

annual report and accounts 2011



# Market potential

Exacerbations are the greatest unmet clinical need in Asthma and COPD

**23M** 

Asthmatics in the USA

**50**%

of asthma healthcare expenditure consumed by the most severe 10% of Asthma sufferers

c. **\$21B** 

economic cost of Asthma to the USA per annum

3rd

WHO forecasts COPD to be the 3rd leading cause of death worldwide (after heart attack and stroke) by 2030

672,000

GOPD was responsible for 672,000 hospitalisations in the USA in 2006

c. \$50B

economic cost of COPD
to the USA per annum

Development milestones on Synairgen's inhaled IFN-B programme

- SG003 Phase I study in allergic nonasthmatic subjects
- SG004 Phase I study
- in asthmatic patients
- Inhaled IFN-β well tolerated
- biomarker data confirmed antiviral activation in the lung
- Utility of IFN-β against established influenza in re-infection model
- Inhaled IFN-β patents granted
  - United States (including elderly)
  - European Union
  - Japan

the science ..>

- Licence and supply agreement to patentprotected formulation of IFN-β from Rentschler Group
  - Aerosol device selection and testing
- Pre-clinical influenza study (preliminary results anticipated Autumn 2011)

SG005 Phase II asthma proof of concept study (results anticipated Q1 2012)

# Virus vs Host How IFN-β tackles viruses

The strategy of a virus is to take over the host cells and replicate:

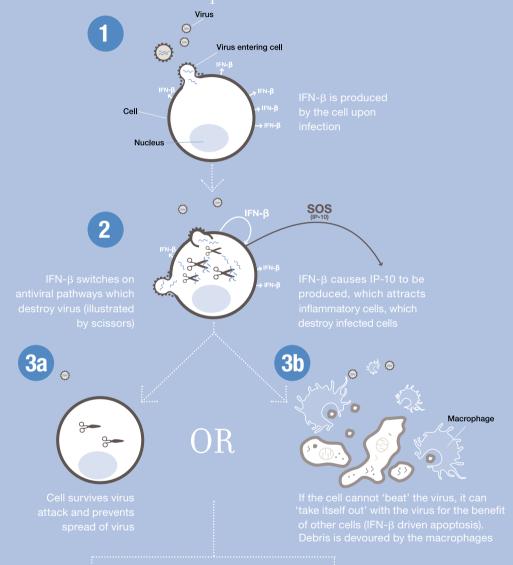
Initial infection into a cell

Viral replication in cell

Viral shedding

Re-infection

The normal host response to a virus is to trigger IFN- $\beta$  production, which then drives the host antiviral response:



#### Increased infection

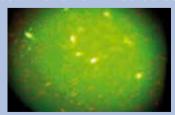


Lung cells infected with H1N1 (swine flu). Bright 'dots' ar infected cells

Untreated

Virus 'wins'

#### Result is fewer infected cells



IFN-R treated

Host 'wins'

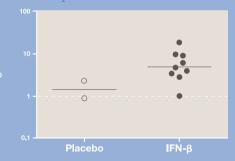
# Synairgen's IFN-\beta therapy

Deficiencies in IFN- $\beta$  production explain why some patient groups (such as those with asthma or COPD) are more susceptible to infection. Furthermore, many viruses, including those associated with severe lung infection such as influenza and SARS, are known to suppress IFN- $\beta$  production. By giving patients additional IFN- $\beta$ , Synairgen's inhaled therapy boosts the lungs' natural antiviral defence mechanism

# Synairgen's clinical evidence

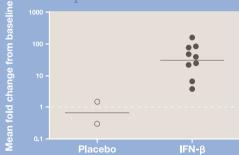
Synairgen's inhaled IFN- $\beta$  switched on antiviral mechanisms in the lungs of asthmatic patients during SG004 Phase I study

2'-5' OAS gene expression in sputum cells

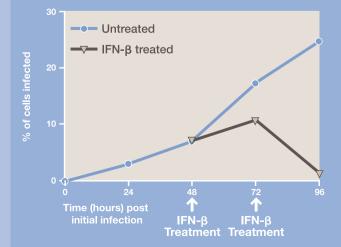


2'-5' OAS is a protein that works inside the cell, causing virus to be broken up (illustrated by scissors in 2 opposite)

IP-10 gene expression in sputum cells



IP-10 is a protein 'SOS' messenger which attracts inflammatory cells to the lung, leading to the destruction of infected cells



In vitro evidence showing late administration of IFN-β reduces percentage of infected cells in influenza model

# Synairgen is a respiratory drug discovery and development company with a particular focus on viral defence of the lungs in Asthma, COPD and Influenza

# Highlights for the year ended 30 June 2011

#### Operational highlights

- Phase II trial of inhaled interferon beta ('IFN-β') in asthma on schedule: last subjects expected to be dosed this Autumn, with results anticipated Q1 2012
- Pre-clinical assessment of the utility of inhaled IFN-β to treat hospitalised patients with severe viral lung infections on schedule to produce preliminary results in Autumn 2011
- Business development activity for out-licensing of IFN-β programme being coordinated to coincide with the availability of key pre-clinical and clinical trial data

#### Financial highlights

- Fundraising of £2.5 million (net of expenses) completed in June 2011 to provide additional finance for the Company's two interferon beta programmes
- Research and development expenditure for the year: £2.9 million (2010: £2.1 million)
- Post-tax loss for the year: £3.2 million (2010: £2.6 million)
- Cash at 30 June 2011: £4.9 million (2010: £5.0 million)

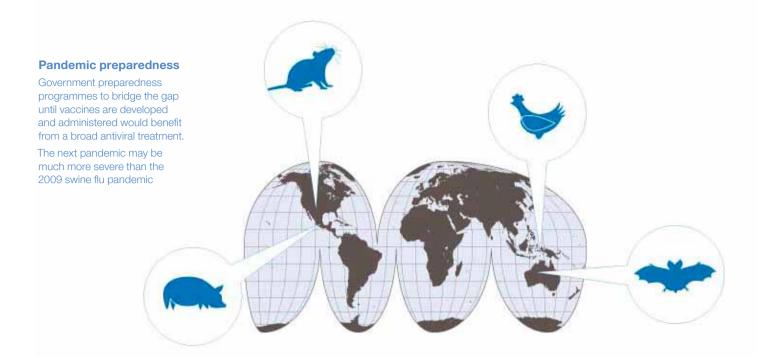
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# Chairman's and Chief Executive Officer's Report

The last twelve months has seen Synairgen make significant progress towards two 'proof of concept' milestones for its inhaled interferon beta ('IFN- $\beta$ ') programme, namely the outcome of a Phase II clinical trial to evaluate the drug's potential to treat and prevent virus-induced asthma exacerbations (acute and prolonged worsening of asthma symptoms) and, secondly, the generation of pre-clinical data to support clinical development for the treatment of hospitalised patients with severe viral lung infections (mostly influenza).

