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FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2023

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission file number: 001-35285

Vaxart, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

59-1212264

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

170 Harbor Way, Suite 300, South San Francisco, CA 94080

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(650) 550-3500

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading symbol	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, \$0.0001 par value	VXRT	The Nasdaq Capital Market

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically every Interactive Data File required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit such files). Yes No

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

Large accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

Emerging growth company

Accelerated filer

Smaller reporting company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes No

The Registrant had 135,597,316 shares of common stock, \$0.0001 par value, outstanding as of May 3, 2023.

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FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (this “Quarterly Report”) for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2023, contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”) and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), which are subject to the “safe harbor” created by those sections, concerning our business, operations, and financial performance and condition as well as our plans, objectives, and expectations for business operations and financial performance and condition. Any statements contained herein that are not of historical facts may be deemed to be forward-looking statements. You can identify these statements by words such as “anticipate,” “assume,” “believe,” “could,” “estimate,” “expect,” “intend,” “may,” “plan,” “should,” “will,” “would,” and other similar expressions that are predictions of or indicate future events and future trends. These forward-looking statements are based on current expectations, estimates, forecasts, and projections about our business and the industry in which we operate and management’s beliefs and assumptions and are not guarantees of future performance or development and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties, and other factors that are in some cases beyond our control. As a result, any or all of our forward-looking statements in this Quarterly Report may turn out to be inaccurate. Factors that could materially affect our business operations and financial performance and condition include, but are not limited to, those risks and uncertainties described herein under “Item 1A. Risk Factors.” and those described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022. You are urged to consider these factors carefully in evaluating the forward-looking statements and are cautioned not to place undue reliance on the forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements are based on information available to us as of the filing date of this Quarterly Report. Unless required by law, we do not intend to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements to reflect new information or future events or otherwise. You should, however, review the factors and risks we describe in the reports we will file from time to time with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) after the date of this Quarterly Report.

This Quarterly Report also contains market data related to our business and industry. These market data include projections that are based on a number of assumptions. If these assumptions turn out to be incorrect, actual results may differ from the projections based on these assumptions. As a result, our markets may not grow at the rates projected by these data, or at all. The failure of these markets to grow at these projected rates may harm our business, results of operations, financial condition and the market price of our common stock.

PART I FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements

VAXART, INC.

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets
(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)
(Unaudited)

	March 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
<u>Assets</u>		
Current assets:		
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	\$ 48,434	\$ 46,013
Short-term investments	23,377	49,704
Accounts receivable	264	20
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	3,755	3,714
Total current assets	75,830	99,451
Property and equipment, net	14,373	15,585
Right-of-use assets, net	27,843	25,715
Intangible assets, net	4,837	5,020
Goodwill	4,508	4,508
Other long-term assets	2,460	3,568
Total assets	<u>\$ 129,851</u>	<u>\$ 153,847</u>
<u>Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity</u>		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 3,882	\$ 5,514
Deferred grant revenue	1,603	2,000
Other accrued current liabilities	6,977	8,084
Current portion of operating lease liability	2,344	2,228
Current portion of liability related to sale of future royalties	877	95
Total current liabilities	15,683	17,921
Operating lease liability, net of current portion	19,172	19,477
Liability related to sale of future royalties, net of current portion	4,997	5,621
Other long-term liabilities	246	231
Total liabilities	40,098	43,250
Commitments and contingencies (Note 8)		
Stockholders' equity:		
Preferred stock: \$0.0001 par value; 5,000,000 shares authorized; none issued and outstanding as of March 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022	—	—
Common stock: \$0.0001 par value; 250,000,000 shares authorized as of March 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022, respectively; 135,610,869 shares issued and 135,597,316 shares outstanding as of March 31, 2023 and 134,199,429 shares issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2022.	14	13
Additional paid-in capital	442,068	437,992
Treasury stock at cost, 13,553 shares and none as of March 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022, respectively	(10)	—
Accumulated deficit	(352,249)	(327,109)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(70)	(299)
Total stockholders' equity	89,753	110,597
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	<u>\$ 129,851</u>	<u>\$ 153,847</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

VAXART, INC.

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss
(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2023	2022
Revenue:		
Non-cash royalty revenue related to sale of future royalties	\$ 278	\$ 85
Grant revenue	397	—
Total revenue	675	85
Operating expenses:		
Research and development	19,622	18,203
General and administrative	6,625	6,658
Total operating expenses	26,247	24,861
Operating loss	(25,572)	(24,776)
Other income (expense):		
Interest income	642	35
Non-cash interest expense related to sale of future royalties	(178)	(340)
Foreign exchange loss, net	(3)	—
Loss before income taxes	(25,111)	(25,081)
Provision for income taxes	29	20
Net loss	\$ (25,140)	\$ (25,101)
Net loss per share - basic and diluted	\$ (0.19)	\$ (0.20)
Shares used to compute net loss per share - basic and diluted	135,213,196	125,795,255
Comprehensive loss:		
Net loss	\$ (25,140)	\$ (25,101)
Unrealized gain (loss) on available-for-sale investments, net of tax	229	(235)
Comprehensive loss	\$ (24,911)	\$ (25,336)

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VAXART, INC.

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity
For the Three Months Ended March 31, 2023 and 2022
(In thousands, except share amounts)
(Unaudited)

Three Months Ended March 31, 2023:	Common Stock		Treasury Stock		Additional Paid-in Capital	Accumulated Deficit	Accumulated Other Comprehensive (Loss) Gain	Total Stockholders' Equity
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount				
Balances as of December 31, 2022	134,199,429	\$ 13	—	\$ -	\$ 437,992	\$ (327,109)	\$ (299)	\$ 110,597
Issuance of common stock under September 2021 ATM, net of offering costs of \$103	1,362,220	1	—	—	1,429	—	—	1,430
Stock-based compensation	—	—	—	—	2,647	—	—	2,647
Release of common stock for vested restricted stock units	49,220	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Repurchase of common stock to satisfy tax withholding	—	—	(13,553)	(10)	—	—	—	(10)
Unrealized gains on available-for-sale investments	—	—	—	—	—	—	229	229
Net loss	—	—	—	—	—	(25,140)	—	(25,140)
Balances as of March 31, 2023	<u>135,610,869</u>	<u>\$ 14</u>	<u>(13,553)</u>	<u>\$ (10)</u>	<u>\$ 442,068</u>	<u>\$ (352,249)</u>	<u>\$ (70)</u>	<u>\$ 89,753</u>

Three Months Ended March 31, 2022:	Common Stock		Additional Paid-in Capital	Accumulated Deficit	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	Total Stockholders' Equity
	Shares	Amount				
Balances as of December 31, 2021	125,594,393	\$ 13	\$ 406,943	\$ (219,351)	\$ (74)	\$ 187,531
Issuance of common stock under September 2020 ATM, net of offering costs of \$314	216,000	—	992	—	—	992
Issuance of common stock upon exercise of stock options	30,418	—	48	—	—	48
Stock-based compensation	—	—	3,130	—	—	3,130
Unrealized losses on available-for-sale investments	—	—	—	—	(235)	(235)
Net loss	—	—	—	(25,101)	—	(25,101)
Balances as of March 31, 2022	<u>125,840,811</u>	<u>\$ 13</u>	<u>\$ 411,113</u>	<u>\$ (244,452)</u>	<u>\$ (309)</u>	<u>\$ 166,365</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

VAXART, INC.

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
(In thousands)
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2023	2022
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net loss	\$ (25,140)	\$ (25,101)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	2,062	1,131
Accretion of (discount) premium on investments	(144)	36
Stock-based compensation	2,647	3,130
Non-cash interest expense related to sale of future royalties	178	340
Non-cash revenue related to sale of future royalties	(20)	(71)
Change in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	(244)	(10)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	1,067	(4,498)
Accounts payable	(270)	113
Deferred grant revenue	(397)	—
Other accrued liabilities	(4,199)	(183)
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(24,460)</u>	<u>(25,113)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchases of property and equipment	(1,239)	(1,346)
Purchases of investments	—	(8,522)
Proceeds from maturities of investments	26,700	13,600
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>25,461</u>	<u>3,732</u>
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Net proceeds from issuance of common stock through ATM facilities	1,430	992
Shares acquired to settle employee tax withholding liabilities	(10)	—
Proceeds from issuance of common stock upon exercise of stock options	—	48
Net cash provided by financing activities	<u>1,420</u>	<u>1,040</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	2,421	(20,341)
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at beginning of the period	<u>46,013</u>	<u>143,745</u>
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at end of the period	<u>\$ 48,434</u>	<u>\$ 123,404</u>
Supplemental disclosure of non-cash investing and financing activity:		
Operating lease liabilities arising from obtaining right-of-use assets	<u>\$ 296</u>	<u>\$ 125</u>
Acquisition of property and equipment included in accounts payable and accrued expenses	<u>\$ 246</u>	<u>\$ 505</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

VAXART, INC.**Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)****NOTE 1. Organization and Nature of Business***General*

Vaxart Biosciences, Inc. was originally incorporated in California in March 2004, under the name West Coast Biologicals, Inc. The Company changed its name to Vaxart, Inc. (“Private Vaxart”) in July 2007, and reincorporated in the state of Delaware. In February 2018, Private Vaxart completed a business combination with Aviragen Therapeutics, Inc. (“Aviragen”), pursuant to which Aviragen merged with Private Vaxart, with Private Vaxart surviving as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Aviragen (the “Merger”). Pursuant to the terms of the Merger, Aviragen changed its name to Vaxart, Inc. (together with its subsidiaries, the “Company” or “Vaxart”) and Private Vaxart changed its name to Vaxart Biosciences, Inc.

On September 15, 2021, the Company entered into a Controlled Equity Offering Sales Agreement (the “September 2021 ATM”), pursuant to which it may offer and sell, from time to time through sales agents, shares of its common stock having an aggregate offering price of up to \$100 million. The Company filed a prospectus supplement with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) on September 16, 2021, and will pay sales commissions of up to 3.0% of gross proceeds from the sale of shares. During the three months ended March 31, 2023, 1,362,220 shares were issued and sold under the September 2021 ATM for gross proceeds of \$1.5 million, which, after deducting sales commissions and expenses incurred to date, resulted in net proceeds of \$1.4 million. Since March 31, 2023, we have not raised any additional capital under the September 2021 ATM and we will not raise capital under the September 2021 ATM until the registration statement on Form S-3 (SEC File No. 333-270671) that we filed with the SEC on March 17, 2023, which includes the prospectus relating to the September 2021 ATM, is declared effective by the SEC.

The Company’s principal operations are based in South San Francisco, California, and it operates in one reportable segment, which is the discovery and development of oral recombinant protein vaccines, based on its proprietary oral vaccine platform.

NOTE 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation, Liquidity and Going Concern – The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“U.S. GAAP”) and pursuant to the accounting and disclosure rules and regulations of the SEC assuming the Company will continue as a going concern.

The Company is a clinical-stage biotechnology company with no product sales. Its primary source of capital is from the sale and issuance of common stock and common stock warrants. At March 31, 2023, the Company had cash, cash equivalents, restricted cash, and investments of \$71.8 million. A substantial doubt has been raised with regard to the ability of the Company to continue as a going concern for a period of one year after the date that the financial statements are issued as the Company is expected to generate operating losses and negative operating cash flows and had no committed source of debt or equity financing.

During the first quarter of 2023, the Company decided to primarily focus on advancing its norovirus oral vaccine candidate and postponed initiating a SARS-CoV-2 human challenge study. The Company also implemented a restructuring plan to reduce operating costs and better align its workforce with the needs of its business. The plan resulted in a reduction of approximately 27% of the Company’s workforce and severance costs of \$732,000. The Company projects it has enough cash runway into the second quarter of 2024.

The Company will be dependent upon raising additional capital through placement of its common stock, notes or other securities, borrowings, or entering into a partnership with a strategic party in order to implement its business plan. The Company is currently not in compliance with the minimum bid price requirement for continued listing on Nasdaq and has been provided an initial compliance period until September 25, 2023 to regain compliance. The Company may be eligible for an additional 180 calendar days compliance period under certain circumstances. If the Company does not regain compliance during the compliance period, the Company’s common stock will be delisted from Nasdaq. The delisting of our common stock from Nasdaq may make it more difficult for us to raise capital on favorable terms in the future, or at all. There can be no assurance that the Company will be successful raising additional capital. If the Company is unable to raise additional capital in sufficient amounts or on acceptable terms, management’s plans include further reducing or delaying operating expenses. The Company has concluded, even without raising any additional capital, management’s plan to successfully reduce expenses is probable and sufficient to alleviate substantial doubt for a period of at least 12 months from the date of issuance of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

The financial statements do not include any adjustments that might be necessary if the Company is unable to continue as a going concern.

Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in consolidated financial statements have been condensed or omitted pursuant to these rules and regulations. These condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Company’s audited financial statements and footnotes related thereto for the year ended December 31, 2022, included in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 15, 2023 (the “Annual Report”). Unless noted below, there have been no material changes to the Company’s significant accounting policies described in Note 2 to the consolidated financial statements included in the Annual Report. In the opinion of management, the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements include all adjustments (consisting only of normal recurring adjustments) necessary to present fairly the Company’s financial position and the results of its operations and cash flows. The results of operations for such interim periods are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full year or any future periods.

Basis of Consolidation – The condensed consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of Vaxart, Inc. and its subsidiaries. All significant transactions and balances between Vaxart, Inc. and its subsidiaries have been eliminated in consolidation.

Use of Estimates – The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results and outcomes could differ from these estimates and assumptions.

Concentration of Credit Risk – Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to significant concentrations of credit risk consist principally of cash, cash equivalents, restricted cash and available-for-sale investments. The Company places its cash, cash equivalents, restricted cash and available-for-sale investments at financial institutions that management believes are of high credit quality. The Company is exposed to credit risk in the event of default by the financial institutions holding the cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash to the extent such amounts are in excess of the federally insured limits. Losses incurred or a lack of access to such funds could have a significant adverse impact on the Company’s financial condition, results of operations, and cash flows.

VAXART, INC.

Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)

The primary focus of the Company's investment strategy is to preserve capital and meet liquidity requirements. The Company's investment policy addresses the level of credit exposure by limiting the concentration in any one corporate issuer or sector and establishing a minimum allowable credit rating.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

The Company has reviewed all newly-issued accounting pronouncements that are not yet effective and concluded that they are either not applicable to its operations or their adoption is not expected to have a material impact on its financial position or results of operations.

NOTE 3. Fair Value of Financial Instruments

Fair value accounting is applied for all financial assets and liabilities and nonfinancial assets and liabilities that are recognized or disclosed at fair value in the financial statements on a recurring basis (at least annually). Financial instruments include cash and cash equivalents, marketable securities, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities that approximate fair value due to their relatively short maturities.

