We generally seek to set targeted total cash compensation, consisting of base salaries and annual cash bonus award targets, and total direct compensation, consisting of targeted total cash compensation and long-term stock-based incentive awards, at or near the median of a peer group of biopharmaceutical companies if such compensation level is justified by company performance, individual performance and prevailing financial conditions.

In determining peer group compensation, we use available survey data from several sources, relying principally on data from a comprehensive survey of the compensation practices of several hundred companies in the biopharmaceutical industry. We expand on this survey data with reviews of the publicly-disclosed compensation practices of a group of biopharmaceutical companies selected for comparison purposes based on one or more factors, including number of employees, revenues, stage of development, and market capitalization. In general, we have included companies in this comparison group only if they have internal discovery capabilities and efforts.

For compensation decisions made in February 2008, this group of companies consisted of:

Arena Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	Exelixis, Inc.	Neurocrine Biosciences, Inc.
Array Biopharma Inc.	Human Genome Sciences, Inc.	Vertex Pharmaceuticals Incorporated
Curagen Corporation	Incyte Corporation	ZymoGenetics, Inc.
deCode genetics, Inc.	Medarex, Inc.	

For compensation decisions made in February 2009, this group of companies consisted of:

Affymax, Inc.	Human Genome Sciences, Inc.	Rigel Pharmaceuticals Inc
Arena Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	Incyte Corporation	ZymoGenetics, Inc.
Array Biopharma Inc.	Infinity	
Exelixis, Inc.	Medarex, Inc.	

For compensation decisions made in February 2010, this group of companies consisted of:

Affymax, Inc.	Exelixis, Inc.	Infinity
Arena Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	Human Genome Sciences, Inc.	Rigel Pharmaceuticals Inc
Array Biopharma Inc.	Incyte Corporation	ZymoGenetics, Inc.

For compensation decisions made in February 2011, this group of companies consisted of:

Acorda Therapeutics, Inc.	Dyax Corp.	Orexigen Therapeutics, Inc.
Affymax, Inc.	Exelixis, Inc.	Peregrine Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
Allos Therapeutics, Inc.	Facet Biotech Corporation	QLT Inc.
Alnylam Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	Geron Corporation	Rigel Pharmaceuticals Inc
Amag Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	ImmunoGen, Inc.	Sangamo Biosciences, Inc.
Ardea Biosciences, Inc.	Incyte Corporation	Seattle Genetics, Inc.
Arena Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	Infinity	Siga Technologies, Inc.

Ariad Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	Inspire Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	Spectrum Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
Array Biopharma Inc.	Intermune, Inc.	Targacept, Inc.
Avanir Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	Ligand Pharmaceuticals Incorporated	Xenoport, Inc.
Cell Therapeutics, Inc.	Nektar Therapeutics	ZymoGenetics, Inc.
Cytori Therapeutics, Inc.	Optimer Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	

The peer group of biopharmaceutical companies for which we obtained survey data and the additional groups of companies listed above do not necessarily coincide with the companies comprising the Nasdaq Biotechnology Index. In general, the compensation committee has employed the 50th and 60th percentile of the broad survey data, with reference to medians and averages reported by the selected group of biopharmaceutical companies, in evaluating base salaries and bonus targets. Although we acknowledge the inherent limitations in comparing our compensation practices with the compensation practices of these companies, we believe that these comparisons are useful and important points of reference in making compensation determinations.

In making compensation determinations and reviewing comparative data, the compensation committee reviews total direct compensation in its totality, assigning dollar values to each of the elements of such compensation, including base salary, annual cash bonus award targets and long-term stock-based incentive awards. The committee generally allocates a greater percentage of total direct compensation to long-term stock-based incentive awards in acknowledgment of the unique challenges present in the biopharmaceutical industry and in order to reinforce the alignment of interests between our executive and other officers and our stockholders.