Success in the pre-clinical study would also open up a new opportunity for Synairgen in the arena of biodefence as an early treatment for protection against virus threats such as SARS and H5Nl 'bird flu'. Synairgen's business development strategy has ensured that potential large pharma partners are up-to-date with our progress and await the outcome of these key proof-of-concept studies.



#### Phase II clinical trial - Proof of concept in asthma

The major deliverable for the Company is the Phase II clinical proof of concept study of inhaled IFN-β to prevent asthma exacerbations caused by respiratory viruses. By delivering the natural and very potent antiviral protein IFN-β directly to the lungs, we hope to correct a deficiency and restore, or even boost, the lungs' antiviral defences so that they are able to repel the viruses without succumbing to a respiratory exacerbation. Asthmatic and indeed COPD patients (COPD, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, is the combined term for chronic bronchitis and emphysema) are particularly vulnerable to the spread of common respiratory viruses down to their lungs. For example, up to 80% of asthma hospitalisations are attributed to common cold viruses (mainly the rhinovirus) that spread from the nose and throat to the lungs. By delivering inhaled IFN- $\beta$  directly to the lungs of asthmatic and COPD patients at the onset of nose and throat symptoms. the antiviral defences in the lungs will be boosted; this should normalise the lungs' response to the virus, and reduce disease symptoms.

The Phase II proof of concept study, where we are testing inhaled IFN-β in exacerbation-prone patients when they first develop cold or flu symptoms, is progressing well. At 30 June 2011, 77 subjects had been dosed, and, post year-end at 31 August 2011, this number has risen to 105. We expect to reach our total of approximately 160 randomised subjects during the peak of the rhinovirus season this Autumn. Trial results are anticipated in Q1 2012. The results of this Phase II study are a key requirement for several potential development partners who are reviewing the programme. It is anticipated that a positive outcome from this study would also provide compelling evidence to explore the equally large COPD opportunity.

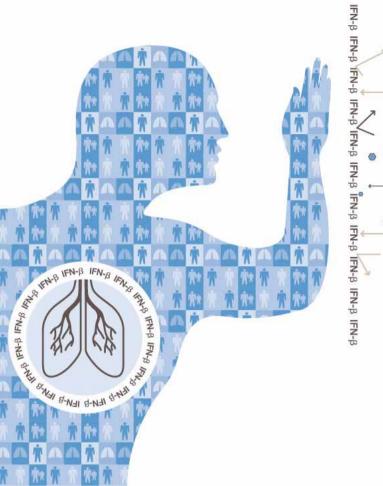
#### Severe viral lung infections

Each year many patients with or without a pre-existing medical condition are hospitalised with viral lung infections such as influenza, rhinovirus, coronavirus, adenovirus, parainfluenza virus, and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV). These infections can lead to pneumonia and secondary bacterial infections and there is great need for antiviral drugs that can be used to treat suspected viral lung infections upon admission to hospital. Synairgen has recognised this potential opportunity for inhaled IFN-β, and, having shown activity against some of the key viruses. has progressed to more advanced experiments to prepare for a clinical trial of inhaled IFN- $\beta$  in patients hospitalised with viral lung infections.

The other significant proof-of-concept milestone for the Company is due to complete this Autumn. This is a series of pre-clinical studies, using validated models which can predict the efficacy in humans, to test the efficacy of inhaled IFN-β against the pandemic H1N1 influenza virus ('swine flu'). In these studies inhaled IFN-β is being administered prior to, or post, infection. These tests simulate the usage of inhaled IFN-β both prophylactically (preventative treatment before infection) and therapeutically (i.e. 'treatment' once infection has taken hold). Subject to the outcome of one or both of these studies, Synairgen will follow up with a series of experiments using the H5N1 'bird flu' virus. H5N1 infections are more challenging to treat and the mortality rate is approximately 50%.

A positive result when IFN-β is given post virus infection would support progression directly into a clinical trial of inhaled IFN-β in patients hospitalised with suspected viral lung infections. We believe that the market potential of a broad spectrum antiviral treatment is very substantial and worthy of progression, either in partnership with a large pharmaceutical company or directly through government or health agency funding.

# Chairman's and Chief Executive Officer's Report (continued)



# Biodefence – prophylaxis against emerging respiratory viruses such as SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome) – a new opportunity

Success in the prophylactic usage element of the pre-clinical studies would provide proof-of-concept data for the potential use of inhaled IFN- $\beta$  in the arena of biodefence. In this setting, inhaled IFN- $\beta$  could be administered to key workers and indeed military personnel exposed to respiratory viruses such as SARS, or H5N1 'bird flu', or other emerging threats.

#### **Intellectual Property**

During the year we received notice of allowance from the United States Patent and Trademark Office for our patent application for the use of inhaled IFN- $\beta$  to treat or prevent rhinovirus infections in the elderly (defined as an individual of age 40 plus). We have also (post year-end) received notice that our Japanese patent to treat or prevent rhinovirus exacerbations with inhaled IFN- $\beta$  will be granted. We have now secured intellectual property in the key markets of the US, the EU and Japan.

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#### **Business Development**

During the year, Synairgen has, with the support of Deloitte LLP's pharma licensing team, been progressing the partnering process for inhaled IFN- $\beta$  in preparation for the results of the Phase II asthma trial. This process involved identifying and contacting suitable development partners to take the programmes into the later stages of clinical development and, thereafter, to market. Confidential discussions have been held with several parties and varying levels of due diligence have been conducted to date. The objective has been to fully familiarise potential partners with the opportunity prior to the availability of Phase II proof-of-concept data from asthma study in Q1 2012.

#### **Fundraising**

In June 2011 we raised £2.65m gross (£2.5m net of expenses) to enable three initiatives to be financed: firstly to accelerate recruitment of subjects for our Phase II asthma study (so that we can complete the trial during the peak of the common cold season in the Autumn this year); secondly to conduct a series of dosing-related *in vitro* experiments to support common business development related questions; and thirdly to extend the pre-clinical study to include H5N1, a highly pathogenic virus.

#### **Summary**

Synairgen is entering an exciting period where we will see the results of proof-of-concept studies both from the clinical trial in asthma and in the broader field of viral defence, starting with influenza. We expect that a positive outcome from either, or both, of these studies will represent a significant step forward for the Company and pave the way for our successful development.