Assets and liabilities recorded at fair value on a recurring basis in the balance sheets are categorized based upon the level of judgment associated with inputs used to measure their fair values. The accounting guidance for fair value provides a framework for measuring fair value and requires certain disclosures about how fair value is determined. Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in an orderly transaction between market participants at the reporting date. The accounting guidance also establishes a three-level valuation hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value based upon whether such inputs are observable or unobservable. Observable inputs reflect market data obtained from independent sources, while unobservable inputs reflect market assumptions made by the reporting entity.

The three-level hierarchy for the inputs to valuation techniques is briefly summarized as follows:

Level 1 – Inputs are unadjusted, quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities at the measurement date;

Level 2 – Inputs are observable, unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for similar assets or liabilities, unadjusted quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the related assets or liabilities; and

Level 3 – Unobservable inputs that are significant to the measurement of the fair value of the assets or liabilities that are supported by little or no market data.

The following table sets forth the fair value of the Company's financial assets that are measured on a recurring basis as of March 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022 (in thousands):

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
March 31, 2023				
Financial assets:				
Money market funds	\$ 38,179	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 38,179
U.S. Treasury securities	—	21,379	—	21,379
Commercial paper	—	999	—	999
Corporate debt securities	—	999	—	999
Total	<u>\$ 38,179</u>	<u>\$ 23,377</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 61,556</u>
December 31, 2022				
Financial assets:				
Money market funds	\$ 30,834	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 30,834
U.S. Treasury securities	—	41,542	—	41,542
Commercial paper	—	5,674	—	5,674
Corporate debt securities	—	2,488	—	2,488
Total	<u>\$ 30,834</u>	<u>\$ 49,704</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 80,538</u>

The Company held no recurring financial liabilities as of March 31, 2023 or December 31, 2022, or in the three months ended March 31, 2023 or 2022.

VAXART, INC.
Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)
NOTE 4. Balance Sheet Components
(a) Cash, Cash Equivalents, Restricted Cash and Investments

Cash, cash equivalents, restricted cash and investments consisted of the following (in thousands):

	Amortized	Gross Unrealized		Estimated	Cash and Cash Equivalents and Restricted Cash	Short-Term Investments	Long-Term Investments
	Cost	Gains	Losses	Fair Value			
March 31, 2023							
Cash at banks	\$ 10,255	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 10,255	\$ 10,255	\$ —	\$ —
Money market funds	38,179	—	—	38,179	38,179	—	—
U.S. Treasury securities	21,448	—	(69)	21,379	—	21,379	—
Commercial paper	999	—	—	999	—	999	—
Corporate debt securities	1,000	—	(1)	999	—	999	—
Total	\$ 71,881	\$ —	\$ (70)	\$ 71,811	\$ 48,434	\$ 23,377	\$ —

	Amortized	Gross Unrealized		Estimated	Cash and Cash Equivalents and Restricted Cash	Short-Term Investments	Long-Term Investments
	Cost	Gains	Losses	Fair Value			
December 31, 2022							
Cash at banks	\$ 15,179	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 15,179	\$ 15,179	\$ —	\$ —
Money market funds	30,834	—	—	30,834	30,834	—	—
U.S. Treasury securities	41,812	—	(270)	41,542	—	41,542	—
Commercial paper	2,488	—	—	2,488	—	2,488	—
Corporate debt securities	5,703	—	(29)	5,674	—	5,674	—
Total	\$ 96,016	\$ —	\$ (299)	\$ 95,717	\$ 46,013	\$ 49,704	\$ —

Cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash of \$48.4 million as of March 31, 2023 and \$46.0 million as of December 31, 2022, includes restricted cash of \$1.6 million and \$2.0 million, respectively.

(b) Property and Equipment, Net

Property and equipment, net consists of the following (in thousands):

	March 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Laboratory equipment	\$ 13,512	\$ 12,035
Office and computer equipment	1,057	1,078
Leasehold improvements	3,494	1,760
Construction in progress	476	3,984
Total property and equipment	18,539	18,857
Less: accumulated depreciation	(4,166)	(3,272)
Property and equipment, net	\$ 14,373	\$ 15,585

Depreciation expense was \$894,000 and \$370,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. There were no material impairments of the Company's property and equipment recorded in the three months ended March 31, 2023 or 2022, respectively.

(c) Right-of-Use Assets, Net

Right-of-use assets, net comprises facilities of \$27.8 million and \$25.7 million as of March 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022, respectively. In September 2021, the Company executed a lease for a facility in South San Francisco, California with an initial term expiring on March 31, 2029. The lease has two separate components, one commenced in the third quarter of 2022 and the other the first quarter of 2023 resulting in an additional \$15.0 million and \$3.1 million, respectively, of right-of-use assets.

VAXART, INC.
Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)
(d) Intangible Assets, Net

Intangible assets comprise developed technology and intellectual property. Intangible assets are carried at cost less accumulated amortization. Amortization is computed using the straight-line method over useful life of 11.75 years for developed technology and 20 years for intellectual property. As of March 31, 2023, developed technology and intellectual property had remaining lives of 6.6 and 4.75 years, respectively. As of March 31, 2022, there have been no indicators of impairment. Intangible assets consist of the following (in thousands):

	<u>March 31, 2023</u>	<u>December 31, 2022</u>
Developed technology	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Intellectual property	80	80
Total cost	5,080	5,080
Less: accumulated amortization	(243)	(60)
Intangible assets, net	<u>\$ 4,837</u>	<u>\$ 5,020</u>

Intangible asset amortization expense for the three months ended March 31, 2023 and 2022, was \$183,000 and \$338,000, respectively.

As of March 31, 2023, the estimated future amortization expense by year is as follows (in thousands):

<u>Year Ending December 31,</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2023 (nine months remaining)	\$ 548
2024	731
2025	731
2026	731
2027	731
Thereafter	1,365
Total	<u>\$ 4,837</u>

(e) Goodwill

Goodwill, which represents the excess of the purchase price over the fair value of assets acquired, comprises \$4.5 million as of March 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022. As of March 31, 2023, there have been no indicators of impairment.

(f) Other Accrued Liabilities

Other accrued liabilities consist of the following (in thousands):

	<u>March 31, 2023</u>	<u>December 31, 2022</u>
Accrued compensation	\$ 2,865	\$ 3,112
Accrued clinical and manufacturing expenses	1,497	2,413
Accrued professional and consulting services	524	691
Other liabilities, current portion	2,091	1,868
Total	<u>\$ 6,977</u>	<u>\$ 8,084</u>

NOTE 5. Revenue
Royalty Agreement

The Company generates royalty revenue from the sale of Inavir in Japan, pursuant to a collaboration and license agreement that Aviragen entered into with Daiichi Sankyo Company, Limited ("Daiichi Sankyo") in 2009. In September 2010, laninamivir octanoate was approved for sale by the Japanese Ministry of Health and Welfare for the treatment of influenza in adults and children, which Daiichi Sankyo markets as Inavir. Under the agreement, the Company currently receives a 4% royalty on net sales of Inavir in Japan. The last patent related to Inavir is set to expire in December 2029, at which time royalty revenue will cease. The Company's royalty revenue is seasonal, in line with the flu season, so the majority of the Company's royalty revenue and non-cash royalty revenue related to the sale of future royalties are earned in the first and fourth fiscal quarters. The royalty revenue related to Inavir recognized in the three months ended March 31, 2023 and 2022, was nil. In addition, the Company recognized non-cash royalty revenue related to sale of future royalties (see Note 6) of \$278,000 and \$85,000 in the three months ended March 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. Both royalty revenue and the non-cash royalty revenue related to sale of future royalties are subject to a 5% withholding tax in Japan, for which \$14,000 and \$4,000 was included in income tax expense in the three months ended March 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Grant Revenue

In November 2022, the Company accepted a grant to perform research and development work for the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation ("BMGF") and received \$2.0 million in advance that was recorded as restricted cash and deferred revenue. The Company recognizes revenue under research contracts only when a contract has been executed and the contract price is fixed or determinable. Revenue from the BMGF grant is recognized in the period during which the related costs are incurred and the related services are rendered, provided that the applicable conditions under the contract have been met. Costs of contract revenue are recorded as a component of operating expenses in the consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive loss. The Company

recognized \$397,000 revenue from the BMGF Grant in the three-months ended March 31, 2023. As of March 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022, restricted cash and deferred revenue were \$1.6 million and \$2.0 million, respectively.

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NOTE 6. Liabilities Related to Sale of Future Royalties

In April 2016, Aviragen entered into a Royalty Interest Acquisition Agreement (the “RIAA”) with HealthCare Royalty Partners III, L.P. (“HCRP”). Under the RIAA, HCRP made a \$20.0 million cash payment to Aviragen in consideration for acquiring certain royalty rights (“Royalty Rights”) related to the approved product Inavir in the Japanese market. The Royalty Rights were obtained pursuant to the collaboration and license agreements (the “License Agreement”) and a commercialization agreement that the Company entered into with Daiichi Sankyo. Per the terms of the RIAA, HCRP is entitled to the first \$3.0 million plus 15% of the next \$1.0 million in royalties earned in each year commencing on April 1, with any excess revenue being retained by the Company.

Under the relevant accounting guidance, due to a limit on the amount of royalties that HCRP can earn under the RIAA, this transaction was accounted for as a liability that is being amortized using the effective interest method over the life of the arrangement. The Company has no obligation to pay any amounts to HCRP other than to pass through to HCRP its share of royalties as they are received from Daiichi Sankyo. To record the amortization of the liability, the Company is required to estimate the total amount of future royalty payments to be received under the License Agreement and the payments that will be passed through to HCRP over the life of this agreement. Consequently, the Company imputes interest on the unamortized portion of the liability and records non-cash interest expense using an estimated effective interest rate. The royalties earned in each period that will be passed through to HCRP are recorded as non-cash royalty revenue related to sale of future royalties, with any excess not subject to pass-through being recorded as royalty revenue. When the pass-through royalties are paid to HCRP in the following quarter, the imputed liability related to sale of future royalties is commensurately reduced. The Company periodically assesses the expected royalty payments, and to the extent such payments are greater or less than the initial estimate, the Company adjusts the amortization of the liability and interest rate. As a result of this accounting, even though the Company does not retain HCRP’s share of the royalties, it will continue to record non-cash revenue related to those royalties until the amount of the associated liability, including the related interest, is fully amortized.

The following table shows the activity within the liability account during the three months ended March 31, 2023 (in thousands):

Total liability related to sale of future royalties, start of period	\$	5,716
Non-cash royalty revenue paid to HCRP		(20)
Non-cash interest expense recognized		178
Total liability related to sale of future royalties, end of period		5,874
Current portion		(877)
Long-term portion	\$	4,997

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NOTE 7. Leases

The Company has obtained the right of use for office and manufacturing facilities under seven operating lease agreements with initial terms exceeding one year and has one operating lease agreements for facilities and one for manufacturing equipment with initial terms of one year or less. The lease term at the commencement date is determined by considering whether renewal options and termination options are reasonably assured of exercise.

In September 2021 the Company executed a lease for a facility in South San Francisco, California, with an initial term expiring on March 31, 2029. This lease has two separate components, one commenced in the third quarter of 2022 and the other in the first quarter of 2023 resulting in an additional right of use asset \$15.0 million and \$3.1 million respectively.

As of March 31, 2023, the weighted average discount rate for operating leases with initial terms of more than one year was 9.8% and the weighted average remaining term of these leases was 5.9 years. Discount rates were determined using the Company's marginal rate of borrowing at the time each lease was executed or extended.

The following table summarizes the Company's undiscounted cash payment obligations for its operating lease liabilities with initial terms of more than twelve months as of March 31, 2023 (in thousands):

Year Ending December 31,	
2023 (nine months remaining)	\$ 3,117
2024	4,275
2025	4,421
2026	4,975
2027	5,205
Thereafter	6,797
Undiscounted total	28,790
Less: imputed interest	(7,274)
Present value of future minimum payments	21,516
Current portion of operating lease liability	(2,344)
Operating lease liability, net of current portion	<u>\$ 19,172</u>

The Company presently has no finance leases and no future obligations under operating leases with initial terms of one year or less.

The Company is also required to pay for operating expenses related to the leased space, which were \$2.0 million and \$1.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2023 and 2022. The operating expenses are incurred separately and were not included in the present value of lease payments.

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2023	2022
<u>Lease cost</u>		
Operating lease cost	\$ 1,510	\$ 719
Short-term lease cost	21	118
Variable lease cost	511	265
Total lease cost	<u>\$ 2,042</u>	<u>\$ 1,102</u>

NOTE 8. Commitments and Contingencies
(a) Purchase Commitments

As of March 31, 2023, the Company had approximately \$7.8 million of non-cancelable purchase commitments, principally for contract manufacturing and clinical services which are expected to be paid within the next year.

(b) Indemnifications

In the ordinary course of business, the Company enters into agreements that may include indemnification provisions. Pursuant to such agreements, the Company may indemnify, hold harmless and defend indemnified parties for losses suffered or incurred by the indemnified party. Some of the provisions will limit losses to those arising from third-party actions. In some cases, the indemnification will continue after the termination of the agreement. The maximum potential amount of future payments the Company could be required to make under these provisions is not determinable. The Company has also entered into indemnification agreements with certain officers and directors which provide, among other things, that the Company will indemnify and advance expenses incurred in connection with certain actions, suits or proceedings to such officer or director, under the circumstances and to the extent provided for therein, for expenses, damages, judgments, fines and settlements he or she may be required to pay in actions or proceedings which he or she is or may be made a party by reason of his or her position as a director, officer or other agent of the Company, and otherwise to the fullest extent permitted under Delaware law and the Company's Bylaws. The Company currently has directors' and officers' insurance.

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(c) Litigation

From time to time the Company may be involved in legal proceedings arising in connection with its business. Based on information currently available, the Company believes that the amount, or range, of reasonably possible losses in connection with any pending actions against it in excess of established reserves, in the aggregate, is indeterminable to its consolidated financial condition or cash flows. However, any current or future dispute resolution or legal proceeding, regardless of the merits of any such proceeding, could result in substantial costs and a diversion of management's attention and resources that are needed to run the Company successfully, and could have a material adverse impact on its business, financial condition and results of operations.

On August 4, 2020, a purported shareholder derivative complaint was filed in the Superior Court of California, San Mateo County, entitled Godfrey v. Latour, et al. An amended complaint was filed on September 4, 2020 and the case was re-named Ennis v. Latour, et al. A second amended complaint was filed on November 25, 2020. A third amended complaint was filed on June 11, 2021. The third amended complaint named certain current and former Vaxart directors as defendants, asserting claims against them for breach of fiduciary duty, unjust enrichment, and waste and seeking, among other things, an award of unspecified damages, certain equitable relief, and attorneys' fees and costs. The third amended complaint also asserted claims for breach of fiduciary duty and aiding and abetting breach of fiduciary duty against Armistice Capital, LLC ("Armistice"). The third amended complaint challenged certain stock options granted to certain of the Company's officers and directors in June 2020; certain alleged statements and omissions made in the Company's April 24, 2020, proxy statement; and certain amendments to two warrants held by Armistice, as disclosed on June 8, 2020. The third amended complaint purported to bring the lawsuit derivatively on behalf of and for the benefit of the Company and named the Company as a "nominal defendant" against which no damages were sought. On August 31, 2021, the Company and certain of its directors (the "Vaxart Defendants"), as well as all other defendants, filed demurrers to the third amended complaint. By Order dated November 17, 2022, the court sustained the defendants' demurrers without leave to amend, and the time for plaintiffs to appeal has since lapsed.