In determining the level and composition of compensation of each of our executive and other officers, we take into account various qualitative and quantitative indicators of corporate and individual performance. Among the challenges faced by us and other companies in the biopharmaceutical industry is the unique combination of the relatively long time period typically necessary to discover, develop and commercialize drugs and the historically low success rate in doing so. As a result, in evaluating the performance of management, the compensation committee takes into consideration such factors as the progress exhibited by our drug candidates in human clinical trials, the number and quality of drug candidates in clinical trials, the number and quality of preclinical drug candidates, the value and scope of strategic collaborations and alliances with leading pharmaceutical companies, and the ability to otherwise finance our operations from external sources. In addition, the compensation committee recognizes performance and achievements that are more difficult to quantify, such as the successful supervision of major corporate projects and demonstrated leadership ability.

The compensation committee generally makes executive compensation determinations in February of each year, taking into account company and individual performance over the preceding year, as well as prevailing financial conditions. The compensation committee typically meets several times in advance of the meeting in which executive compensation determinations are actually made to discuss considerations relating to those determinations.

The compensation committee may also retain compensation consultants or other advisors when it deems appropriate to assist in its evaluation of executive compensation. The compensation committee did not engage any consultants with respect to 2008, 2009 or 2010 compensation matters.

Corporate and Individual Performance Criteria

February 2008 Compensation Determinations

In February 2008, the compensation committee made determinations regarding 2007 cash bonus awards and 2008 base salaries, bonus targets and long-term stock-based incentive awards, taking into account the following factors in its evaluation of corporate performance in 2007:

- the completion of Phase 1 clinical trials and initiation of a Phase 2 clinical trial of our most advanced drug candidate, LX6171;
- the completion of a Phase 1a and initial Phase 1b clinical trial of another drug candidate, LX1031, with an additional Phase 1b clinical trial to be conducted in 2008;
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the submission of the required regulatory filings for the initiation of clinical trials for two of our other drug candidates, LX2931 and LX1032, with the initiation of a Phase 1 clinical trial of LX2931;

- our progress relative to our objectives in advancing our other drug discovery and development programs;
- the completion of our financing arrangement with Invus, L.P. described under the heading “Transactions with Related Persons - Arrangements with Invus”;

- the establishment of our financing arrangement with Symphony Icon Holdings LLC and Symphony Icon, Inc. for the clinical development of our drug candidates LX6171, LX1031 and LX1032; and
- our performance relative to our objectives for our net use of cash in operations, capital expenditures and year-end cash and investments.

The committee's compensation determinations in February 2008 reflected its assessment that we achieved our objectives relating to our drug discovery and development programs, collectively representing what the committee considered to be our most important objectives, fell short of our objectives relating to net use of cash in operations and for capital expenditures and exceeded our objectives relating to cash and investments at the end of the year. Taking into account the balance of factors described above, it was the committee's assessment that our overall corporate objectives were achieved.

For executive officers other than Dr. Sands, our president and chief executive officer, the compensation committee also took into account individual goals, which consisted principally of the expected individual contributions of each executive officer towards the achievement of the year's corporate goals, together with Dr. Sands' and the committee's independent assessment of each executive officer's overall performance and contributions to the company during the year, in the course of making subjective judgments about individual performance in connection with compensation determinations. Dr. Sands had no individual goals for 2007 apart from the corporate goals.

The committee's determinations for Dr. Sands were based entirely upon its determination of achievement of the year's corporate goals. For other executive officers, the compensation committee based its determinations principally upon its determination of achievement of the year's corporate goals, but also took into account, to a lesser extent, each executive officer's individual contributions towards the achievement of such corporate goals, together with Dr. Sands' and the committee's independent assessment of each executive officer's overall performance and contributions to the company during the year, in the course of making subjective judgments about individual performance in connection with such determinations. In the case of Dr. Main, the compensation committee took into account his contributions toward the achievement of regulatory filings for LX2931 and LX1032, the selection of an additional drug candidate, LX4211, and progress in additional drug discovery programs. In the case of Mr. Wade, the compensation committee took into account his contributions toward the completion of the Invus and Symphony financings. In the case of Dr. Zambrowicz, the compensation committee took into account his contributions toward the achievement of regulatory filings for LX2931 and LX1032, the selection of an additional drug candidate, LX4211, and progress in additional drug discovery programs. In the case of James F. Tessmer, our vice president of finance and accounting, the compensation committee took into account his management of accounting and finance functions and his operational leadership.