#### Simon Shaw

Chairman

#### **Richard Marsden**

Chief Executive Officer

12 September 2011

# Financial Review

The Financial Review should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements of the Company and Synairgen Research Limited (together the 'Group') and the notes thereto on pages 21 to 35. The consolidated financial statements are presented under International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union. The financial statements of the Company continue to be prepared in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and are set out on pages 36 to 39.

#### **Fundraising**

In June 2011, as discussed in the Chairman's and Chief Executive Officer's Report, following shareholder approval at the General Meeting held on 13 June 2011, the Company raised £2.65 million (gross) through the issue of 9.81 million shares at a price of 27p. The issue price of 27p represented a 1.8% discount to the closing mid-market price on the day before the fundraising was announced. Costs of the issue amounted to £0.15 million (5.6%).

#### **Statement of Comprehensive Income**

The loss from operations for the year ended 30 June 2011 was £3.70 million (2010: £2.99 million). During the current year the Group, using its in vitro model technology, undertook service work for Pfizer Limited which generated revenues of £0.16 million. Research and development expenditure for the year amounted to £2.91 million (2010: £2.11 million). The main areas of expenditure have been on the asthma Phase II study (SG005) and the preclinical studies in swine flu. We anticipate that the last subjects in SG005 will be dosed during the autumn of 2011 and expenditure on the study will significantly reduce thereafter.

Other administrative costs increased from £0.88 million to £0.90 million. The research and development tax credit increased to £0.43 million (2010: £0.37 million). The loss after tax was £3.23 million (2010: £2.55 million) and the loss per share was 5.37p (2010: loss of 4.27p).

#### **Statement of Financial Position and cash flows**

At 30 June 2011, net assets amounted to £4.99 million (30 June 2010: £5.56 million), including net funds, as detailed below in Capital structure and funding, of £4.89 million (2010: £5.01 million).

The principal elements of the £0.12 million decrease (2010: £2.93 million decrease) in net funds were:

- Cash used in operations of £3.02 million (2010: £3.14 million outflow);
- Share issue proceeds (net of costs) £2.50 million (2010: £nil);
- Research and development tax credits received of £0.38 million (2010: £0.34 million); and
- Capital expenditure of £0.03 million (2010: £0.18 million).

#### Treasury policy and financial risk management

#### Credit risk

The Group follows a risk-averse policy of treasury management. Sterling deposits are held with one or more approved UK-based financial institutions. The Group's primary treasury objective is to minimise exposure to potential capital losses whilst at the same time securing prevailing market rates.

#### Interest rate risk

The Group's cash held in current bank accounts is subject to the risk of fluctuating base rates. The majority of the Group's financial assets are placed on fixed-term interest deposits. The interest rate profile of financial assets is illustrated in note 17 to the financial statements.

#### Currency risk

The Group is exposed to Euro and Australian dollar exposure as a small element of its research and development expenditure is denominated in these currencies. The Group does not routinely hedge against this exposure.

#### Capital structure and funding

The Group is funded by equity capital, reflecting the early stage nature of its discovery and development programmes.

The Group considers its capital to be its total equity, which at 30 June 2011 amounted to £4.99 million (30 June 2010: £5.56 million). The Group's objectives when managing capital are to safeguard the Group's ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide returns to equity holders of the Company and benefits to other stakeholders and to maintain an optimal capital structure to reduce the cost of capital. The Group manages this objective through tight control of its cash resources and, upon reaching significant drug development programme milestones (to decrease investment risk), by raising additional equity from shareholders to meet its forecast future cash requirements.

Net funds held by the Group at 30 June 2011 amounted to £4.89 million. This comprised cash and cash equivalents, short-term deposits (with original maturities of greater than three months and less than one year), less finance lease liabilities, as shown below:

	2011 £m	2010 £m	2009 £m	2008 £m	2007 £m	2006 £m
Short-term deposits	3.40	3.68	1.98	3.45	5.00	7.16
Cash and cash equivalents	1.49	1.33	5.96	0.56	1.02	0.33
Total cash	4.89	5.01	7.94	4.01	6.02	7.49
Finance lease liabilities	-	-	-	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.01)
Net funds	4.89	5.01	7.94	4.00	6.01	7.48

The Group did not have any bank borrowings as at 30 June 2011 (2010: £nil).

There have been four significant issues of shares: in August 2003 £0.62 million (net of costs) was raised; in October 2004; when the Company completed its IPO on AIM, £8.98 million (net of costs) was raised; in June 2009 the Company raised £6.20 million (net of costs); and finally in June 2011 when £2.50 million (net of costs) was raised. The other major sources of funding received by the Group from the formation of the business until 30 June 2011 have been: bank interest of £1.56 million, research and development tax credits of £1.56 million, and revenues from collaborative work of £0.60 million.

#### **John Ward**

Finance Director

12 September 2011

# Scientific Review — a focus on broad spectrum antivirals

The need for broad spectrum rather than 'one bug one drug' antivirals to treat lung viral illness

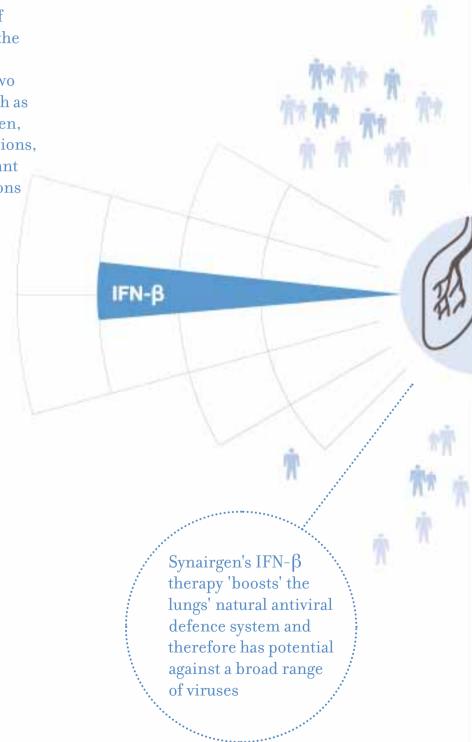
The common cold is a viral infection of the nose and throat. For most people, the common cold usually results in a mild illness with symptoms lasting one to two weeks. However in 'at risk' groups, such as the very young, elderly, pregnant women, or those with underlying health conditions, infections are associated with significant morbidity and mortality, when infections spread from the nose to the chest.