In August and September 2020, two substantially similar securities class actions were filed in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California. The first action, titled Himmelberg v. Vaxart, Inc. et al. was filed on August 24, 2020. The second action, titled Hovhannisyann v. Vaxart, Inc. et al. was filed on September 1, 2020 (together, the "Putative Class Action"). By Order dated September 17, 2020, the two actions were deemed related. On December 9, 2020, the court appointed lead plaintiffs and lead plaintiffs' counsel.

On January 29, 2021, lead plaintiffs filed their consolidated amended complaint. On July 8, 2021, all defendants moved to dismiss the consolidated amended complaint. On May 14, 2021, the court granted lead plaintiffs' request to amend the consolidated amended complaint and denied defendants' motions to dismiss as moot. On June 10, 2021, lead plaintiffs filed a first amended consolidated complaint, and on August 9, 2021, lead plaintiffs filed a corrected first amended consolidated complaint. The first amended consolidated complaint, as corrected, named certain of Vaxart's current and former executive officers and directors, as well as Armistice, as defendants. It claimed three violations of federal civil securities laws; violation of Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act and SEC Rule 10b-5, as against the Company and all individual defendants; violation of Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act, as against Armistice and all individual defendants; and violation of Section 20A of the Exchange Act against Armistice. The first amended consolidated complaint, as corrected, alleged that the defendants violated securities laws by misstating and/or omitting information regarding the Company's development of a norovirus vaccine, the vaccine manufacturing capabilities of a business counterparty, and the Company's involvement with Operation Warp Speed ("OWS"); and by engaging in a scheme to inflate Vaxart's stock price. The first amended consolidated complaint sought certification as a class action for similarly situated shareholders and sought, among other things, an unspecified amount of damages and attorneys' fees and costs. On July 8, 2021, all defendants moved to dismiss the first amended consolidated complaint. By Order dated December 22, 2021, the court granted the motion to dismiss by Armistice with leave to amend and otherwise denied the motions to dismiss. On July 27, 2022, lead plaintiffs filed a notice announcing that they had reached a partial settlement (the "Partial Settlement") to resolve all claims against the Company and its current or former officers and/or directors in their capacity as officers and/or directors of the Company (the "Settling Defendants"). Pursuant to the Partial Settlement, the Company agreed to a settlement amount of \$12.0 million with \$2.0 million to be paid by the Company and the remainder to be paid by the Company's insurers. On November 2, 2022, the Company paid the \$2.0 million settlement amount with respect to the Putative Class Action pursuant to the terms of the settlement agreement reached in that case. On November 14, 2022, lead plaintiffs filed a second amended consolidated class action complaint that purported to include new allegations to support claims against Armistice. By Orders dated January 25, 2023, the court approved the Partial Settlement and entered judgment dismissing with prejudice all claims asserted in the Putative Class Action against the Settling Defendants.

On October 23, 2020, a complaint was filed in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, entitled Roth v. Armistice Capital LLC, et al. The complaint names Armistice and certain Armistice-related parties as defendants, asserting a violation of Exchange Act Section 16(b) and seeking the disgorgement of short-swing profits. The complaint purports to bring the lawsuit on behalf of and for the benefit of the Company and names the Company as a "nominal defendant" for whose benefit damages are sought.

On January 8, 2021, a purported shareholder, Phillip Chan, commenced a *pro se* lawsuit in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California titled Chan v. Vaxart, Inc. et al. (the "Opt-Out Action"). Because this complaint is nearly identical to an earlier version of a complaint filed in the Putative Class Action, the Opt-Out Action has been stayed while the Putative Class Action is pending.

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NOTE 9. Stockholders' Equity

(a) Preferred Stock

The Company is authorized to issue 5,000,000 shares of preferred stock, \$0.0001 par value per share. The Company's board of directors may, without further action by the stockholders, fix the rights, preferences, privileges and restrictions of up to an aggregate of 5,000,000 shares of preferred stock in one or more series and authorize their issuance. These rights, preferences and privileges could include dividend rights, conversion rights, voting rights, terms of redemption, liquidation preferences, sinking fund terms and the number of shares constituting any series or the designation of such series, any or all of which may be greater than the rights of our common stock. The issuance of preferred stock could adversely affect the voting power of holders of common stock and the likelihood that such holders will receive dividend payments and payments upon liquidation. In addition, the issuance of preferred stock could have the effect of delaying, deterring or preventing a change of control or other corporate action. No shares of preferred stock are currently outstanding, and the Company has no present plan to issue any shares of preferred stock.

(b) Common Stock

As of March 31, 2023, the Company was authorized to issue 250,000,000 shares of common stock, \$0.0001 par value per share, which includes an increase of 100,000,000 on August 4, 2022, when the Company's stockholders approved an amendment to the Company's certificate of incorporation to increase the number of authorized shares of common stock from 150,000,000. Except as otherwise required by law or as otherwise provided in any certificate of designation for any series of preferred stock, the holders of common stock possess all voting power for the election of the Company's directors and all other matters requiring stockholder action. Holders of common stock are entitled to one vote per share on matters to be voted on by stockholders. Holders of common stock are entitled to receive such dividends, if any, as may be declared from time to time by the Company's board of directors in its discretion out of funds legally available therefor. In no event will any stock dividends or stock splits or combinations of stock be declared or made on common stock unless the shares of common stock at the time outstanding are treated equally and identically. As of March 31, 2023, no dividends had been declared by the board of directors.

In the event of the Company's voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution, distribution of assets or winding-up, the holders of the common stock will be entitled to receive an equal amount per share of all the Company's assets of whatever kind available for distribution to stockholders, after the rights of the holders of the preferred stock have been satisfied. There are no sinking fund provisions applicable to the common stock.

The Company had shares of common stock reserved for issuance as follows:

	March 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Options issued and outstanding	19,305,219	14,725,261
RSUs issued and outstanding	3,708,708	808,310
Available for future grants of equity awards	4,540,768	12,074,692
Common stock warrants	227,434	227,434
2022 Employee Stock Purchase Plan	1,800,000	1,800,000
Total	<u>29,582,129</u>	<u>29,635,697</u>

(c) Warrants

The following warrants were outstanding as of March 31, 2023, all of which contain standard anti-dilution protections in the event of subsequent rights offerings, stock splits, stock dividends or other extraordinary dividends, or other similar changes in the Company's common stock or capital structure, and none of which have any participating rights for any losses:

Securities into which warrants are convertible	Warrants Outstanding	Exercise Price	Expiration Date
Common Stock	44,148	\$ 1.10	April 2024
Common Stock	26,515	\$ 1.375	April 2024
Common Stock	29,150	\$ 2.50	March 2025
Common Stock	100,532	\$ 3.125	February 2025
Common Stock	16,175	\$ 3.125	March 2024
Common Stock	10,914	\$ 22.99	December 2026
Total	<u>227,434</u>		

In the event of a Fundamental Transaction (a transfer of ownership of the Company as defined in the warrant) within the Company's control, the holders of the unexercised common stock warrants exercisable for \$1.10 and \$2.50 and those exercisable for \$3.125 expiring in February 2025 shall be entitled to receive cash consideration equal to a Black-Scholes valuation, as defined in the warrant. If such Fundamental Transaction is not within the Company's control, the warrant holders would only be entitled to receive the same form of consideration (and in the same proportion) as the holders of the Company's common stock, hence these warrants are classified as a component of permanent equity.

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NOTE 10. Equity Incentive Plans

On April 23, 2019, the Company's stockholders approved the adoption of the 2019 Equity Incentive Plan (the "2019 Plan"), under which the Company is authorized to issue incentive stock options, nonqualified stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock awards, restricted stock units (RSUs), other stock awards and performance awards that may be settled in cash, stock, or other property. The 2019 Plan is designed to secure and retain the services of employees, directors and consultants, provide incentives for the Company's employees, directors and consultants to exert maximum efforts for the success of the Company and its affiliates, and provide a means by which employees, directors and consultants may be given an opportunity to benefit from increases in the value of the Company's common stock. Following adoption of the 2019 Plan, all previous plans were frozen, and on forfeiture, cancellation and expiration, awards under those plans are not assumed by the 2019 Plan.

The aggregate number of shares of common stock authorized for issuance under the 2019 Plan was initially 1,600,000 shares, which was increased through an amendment to the 2019 Plan adopted by the Company's stockholders (a "Plan Amendment") on June 8, 2020, to 8,000,000, by a Plan Amendment on June 16, 2021, to 16,900,000, and by a Plan Amendment on August 4, 2022, to 28,900,000. Further amendments to the 2019 Plan to increase the share reserve would require stockholder approval. Awards that are forfeited or canceled generally become available for issuance again under the 2019 Plan. Awards have a maximum term of ten years from the grant date and may vest over varying periods, as specified by the Company's board of directors for each grant.

A summary of stock option and RSU transactions in the three months ended March 31, 2023, is as follows:

	Shares Available For Grant	Number of Options Outstanding	Weighted Option Average Exercise Price	Unvested RSU Shares Outstanding	Weighted RSU Average Grant Date Fair Value
Balance at January 1, 2023	12,074,692	14,725,261	\$ 4.48	808,310	\$ 3.57
Granted	(10,071,992)	6,960,943	\$ 0.78	3,111,049	\$ 0.78
Exercised	—	—	\$ —	—	\$ —
Released	—	—	\$ —	(49,220)	\$ 5.09
Forfeited	1,887,633	(1,726,202)	\$ 5.43	(161,431)	\$ 3.49
Canceled	650,435	(654,783)	\$ 3.72	—	\$ —
Balance at March 31, 2023	<u>4,540,768</u>	<u>19,305,219</u>	<u>\$ 3.09</u>	<u>3,708,708</u>	<u>\$ 1.21</u>

As of March 31, 2023, there were 19,305,219 options outstanding with a weighted average exercise price of \$3.09, a weighted average remaining term of 8.28 years and an aggregate intrinsic value of \$72,000. Of these options, 6,185,977 were vested, with a weighted average exercise price of \$4.11, a weighted average remaining term of 6.06 years and an aggregate intrinsic value of \$64,000.

The aggregate intrinsic value represents the total pre-tax value (i.e., the difference between the Company's stock price and the exercise price) of stock options outstanding as of March 31, 2023, based on the Company's common stock closing price of \$0.76, which would have been received by the option holders had all their in-the-money options been exercised as of that date.

There were no options exercised during the three months ended March 31, 2023. The Company received \$48,000 for the 30,418 options exercised during the three months ended March 31, 2022, which had an intrinsic value of \$101,000.

The weighted average grant date fair value of options awarded in the three months ended March 31, 2023 and 2022, was \$0.78 and \$4.48, respectively. Their fair values were estimated using the following assumptions:

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2023	2022
Risk-free interest rate	3.45% - 3.56%	1.62% - 2.55%
Expected term (in years)	6.00	6.02 - 6.08
Expected volatility	128%	125% - 126%
Dividend yield	—%	—%

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The Company measures the fair value of all stock-based awards on the grant date and records the fair value of these awards, net of estimated forfeitures, to compensation expense over the service period. Total stock-based compensation recognized for options, RSUs and ESPP was as follows (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2023	2022
Research and development	\$ 1,372	\$ 2,027
General and administrative	1,275	1,103
Total stock-based compensation	<u>\$ 2,647</u>	<u>\$ 3,130</u>

As of March 31, 2023, the unrecognized stock-based compensation cost related to outstanding unvested stock options and RSUs expected to vest was \$28.1 million, which the Company expects to recognize over an estimated weighted average period of 2.6 years.

On August 4, 2022, the 2022 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the “2022 ESPP”) was approved by the Company’s stockholders. The Company reserved 1,800,000 shares of the Company’s common stock for purchase under the ESPP. The ESPP has a 6-month offering period comprised of one purchase period. The purchase price of the stock is equal to 85% of the lesser of the market value of such shares at the beginning of the 6-month offering period or the end of such offering period. No ESPP shares were issued or outstanding during the three months ended March 31, 2023, accordingly 1,800,000 shares were available and reserved for issuance under the ESPP.

The fair value of the ESPP shares is estimated using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. The weighted average estimated fair value for shares issued under our ESPP in fiscal years 2022 was \$0.46 per share, with the assumptions of 0.5 expected term (in years), 84.66% expected volatility, 4.60% risk-free interest rate, and 0% expected dividend yield. Stock-based compensation expense related to the ESPP for the three months ended March 31, 2023 was \$100,000. As of March 31, 2023, the unrecognized stock-based compensation cost related to outstanding ESPP expected to be recognized is \$50,000 by May 2023.

NOTE 11. Net Loss Per Share

The following table presents the calculation of basic and diluted net loss per share (in thousands, except share and per share amounts):

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2023	2022
Net loss	\$ (25,140)	\$ (25,101)
Shares used to compute net loss per share – basic and diluted	<u>135,213,196</u>	<u>125,795,255</u>
Net loss per share – basic and diluted	<u>\$ (0.19)</u>	<u>\$ (0.20)</u>

No adjustment has been made to the net loss in the three months ended March 31, 2023 or 2022, as the effect would be anti-dilutive due to the net loss.

The following potentially dilutive weighted average securities were excluded from the computation of weighted average shares outstanding because they would have been antidilutive:

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2023	2022
Options to purchase common stock	14,436,046	10,903,711
Restricted stock units to purchase common stock	1,218,200	10,917
Warrants to purchase common stock	227,434	232,434
Employee Stock Purchase Plan	<u>433,328</u>	<u>—</u>
Total potentially dilutive securities excluded from denominator of the diluted earnings per share computation	<u>16,315,008</u>	<u>11,147,062</u>

Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

The following discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with our condensed consolidated financial statements and related notes included elsewhere in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and with our audited consolidated financial statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 15, 2023. This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, which are subject to the "safe harbor" created by those sections. Forward-looking statements are based on our management's beliefs and assumptions and on information currently available to our management. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by terms such as "may," "will," "should," "could," "goal," "would," "expect," "plan," "anticipate," "believe," "estimate," "project," "predict," "potential" and similar expressions intended to identify forward-looking statements and reflect our beliefs and opinions on the relevant subject. Our actual results could differ materially from those discussed in the forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause or contribute to these differences include those discussed below and in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. The forward-looking statements included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q are made only as of the date hereof. These statements are based upon information available to us as of the filing date of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, and while we believe such information forms a reasonable basis for such statements, such information may be limited or incomplete, and our statements should not be read to indicate that we have conducted an exhaustive inquiry into, or review of, all potentially available relevant information. These statements are inherently uncertain, and we caution investors against unduly relying upon these statements. In all events, we undertake no obligation to revise or update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, change in circumstances, future events or otherwise, and you are advised to consult any additional disclosures that we may make directly to you or through reports that we, in the future, may file with the SEC, including annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and current reports on Form 8-K.