February 2009 Compensation Determinations

In February 2009, the compensation committee made determinations regarding 2008 cash bonus awards and 2009 base salaries, bonus targets and long-term stock-based incentive awards, taking into account the following factors in its evaluation of corporate performance in 2008:

- the completion of a Phase 2a clinical trial of our LX6171 drug candidate in subjects with age-associated memory impairment, but without demonstrating significant effects on the parameters of attention or memory that were evaluated;
- the completion of Phase 1 clinical trials of another drug candidate, LX1031, and commencement of dosing in a Phase 2a clinical trial in patients with irritable bowel syndrome;
- the completion of Phase 1a and Phase 1b clinical trials of a third drug candidate, LX2931;
- the completion of Phase 1a and Phase 1b clinical trials of a fourth drug candidate, LX1032;
- the submission of an investigational new drug application for one of our other drug candidates, LX4211;
- our progress relative to our objectives in advancing our other drug discovery and development programs; and
- our performance relative to our objectives for our net use of cash in operations, capital expenditures and year-end cash and investments.

The committee's compensation determinations in February 2009 reflected its assessment that we partially achieved our objectives relating to our drug discovery and development programs, collectively representing what the committee

considered to be our most important objectives, and achieved our objectives relating to net use of cash in operations, capital expenditures and year-end cash and investments. Taking into account the balance of factors described above, it was the committee's assessment that our overall corporate objectives were partially achieved.

For executive officers other than Dr. Sands, our president and chief executive officer, the compensation committee also took into account individual goals, which consisted principally of the expected individual contributions of each executive officer towards the achievement of the year's corporate goals, together with Dr. Sands' and the committee's independent assessment of each executive officer's overall performance and contributions to the company during the year, in the course of making subjective judgments about individual performance in connection with compensation determinations. Dr. Sands had no individual goals for 2008 apart from the corporate goals.

The committee's determinations for Dr. Sands were based entirely upon its determination of achievement of the year's corporate goals, together with the compensation committee's assessment of his strategic and operational leadership. For other executive officers, the compensation committee based its determinations principally upon its determination of achievement of the year's corporate goals, but also took into account, to a lesser extent, each executive officer's individual contributions towards the achievement of such corporate goals, together with Dr. Sands' and the committee's independent assessment of each executive officer's overall performance and contributions to the company during the year, in the course of making subjective judgments about individual performance in connection with such determinations. In the case of Dr. Main, the compensation committee took into account his contributions toward the achievement of an investigational new drug application for LX4211, the selection of an additional drug candidate, LX7101, and progress in additional drug discovery programs, as well as his strategic and operational leadership. In the case of Mr. Wade, the compensation committee took into account his contributions in overseeing financial and legal matters and business development activities, as well as his strategic and operational leadership. In the case of Dr. Zambrowicz, the compensation committee took into account his contributions toward the achievement of an investigational new drug application for LX4211, the selection of an additional drug candidate, LX7101, and progress in additional drug discovery programs, as well as his strategic and operational leadership and participation in business development activities. In the case of Mr. Tessmer, the compensation committee took into account his assumption of responsibility as our principal financial and accounting officer and his operational leadership.