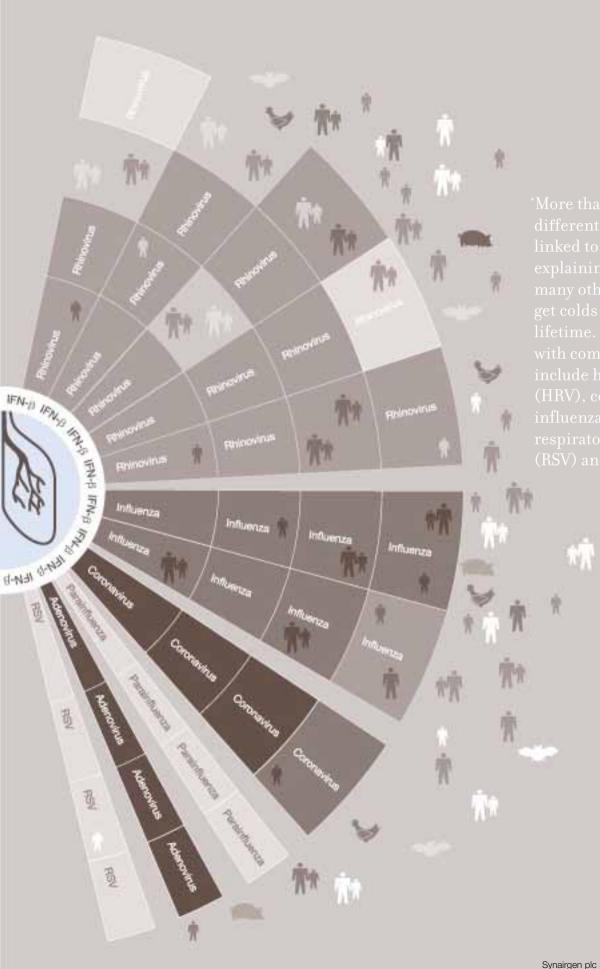
**Prof. Stephen Holgate** *Non-executive Director* 





**Dr Phillip Monk**Chief Scientific Officer





# Scientific Review — a focus on broad spectrum antivirals (continued)

The common cold is the most frequent infectious disease in humans, with the average adult contracting one to three infections a year and the average child contracting between two and six<sup>1,2</sup>. Once exposed to a viral infection the body develops immunity which prevents infection with the same or similar viruses on another occasion. More than two hundred different viruses have been linked to cold symptoms explaining why, unlike many other infections, we get colds throughout our lifetime. Viruses associated with common cold symptoms include human rhinoviruses (HRV), coronaviruses, influenza, parainfluenza, respiratory syncytial viruses (RSV) and adenoviruses.

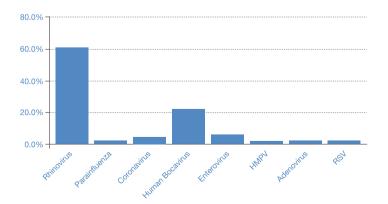
Interestingly, in published clinical studies of patients suffering from acute cold symptoms a specific virus cannot be identified in up to half of cases. At the time of writing, we have identified the virus causing cold symptoms in around two thirds of cases in our ongoing Phase II clinical trial of inhaled IFN- $\beta$  in asthma. The availability of new molecular methods, in particular the ability to sequence viral genomes with relative ease, has driven the hunt for these, as yet unidentified, cold viruses. In the last ten years a number of novel respiratory viruses have been identified including human metapneumovirus³, coronaviruses NL63 and HKU1 $^{4,5,6}$ , human bocaviruses $^7$  and most recently in the last 5 years a new group of rhinoviruses (HRV-C) $^8$ . A number of these viruses (including HRV-C) cannot be cultured in cell lines typically used in virus research and therefore could not have been identified by classical virological methods $^9$ .

The diversity of virus types associated with colds presents a significant challenge for the development of targeted treatments which are designed to counter the serious consequences of common cold infections when they spread to the lungs. Rhinoviruses are the most frequent cause of the common cold and thus have been a focus of 'one drug one bug' antiviral drug development in the past. One of the reasons for the predominance of rhinoviruses is due to the relatively large number of different strains when compared to other virus types. Before the discovery of the HRV-C group, around a hundred different types of rhinovirus had already been identified falling into two groups (HRV-A and HRV-B). The HRV-C group adds at least 60 further virus types. Importantly, further research has shown that HRV-C viruses appear to cause a significant proportion of colds caused by rhinoviruses and may be more frequently associated with severe illnesses such as pneumonia and worsening of existing respiratory disease such as asthma, especially in children<sup>10</sup>. HRV-C group viruses are unlikely to have been detected in tests developed for HRV-A or HRV-B group viruses leading to a gross underestimate of the number of colds caused by rhinoviruses.

However, from a drug development perspective there are important differences in the biology of different groups of rhinoviruses. For example, most HRV-A and HRV-B group rhinoviruses (frequently referred to as 'major group rhinoviruses') bind to an adhesion protein on the cell surface, known as intercellular cellular adhesion molecule (ICAM)-1, in order to enter and infect cells in the respiratory tract. For this reason, drugs which bind ICAM-1 and prevent major group rhinovirus attaching to cells have been considered as potential treatments for the common cold and associated complications<sup>11</sup>. Significantly, in research published this year, blocking virus binding to ICAM-1 in a human in vitro model prevented infection of nose tissue with major group rhinoviruses but not HRV-C viruses<sup>12</sup>. These experiments suggest that HRV-C viruses gain entry and infect the cell through a different mechanism. Thus agents which target ICAM-1 would have little effect against a large proportion of rhinoviruses.

In summary, the list of viruses associated with the severe lung infections is growing. Even within a virus type there appears to be greater diversity than first appreciated. Therefore, drugs or vaccines targeting specific virus types or strains are unlikely to be effective against a significant proportion of these pathogenic viruses. On top of this is the challenge of the development of drug resistance as is so frequently being encountered with bacterial disease. For example, the majority of circulated seasonal flu strains are insensitive to the neuraminidase inhibitor Tamiflu<sup>®13</sup> and similar issues arose for Pleconaril<sup>14</sup>, a drug being developed against rhinoviruses.

#### Respiratory viruses detected in nasal lavage samples from Phase II study



#### Relevance to Synairgen

The majority of asthma attacks lasting more than 2-3 days (exacerbations) are associated with common cold infections when they spread from the nose to the lungs<sup>15</sup>. Recognising the limitations of targeting specific cold viruses, it has been our aim to boost the primary antiviral defences in the asthmatic's lung, thereby protecting against infection with a broad range of respiratory viruses.

Interferon beta (IFN-β) is a naturally-occurring protein produced by cells when they are infected with viruses that triggers an antiviral response in the body. In laboratory models we have shown that IFN-β can protect asthmatic and COPD lung cells from infection with a variety of viruses associated with asthma exacerbations, including rhinoviruses, RSV and influenza viruses. These findings are supported by work from other research groups using a range of viruses which have caused significant lung disease, including SARS and H5N1 in other cell types, thereby confirming the broad spectrum antiviral potential of interferon beta.