Company Overview and Background

We are a clinical-stage biotechnology company primarily focused on the development of oral recombinant vaccines based on our Vector-Adjuvant-Antigen Standardized Technology ("VAAST") proprietary oral vaccine platform. Our oral vaccines are designed to generate broad and durable immune responses that may protect against a wide range of infectious diseases and may be useful for the treatment of chronic viral infections and cancer. Our investigational vaccines are administered using a room temperature-stable tablet, rather than by injection.

We are developing prophylactic vaccine candidates that target a range of infectious diseases, including norovirus (a widespread cause of acute gastro-intestinal enteritis), SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes coronavirus disease 2019 ("COVID-19")), and seasonal influenza. Several Phase 1 human studies with our norovirus vaccine candidates have been successfully completed. A Phase 2 challenge study evaluating safety and clinical efficacy of our GI.1 norovirus vaccine candidate is currently ongoing. A Phase 2 dose-ranging study evaluating the safety and immunogenicity of our bivalent GI.1 and GII.4 norovirus vaccine candidate is currently ongoing. We have completed a Phase 1 clinical trial for our first COVID-19 vaccine candidate and reported that the study met its primary and secondary endpoints. The first part of a Phase 2 study with our second COVID-19 vaccine candidate that commenced in late 2021 has been completed. We have also initiated preclinical work on novel COVID-19 vaccine constructs that seek to create a potent pan-betacoronavirus vaccine candidate that would respond to SARS-CoV-2 and also other betacoronaviruses (such as SARS-CoV-1 and MERS-CoV). Data indicating that our monovalent H1 influenza vaccine candidate protected participants against H1 influenza infection as well as a leading marketed injectable vaccine in a Phase 2 challenge study was published in 2020 (Lancet ID). In addition, we have generated preclinical data for a prophylactic vaccine candidate targeting respiratory syncytial virus ("RSV") (a common cause of respiratory tract infection) and of our first therapeutic vaccine candidate targeting cervical cancer and dysplasia caused by human papillomavirus ("HPV").

Vaxart Biosciences, Inc. was originally incorporated in California under the name West Coast Biologicals, Inc. in March 2004 and changed its name to Vaxart, Inc. ("Private Vaxart") in July 2007, when it reincorporated in the state of Delaware. On February 13, 2018, Private Vaxart completed a reverse merger (the "Merger") with Aviragen Therapeutics, Inc. ("Aviragen"), pursuant to which Private Vaxart survived as a wholly owned subsidiary of Aviragen. Under the terms of the Merger, Aviragen changed its name to Vaxart, Inc. and Private Vaxart changed its name to Vaxart Biosciences, Inc.

Our Product Pipeline

Figure 1. The following table outlines the status of our oral vaccine development programs:



We are developing the following tablet vaccine candidates, which are all based on our proprietary platform:

- Norovirus Vaccine.** Norovirus is the leading cause of acute gastroenteritis symptoms, such as vomiting and diarrhea, among people of all ages in the United States. Each year, on average, norovirus causes 19 to 21 million cases of acute gastroenteritis and contributes to 109,000 hospitalizations and 900 deaths, mostly among young children and older adults. Typical symptoms include dehydration, vomiting, diarrhea with abdominal cramps, and nausea. In a study by the CDC and Johns Hopkins University, published in 2016, the global annual economic impact of norovirus disease was estimated at \$60 billion, \$34 billion of which occurred in high income regions including the United States. An update by the lead authors estimated the burden in the U.S. alone to be \$10.5 billion annually in 2018. Virtually all norovirus disease is caused by norovirus GI and GII genotypes, and we are developing a bivalent vaccine candidate designed to protect against both. Because norovirus is an enteric pathogen that infects epithelial cells of the small intestine, we believe that a vaccine that produces antibodies against norovirus in the intestine, such as our tablet vaccine candidate which is delivered directly to the gut, may provide optimal protection. We anticipate that, if approved, the vaccine will be an annual, one-time administration ahead of the winter season when norovirus incidence is at its peak, similar to the influenza season.

In 2019, we completed the active phase of a Phase 1b clinical trial with our oral tablet vaccine candidates for the GI.1 and GII.4 norovirus strains. Both the oral norovirus GI.1 and GII.4 vaccine candidates were well tolerated with no serious adverse events reported. Most solicited and unsolicited adverse events were mild in severity, and there were no significant differences observed between the vaccine candidate and placebo treatment groups.

Our bivalent vaccine candidate (GI.1 and GII.4 co-administered) demonstrated robust immunogenicity, with an IgA ASC response rate of 78% for the GI.1 strain and 93% for the GII.4 strain for the bivalent cohort of the study, when compared to 86% and 90%, respectively, for the two monovalent cohorts of the study. These results indicate that co-administration of the two vaccine candidates, the intended approach for proceeding into Phase 2 and 3 trials, shows no cross-strain interference, or reduction of the immune response compared with individual (monovalent) vaccine delivery.

In early 2021, we initiated G1.1 dosing in a subset of subjects (second dose after more than one year) in the Phase 1b bivalent study. In results announced in July 2021, we reported that we were able to successfully boost immune responses with the G1.1 norovirus vaccine candidate in prior vaccinated subjects. These boosted responses include IgA antibody secreting cells, as well as IgG and IgA serum antibody responses. In mid-2021, we started a placebo-controlled, dose ranging study in elderly adult subjects aged 55 to 80 to evaluate the safety and immunogenicity of the G1.1 vaccine candidate in the older population. The top-line results were disclosed in June 2022. The immune response to the vaccine candidate was similar in healthy older individuals (ages 55 to 80) as it was in younger individuals in a previous study as measured by the numbers of antibody secreting cells (IgA ASC) and serum antibodies. Lastly, we conducted an open-label trial to evaluate the optimal timing of boost administration in young adults in which 3 cohorts of subjects received their second dose (boost) at varying timepoints between 1 and 3 months post initial vaccination. The top-line results from this study were disclosed in June 2022. Data indicated that the G1.1 vaccine candidate was able to successfully boost antibody responses, with antibody responses trending better with administration spread out over 3 months versus a shorter interval.

We are currently conducting additional Phase 2 clinical trials with our norovirus vaccine candidates. The first trial, which was initiated in early 2022, is a Phase 2 norovirus challenge study which will evaluate safety, immunogenicity and clinical efficacy of a norovirus GI.1 vaccine candidate compared to a placebo control post norovirus challenge. In 2023, Vaxart expanded the ongoing Phase 2 GI.1 norovirus challenge study to include additional challenge cohorts. Vaxart believes the increased dataset will improve the likelihood of identifying a correlate of protection between immune responses to the vaccine and a reduction in risk of norovirus infection and/or acute gastroenteritis. Vaxart expects that identifying novel correlate(s) of protection may reduce the size and duration of a Phase 3 trial. Top-line data from this trial is expected in the third quarter of 2023. The second clinical trial, initiated in early 2023, is a Phase 2 multi-center, placebo-controlled dose-ranging trial evaluating the safety and immunogenicity of Vaxart’s bivalent norovirus vaccine candidate in subjects aged 18 years and older. Top-line data from this Phase 2 clinical trial is expected in the middle of 2023, and the study is designed to allow us to select the dose that we intend to use in Phase 3. Upon dose selection, a follow-on Phase 2 study will enroll an estimated 500 subjects which we expect will generate sufficient safety data at the selected dose to enable us to have an end of Phase 2 meeting with the FDA to gain concurrence on the scope and design of the Phase 3 pivotal efficacy study in adults over 18 years of age.

In the Fall of 2022, we announced a study that would receive significant funding and support from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to evaluate whether our bivalent norovirus vaccine candidate induces antibodies in the breast milk of lactating mothers and whether infants up to six months of age can acquire those antibodies by breastfeeding. Young infants are particularly susceptible to norovirus infection, causing severe dehydration and potentially death, particular in the developing world. Further, the ability to immunize the youngest of children can be difficult due to the nascent immune system. Passive transfer of antibodies from mother to infant that are induced in milk may protect breastfeeding infants from infectious pathogens. If successful in eliciting antibodies in breast milk, the next step would be to prove that these antibodies can protect young infants and inhibit norovirus transmission among family members. The study is expected to start in 2023. As a grant recipient from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Vaxart has agreed to a global access commitment for use of its bivalent norovirus vaccine candidate, if proven effective and approved, in breastfeeding mothers from low- and middle-income countries.

- **Coronavirus Vaccine.** COVID-19, a severe respiratory tract infection caused by the virus SARS-CoV-2, is a major cause of hospitalization and death in the U.S. and worldwide. According to the CDC, an outbreak of COVID-19 began in Wuhan, China, in late 2019 and rapidly spread worldwide. By April 13, 2023, more than 762 million COVID-19 cases had been identified globally, including in the United States, where the CDC had reported over 104 million infections and one million deaths. While most COVID-19 restrictions, such as stay-at-home orders, have been lifted, COVID-19 continues to spread and remains a public health threat, not least due to the continuing emergence of new variants.

We have spent significant effort developing COVID-19 vaccine candidates over the past few years. We generated multiple vaccine candidates based on the published genome of SARS-CoV-2 and evaluated them in preclinical models for their ability to generate both mucosal and systemic immune responses. Of particular interest were the mucosal immune responses, as coronaviruses primarily infect the respiratory tract. Given the recent emergence of coronavirus strains with mutated S proteins that are considered more contagious than the original strain, serum antibodies from injected vaccines may not adequately protect against these SARS-CoV-2 variants over time, whereas a vaccine that is able to create cross-reactive mucosal antibodies and T cells against conserved epitopes may have significant advantages.

On September 14, 2020, we announced that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (the “FDA”) had cleared our Investigational New Drug (“IND”) application to allow initiation of human clinical testing of our first oral COVID-19 (S and N proteins) vaccine candidate VXA-CoV2-1. In February 2021, we announced the preliminary results of the trial. The study achieved both its primary and secondary endpoints of safety and immunogenicity, respectively. Initial results showing cross-reactive mucosal antibody responses were published in *Science Translational Medicine*. Additional detailed study results and mucosal durability data were reported in *medRxiv* in July 2022.

We announced in February 2021 that we would evaluate additional COVID-19 vaccine candidates that contain just the spike (“S”) protein, and different variant-specific vaccine candidates. After preclinical evaluations (including in non-human primate studies) showed that an improved antibody response could be achieved with a new COVID-19 vaccine candidate (VXA-CoV2-1.1-S) that expressed just the spike protein, we decided to move this candidate forward for clinical evaluation.

An IND for VXA-CoV2-1.1-S was cleared by the FDA in July 2021. We initiated dosing with this candidate in a two-part Phase 2 clinical study in October 2021, with approximately 896 participants planned for enrollment utilizing a two-part study design. The first part of the study (“Part 1”) planned enrollment of 48 participants aged 18 to 55 and 48 participants aged 56 to 75, in order to further evaluate safety and immunogenicity and to assess optimal dosage. Further, half the subjects in the trial would be prior vaccinated (have received two doses of an mRNA vaccine) to test the ability of VXA-CoV2-1.1-S to boost immune responses and enhance variant-specific cross-reactivity, and half the subjects would be naïve to prior vaccinations. The purpose of the study was to evaluate safety and immunogenicity and to assess optimal dosage. Upon dose selection from Part 1, the second part of the study (“Part 2”) planned enrollment of approximately 800 subjects aged 18 to 75. Part 2 was designed to test preliminary vaccine efficacy to protect against SARS-CoV-2 infection. The first part of the study (“Part 1”) has been completed. The actual enrollment of participants for Part 1 was less than planned due to the inability to identify and enroll vaccine-naïve individuals in a timely manner. Top-line data from this portion of the trial was announced in September 2022, indicating that the primary and secondary endpoints were both met. VXA-CoV2-1.1-S was able to boost the serum antibody responses for volunteers that previously received an mRNA vaccine (either Pfizer/BioNTech or Moderna). Serum neutralizing antibody responses to SARS-CoV-2 (Wuhan), a recognized correlate of protection, were boosted in this population from a geometric mean of 481 to 778, a fold rise of 1.6. Volunteers that had lower starting titers had larger increases than subjects that had higher titers. There were also substantial increases in the neutralizing antibody responses to the SARS-CoV-2 Omicron BA4/5 in these volunteers as measured by sVNT assay. Increases in the mucosal IgA antibody responses (antibodies in the nose and mouth) were observed in approximately 50% of subjects. Subjects that had an increase in the mucosal IgA response to SARS-CoV-2 Wuhan S had an increase in IgA responses to other coronaviruses including SARS-CoV-2 Omicron BA4/5, SARS-CoV-1, and MERS-CoV, demonstrating the cross-reactive nature of these immune readouts.

We have initiated preclinical work on novel vaccine constructs that seek to create a potent pan-betacoronavirus vaccine candidate that would respond to SARS-CoV-2 and also other betacoronaviruses (such as SARS-CoV-1 and MERS-CoV). As described in the preceding paragraph, Vaxart’s clinical data demonstrated that it is possible to induce cross-reactive antibodies to multiple SARS-CoV-2 strains as well as SARS-CoV-1 and MERS-CoV at mucosal surfaces.

In June 2022, we announced a partnership with hVivo Services Limited (“hVIVO”) to test a Vaxart COVID-19 vaccine candidate for efficacy in a SARS-CoV-2 human challenge study. Subsequently in the first quarter of 2023, we decided to postpone initiating the SARS-CoV-2 human challenge study. As we advance new vaccine candidates, we will determine the best development plan, which may include a human challenge study.

- **Seasonal Influenza Vaccine.** Influenza is a major cause of morbidity and mortality in the U.S. and worldwide and, according to the CDC, only approximately 51% of eligible U.S. citizens were vaccinated in 2021/2022, with particularly low vaccination rates among adults between ages 18 and 49. We believe our oral tablet vaccine candidate has the potential to improve the protective efficacy of currently available influenza vaccines and increase flu vaccination rates.

Influenza is one of the most common global infectious diseases, causing mild to life-threatening illness and even death. Approximately 350 million cases of seasonal influenza occur annually worldwide, of which three to five million cases are considered severe, causing 290,000 to 650,000 deaths per year. Very young children and the elderly are at the greatest risk. In the United States, between 5% and 20% of the population contracts influenza, between 140,000 and 710,000 people are hospitalized with complications of influenza, and between 12,000 and 52,000 people die from influenza and its complications each year, with up to 90% of the influenza-related deaths occurring in adults older than 65. The total economic burden of seasonal influenza in the United States has been estimated to be \$87.1 billion, including medical costs which average \$10.4 billion annually, while lost earnings due to illness and loss of life amount to \$16.3 billion annually.