February 2010 Compensation Determinations

In February 2010, the compensation committee made determinations regarding 2009 cash bonus awards and 2010 base salaries, bonus targets and long-term stock-based incentive awards, taking into account the following factors in its evaluation of corporate performance in 2009:

- the completion of a Phase 2a clinical trial of our LX1031 drug candidate in patients with irritable bowel syndrome, with favorable results;
- the initiation and completion of a Phase 1 clinical trial of another drug candidate, LX4211, and the initiation and completion of a Phase 2a clinical trial of LX4211 in patients with Type 2 diabetes, with favorable results;
- the initiation and completion of a drug interaction study of a third drug candidate, LX2931, and the initiation of a Phase 2a clinical trial of LX2931 in patients with rheumatoid arthritis;
- the initiation of a Phase 2a clinical trial of a fourth drug candidate, LX1032, in patients with carcinoid syndrome;
- our progress relative to our objectives in advancing our other drug discovery and development programs;
- our performance relative to our objectives for financial performance, specifically relating to year-end cash and investments and business development; and
- our performance relative to our objectives relating to company culture and leadership, including retention.

The committee's compensation determinations in February 2010 reflected its assessment that we largely achieved our objectives relating to our drug discovery and development programs, collectively representing what the committee considered to be our most important objectives, and partially achieved our objectives relating to financial performance and company culture and leadership. Taking into account the balance of factors described above, it was the committee's assessment that our overall corporate objectives were partially achieved.

For executive officers other than Dr. Sands, our president and chief executive officer, the compensation committee also took into account individual goals, which consisted principally of the expected individual contributions of each executive officer towards the achievement of the year's corporate goals, together with Dr. Sands' and the committee's independent assessment of each executive officer's overall performance and contributions to the company during the year, in the course of making subjective judgments about individual performance in connection with compensation

determinations. Dr. Sands had no individual goals for 2009 apart from the corporate goals.

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The committee's determinations for Dr. Sands were based entirely upon its determination of achievement of the year's corporate goals, together with the compensation committee's assessment of his strategic and operational leadership. For other executive officers, the compensation committee based its determinations principally upon its determination of achievement of the year's corporate goals, but also took into account, to a lesser extent, each executive officer's individual contributions towards the achievement of such corporate goals, together with Dr. Sands' and the committee's independent assessment of each executive officer's overall performance and contributions to the company during the year, in the course of making subjective judgments about individual performance in connection with such determinations. In the case of Dr. Main, the compensation committee took into account his contributions toward activities supporting the advancement of our drug candidates in clinical development and progress in our drug discovery programs, as well as his strategic and operational leadership. In the case of Mr. Wade, the compensation committee took into account his contributions toward the completion of a common stock financing and business development and alliance management activities, as well as his strategic and operational leadership. In the case of Dr. Zambrowicz, the compensation committee took into account his contributions toward the advancement of our drug candidates in clinical development with favorable results and progress in our drug discovery programs, as well as his strategic and operational leadership and participation in business development activities. In the case of Mr. Tragash, the compensation committee took into account his contributions toward our objectives relating to company culture and leadership, as well as his strategic and operational leadership. In the case of Mr. Tessmer, the compensation committee took into account his management of accounting and finance functions and his operational leadership. In the case of Dr. Brown, the compensation committee took into account his contributions toward the advancement of our drug candidates in clinical development, as well as his strategic and operational leadership and participation in business development activities.

February 2011 Compensation Determinations

In February 2011, the compensation committee made determinations regarding 2010 cash bonus awards and 2011 base salaries, bonus targets and long-term stock-based incentive awards, taking into account the following factors in its evaluation of corporate performance in 2010:

- the progression in the clinical development of our LX4211 drug candidate, including the initiation and completion of a mechanistic clinical study of a tablet formulation of LX4211 in patients with Type 2 diabetes, with favorable results;
- the completion of a Phase 2a clinical trial of a second drug candidate, LX2931, in patients with rheumatoid arthritis, with results suggesting that patients treated with the highest dose level of LX2931 studied in the clinical trial showed improvement in the primary efficacy endpoint of the study;
- the progression of enrollment in a Phase 2a clinical trial of a third drug candidate, LX1032, in patients with carcinoid syndrome;
- the progression of our efforts to develop an improved formulation of a fourth drug candidate, LX1031, for irritable bowel syndrome and the submission of an investigational new drug application for LX1033, a back-up compound to LX1031;
- our progress relative to our objectives in advancing our other drug discovery and development programs;
- our exercise of a restructured purchase option under our financing arrangement with Symphony Icon Holdings LLC to acquire all the equity of Symphony Icon, Inc., thereby reacquiring all the rights to LX1031, LX1032, LX1033 and the other drug programs subject to the collaboration; and
- our performance relative to our objectives for financial performance, specifically relating to year-end cash and investments and business development.