In our Phase I clinical study we have been able to show that interferon beta, delivered as an inhaled drug, was well tolerated and boosted and sustained lung antiviral defences in asthmatics. On this basis we are currently conducting a Phase II proof of concept clinical trial to assess the potential of inhaled IFN-β, administered at the onset of a common cold or influenza symptoms, to prevent the development of a viral lung infection. and consequently to prevent a worsening of asthma symptoms.

In analysing the viruses associated with common cold or flu symptoms in this trial we have identified (not unexpectedly) a range of different viruses although rhinovirus infections predominate (refer to the figure left). Thus, the outcome of this clinical trial will provide the necessary evidence to support the concept of inhaled IFN-β as a broad spectrum antiviral for viral infections of the lungs.

#### **Professor Stephen Holgate**

Founder and Non-executive Director

#### **Dr Phillip Monk**

Chief Scientific Officer

12 September 2011

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### Directors

#### Simon Shaw

#### Non-executive Chairman

Simon Shaw joined Synairgen as executive Chairman on its inception in June 2003 and became non-executive Chairman in October of that year. He is Group Chief Financial Officer of Savills plc. He was Chief Financial Officer of Gyrus Group PLC from 2003 until its sale to Olympus Corporation in 2008, having previously been Chief Operating Officer of Profile Therapeutics plc between 1998 and 2003. Between 1991 and 1997 he was a corporate financier, latterly at Hambros Bank Limited. He is a chartered accountant.





#### John Ward

#### Finance Director

John Ward joined Synairgen in October 2004 as Finance Director. From December 1999 to July 2004 he was Chief Financial Officer and Company Secretary of Profile Therapeutics plc and was appointed to the Profile Therapeutics board in March 2003. From 1996 to 1999 he was Finance Director of Rapid Deployment Group Limited, the UK holding company for the healthcare operations of Ventiv Health, Inc. Prior to joining Rapid Deployment he was a Director of Corporate Finance at Price Waterhouse. He is a chartered accountant.

#### Richard Marsden

#### Chief Executive Officer

Richard Marsden joined Synairgen in a consulting role as General Manager in November 2003, was appointed to the Board as Managing Director in June 2004 and appointed Chief Executive Officer in September 2009. Between 1998 and 2003 he worked as Projects Manager and Cystic Fibrosis Business Development Manager at Profile Therapeutics plc, where he managed the Cystic Fibrosis business and played a major role in the development of its proprietary pharmaceutical unit, Profile Pharma Limited. Prior to this, he worked for Zimmer Limited, Genentech (UK) Limited and Roche Products Limited.





#### Iain Buchanan

#### Non-executive Director

lain Buchanan was appointed as a non-executive director in June 2010 and is currently Chief Executive Officer of NOXXON Pharma AG based in Berlin. Previously he was Chief Executive Officer of Novexel SA ('Novexel'), a specialty pharmaceutical company focused on novel anti-infectives, from its formation in 2004 until 2010, when it was sold to AstraZeneca. He has some 35 years' commercial experience in the pharmaceutical and biotech industries. He joined Novexel from Vertex Pharmaceuticals (Europe) Limited, where he was Managing Director. Prior to Vertex, lain was the Regional Licensing Director of Cilag A.G. International, a division of Johnson & Johnson based in Switzerland, where he managed Cilag's international licensee business from 1987 to 1994.

#### **Dr Phillip Monk**

Chief Scientific Officer

Phillip Monk joined Synairgen in October 2006 as Head of Bioscience Development and was appointed to the Board as Chief Scientific Officer in September 2009. Phillip was previously Director of the Respiratory and Inflammation Biology group at Cambridge Antibody Technology ('CAT') and led the scientific development of CAT-354, an anti-IL-13 antibody being developed for the treatment of severe asthma. Prior to joining CAT, he worked at Bayer AG within the respiratory disease therapeutic area, focusing on the development of novel therapies for asthma, COPD and cystic fibrosis.





#### **Paul Clegg**

Non-executive Director

Paul Clegg was appointed as a non-executive director in September 2009. He is Chief Executive Officer of Accsys Technologies PLC. Paul was previously Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Cowen International Limited and director of Cowen Asset Management Limited until June 2008. Paul has over twenty years' senior investment banking experience, most recently with a particular focus on biotechnology.

#### **Dr Bruce Campbell**

Non-executive Director

Bruce Campbell joined Synairgen as a non-executive Director in April 2006. He has 40 years of drug development experience and has developed many drugs in a wide range of indications which are now on the market. He is currently a scientific advisor to IP Group plc and acts as a consultant to various companies including Proximagen Limited. Formerly he was Senior VP of International Development at Neurocrine Biosciences, Inc. ('Neurocrine'). Prior to joining Neurocrine he worked for 27 years at Servier (United Kingdom), latterly as Scientific Director. In addition, he has also been a director and European Chairman of the Drug Information Association and a member of the European ICH Safety Working Party. He is a visiting Professor in Pharmacology at King's College, London.



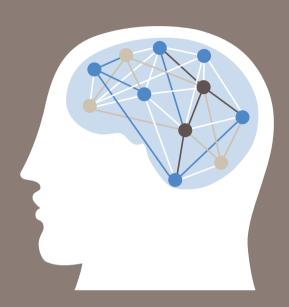


#### **Prof. Stephen Holgate CBE**

Non-executive Director

Stephen Holgate is a co-founder of Synairgen and was appointed a nonexecutive director in June 2003. After qualifying in Medicine at Charing Cross Hospital Medical School, London he has pursued an academic career leading to his appointment in 1987 to his current position as Medical Research Council Clinical Professor of Immunopharmacology at the University of Southampton. His research interests have been largely focused on the cellular and molecular mechanisms of asthma that has involved use of both epidemiological and genetic approaches. He has published over 900 papers in peer-reviewed literature and was a co-editor of Clinical and Experimental Allergy. He is currently: Chairman of the Science Council's Science in Health Group; Chairman of the MRC's Population and Systems Medicine Board; a member of Council of the Academy of Medical Sciences; a member of the MRC's Strategy Board and the MRC's Pharma Forum; Chairman of Defra's Advisory Committee on Hazardous Substances; a member of the FSA Advisory Committee on Novel Foods and Processes; a member of the Department of Health Committee on the Medical Effects of Air Pollution; and a scientific board member or advisor to eleven companies, including Amgen, Roche, Merck, Almiral, Rotta and Novartis. In 2010, he was appointed by the Higher Education Funding Council for England to be the Chair of the Research Excellence Framework (REF) Main Panel A covering Medicine, Health and Life Sciences.