We believe our tablet vaccine candidate may potentially address many of the limitations presented by injectable egg-based influenza vaccines for the following reasons: (i) our tablet vaccine candidates are designed to create broad and durable immune responses, which may provide more effective immunity and protect against additional strain variants; (ii) our vaccine candidate is delivered as a room temperature-stable tablet, which we believe would provide a more convenient method of administration, enhancing patient acceptance and simplifying the distribution and administration process; (iii) we believe our tablet vaccine candidate may be manufactured more rapidly than vaccines manufactured using egg-based methods by using recombinant methods; and (iv) using our tablet vaccine candidate in lieu of egg-based vaccines would eliminate the risk of experiencing allergic reactions to egg protein.

In September 2018, we completed a \$15.7 million contract with the U.S. Government through the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (“HHS BARDA”) under which a Phase 2 challenge study of our H1N1 flu vaccine candidate was conducted. We announced that, in healthy volunteers immunized and then experimentally infected with H1 influenza, our H1 influenza oral tablet vaccine candidate reduced clinical disease by 39% relative to placebo. Fluzone, the market-leading injectable quadrivalent influenza vaccine, reduced clinical disease by 27%. Our tablet vaccine candidate also showed a favorable safety profile, indistinguishable from placebo.

On October 2018, we presented data from the study demonstrating that our vaccine candidate elicited a significant expansion of mucosal homing receptor plasmablasts to approximately 60% of all activated B cells. We believe these mucosal plasmablasts are a key indicator of a protective mucosal immune response and a unique feature of our vaccine candidates. This data also indicates that our vaccine candidates provide protection by inducing mucosal immunity (the first line of defense against mucosal infections such as flu, norovirus and RSV), marking what could be a key advantage over injectable vaccines.

In addition to our conventional seasonal flu vaccine candidate, we entered into a research collaboration agreement with Janssen Vaccines & Prevention B.V. (“Janssen”) in July 2019 to evaluate our proprietary oral vaccine platform for the Janssen universal influenza vaccine program. Under the agreement, we produced a non-GMP oral vaccine candidate containing certain proprietary antigens from Janssen and tested the product in a preclinical challenge model. The preclinical study has been completed and we have submitted a report to Janssen.

Vaxart will work with governments around the world to create pandemic monovalent influenza vaccines for emergency use or stockpiling, if requested. We are also continuing development of our preclinical seasonal and universal influenza vaccine candidates.

- **RSV Vaccine.** RSV is a major respiratory pathogen with a significant burden of disease in the very young and in the elderly.

Based on the positive results of our preclinical cotton rat study, we believe our proprietary oral vaccine platform has the potential to be the optimal vaccine delivery system for RSV, offering significant advantages over injectable vaccines.

The Company remains engaged in discussions with regulatory agencies, governments, non-governmental organizations and other potential strategic parties to determine the best way to progress its RSV program.

- **HPV Therapeutic Vaccine.** Our first therapeutic oral vaccine candidate targets HPV 16 and HPV 18, the two strains responsible for 70% of cervical cancers and precancerous cervical dysplasia.

Cervical cancer is the fourth most common cancer in women worldwide and in the United States with about 13,000 new cases diagnosed annually in the United States according to the National Cervical Cancer Coalition.

We have tested our HPV 16 vaccine candidate in two different HPV 16 solid tumor models in mice. The HPV 16 vaccine candidate elicited T cell responses and promoted migration of the activated T cells into the tumors, leading to tumor cell killing. Mice that received our HPV 16 vaccine candidate showed a significant reduction in volume of their established tumors.

In October 2018, we filed a pre-IND meeting request with the FDA for our first therapeutic vaccine candidate targeting HPV 16 and HPV 18 and we subsequently submitted our pre-IND briefing package. We received feedback from the FDA in January 2019 to support submission of an IND application to support initiation of clinical testing.

The Company remains engaged in discussions with regulatory agencies, governments, non-governmental organizations and other potential strategic parties to determine the best way to progress its HPV program.

Anti-Virals

- Through the Merger, we acquired two royalty earning products, Relenza and Inavir. We also acquired three Phase 2 clinical stage antiviral compounds, which we have discontinued independent clinical development of. However, for one of these, Vapendavir, we have entered into an exclusive worldwide license agreement with Altesa Biosciences, Inc. (“Altesa”) In July 2021, permitting Altesa to develop and commercialize this capsid-binding broad spectrum antiviral. In May 2022, Altesa announced its intention to initiate clinical trials.
- Relenza and Inavir are antivirals for the treatment of influenza, marketed by GlaxoSmithKline, plc (“GSK”) and Daiichi Sankyo Company, Limited (“Daiichi Sankyo”), respectively. We have earned royalties on the net sales of Relenza and Inavir in Japan. The last patent for Relenza expired in July 2019 and the last patent for Inavir expires in December 2029. Sales of these antivirals vary significantly by quarter, because influenza virus activity displays strong seasonal cycles, and by year depending on the intensity and duration of the flu season, the impact COVID-19 has had, and may continue to have, on seasonal influenza, and competition from other antivirals such as Tamiflu and Xofluza.

Financial Operations Overview**Revenue***Non-Cash Royalty Revenue Related to Sale of Future Royalties*

In April 2016, Aviragen sold certain royalty rights related to Inavir in the Japanese market for \$20.0 million to HealthCare Royalty Partners III, L.P. (“HCRP”). We pay HCRP the first \$3 million plus 15% of the next \$1 million of royalties earned in annual periods ending on March 31. At the time of the Merger, the estimated future benefit to HCRP was remeasured at fair value and was estimated to be \$15.9 million, which we account for as a liability and amortize using the effective interest method over the remaining estimated life of the arrangement. The estimated future benefit was remeasured as of December 31, 2022 and 2021 when the fair value was estimated to be \$5.7 million and \$11.5 million, respectively, resulting in a revaluation gain of \$7.0 million in the year ended December 31, 2022 and \$3.8 million in the year ended December 31, 2021. Even though we do not retain the related royalties under the transaction, as the amounts are remitted to HCRP, we will continue to record revenue related to these royalties until the amount of the associated liability and related interest is fully amortized.

Grant Revenue

In November 2022, the Company accepted a grant to perform research and development work for the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (“BMGF”) and received \$2.0 million in advance that was recorded as restricted cash and deferred revenue. The Company recognizes revenue under research contracts only when a contract has been executed and the contract price is fixed or determinable. Revenue from the BMGF grant is recognized in the period during which the related costs are incurred and the related services are rendered, provided that the applicable conditions under the contract have been met. Costs of contract revenue are recorded as a component of operating expenses in the consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive loss. The Company recognized \$397,000 revenue from the BMGF Grant in the three-months ended March 31, 2023. As of March 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022, restricted cash and deferred revenue were \$1.6 million and \$2.0 million, respectively.

Research and Development Expenses

Research and development expenses represent costs incurred on conducting research, such as developing our tablet vaccine platform, and supporting preclinical and clinical development activities of our tablet vaccine candidates. We recognize all research and development costs as they are incurred. Research and development expenses consist primarily of the following:

- employee-related expenses, which include salaries, benefits and stock-based compensation;
- expenses incurred under agreements with contract research organizations (“CROs”), that conduct clinical trials on our behalf;
- expenses incurred under agreements with contract manufacturing organizations (“CMOs”), that manufacture product used in the clinical trials;
- expenses incurred in procuring materials and for analytical and release testing services required to produce vaccine candidates used in clinical trials;
- process development expenses incurred internally and externally to improve the efficiency and yield of the bulk vaccine and tablet manufacturing activities
- laboratory supplies and vendor expenses related to preclinical research activities;
- consultant expenses for services supporting our clinical, regulatory and manufacturing activities; and
- facilities, depreciation and allocated overhead expenses.

We do not allocate our internal expenses to specific programs. Our employees and other internal resources are not directly tied to any one research program and are typically deployed across multiple projects. Internal research and development expenses are presented as one total.

We have incurred significant external costs for CROs that conduct clinical trials on our behalf, and for CMOs that manufacture our tablet vaccine candidates, although these costs have decreased since 2022 since we now perform the majority of our manufacturing activities in-house. We have captured these external costs for each vaccine program. We do not allocate external costs incurred on preclinical research or process development to specific programs.

The following table shows our period-over-period research and development expenses, identifying external costs that were incurred in each of our vaccine programs and, separately, on preclinical research and process development (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2023	2022
External program costs:		
Norovirus program	\$ 2,704	\$ 2,199
COVID-19 program	1,678	1,530
Preclinical research	465	460
Process development	520	610
Total external costs	5,367	4,799
Internal costs	14,255	13,404
Total research and development	<u>\$ 19,622</u>	<u>\$ 18,203</u>

We expect to incur significant research and development expenses in 2023 and beyond as we advance our tablet vaccine candidates into and through clinical trials, pursue regulatory approval of our tablet vaccine candidates and prepare for a possible commercial launch, all of which will also require a significant investment in manufacturing and inventory related costs. To the extent that we enter into licensing, partnering or collaboration agreements, a significant portion of such costs may be borne by third parties.

The process of conducting clinical trials necessary to obtain regulatory approval is costly and time consuming. We may never succeed in achieving marketing approval for our tablet vaccine candidates. The probability of successful commercialization of our tablet vaccine candidates may be affected by numerous factors, including clinical data obtained in future trials, competition, manufacturing capability and commercial viability. As a result, we are unable to determine the duration and completion costs of our research and development projects or when and to what extent we will generate revenue from the commercialization and sale of any of our tablet vaccine candidates.

General and Administrative Expense

General and administrative expenses consist of personnel costs, insurance, allocated expenses and expenses for outside professional services, including legal, audit, accounting, public relations, market research and other consulting services. Personnel costs consist of salaries, benefits and stock-based compensation. Allocated expenses consist of rent, depreciation and other facilities related expenses.

Results of Operations

The following table presents period-over-period changes in selected items in the condensed consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive loss for the three months ended March 31, 2023 and 2022 (in thousands, except percentages):

	Three Months Ended March 31,		
	2023	2022	% Change
Revenue	\$ 675	\$ 85	694%
Operating expenses	26,247	24,861	6%
Operating loss	(25,572)	(24,776)	3%
Net non-operating income (expense)	461	(305)	(251)%
Loss before income taxes	(25,111)	(25,081)	0%
Provision for income taxes	29	20	45%
Net loss	<u>\$ (25,140)</u>	<u>\$ (25,101)</u>	<u>0%</u>

Total Revenue

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2023		
	2023	2022	% Change
Non-cash royalty revenue related to sale of future royalties	\$ 278	\$ 85	227%
Grant revenue	397	—	100%
Total revenue	\$ 675	\$ 85	694%

Non-cash Royalty Revenue Related to Sale of Future Royalties

Non-cash royalty revenue related to sale of future royalties for the three months ended March 31, 2023 and 2022, was \$278,000 and \$85,000, respectively. The increase was due to an increase in sales of Inavir in Japan. Non-cash royalty revenue of up to \$3.3 million may be earned each year ending March 31. The Company's royalty revenue is seasonal, in line with the flu season, so the majority of the Company's royalty revenue and non-cash royalty revenue related to the sale of future royalties are earned in the first and fourth fiscal quarters.

Grant Revenue

The Company recognized \$397,000 revenue from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Grant in the three-months ended March 31, 2023.

Total Operating Expenses

The following table summarizes the period-over-period changes in our operating expenses for the three months ended March 31, 2023 and 2022 (in thousands, except percentages):

	Three Months Ended March 31,		
	2023	2022	% Change
Research and development	\$ 19,622	\$ 18,203	8%
General and administrative	6,625	6,658	(0)%
Total operating expenses	\$ 26,247	\$ 24,861	6%

Research and Development

For the three months ended March 31, 2023, research and development expenses increased by \$1.4 million, or 8%, compared to the three months ended March 31, 2022. The increase is primarily due to increases in personnel related costs including the reduction in workforce and increased clinical trial expenses related to our norovirus vaccine candidates.

We expect to incur significant research and development expenses for manufacturing and clinical trials related to our norovirus vaccine candidates in 2023.

General and Administrative

For the three months ended March 31, 2023, general and administrative expenses remained almost flat, due to an increase in personnel costs including the workforce reduction and legal fees offset mainly by decreases in D&O insurance and consulting expenses resulting in a reduction of \$33,000 as compared to the three months ended March 31, 2022.

Non-Operating Income (Expense)

The following table summarizes the period-over-period changes in our non-operating income for the three months ended March 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively (in thousands, except percentages):

	Three Months Ended March 31,		
	2023	2022	% Change
Interest income	\$ 642	\$ 35	1,734%
Non-cash interest expense related to sale of future royalties	(178)	(340)	(48)%
Foreign exchange loss, net	(3)	—	(100)%
Net non-operating income (expense)	<u>\$ 461</u>	<u>\$ (305)</u>	<u>(251)%</u>

For the three months ended March 31, 2023, we recorded interest income of \$642,000, a 1,734% increase from the \$35,000 interest income recorded in the three months ended March 31, 2022. The increase is due to an increase in interest rates on our cash, cash equivalents, restricted cash and marketable securities.

Non-cash interest expense related to sale of future royalties, which relates to accounting for sums that will become payable to HCRP for royalty revenue earned from Inavir as debt, was \$178,000 in the three months ended March 31, 2023, down from the \$340,000 in the three months ended March 31, 2022, as the outstanding balance due to HCRP has been paid down and remeasured. We project a further reduction in 2023 following the revaluation of our liability to HCRP.

Provision for Income Taxes

The following table summarizes the period-over-period changes in our provision for income taxes for the three months ended March 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively (in thousands, except percentages):

	Three Months Ended March 31,		
	2023	2022	% Change
Foreign withholding tax on royalty revenue	\$ 14	\$ 4	250%
Foreign taxes payable on intercompany interest	15	14	7%
State income taxes	—	2	(100)%
Provision for income taxes	<u>\$ 29</u>	<u>\$ 20</u>	<u>45%</u>

The provision for income taxes comprises \$29,000 and \$20,000 in the three months ended March 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. The tax charge relates primarily to interest on an intercompany loan from a foreign subsidiary and a 5% withholding tax on royalty revenue earned on sales of Inavir in Japan, which is potentially recoverable as a foreign tax credit but expensed because we record a 100% valuation allowance against our deferred tax assets. The amount of income tax expense recorded is directly proportional to Inavir royalties, including the portion that we pass through to HCRP, and has declined in line with reductions in royalty revenue.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Our primary source of financing is from the sale and issuance of common stock and common stock warrants in public offerings, along with proceeds from the exercise of warrants. In the past, we have also obtained funds from the issuance of secured debt and preferred stock and from collaboration agreements. In September 2021 we entered into a Controlled Equity Offering Sales Agreement (the “September 2021 ATM”), under which we may offer and sell, from time to time through sales agents, shares of our common stock having an aggregate offering price of up to \$100 million. We will incur direct expenses and pay sales commissions of up to 3.0% of gross proceeds from the sale of shares under the September 2021 ATM.