The committee's compensation determinations in February 2011 reflected its assessment that we partially achieved our objectives relating to both our drug discovery and development programs, collectively representing what the committee considered to be our most important objectives, and our financial performance. Taking into account the balance of factors described above, it was the committee's assessment that our overall corporate objectives were partially achieved.

For executive officers other than Dr. Sands, our president and chief executive officer, the compensation committee also took into account individual goals, which consisted principally of the expected individual contributions of each executive officer towards the achievement of the year's corporate goals, together with Dr. Sands' and the committee's independent assessment of each executive officer's overall performance and contributions to the company during the year, in the course of making subjective judgments about individual performance in connection with compensation determinations. Dr. Sands had no individual goals for 2010 apart from the corporate goals.

The committee's determinations for Dr. Sands were based entirely upon its determination of achievement of the year's corporate goals, together with the compensation committee's assessment of his strategic and operational leadership. For other executive officers, the compensation committee based its determinations principally upon its determination of achievement of the year's corporate goals, but also took into account, to a lesser extent, each executive officer's individual contributions towards the achievement of such corporate goals, together with Dr. Sands' and the committee's independent assessment of each executive officer's overall performance and contributions to the company during the year, in the course of making subjective judgments about individual performance in connection with such determinations. In the case of Dr. Main, the compensation committee took into account his contributions toward the achievement of an investigational new drug application for LX1033, the selection of two additional drug candidates, LX5061 and LX2311, and progress in additional drug discovery programs, as well as his strategic and operational leadership. In the case of Mr. Wade, the compensation committee took into account his contributions toward the completion of a common stock financing, our exercise of the restructured purchase option under our financing arrangement with Symphony Icon Holdings LLC and our business development and alliance management activities, as well as his strategic and operational leadership. In the case of Dr. Zambrowicz, the compensation committee took into account his contributions toward the advancement of our drug candidates in clinical development, with favorable results in clinical trials of LX4211, the achievement of an investigational new drug application for LX1033, the selection of two additional drug candidates, LX5061 and LX2311, and progress in additional drug discovery programs, as well as his strategic and operational leadership and participation in business development activities. In the case of Mr. Tessmer, the compensation committee took into account his management of accounting and finance functions and his operational leadership.

Base Salary

Base salary of executive and other officers is established through negotiation between the company and the officer at the time he or she is hired, and then subsequently adjusted when the officer's base compensation is subject to review or reconsideration. While we have entered into employment agreements with certain of our executive officers, these agreements provide that base salaries after the initial year will be reviewed and determined by the compensation committee. When establishing base salary levels for executive and other officers, the compensation committee, in accordance with its general compensation policy, considers numerous factors, including the responsibilities relating to the position, the qualifications of the executive and the relevant experience the individual brings to the company, strategic goals for which the executive has responsibility, and compensation levels of companies at a comparable stage of development who compete with us for business, scientific and executive talents. When considering increases to base salary levels for officers, which typically occurs each February, we consider corporate and individual performance in addition to the foregoing factors. No pre-determined weights are given to any one of these factors. For each of our executive officers, we increased base salaries in February 2008, left base salaries unchanged from the previous year in February 2009, increased base salaries in February 2010 and left base salaries unchanged from the previous year in February 2011. The base salaries of our executive officers are generally competitive with those paid by our peer group companies, with most falling near the median for such peer group companies. In establishing base salaries for 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011, we considered the competitiveness of our cash compensation arrangements for executive officers and our cash position and needs for the applicable year.