# Synairgen's Founders



#### Synairgen's Founders



Prof. Stephen Holgate CBE is MRC Clinical Professor of Immunopharmacology and a world-acknowledged expert in respiratory research. He has published over 900 papers in peer-reviewed literature and a brief curriculum vitae is given on page 11.



Prof. Donna Davies is Professor of Respiratory Cell and Molecular Biology at the University of Southampton. She has collaborative relationships with a number of pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies.



Prof. Ratko Djukanovic is Professor of Respiratory Medicine at the University of Southampton and Director of the Southampton NIHR Respiratory Biomedical Research Unit. He has had many collaborations with pharmaceutical companies.

# Directors' Report

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements for Synairgen plc (the 'Company') and its subsidiary (together the 'Group') for the year ended 30 June 2011.

#### **Principal activities**

Synairgen plc is the holding company for Synairgen Research Limited, a respiratory drug discovery and development company with a particular focus on viral defence.

#### Review of the business and future developments

A review of the business and anticipated future developments is included in the Chairman's and Chief Executive Officer's Report and the Financial Review set out on pages 2 to 5.

#### Research and development

During the year, the Group has invested £2,907,000 (2010: £2,109,000) in research and development activities and a review of this expenditure is included in the Financial Review.

#### Principal risks and uncertainties

The Board considers that the principal risks and uncertainties facing the Group may be summarised as follows:

#### Reliance on the interferon beta programmes

The majority of the Group's resources are focused on the three interferon beta programmes. Whilst these are for separate indications (asthma, COPD and influenza) there is a risk that failure in one indication may have a negative impact upon the others.

#### • Failure to generate innovative discoveries

There can be no guarantee that the Group will successfully develop new pharmaceutical products.

#### Clinical development and regulatory risk

The development of pharmaceutical drugs requires the necessary safety and efficacy to be demonstrated in clinical programmes in order to meet the requirements of the appropriate regulatory bodies. There can be no guarantee that the clinical trials will not be delayed or extended. There can be no guarantee that any of the Group's therapies will be able to obtain or maintain the necessary regulatory approvals. The Group seeks to reduce this risk by closely monitoring the progress of recruitment on its clinical trials, drawing on the experience of its Founders, seeking advice from regulatory advisers, and holding consultations with the appropriate regulatory bodies.

#### Intellectual property risk

The commercial success of the Group depends on its ability to obtain patent protection for its pharmaceutical discoveries in the US, Europe and other countries and to preserve the confidentiality of its knowhow. There is no guarantee that patent applications will succeed or be broad enough to provide protection for the Group's intellectual property rights and exclude competitors with similar pharmaceutical products. The success of the Group is also dependent on noninfringement of patents, or other intellectual property rights, held by third parties. Competitors and third parties may hold intellectual property rights which the Group may not be able to license upon favourable terms, potentially inhibiting the Group's ability to develop and exploit its own business. Litigation may be necessary to protect the Group's intellectual property which may result in substantial costs.

The Group seeks to reduce this risk by seeking patent attorney advice that patent protection will be available prior to investing in a project, by seeking patent protection where appropriate and by minimising disclosure to third parties.

#### Commercial risk

There can be no guarantee that the Group will succeed in securing and maintaining the necessary contractual relationships with licensing partners for its programmes under development. Even if the programmes are successfully out-licensed and pharmaceutical products are brought to market by a partner, there is no guarantee that such products will succeed in the marketplace.

The Group seeks to reduce this risk by structuring its development programmes to meet the needs and requirements of its potential partners and by engaging with partners who have the appropriate experience, resource and interest to bring such pharmaceutical products to the global marketplace.

#### Competition risk

The Group's current and potential competitors include pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies and academic institutions, many of whom have significantly greater financial resources than the Group. There can be no assurance that competitors will not succeed in developing products that are more effective or economic than any developed by the Group, or which would render the Group's products non-competitive or obsolete.

#### Funding risk

The Group continues to consume cash resources. Until the Group generates positive net cash inflows from successful out-licensing transactions and commercialisation of its products, it remains dependent upon securing additional funding through the injection of capital from share issues. The Group may not be able to generate positive net cash flows in the future or attract such additional funding required at all, or on suitable terms. In such circumstances the Group's discovery and development programmes may be delayed or cancelled and the business operations curtailed.

The Group seeks to reduce this risk through tight financial control, prioritising programmes which will generate the best returns and keeping shareholders informed on progress.

#### Loss of biobank

The Group has built up a biobank of tissue samples from a broad range of well-characterised volunteers and loss of this biobank would impinge on its research capabilities. A number of practical loss prevention safeguards have been put in place including division of the biobank over a number of different locations, use of temperature alarms and back-up cooling and power systems. Additionally, insurance is maintained in the event of loss.

#### Dependence on Founders, senior management and key staff

The Founders and certain members of staff are highly skilled scientists and clinicians. The Group has deliberately pursued a lean headcount policy to conserve financial resources. Failure to continue to attract and retain such individuals could adversely affect operational results.

The Group seeks to reduce this risk by appropriate incentivisation of staff through participation in long term equity incentive schemes.

# Directors' Report (continued)

#### **Key performance indicators ('KPIs')**

The Board considers that the most important KPIs are non-financial and relate to the progress of the scientific programmes which are discussed in the Chairman's and Chief Executive Officer's Report.

The most important financial KPIs are the cash position and the operating loss of the Group. At 30 June 2011 cash and deposit balances amounted to  $\pounds 4.9$  million and were above budgeted levels. The operating loss for the year of  $\pounds 3.7$  million was also favourable to the budgeted loss for the year.

#### **Results and dividends**

The Group's loss for the year after taxation amounted to £3,231,000 (2010: loss of £2,550,000). A Financial Review is set out on page 5. The directors do not propose the payment of a dividend.

#### **Financial instruments**

The Group's use of financial instruments is discussed in the Financial Review on page 5 and in note 17 to the financial statements.

#### **Substantial shareholdings**

As at 12 September 2011, the Company had been advised of the following shareholders with interests of 3% or more in its ordinary share capital:

Name of shareholder	Number of ordinary shares	% of share capital
Lansdowne Partners Limited	13,912,000	20.0%
IP Group plc	7,534,188	10.8%
F&C Asset Management plc	6,480,512	9.3%
IP Venture Fund LP	5,152,505	7.4%
Mr MR Underwood	3,970,588	5.7%
Southampton Asset Management Limited	3,600,000	5.2%

#### **Directors**

The directors of the Company during the year were:

Executive directors: Non-executive directors:

Richard Marsden Simon Shaw
Dr Phillip Monk Dr Bruce Campbell
John Ward Iain Buchanan
Paul Clegg

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Prof. Stephen Holgate

In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, which require that one third of directors shall retire from office, at the Annual General Meeting on 10 November 2011 Richard Marsden, Dr Phillip Monk and Paul Clegg will retire and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-appointment.