As of March 31, 2023, we had received net proceeds of \$1.4 million from the sale of common stock under the September 2021 ATM and there is approximately \$79.0 million in net proceeds still available to us. Since March 31, 2023, we have not raised any additional capital under the September 2021 ATM and we will not raise capital under the September 2021 ATM until the registration statement on Form S-3 (SEC File No. 333-270671) that we filed with the SEC on March 17, 2023, which includes the prospectus relating to the September 2021 ATM, is declared effective by the SEC.

As of March 31, 2023, we had approximately \$71.8 million of cash, cash equivalents, restricted cash and marketable securities. Our expectation is that we will continue to generate operating losses and negative operating cash flows in the future and the need for additional funding to support our planned operations raise substantial doubt regarding our ability to continue as a going concern for a period of one year after the date that the financial statements are issued.

Management intends on completing additional financing transactions in the next twelve months. The sale of additional equity would result in additional dilution to our stockholders. We may fund a significant portion of our ongoing operations through partnering and collaboration agreements which, while reducing our risks and extending our cash runway, will also reduce our share of eventual revenues, if any, from our vaccine candidates. We may be able to fund certain activities with assistance from government programs. We may also fund our operations through debt financing, which would result in debt service obligations, and the instruments governing such debt could provide for operating and financing covenants that would restrict our operations.

However, due to several factors, including those outside management’s control, there can be no assurance that the Company will be able to complete additional financing transactions. If we are unable to raise additional capital in sufficient amounts or on acceptable terms, management’s plans include further reducing or delaying operating expenses. We have concluded our plan to successfully reduce expenses is probable and sufficient to alleviate substantial doubt for a period of at least 12 months from the date of issuance of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

Our future funding requirements will depend on many factors, including the following:

- the timing and costs of our planned preclinical studies for our product candidates;
- the timing and costs of our planned clinical trials of our product candidates;
- our manufacturing capabilities, including the availability of contract manufacturing organizations to supply our product candidates at reasonable cost;
- the amount and timing of royalties received on sales of Inavir;
- the number and characteristics of product candidates that we pursue;
- the outcome, timing and costs of seeking regulatory approvals;
- revenue received from commercial sales of our future products, which will be subject to receipt of regulatory approval;
- the terms and timing of any future collaborations, licensing, consulting or other arrangements that we may enter into;
- the amount and timing of any payments that may be required in connection with the licensing, filing, prosecution, maintenance, defense and enforcement of any patents or patent applications or other intellectual property rights;
- our ability to stay listed on Nasdaq; and
- the extent to which we in-license or acquire other products and technologies.

Cash Flows

The following table summarizes our cash flows for the periods indicated (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2023	2022
Net cash used in operating activities	\$ (24,460)	\$ (25,113)
Net cash provided by investing activities	25,461	3,732
Net cash provided by financing activities	1,420	1,040
Net increase (decrease) in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	<u>\$ 2,421</u>	<u>\$ (20,341)</u>

Net Cash Used in Operating Activities

We experienced negative cash flow from operating activities for the three months ended March 31, 2023 and 2022, in the amounts of \$24.5 million and \$25.1 million, respectively. The cash used in operating activities in the three months ended March 31, 2023, was due to cash used to fund a net loss of \$25.1 million and a decrease in working capital of \$4.0 million, partially offset by adjustments for net non-cash income related to depreciation and amortization, discount of premium on investments, stock-based compensation, non-cash interest expense related to sale of future royalties and non-cash revenue related to sale of future royalties totaling \$4.7 million. The cash used in operating activities in the three months ended March 31, 2022, was due to cash used to fund a net loss of \$25.1 million and a decrease in working capital of \$4.6 million, partially offset by adjustments for net non-cash income related to depreciation and amortization, accretion of premium on investments, stock-based compensation, non-cash interest expense related to sale of future royalties and non-cash revenue related to sale of future royalties totaling \$4.6 million.

Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities

In the three months ended March 31, 2023, we received \$26.7 million from maturities of marketable securities, net of purchases, and used \$1.2 million to purchase property and equipment. In the three months ended March 31, 2022, we received \$5.1 million from maturities of marketable securities, net of purchases, and used \$1.3 million to purchase property and equipment.

Net Cash Provided by Financing Activities

In the three months ended March 31, 2023, we received net proceeds of \$1.4 million from the sale of common stock under the September 2021 ATM. In the three months ended March 31, 2022, we received \$992,000 from the sale of common stock under the September 2021 ATM and \$48,000 from the exercise of stock options.

Contractual Obligations and Commercial Commitments

We have the following contractual obligations and commercial commitments as of March 31, 2023 (in thousands):

Contractual Obligation	Total	< 1 Year	1 - 3 Years	3 - 5 Years	> 5 Years
Long Term Debt, HCRP	\$ 9,899	\$ 877	\$ 2,218	\$ 3,706	\$ 3,098
Operating Leases	28,790	3,117	8,696	10,180	6,797
Purchase Obligations	7,800	7,800	—	—	—
Total	\$ 46,489	\$ 11,794	\$ 10,914	\$ 13,886	\$ 9,895

Long Term Debt, HCRP. Under an agreement executed in 2016, we are obligated to pay HCRP the first \$3 million plus 15% of the next \$1 million of royalty revenues that we earn for sales of Inavir in each year ending on March 31. See [Note 6](#) to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements in Part I, Item 1 for further details.

Operating leases. Operating lease amounts include future minimum lease payments under all our non-cancellable operating leases with an initial term in excess of one year. See [Note 7](#) to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements in Part I, Item 1 for further details of leases.

Purchase obligations. These amounts include an estimate of all open purchase orders and contractual obligations in the ordinary course of business, including commitments with contract manufacturers and suppliers for which we have not received the goods or services. We consider all open purchase orders, which are generally enforceable and legally binding, to be commitments, although the terms may afford us the option to cancel based on our business needs prior to the delivery of goods or performance of services.

Shared based payment arrangements. Beginning in 2022, we have shifted from awarding options only to issuing a mixture of options and restricted stock units (“RSUs”) to our employees. As of March 31, 2023, the unrecognized stock-based compensation cost related to outstanding unvested stock options and RSUs expected to vest was \$28.1 million, which the Company expects to recognize over an estimated weighted average period of 2.6 years. See Note 10 for further details on stock-based compensation expense recognized.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

Our management’s discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations is based on our consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States. The preparation of these financial statements requires us to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities and expenses. On an ongoing basis, we evaluate these estimates and judgments. We base our estimates on historical experience and on various assumptions that we believe to be reasonable under the circumstances. These estimates and assumptions form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities and the recording of expenses that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ materially from these estimates. We believe that the accounting policies discussed below are critical to understanding our historical and future performance, as these policies relate to the more significant areas involving management’s judgments and estimates.

Accrued Research and Development Expenses

We record accrued expenses for estimated costs of research and development activities conducted by third-party service providers, which include the conduct of preclinical studies and clinical trials, and contract manufacturing activities. We record the estimated costs of research and development activities based upon the estimated amount of services provided and include the costs incurred but not yet invoiced within other accrued liabilities in the consolidated balance sheets and within research and development expense in the consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive loss. These costs can be a significant component of our research and development expenses.

We estimate the amount of work completed through discussions with internal personnel and external service providers as to the progress or stage of completion of the services and the agreed-upon fee to be paid for such services. We make significant judgments and estimates in determining the accrued balance in each reporting period. As actual costs become known, we adjust our accrued estimates.

Intangible Assets

Intangible assets acquired in the Merger were initially recorded at their estimated fair values of \$20.3 million for developed technology related to Inavir which was, until it was revalued, being amortized on a straight-line basis over the estimated period of future royalties of 11.75 years and \$1.8 million for the developed technology related to Relenza which was fully amortized as of December 31, 2022. The developed technology related to Inavir was revalued at \$5.0 million as of December 31, 2022, resulting in an impairment loss of \$4.3 million being recorded. These valuations were prepared by an independent third party based on discounted cash flows of estimated future revenue streams, which are highly subjective. The fair value, as reassessed as of December 31, 2022, is being amortized on a straight-line basis over the remaining period of future royalties of 6.6 years.

Stock-Based Compensation

We measure the fair value of all stock option awards to employees, non-executive directors and consultants on the grant date, and record the fair value of these awards, net of estimated forfeitures, as compensation expense over the service period. The fair value of options is estimated using the Black-Scholes valuation model and the expense recorded is affected by subjective assumptions regarding a number of variables, as follows:

Expected term – This represents the period that our stock-based awards granted are expected to be outstanding and is determined using the simplified method (the arithmetic average of its original contractual term and its average vesting term). We have very limited historical information to develop reasonable expectations about future exercise patterns and post-vesting employment termination behavior for our stock-based awards. Based on the weighted average applied to options awarded in three months ended March 31, 2023, a notional 10% decrease in expected term would have reduced the fair value and the related compensation expense by approximately 2.2%.

Expected volatility – This is a measure of the amount by which our common stock price has fluctuated or is expected to fluctuate. Since the beginning of 2020 we have measured volatility based on the historical volatility of our own stock over the retrospective period corresponding to the expected term of the options on the measurement date. Based on the weighted average applied to options awarded in three months ended March 31, 2023, a notional 10% decrease in expected volatility (from 128% to 115%) would have reduced the fair value and the related compensation expense by approximately 4.2%.

Risk-free interest rate – This is based on the U.S. Treasury yield curve on the measurement date corresponding with the expected term of the stock-based awards.

Expected dividend – We have not made any dividend payments and do not plan to pay dividends in the foreseeable future. Therefore, we use an expected dividend yield of zero.

Forfeiture rate – This is a measure of the number of awards that are expected to not vest and is reassessed quarterly. An increase in the estimated forfeiture rate will cause a small decrease the related compensation expense early in the service period, but since the final expense recorded for each award is the number of options vested times their grant date fair value, it has no impact on the total expense recorded.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

See the “Recent Accounting Pronouncements” in Note 2 to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements in Part I, Item 1 for information related to the issuance of new accounting standards in the first three months of 2023, none of which had a material impact on our condensed consolidated financial statements.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

Interest Rate Sensitivity

Our exposure to market risk for changes in interest rates relates primarily to our investments in marketable debt securities. The primary objective of our investment activities is to preserve principal, maintain liquidity that is sufficient to meet cash needs and maximize total return without significantly increasing risk. To achieve this goal, we maintain our excess cash and cash equivalents in money market funds and debt securities. We do not enter into investments for trading or speculative purposes and we hold no equity securities. We presently have no borrowings or lines of credit.

Specifically, as of March 31, 2023, we had cash, cash equivalents, restricted cash and investments of approximately \$71.8 million, which consist of bank deposits, money market funds, direct obligations of the U.S. government or its agencies, commercial paper and corporate bonds. All of our investments must satisfy high credit rating requirements at the time of purchase. Such interest-earning instruments carry a degree of interest rate risk, however, because our investments are rated highly and mostly short-term, we believe that our exposure to risk of loss due to interest rate changes is not significant.

Exchange Rate Sensitivity

Our royalty revenue, which is calculated in U.S. dollars, is based on sales in Japanese yen, so a 1% increase in the strength of the U.S. dollar against the yen would lead to a 1% reduction in royalty revenue. All our other revenue and substantially all of our expenses, assets and liabilities are denominated in U.S. dollars and, as a result, we have not experienced significant foreign exchange gains recently and do not anticipate that foreign exchange gains or losses will be significant in the near future.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Our management, with the participation of our principal executive officer and principal accounting and financial officer, has evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) as of the end of the period covered by this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. Based on such evaluation, our management has concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective at a reasonable assurance level as of March 31, 2023.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There was no material change in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the quarter ended March 31, 2023, that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

Inherent Limitations on Effectiveness of Controls

Our management, including our principal executive officer and principal accounting and financial officer, does not expect that our disclosure controls and procedures or our internal controls will prevent all error and all fraud. A control system, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system are met. Further, the design of a control system must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints, and the benefits of controls must be considered relative to their costs. Because of the inherent limitations in all control systems, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, within Vaxart have been detected.

PART II OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

The information included in “Note 8. Commitments and Contingencies—(c) [Litigation](#)” to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements in Part I, Item 1 is incorporated by reference into this Item.

We may also from time to time be involved in legal proceedings arising in connection with our business. Based on information currently available, we believe that the amount, or range, of reasonably possible losses in connection with any pending actions against us in excess of established reserves, in the aggregate, is not material to our consolidated financial condition or cash flows. However, any current or future dispute resolution or legal proceeding, regardless of the merits of any such proceeding, could result in substantial costs and a diversion of management’s attention and resources that are needed to run our business successfully, and could have a material adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

You should consider the risks and uncertainties described under Item 1A of Part I of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022, which we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 15, 2023, together with all other information contained or incorporated by reference in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, when evaluating our business and our prospects. There are no material changes to the risk factors set forth in Part I, Item 1A, in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022. *We have marked with an asterisk (*) those risks described below that reflect additions to the risks described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022.*

**** Our failure to meet the continued listing requirements of The Nasdaq Capital Market could result in a delisting of our common stock.***

Our common stock is listed on The Nasdaq Capital Market, which imposes, among other requirements a \$1.00 minimum bid price requirement set forth in Nasdaq Listing Rule 5550(a)(2). Our common stock traded for less than \$1.00 for 30 consecutive trading days, and we received notice of this from the Listing Qualifications Department of The Nasdaq Stock Market on March 27, 2023. Under Nasdaq Listing Rule 5810(c)(3)(A), we were granted a 180 calendar day grace period, or until September 25, 2023, to regain compliance with the minimum bid price requirement. The minimum bid price requirement would be met if our common stock had a minimum closing bid price of at least \$1.00 per share for a minimum of ten consecutive business days during the 180 calendar day grace period. If at any time during this 180 calendar day period the bid price of the Company’s common stock closes at or above \$1.00 per share for a minimum of ten consecutive business days, the Nasdaq staff stated that it will provide the Company with a written confirmation of compliance and the matter will be closed. However, under Nasdaq Listing Rule 5810(c)(3)(A), the Nasdaq staff may exercise its discretion to extend this ten day period as discussed in Rule 5810(c)(3)(H).

Alternatively, if we fail to regain compliance with Rule 5550(a)(2) prior to the expiration of the initial 180 calendar day period, we may be eligible for an additional 180 calendar day compliance period, provided (i) we meet the continued listing requirement for market value of publicly held shares and all other applicable requirements for initial listing on The Nasdaq Capital Market (except for the \$1.00 minimum bid price requirement) and (ii) we provide written notice to Nasdaq of our intention to cure this deficiency during the second compliance period by effecting a reverse stock split, if necessary. In the event we do not regain compliance with Rule 5550(a)(2) prior to the expiration of the initial 180 calendar day period, and if it appears to the Staff that we will not be able to cure the deficiency, or if we are not otherwise eligible, the Staff stated that it will provide us with written notification that our securities are subject to delisting from The Nasdaq Capital Market. At that time, we may appeal the delisting determination to a Hearings Panel. There can be no assurance that we will be able to regain compliance or that Nasdaq will grant us a further extension of time to regain compliance, if necessary.