Cash Bonus Awards

In addition to base salary, we may award variable annual cash bonus awards to executive and other officers with reference to certain predefined corporate and personal performance goals. These performance goals include those discussed generally above, as well as strategic and operational goals for the company as a whole. We typically consider the award of cash bonuses each February relating to performance for the preceding year. For each of our officers, the compensation committee establishes a bonus target, expressed as a percentage of base salary, which is used to determine the cash bonus amount, assuming that corporate and individual goals are fully achieved. The compensation committee retains broad discretion over the amount and payment of such awards and is not bound by any pre-determined agreement, formula or other standard with respect to such decisions.

The compensation committee determined not to award cash bonuses to our officers in February 2009 with respect to 2008 performance in light of prevailing economic conditions, the state of the financial markets, and a desire to conserve the company's cash and investment resources. Instead, the compensation committee approved the grant to our officers of restricted stock bonus awards under our Equity Incentive Plan, as described below under “- Long-Term Stock-Based Incentive Awards.”

In determining the cash bonus awards paid in February 2010 with respect to 2009 performance, the compensation committee included the relevant factors described above under “- Corporate and Individual Performance Criteria - February 2010 Compensation Determinations” in its evaluation of corporate and individual performance. After taking into account these factors, the compensation committee determined that our objectives for the year had been partially achieved, and awarded bonuses for 2009 performance to Dr. Sands and our other executive officers in an amount reflecting such partial achievement.

In determining the cash bonus awards paid in February 2011 with respect to 2010 performance, the compensation committee included the relevant factors described above under “- Corporate and Individual Performance Criteria - February 2011 Compensation Determinations” in its evaluation of corporate and individual performance. After taking into account these factors, the compensation committee determined that our objectives for the year had been partially achieved, and awarded bonuses for 2010 performance to Dr. Sands and our other executive officers in an amount reflecting such partial achievement. However, in light of prevailing economic conditions and a desire to conserve the company's cash and investment resources, the compensation committee determined that fifty percent of such bonuses would be payable in cash and fifty percent would be payable in stock bonus awards granted under our Equity Incentive Plan.

Long-Term Stock-Based Incentive Awards

All of our employees, including our executive and other officers, are eligible to receive long-term stock-based incentive awards under our Equity Incentive Plan as a means of providing such individuals with a continuing proprietary interest in our success. These grants are typically awarded each February and align the interests of our employees and our stockholders by providing significant incentives for our employees to achieve and maintain high levels of performance. Our Equity Incentive Plan enhances our ability to attract and retain the services of qualified individuals. Factors considered in determining whether and in what amounts such awards are granted to an officer include the executive's position, his performance and responsibilities, the amount of stock options and other stock awards currently held by the officer, the vesting schedules of any such options and stock awards and the officer's other compensation. While we do not adhere to any firmly established formulas or schedules for the issuance of long-term stock-based incentive awards, we take into account, in making award decisions, the total direct compensation objectives described above. In addition, we will generally tailor the terms of any such grant to achieve its goal as a long-term incentive award by providing for a vesting schedule encompassing several years.

In February 2008, 2009 and 2010, the compensation committee approved annual stock option grants under our Equity Incentive Plan to executive officers and other employees who satisfied eligibility requirements, including time of service. In 2011, the compensation committee approved a mix of annual stock option grants and restricted stock unit, or phantom stock, awards under our Equity Incentive Plan to eligible executive officers and other employees, with stock options comprising a larger portion of such mix for executive officers. In making such grants, the compensation committee considered corporate and individual performance in the prior year, total direct compensation objectives for individual officers, and information regarding stock incentive award grants made by other companies in the biotechnology industry.