#### **Directors' interests in ordinary shares**

The directors, who held office at 30 June 2011, had the following interests in the ordinary shares of the Company:

	30 June 2011 Number of shares	1 July 2010 Number of shares
Richard Marsden	95,860	58,823
Dr Phillip Monk	18,518	-
John Ward	228,788	191,751
Simon Shaw	1,368,580	1,275,988
Iain Buchanan	92,592	-
Dr Bruce Campbell	253,960	216,923
Paul Clegg	184,095	147,058
Prof. Stephen Holgate (i)	852,316	841,205

(i) Prof. Stephen Holgate's shareholding includes 1,923 shares owned by his wife, Elizabeth Holgate.

Between 30 June 2011 and the date of this report there has been no change in the interests of directors in shares or share options as disclosed in this annual report.

#### **Directors' remuneration and share options**

Details of directors' remuneration and share options are given in the Directors' Remuneration Report on pages 17 to 19.

#### Directors' and officers' liability insurance

Qualifying indemnity Insurance cover has been arranged in respect of the personal liabilities which may be incurred by directors and officers of the Group during the course of their service with the Group. This insurance has been in place during the year and on the date of this report.

#### **Payment of creditors**

It is the policy of the Group and the Company that payments to suppliers are made in accordance with those terms and conditions agreed between the Group and its suppliers, provided that all trading terms and conditions have been complied with. At 30 June 2011 the Group had an average of 18 days' purchases outstanding in trade creditors (2010: 31 days' purchases).

#### Post balance sheet events

There are no events occurring post 30 June 2011 requiring disclosure.

#### **Charitable and political donations**

During the year the Group made no charitable donations (2010: £34,000) and no political donations (2010: nil).

#### **Disabled employees**

The Group gives every consideration to applications for employment from disabled persons where the requirements of the job may be adequately covered by a handicapped or disabled person. Should any employee become disabled, every practical effort is made to provide continued employment.

#### Annual general meeting ('AGM')

The AGM will be held at 12 noon on 10 November 2011 at Fasken Martineau LLP, 17 Hanover Square, London W1S 1HU.

#### **Auditor information**

All of the current directors have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any information needed by the Company's auditors for the purposes of their audit and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information. The directors are not aware of any relevant audit information of which the auditors are unaware.

A resolution to re-appoint BDO LLP as auditors will be put to members at the AGM.

By order of the Board

John Ward

Company Secretary

12 September 2011

# Corporate Governance Statement

The Board is accountable to the Company's shareholders for good corporate governance and it is the objective of the Board to attain a high standard of corporate governance. As an AIM-quoted company full compliance with The UK Corporate Governance Code (the 'Code') is not a formal obligation. The Company has not sought to comply with the full provisions of the Code, however it has sought to adopt the provisions that are appropriate to its size and organisation and establish frameworks for the achievement of this objective. This statement sets out the corporate governance procedures that are in place.

#### **Board of directors**

On 30 June 2011 the Board of directors (the 'Board') consisted of a nonexecutive Chairman (Simon Shaw), three executive directors (Richard Marsden, Dr Phillip Monk and John Ward), and four non-executive directors (Iain Buchanan, Dr Bruce Campbell, Paul Clegg and Prof. Stephen Holgate). Brief details about the directors are given on pages 10 and 11. The responsibilities of the non-executive Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer are clearly divided. The non-executive directors bring relevant experience from different backgrounds and receive a fixed fee for their services and reimbursement of reasonable expenses incurred in attending meetings.

The Board retains full and effective control of the Group. This includes responsibility for determining the Group's strategy and for approving budgets and business plans to fulfil this strategy. The full Board ordinarily meets bi-monthly. It also meets on any other occasions it considers necessary. During the year ended 30 June 2011, the Board met eleven times, with each member attending as follows:

Director	Number of meetings held whilst a Board member	Number of meetings attended
Simon Shaw	11	10
Richard Marsden	11	11
Dr Phillip Monk	11	10
John Ward	11	11
Iain Buchanan	11	10
Dr Bruce Campbell	11	11
Paul Clegg	11	10
Prof. Stephen Holgate	11	3

It is the duty of the Chairman to ensure that all directors are properly briefed on issues arising at Board meetings. Prior to each Board meeting, directors are sent an agenda and Board papers for each agenda item to be discussed. Additional information is provided when requested by the Board or individual directors.

The Company Secretary is responsible to the Board for ensuring that Board procedures are followed and that the applicable rules and regulations are complied with. All directors have access to the advice and services of the Company Secretary, and independent professional advice, if required, at the Company's expense. Removal of the Company Secretary would be a matter for the Board.

As appropriate, the Board has delegated certain responsibilities to Board committees.

#### **Audit Committee**

The Audit Committee currently comprises Simon Shaw (Chairman) and Dr Bruce Campbell. Whilst it is not normal in larger companies for the chairman of the Company to chair the Audit Committee, the Company considers it appropriate for Simon Shaw to be Chairman as he is considered to have the most significant, recent and relevant financial experience of the non-executive directors.

The committee has primary responsibility for ensuring that the financial performance of the Group is properly measured and reported on and it reviews the interim financial information and annual financial statements before they are submitted to the Board. The committee reviews accounting policies and material accounting judgements. The committee also reviews, and reports on, reports from the Group's auditors relating to the Group's accounting controls. It makes recommendations to the Board on the appointment of auditors and the audit fee. The committee monitors the scope, results and cost-effectiveness of the audit. It has unrestricted access to the Group's auditors. In certain circumstances it is permitted by the Board for the auditors to supply non-audit services (in the provision of tax advice, or on specific projects where they can add value). The committee has approved and monitored the application of this policy in order to safeguard auditor objectivity and independence. The overall fees paid to the auditors are not deemed to be of such significance to them as to impair their independence. The Group does not have an internal audit function, but the Board considers that this is appropriate, given the size of the Group. The committee keeps this matter under review annually. During the year, the committee met four times and all meetings were attended by Simon Shaw and Dr Bruce Campbell.

#### **Remuneration and Nomination Committee**

The Remuneration and Nomination Committee currently comprises Paul Clegg (Chairman), Dr Bruce Campbell and Simon Shaw. The committee is responsible for making recommendations to the Board on remuneration policy for executive directors and the terms of their service contracts, with the aim of ensuring that their remuneration, including any share options and other awards, is based on their own performance and that of the Group generally. The committee administers the Long-Term Incentive Plan, the staff share option scheme and the Qualifying Non-Employee Option Scheme and approves grants under all three schemes. It also advises on the remuneration policy for the Group's employees. The committee is responsible for all senior appointments that are made within the Group. During the year ended 30 June 2011, the committee met three times and all meetings were attended by Paul Clegg, Dr Bruce Campbell and Simon Shaw.