The delisting of our common stock from Nasdaq may make it more difficult for us to raise capital on favorable terms in the future, or at all. Such a delisting would likely have a negative effect on the price of our common stock and would impair our stockholders’ ability to sell or purchase our common stock when they wish to do so. Further, if our common stock were to be delisted from The Nasdaq Capital Market, our common stock would cease to be recognized as a covered security and we would be subject to additional regulation in each state in which we offer our securities. Moreover, there is no assurance that any actions that we take to restore our compliance with the Nasdaq minimum bid requirement would stabilize the market price or improve the liquidity of our common stock, prevent our common stock from falling below the Nasdaq minimum bid price required for continued listing again, or prevent future non-compliance with Nasdaq’s listing requirements.

There can be no assurance that we will continue to meet the minimum bid price requirement, or any other requirement in the future. If we fail to meet the minimum bid price requirement, or other applicable Nasdaq listing requirements, including maintaining minimum levels of stockholders’ equity or market values of our common stock, our common stock could be delisted. If our common stock were to be delisted, the liquidity of our common stock would be adversely affected, and the market price of our common stock could decrease.

**** Unless our common stock continues to be listed on a national securities exchange it will become subject to the so-called “penny stock” rules that impose restrictive sales practice requirements.***

If we are unable to maintain the listing of our common stock on Nasdaq or another national securities exchange, our common stock could become subject to the so-called “penny stock” rules if the shares have a market value of less than \$5.00 per share. The SEC has adopted regulations that define a penny stock to include any stock that has a market price of less than \$5.00 per share, subject to certain exceptions, including an exception for stock traded on a national securities exchange. The SEC regulations impose restrictive sales practice requirements on broker-dealers who sell penny stocks to persons other than established customers and “accredited investors” as defined by relevant SEC rules. These additional requirements may discourage broker-dealers from effecting transactions in securities that are classified as penny stocks, which could severely limit the market price and liquidity of such securities and the ability of purchasers to sell such securities in the secondary market. This means that if we are unable maintain the listing of our common stock on a national securities exchange, the ability of stockholders to sell their common stock in the secondary market could be adversely affected.

If a transaction involving a penny stock is not exempt from the SEC’s rule, a broker-dealer must deliver a disclosure schedule relating to the penny stock market to each investor prior to a transaction. The broker-dealer also must disclose the commissions payable to both the broker-dealer and its registered representative, current quotations for the penny stock, and, if the broker-dealer is the sole market-maker, the broker-dealer must disclose this fact and the broker-dealer’s presumed control over the market. Finally, monthly statements must be sent disclosing recent price information for the penny stock held in the customer’s account and information on the limited market in penny stocks.

Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

Not applicable.

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

Not applicable.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

Not applicable.

Item 5. Other Information

On May 2, 2023, the Company's board of directors approved and adopted a new Code of Conduct applicable to all directors, officers, and employees of the Company. As described in the Code of Conduct, the Company also expects its agents and representatives, including consultants, to observe the Code of Ethics's standards when conducting business with and for the Company. The foregoing description of the Code of Ethics does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Code of Ethics, a copy of which is filed herewith as Exhibit 14.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

On May 2, 2023, the Company's board of directors approved an amendment to Mr. Floroiu's offer letter dated as of June 14, 2020 (the "CEO Offer Letter"). The amendment increases his "Non-CiC Severance Period", as defined in the Vaxart, Inc. Severance Benefit Plan (the "Severance Plan") from 3 months to 6 months, and increases his "CiC Severance Period", as defined in the Severance Plan, from 6 months to 12 months. In addition, the Company's board of directors amended the Severance Plan, which provides severance protections to our officers, including our named executive officers, to clarify that the "Non-CiC Severance Period", as defined in the Severance Plan, is 6 months for all participants, and that the "CiC Severance Period", as defined in the Severance Plan, is 12 months for all participants. The amendment to the Severance Plan did not increase the severance multiples applicable to our named executive officers other than the Chief Executive Officer.

The foregoing descriptions are qualified in their entirety by reference to the amendments to the CEO Offer Letter and the Severance Plan, copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibit 10.1 and Exhibit 10.2, respectively, and are incorporated herein by reference.

Item 6. Exhibits

Exhibit Number	Description of Document	Incorporated by Reference			
		Schedule/Form	File Number	Exhibit	Filing Date
3.1	Certificate of Amendment to Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Vaxart, Inc.	Form 8-K	001-35285	3.1	April 24, 2019
3.2	Certificate of Amendment to Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Vaxart, Inc.	Form 8-K	001-35285	3.1	June 9, 2020
3.3	Certificate of Amendment to Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Vaxart, Inc.	Form 10-Q	001-35285	3.3	August 8, 2022
3.4	Amended and Restated Bylaws of Vaxart, Inc., effective as of April 7, 2021	Form 8-K	001-35285	3.1	April 13, 2021
10.1 *	Amendment to Letter Agreement dated May 2, 2023 between Andrei Floroiu and Vaxart, Inc.				
10.2 #*	Amendment to the Vaxart, Inc. Severance Benefit Plan dated May 2, 2023				
14.1 *	Code of Conduct				
31.1 *	Certification of Principal Executive Officer pursuant to Exchange Act Rule, 13a-14(a) and 15d-14(a), as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002				
31.2 *	Certification of Principal Financial Officer pursuant to Exchange Act Rule, 13a-14(a) and 15d-14(a), as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002				
32.1 §	Certification of Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002				
101.INS *	Inline XBRL Instance Document - the instance document does not appear in the Interactive Data File as its XBRL tags are embedded within the Inline XBRL document				
101.SCH *	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document				
101.CAL *	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document				
101.DEF *	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document				
101.LAB *	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document				
101.PRE *	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document				
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (formatted as Inline XBRL and contained in Exhibit 101)				
*	Filed herewith.				
#	Management contract or compensation plan or arrangement.				
§	In accordance with Item 601(b)(32)(ii) of Regulation S-K and SEC Release Nos. 33-8238 and 34-47986, Final Rule: Management’s Reports on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and Certification of Disclosure in Exchange Act Periodic Reports, the certification furnished in Exhibit 32.1 hereto is deemed to accompany this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and will not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act. Such certification will not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, except to the extent that the registrant specifically incorporates it by reference.				

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

VAXART, INC.

Dated: May 4, 2023

By: /s/ ANDREI FLOROIU

Andrei Floroiu

President and Chief Executive Officer

(Principal Executive Officer)

Dated: May 4, 2023

By: /s/ PHILLIP LEE

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Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)



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May 2, 2023

Mr. Andrei Floroiu
385 Oyster Point Boulevard
South San Francisco, CA 94080

Re: Amendment to Letter Agreement

Dear Andrei,

This letter agreement amends the letter agreement between you and Vaxart, Inc. dated as of June 14, 2020 (the "Agreement"), effective as of the date set forth above.

Specifically, the last sentence of Section 11 of the Agreement is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

Notwithstanding anything contained in the Severance Plan to the contrary, your "Non-CiC Severance Period", as defined in the Severance Plan, shall be 6 months and your "CiC Severance Period", as defined in the Severance Plan, shall be 12 months.

Except as expressly amended hereby, the Agreement will remain unamended and in full force and effect in accordance with its terms. The amendments provided herein will be limited precisely as drafted and will not constitute an amendment of any other term, condition or provision of the Agreement. References in the Agreement to "Agreement", "herein" and words of similar import are deemed to be a reference to the Agreement as amended by this letter.

This letter may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which will be deemed to be an original and all of which constitute one agreement that is binding upon each of the parties, notwithstanding that all parties are not signatories to the same counterpart.

(Signatures are on the following page)



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Please confirm your agreement with these terms by signing below and return a copy for our files. If you have any questions, or need additional information, please give me a call.

Sincerely,

VAXART, INC.

By: /s/ Michael J. Finney, Ph.D.
Michael J. Finney, Ph.D.
Chairman of the Board

AGREED AND ACCEPTED BY:

/s/ Andrei Floroiu
Andrei Floroiu

May 2, 2023
Date

**AMENDMENT TO THE
VAXART, INC.
SEVERANCE BENEFIT PLAN**

The Vaxart, Inc. Severance Benefit Plan (the "Plan") is hereby amended, effective as of May 2, 2023, as follows:

1. Appendix A to the Plan is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

**APPENDIX A
SEVERANCE PERIOD**

Employee Level	Non-CiC Severance Period	CiC Severance Period
Senior Vice President and Above	6 months	12 months

2. Except as explicitly set forth herein, the Plan will remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned duly authorized officer has executed this amendment as of the date set forth above.

VAXART, INC.

By: /s/ Andrei Floroiu
 Andrei Floroiu
 President & Chief Executive Officer



CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Our Code's Purpose

A. What Is Our Code?

Vaxart, Inc.'s (the "Company", "Vaxart", "we", "us", or "our") Code of Business Conduct and Ethics (the "Code") provides a framework to ensure that everything we do is of the highest standard of principled business behavior. As professional individuals, we must do not only what is legal, but also what is right. This Code provides a reference to guide us if we have questions during any part of our process.

B. Who Is Covered?

Our Code covers a wide range of business practices and procedures. It does not cover every issue that may arise, but it sets out basic principles to guide all directors, officers, and employees of Vaxart and its subsidiaries. We also expect our agents and representatives, including consultants, to observe the same high standards when conducting business with and for Vaxart.

C. What Are The Expectations?

We expect everyone to read this Code, abide by this Code, and seek to avoid even the appearance of improper behavior. If you violate the standards in our Code, you may be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including immediate termination of employment with or service for the Company. Nothing in our Code modifies our at-will employment relationship, which may only be modified in an express written agreement signed by the employee and Vaxart's Chief Executive Officer or General Counsel.

D. Why Do We Have Our Code?

Our Code seeks to deter wrongdoing and to promote:

- honest and ethical conduct, including the ethical handling of actual or apparent conflicts of interest between personal and professional relationships;
- full, fair, accurate, timely and understandable disclosure in reports and documents that we file with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and other Regulatory Agencies as required by law and in other public communications;
- compliance with applicable laws, rules, and regulations;
- prompt internal reporting of Code violations to appropriate personnel; and
- accountability for ethical conduct.

2. Marketplace Standards

A. *Making Good Decisions: Laws and Regulations*

Our Code cannot cover every possible situation or activity, but it provides assistance to you in engaging in lawful and ethical conduct. Laws and regulations can sometimes be complex and difficult to interpret. Although you are not expected to understand every detail of the laws and regulations that apply to you, it is important to know enough to determine when to seek advice from managers or other appropriate personnel, including our General Counsel.

We are committed to continuously reviewing and updating our policies and procedures to always ensure best practices and adherence to the ethics of our industry. Therefore, our Code may be modified in the future and you will be notified of any significant modifications.

In addition, we interact with healthcare professionals and organizations on many levels, through our clinical trials and consulting arrangements. We intend to comply with all laws that regulate our interactions with healthcare professionals and organizations.

B. *Public Disclosure of Information*

Vaxart is required to disclose certain information in various reports filed with or submitted to the SEC. In addition, from time to time, Vaxart makes other public communications, such as issuing press releases or public presentations. No employee, officer, or director may make any such public disclosure without obtaining the required Company approvals. Vaxart expects all directors, officers, and employees who are involved in the preparation of SEC reports or other public documents to ensure that the information disclosed in those documents is full, fair, accurate, timely, and understandable.

If you ever believe that questionable financial reporting, accounting or auditing conduct or practices have occurred or are occurring, report those concerns to our Chief Executive Officer, General Counsel or Chair of the Audit Committee.

C. *Conflicts of Interest*

A conflict of interest exists when personal interests interfere, conflict or appear to interfere or conflict in any way with the interests of Vaxart. Conflicts of interest may not always be clear, so if you have a question, you should consult with your manager or our Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, or General Counsel. If you become aware of a conflict or potential conflict, you should bring it to the attention of your manager or other appropriate personnel or consult the Compliance Procedures section of this Code.

Conflicts of interest are generally prohibited. In rare instances, a conflict of interest waiver (in writing) may be granted to an employee by our Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, or General Counsel. A director, executive officer, or member of our executive team may be granted a waiver with the written consent of the Board of Directors of Vaxart (the “*Board of Directors*”).

It is impossible to list all of the different types of potential conflicts of interest that can arise, but here are some examples that you must disclose to Vaxart's senior management for their consideration:

- When you or a family member receive personal benefits as a result of your position at Vaxart.
- Acting as an employee, consultant, officer, or director of a competitor, business partner, supplier, or customer of Vaxart.
- Investing in or owning a financial interest in a competitor, business partner, supplier, or customer of Vaxart. The following factors may prohibit such an investment:
 - the size and nature of the investment;
 - your ability to influence decisions of Vaxart or of the other company; and
 - the nature of the relationship between Vaxart and the other company.
- Conducting Vaxart business with an immediate family member or someone who shares your household, or with a business that such person is associated with in any significant role.
 - *Immediate family members include a person's spouse, sister, brother, daughter, son, mother, father, grandparents, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, step relationships and in-laws.

D. *Responsible Communications and Social Media Use*

Vaxart is dedicated to communicating with the public honestly and responsibly. Social media is a tool that can build positive relationships if used correctly yet cause irreparable harm if abused.

Only authorized individuals may use social media accounts that are owned by Vaxart. You are not prevented from personal social media activities that are protected under the law, but good judgment and common sense must be used at all times. When using social media, abide by Vaxart's Social Media Policy.

E. *Corporate Opportunities*

All employees, officers, and directors have a duty to advance the legitimate interests of Vaxart. Because of this:

- You may not take for yourself any opportunity that is discovered, in whole or in part, through the use of corporate property, information, or position without the informed prior consent of the Board.
- You may not use corporate property or information obtained through your position with Vaxart for improper personal gain.
- You may not compete with Vaxart directly or indirectly.

F. *Competition and Fair Dealing*

Vaxart intends to be a leader in its industry while using fair and honest business practices. Using or disclosing, or encouraging others to use or disclose, other companies' proprietary, confidential, or trade secret information without the owner's prior consent is strictly prohibited. Any theft or misappropriation of such information is also strictly prohibited. You should endeavor to respect the rights of and deal fairly with Vaxart's competitors, business partners, suppliers, and customers.

G. *Insider Trading*

Securities laws and insider trading violations are taken very seriously. It is extremely important that you understand the general rules and standards surrounding securities transactions, which are explained in our Insider Trading Policy. You are required to read and abide by our Insider Trading Policy.