As described above under “- Cash Bonus Awards,” the compensation committee determined not to award cash bonuses to our officers in February 2009 with respect to 2008 performance in light of prevailing economic conditions, the state of the financial markets, and a desire to conserve the company's cash and investment resources. Instead, the compensation committee approved the grant to our officers of restricted stock bonus awards under our Equity Incentive Plan. The amounts of such awards were determined by the compensation committee based on its assessment of the achievement of the corporate and individual goals originally established for purposes of determining 2008 cash bonuses, including the relevant factors described above under “- Corporate and Individual Performance Criteria” in its evaluation of corporate performance. The awarded amounts reflected the compensation committee's determination that our corporate objectives for the year had been partially achieved. Taking into account both the background and nature of the awards and a desire to achieve retention and incentive objectives, the shares subject to the awards were made subject to vesting in two installments over the one-year period following the date of grant.

In February 2010, the compensation committee approved the grant to our officers of restricted stock unit awards under our Equity Incentive Plan. The shares subject to such restricted stock unit awards will vest and become issuable upon the dosing of the first patient in a pivotal human clinical trial in any country the results of which could be used to establish safety and efficacy of a pharmaceutical product discovered or developed by us (whether or not licensed by us to a third party) as a basis for a New Drug Application with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration or that would otherwise satisfy the requirements of 21 CFR 312.21(c) or its foreign equivalent. The compensation committee decided to create such awards to provide a meaningful equity incentive tied to the achievement of what the committee

considered to be a very important milestone in our company's overall development. In determining the amounts of such grants, the compensation committee considered historical individual performance and individual bonus targets, making awards valued in total at approximately one-half of our aggregate officer bonus target pool.

As described above under “- Cash Bonus Awards,” in light of prevailing economic conditions and a desire to conserve the company's cash and investment resources, the compensation committee determined that bonus awards paid in February 2011 with respect to 2010 performance would be payable fifty percent in cash and fifty percent in stock bonus awards granted under our Equity Incentive Plan. Taking into account the nature of such awards as a bonus for 2010 performance, the shares subject to the stock bonus awards were not made subject to vesting conditions.

Summary Compensation Table for 2010

The following table presents summary information regarding the compensation of each of Arthur T. Sands, M.D., Ph.D., our principal executive officer, Jeffrey L. Wade, our principal financial officer, and our three other most highly compensated executive officers who were serving as executive officers as of December 31, 2010. Steven A. Tragash's employment as our senior vice president of corporate affairs was terminated on February 15, 2011. The table also includes summary information regarding the compensation of Ajay Bansal, our principal financial officer until the termination of his employment on January 8, 2010, James F. Tessmer, our principal financial officer from January 9, 2010 until May 16, 2010, and Philip M. Brown, M.D., our senior vice president, clinical development until the termination of his employment on October 15, 2010. We have entered into employment agreements and other employment arrangements with certain of our named executive officers and a consulting agreement with Dr. Brown, the material terms of which are described below.

Based on the summary compensation information provided below, "Salary" accounted for approximately 46%, 36% and 35% of the total compensation paid to our named executive officers in 2008, 2009 and 2010, respectively, and "Bonus" accounted for approximately 0%, 10% and 3% of the total compensation paid to our named executive officers for 2008, 2009 and 2010, respectively.