H. *Gifts*

The purpose of business entertainment and gifts in a commercial setting is to create goodwill and sound working relationships, and not to gain an unfair advantage with customers or other business partners. No gift or entertainment to or from a vendor, customer, or business partner, should ever be offered, given, provided, or accepted by you unless it:

- is not a cash gift;
- is consistent with customary business practices;
- is not excessive in value;
- cannot be construed as a bribe or payoff;
- does not violate any laws or regulations; and
- will not influence your business judgement to act in the best interests of the Company.

Accepting or providing gifts of more than the value set forth in the Employee Handbook must be approved in writing by the General Counsel or other company designee.

There are additional restrictions regarding gifts to government personnel, as described in the Prevention of Corruption section of this Code. If you are ever uncertain about giving or accepting any gifts or proposed gifts, please discuss your concerns with your manager or Vaxart's General Counsel for clarification.

I. *Protecting the Environment*

Vaxart is committed to respecting and protecting the environment in all locations where we conduct our business. In maintaining our environmental policies and practices, our potential impact on climate change will be considered at all levels of the Company, including our Board and senior management.

We will seek to work with suppliers, vendors, and business partners who hold themselves to high environmental standards. We will respond honestly and completely to any questions or concerns about our environmental practices and the impact of our operations on the environment.

J. *Prevention of Corruption*

Vaxart prohibits bribery and corruption in any form, anywhere in the world. Our employees, directors, officers, and contractors do not offer or accept bribes from anyone.

The U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act prohibits giving anything of value, directly or indirectly, to officials of foreign governments or foreign political candidates in order to obtain or retain business. It is strictly prohibited to make illegal payments to government officials of any country.

Entering into any business arrangement with government officials, including for consulting or spokesperson work, requires prior review by our General Counsel.

The definition of a government official is broad and can include individuals who are employed by any public entity or institution or who perform any official acts on behalf of a government, regardless of status or seniority. Government officials also can include officers or employees of state-owned or controlled companies, such as a doctor in a state-owned hospital, and employees of public international organizations such as the World Health Organization.

In addition, the U.S. government has many laws and regulations regarding business gratuities that may be accepted by U.S. government personnel. Promising, offering or giving a gift, favor or other gratuity to an official or employee of the U.S. government would not only violate this Code, but could also be a criminal offense. State and local governments, as well as foreign governments, may have similar rules.

Compliance with our anti-bribery and anti-corruption policies is monitored at all levels of the company, including by the Board and senior management. Our Chief Financial Officer or General Counsel can provide guidance if you have any questions or concerns about whether a certain action could be considered bribery or corruption.

Anti-Corruption Basics:

- Never offer or accept a payment, item or other benefit from anyone if it could be perceived as a bribe.
- Never conceal or attempt to conceal a payment.
- Conduct appropriate due diligence with Vaxart's General Counsel or legal department, if appropriate, before engaging with third parties.
- Oversee business partners carefully, making sure that their actions comply with our policies.
- Record all transactions and payments promptly and in accordance with Vaxart's accounting policies and procedures.

3. Workplace Standards

A. Employment Policy

Unless otherwise agreed to in writing, employees are employed by Vaxart on an at-will basis. At-will employment generally means that employment is not guaranteed for any particular amount of time and both you and Vaxart are free to terminate the employment relationship, with or without cause, at any time.

B. Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation

The diversity of Vaxart's employees is an integral asset to our business and culture. Vaxart is firmly committed to providing equal opportunity in all aspects of employment and to aim for appropriate representation of gender, race, and ethnicity at every level of our Company, including our Board, senior management, and all employees.

We will not tolerate any discrimination, harassment, or retaliation of any kind, including any such actions based on gender, race, disability, ethnicity, nationality, religion, sexual orientation, or gender identity or expression.

Equal opportunity is part of our respectful workplace and, as such, employment-related decisions are never based on age, marital status, gender, race, ethnicity, nationality, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or any other characteristic protected by law. Equal opportunity applies to all employment practices, including recruiting, hiring, compensation, performance reviews, training and development, promotions, and other terms and conditions of employment.

All directors, officers, and employees are required to treat colleagues professionally and with dignity and respect — this is a critical element of our business and culture. Vaxart does not tolerate abuse or harassment of any kind. Harassment can come in many forms, and it includes any unwelcome behavior that makes someone feel uncomfortable or disrespected. Harassment often leads to poor performance — both by the Company as a whole and individual employees. All complaints of harassment will be investigated promptly and discreetly. Vaxart prohibits retaliation for reports of misconduct that are made in good faith.

C. Health and Safety

Vaxart strives to provide its employees with a safe and healthy work environment. You are responsible for helping to maintain a safe and healthy workplace for all employees by following safety and health rules and immediately reporting accidents, injuries and unsafe equipment, practices, or conditions. Nothing, including urgent business needs or cost concerns, justifies failing to follow Vaxart's policies and procedures with respect to environment, health, and safety.

Violence and threatening behavior are not permitted. Employees must report to work in condition to perform their duties, free from the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs. The abuse of alcohol or illegal drugs in the workplace will not be tolerated and may result in the termination of your employment.

Good Workplace Practices:

- Always treat one another respectfully and appropriately.

- Be mindful of all differences and avoid any topic or conversation that could make someone else uncomfortable.
- Speak up if you feel harassed or believe someone else has been harassed.
- Never take shortcuts or use poor judgment regarding health or safety.

D. *Labor Practices*

Upholding human rights reflects our dedication to ethical business and labor practices. Vaxart is committed to protecting the rights of minority groups and women.

Vaxart is committed to providing all employees with fair and competitive wages as compensation for high performance conducted in accordance with our Company values. We comply with all applicable wage and labor laws. If we become aware of suppliers, vendors, or business partners who engage in illegal or unethical human rights practices that violate our standards, including the use of child labor, forced labor, or human trafficking, we will terminate our relationship with those suppliers, vendors, or business partners. We believe the actions of those parties are a reflection on our ethics. If you believe any party we do business with is violating our labor or human rights standards, please notify our Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, or General Counsel immediately.

E. *Confidentiality*

Information, including products, materials, ideas, and concepts are important assets to Vaxart. Our assets enable us to produce the best possible therapies to improve the lives of patients. They give us a competitive advantage and must be protected.

You must maintain the confidentiality of confidential information entrusted to you by Vaxart and its business partners, suppliers, and customers, except when disclosure is authorized by our established written policies, Chief Financial Officer or General Counsel, or as required by laws or regulations.

Confidential information includes all non-public information that might be of use to competitors or harmful to Vaxart or our business partners, suppliers, or customers if disclosed. Confidential information includes information that business partners, suppliers, and customers have entrusted to us.

The obligation to preserve confidential information continues even after employment or service ends. Every employee is required to sign an agreement that ensures the protection of confidential information in accordance with this Code at the start of employment.

F. *Record Keeping*

Vaxart requires honest and accurate recording and reporting of information to make responsible business decisions and to comply with the law. We are committed to transparency with our stockholders, the general public, and the patients and the families we ultimately serve.

Vigilance is required to prevent fraud, inaccuracies, and misleading information. Good records management affects everything we do — from reporting of hours worked to expense accounts to maintenance of business records.

Critical duties of good record keeping include:

- Always report the true and actual number of hours worked.
- Disclose any transaction or arrangement that relates to or arises out of your professional relationship with Vaxart.
- Be responsible, diligent, and accurate with business expense accounts, including understanding what is reimbursable, according to Vaxart's policies.
- Always be accurate when creating financial entries.
- Unrecorded or "off the books" funds or assets should not be maintained.
- Business records and communications often become public, and you should avoid exaggeration, derogatory remarks, guesswork, or inappropriate characterizations of people and companies that can be misunderstood. This also applies to e-mail, social media, internal memos, and formal reports.
- Records should always be retained or destroyed according to Vaxart's record retention policies. In accordance with those policies, in the event of litigation or governmental investigation, please consult Vaxart's General Counsel, Chief Executive Officer, or Chief Financial Officer.

G. *Protection and Proper Use of Assets*

We always protect our physical, informational, and financial assets from theft or misuse. By protecting Vaxart's assets and using them efficiently, we are putting the patients and families we serve first. Any suspected incident of fraud or theft must be reported immediately for investigation.

Vaxart's assets generally include the company's cash, property (both physical and intellectual property), and ideas (both patentable and unpatentable ideas). Some rules to follow to safeguard the company's assets include:

- Keep personal devices and laptops safe at all times and do not use them for non-company business, though limited incidental personal use is permitted if it does not interfere with your job duties or put the Company at risk.
- Protect all proprietary information, which includes intellectual property such as trade secrets, patents, trademarks, and copyrights, as well as business plans, marketing and service plans, engineering and manufacturing ideas, designs, databases, records, salary information, and any unpublished financial data and reports. Unauthorized use or distribution of such information would violate this Code and could also be illegal and result in civil or criminal penalties.

H. Intellectual Property

We are all responsible for protecting the intellectual property of Vaxart and the intellectual property of others that we learn about through our work. Some basic rules and responsibilities regarding intellectual property include:

- Every invention, patent application, and all resulting patent rights for any invention you create during your employment and in your role at Vaxart is the property of Vaxart.
- You must promptly disclose inventions to the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Scientific Officer, Chief Technology Officer, or General Counsel.
- Inventions include, but are not limited to, new product candidates, product components, manufacturing processes, devices, designs, methods, parts and systems, and any improvements to these types of technologies.
- Always ask your manager or a member of Vaxart's legal department if you are unsure if something is intellectual property or should be treated as intellectual property.
- Immediately report to the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, or General Counsel any concerns you might have about Vaxart intellectual property being at risk or the use of third-party intellectual property.

4. Reporting Standards

A. Reporting Illegal or Unethical Behavior

You are strongly encouraged to promptly talk to our Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, or General Counsel about observed illegal or unethical behavior, including any violations of our Code, or when in doubt about the best course of action in a particular situation. Vaxart does not allow retaliation for reports of misconduct by others made in good faith by employees. You are expected to cooperate in any internal investigation of potential misconduct.

If you have information regarding possible violations of state or federal statutes, rules, or regulations, or violations of fiduciary responsibility by the Company, we encourage you to report it immediately to your manager or to the CEO or to the Chair of the Audit Committee. You may, on an anonymous basis, submit a good-faith concern regarding observed illegal or unethical behavior or questionable accounting or auditing matters without fear of dismissal or retaliation of any kind. To submit an anonymous report, you may call Vaxart's Reporting Hotline at (844) 990-0002, which is confidential and where the identity of the caller remains anonymous. You can also contact the California State Attorney General's Whistleblower Hotline at (800) 952-5225. The Attorney General will refer your call to the appropriate government authority for review and possible investigation.

B. Compliance Procedures

We must all work to ensure prompt and consistent action against violations of our Code and other policies. However, in some situations it is difficult to know if a violation has occurred. Since we cannot anticipate every situation that will arise, it is important that we have a way to approach a new question or problem. If you believe a violation has occurred, please refer to the process described above in “Reporting Illegal or Unethical Behavior.” Keep the following steps in mind:

- Make sure you have all the facts. To reach the right solutions, we must be as fully informed as possible.
- Ask yourself: What specifically am I being asked to do? Does it seem unethical or improper? These questions will enable you to focus on the specific issue you are faced with and the alternatives you have. Use your best judgment and common sense. If something seems unethical or improper, it probably is.
- Clarify your responsibility and role. In most situations, there is shared responsibility. Are your colleagues informed? It may help to get others involved and discuss the problem.
- Discuss the problem with your manager. This is the basic guidance for all situations. In any cases, your manager will be more knowledgeable about the question and will appreciate being brought into the decision-making process.

In any event, seek help from Vaxart’s diverse resources. In the rare case where it may not be appropriate to discuss an issue with your manager or where you do not feel comfortable approaching your manager with your question, discuss it with Vaxart’s Chief Financial Officer, General Counsel, or head of Human Resources.

5. Publication of the Code of Conduct; Amendments and Waivers of the Code of Conduct

The most current version of this Code will be posted and maintained on the Company’s website. The Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K shall disclose that the Code is maintained on the website and shall disclose that substantive amendments and waivers will also be posted on the Company’s website.

Any amendment of this Code may only be made by the Board after receiving a recommendation from the Audit Committee of Vaxart. Any waiver of this Code (i.e., a material departure from the requirements of any provision) applicable to or directed at officers or directors may only be made by the Board. Any substantive amendment to the Code applicable to or directed at officers or directors, or any waiver as described in the previous sentence, will be disclosed within 4 business days of such action (a) on the Company’s website for a period of not less than 12 months or (b) in a Form 8-K filed with the SEC. Such disclosure shall include the reasons for any waiver. The Company shall retain the disclosure relating to any such amendment or waiver for a period of not less than 5 years.

Amended and Restated by the Board of Directors of Vaxart, Inc. on May 2, 2023.

**FORM OF
ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT AND REVIEW**

I, _____, acknowledge that I have received and read a copy of the Vaxart, Inc. Code of Conduct (the “Code”). I understand the contents of the Code, and I agree to comply with the policies and procedures set out in the Code.

I understand that I should approach the General Counsel or, if the Company does not then have a General Counsel, the Company’s principal executive, financial, or accounting officer, if I have any questions about the Code generally or any questions about reporting a suspected conflict of interest or other violation of the Code.

Signature

Name

Date: _____

Sample Form of Vaxart, Inc. Code of Conduct Acknowledgement of Receipt and Review

CERTIFICATION

I, Andrei Floroiu, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Vaxart, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) for the registrant and have:
 - (a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: May 4, 2023

By: /s/ ANDREI FLOROIU

Andrei Floroiu
President and Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)

CERTIFICATION

I, Phillip Lee, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Vaxart, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) for the registrant and have:
 - (a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: May 4, 2023

By: /s/ PHILLIP LEE

Phillip Lee
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

CERTIFICATION

Pursuant to the requirement set forth in Rule 13a-14(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), and Section 1350 of Chapter 63 of Title 18 of the United States Code (18 U.S.C. § 1350), Andrei Floroiu, President and Chief Executive Officer of Vaxart, Inc. (the "Company"), and Phillip Lee, Chief Financial Officer of the Company, each hereby certifies that, to his knowledge:

- (1) The Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2023, to which this Certification is attached as Exhibit 32.1 (the "Periodic Report"), fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act; and
- (2) The information contained in the Periodic Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition of the Company at the end of the period covered by the Periodic Report and results of operations of the Company for the period covered by the Periodic Report.

Date: May 4, 2023

By: /s/ ANDREI FLOROIU

Andrei Floroiu
President and Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)

Date: May 4, 2023

By: /s/ PHILLIP LEE

Phillip Lee
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 of 18 U.S.C. § 1350 has been provided to Vaxart, Inc. and will be retained by Vaxart, Inc. and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

This certification accompanies the Form 10-Q to which it relates, is not deemed filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and is not to be incorporated by reference into any filing of the Company under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act (whether made before or after the date of the Form 10-Q), irrespective of any general incorporation language contained in such filing.