Name and Position	Year	Salary	Bonus ⁽¹⁾	Stock Awards ⁽²⁾	Option Awards ⁽³⁾	All Other Compensation ⁽⁴⁾	Total
Arthur T. Sands, M.D., Ph.D. President, Chief Executive Officer and Director	2010	\$577,500	\$70,000	\$140,030	\$1,127,381	\$6,855	\$1,921,766
	2009	\$560,000	\$210,000	\$149,930	\$841,263	\$6,965	\$1,768,158
	2008	\$557,500	\$—	\$—	\$872,678	\$6,470	\$1,436,648
Jeffrey L. Wade, J.D. Executive Vice President, Corporate Development and Chief Financial Officer	2010	\$374,375	\$35,000	\$60,040	\$670,268	\$6,668	\$1,146,351
	2009	\$340,000	\$90,000	\$64,960	\$407,063	\$6,696	\$908,719
	2008	\$338,333	\$—	\$—	\$303,540	\$6,235	\$648,108
Alan J. Main, Ph.D. Executive Vice President of Pharmaceutical Research	2010	\$348,750	\$35,000	\$60,040	\$478,953	\$6,633	\$929,376
	2009	\$340,000	\$90,000	\$64,960	\$352,788	\$6,696	\$854,444
	2008	\$338,750	\$—	\$—	\$303,540	\$6,236	\$648,526
Brian P. Zambrowicz, Ph.D. Executive Vice President and Chief Scientific Officer	2010	\$395,625	\$47,500	\$79,990	\$663,165	\$6,700	\$1,192,980
	2009	\$365,000	\$120,000	\$80,040	\$488,475	\$6,738	\$1,060,253
	2008	\$363,333	\$—	\$—	\$569,138	\$6,271	\$938,742
Steven A. Tragash Former Senior Vice President of Corporate Affairs	2010	\$252,500	\$38,250	\$19,950	\$110,528	\$3,755	\$424,983
Ajay Bansal Former Executive Vice President, Corporate Development and Chief Financial Officer	2010	\$7,846	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$333,616	⁽⁵⁾ \$341,462
	2009	\$198,333	\$—	\$—	\$292,050	\$94,302	⁽⁶⁾ \$584,685
James F. Tessmer	2010	\$233,750	\$12,500	\$25,080	\$147,370	\$6,466	\$425,166

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Vice President, Finance and Accounting	2009	\$225,000	\$45,000	\$34,945	\$162,825	\$6,003	\$473,773
	2008	\$224,583	\$—	\$—	\$60,708	\$6,073	\$291,364
Philip M. Brown, M.D., J.D. Former Senior Vice President, Clinical Development	2010	\$267,292	\$—	\$49,970	\$294,740	\$70,251	⁽⁷⁾ \$682,253

⁽¹⁾ Bonus amounts paid to Dr. Sands, Mr. Wade, Dr. Main, Dr. Zambrowicz and Mr. Tessmer with respect to 2010 performance reflect only cash bonus payments and do not include the aggregate grant date fair value of stock bonus payments which were paid in February 2011 with respect to 2010 performance, as described above under “- Compensation Discussion and Analysis - Cash Bonus Awards” and ““- Compensation Discussion and Analysis - Long-Term Stock-Based Incentive Awards.”

(2) Reflects the aggregate grant date fair value, computed in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718, of restricted stock bonus awards granted in 2009 in lieu of 2008 cash bonuses and restricted stock units granted in 2010, in each case based on the market price of our common stock on the date of grant, calculated in accordance with the process for determination of fair market value under our Equity Incentive Plan.

(3) Reflects the aggregate grant date fair value, computed in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718, of stock options granted in 2008, 2009 and 2010. See the information appearing under the heading entitled "Stock-Based Compensation" in footnote 2 to our consolidated financial statements included as part of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010 for certain assumptions made in the valuation of such stock options.

(4) Includes the following amounts in respect of company matching contributions under our 401(k) plan and company-paid premiums for group term life insurance. The company-paid life insurance premiums reflect payments for group term life policies maintained for the benefit of all employees.

	Year	Company 401(k) Matching Contribution	Company-Paid Group Term Life Insurance Premiums
Arthur T. Sands, M.D., Ph.D.	2010	\$6,125	\$730
	2009	\$6,125	\$840
	2008	\$5,750	\$720
Jeffrey L. Wade, J.D.	2010	\$6,125	\$543
	2009	\$6,125	\$571
	2008	\$5,750	\$485
Alan J. Main, Ph.D.	2010	\$6,125	\$508
	2009	\$6,125	\$571
	2008	\$5,750	\$486
Brian P. Zambrowicz, Ph.D.	2010	\$6,125	\$575
	2009	\$6,125	\$613
	2008	\$5,750	\$521
Steven A. Tragash	2010	\$3,388	\$367
Ajay Bansal	2010	\$196	\$48
	2009	\$4,958	\$333
James F. Tessmer	2010	\$6,125	\$341
	2009	\$5,625	\$378
	2008		