# Corporate Governance Statement (continued)

#### **Investor relations**

The directors seek to build a mutual understanding of objectives between the Company and its shareholders by meetings with major institutional investors and analysts after the Company's preliminary announcement of its year-end results and its interim results. The Company also maintains investor relations pages on its website (www.synairgen.com) to increase the amount of information available to investors. During the year, with the assistance of its retained financial public relations adviser (Threadneedle Communications) the directors have also had meetings with a number of private client stockbrokers around the UK to raise awareness of the Company.

There is an opportunity at the Annual General Meeting for individual shareholders to question the Chairman, the Chairmen of the Audit and Remuneration and Nomination committees, and the executive directors. Notice of the meeting is sent to shareholders at least 21 clear days before the meeting. Shareholders are given the opportunity to vote on each separate issue. The Company counts all proxy votes and will indicate the level of proxies lodged on each resolution, after it has been dealt with by a show of hands. Details of the resolutions and explanations thereto are included with the notice. This year's meeting will be held at 12 noon on 10 November 2011 at Fasken Martineau LLP, 17 Hanover Square, London W1S 1HU.

#### **Internal control**

The directors are responsible for establishing and maintaining the Group's system of internal control and reviewing its effectiveness. The system of internal control is designed to manage, rather than eliminate, the risk of failure to achieve business objectives and can only provide reasonable but not absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss.

The main features of the internal control system are as follows:

- a control environment exists through the close management of the business by the executive directors. The Group has a defined organisational structure with delineated approval limits.
   Controls are implemented and monitored by personnel with the necessary qualifications and experience;
- a list of matters reserved for board approval;
- monthly management reporting and analysis of variances;
- financial risks for each major transaction are identified and evaluated by the Board; and
- standard financial controls operate to ensure that the assets of the Group are safeguarded and that proper accounting records are maintained.

#### **Directors' responsibilities**

The directors are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the Group financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as adopted by the European Union and the Company financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company

law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Group and Company and of the profit or loss of the Group for that period. The directors are also required to prepare financial statements in accordance with the rules of the London Stock Exchange for companies trading securities on the Alternative Investment Market.

In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- for the Group financial statements state whether they have been prepared in accordance with IFRSs as adopted by the European Union, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- for the Company financial statements state whether they have been prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

#### **Website Publication**

The directors are responsible for ensuring the annual report and financial statements are made available on a website. Financial statements are published on the Group's website in accordance with AIM rules for companies and legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements, which may vary from legislation in other jurisdictions. The maintenance and integrity of the Group's website is the responsibility of the directors. The directors' responsibility also extends to the ongoing integrity of the financial statements contained therein.

#### Going concern

The directors have prepared and reviewed financial forecasts. After due consideration of these forecasts and current cash resources, the directors consider that the Company and the Group have adequate financial resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future (being a period of at least twelve months from the date of this report), and for this reason the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

By order of the Board

#### John Ward

Company Secretary

 $12\,September\,2011$ 

# Directors' Remuneration Report

This report is non-mandatory for AIM-quoted companies and has been produced on a voluntary basis. It includes and complies with the new disclosure obligations of the AIM Rules and with the principal disclosure requirements of the Large and Medium-sized Companies and Groups (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008.

#### **Remuneration Committee**

The Company's remuneration policy is the responsibility of the Remuneration and Nomination Committee (the 'Committee'), which was established in October 2004. The terms of reference of the Committee are outlined in the Corporate Governance Statement on page 15. The members of the Committee are Paul Clegg (Chairman), Simon Shaw and Dr Bruce Campbell.

The Committee, which is required to meet at least twice a year, met three times during the year ended 30 June 2011. The Chief Executive Officer and certain executives may be invited to attend meetings of the Committee to assist it with its deliberations but no executive is present when his or her own remuneration is discussed.

During the year, the Committee has been advised on director remuneration, including the 2010 Long-Term Incentive Plan ('LTIP') awards and the fair valuation of share-based payments by its retained independent remuneration adviser, John Lee of Hewitt New Bridge Street. Following the year end, Mr Lee left Hewitt New Bridge Street to form his own firm, FIT Remuneration Consultants LLP, and the Committee decided to change its advisers to this firm. No other advice has been provided to the Group by this firm during the year.

#### **Remuneration policy**

#### (i) Executive remuneration

The Committee has a duty to establish a remuneration policy which will enable it to attract and retain individuals of the highest calibre to run the Group. Its policy is to ensure that executive remuneration packages of Executive Directors and the fee of the Chairman are appropriate given performance, scale of responsibility, experience, and consideration of the remuneration packages for similar executive positions in companies it considers are comparable. Packages are structured to motivate executives to achieve the highest level of performance in line with the best interests of shareholders. A significant element of the total remuneration package, in the form of bonus and LTIP awards, is performance driven.

Executive remuneration currently comprises a base salary, an annual performance-related bonus, a pension contribution to the executive director's individual money purchase scheme (at 9% of base salary), family private health cover, permanent health and life assurance. Salaries and benefits are reviewed annually in July, taking into account Group and individual performance, external benchmark information and internal relativities. The Company operates a discretionary bonus scheme for executive directors for delivery of exceptional performance against personal and corporate objectives, with the maximum bonus payable remaining at 200% of base salary. Bonuses payable to executive directors in respect of the year ended 30 June 2011 were 30% of base salary, amounting to £36,300 for Richard Marsden, £33,000 for John Ward and £27,000 for Dr Phillip Monk.

Executive directors are also rewarded for improvements in the performance of the Group sustained over a period of years in the form of Long-Term Incentive Plan share awards granted on a discretionary basis by the Committee.

Directors' remuneration for the year to  $30 \, \mathrm{June} \, 2011$  is set out on page 19 of this document. The Committee, taking into account both that the salaries of the Chief Executive and the Finance Director have not been increased since I July 2007 and the remuneration of employees throughout the Group, has concluded that salaries for the three executive directors will be increased by 4.5% for the year to 30 June 2012.

#### (ii) Chairman and non-executive director remuneration

The Chairman, Mr Buchanan and Mr Clegg receive a fixed fee of £25,000 per annum. Dr Campbell and Professor Holgate receive a fixed fee of £15,000 per annum. The fixed fee covers preparation for and attendance at meetings of the full Board and committees thereof. A fee of £5,000 per annum is also paid for chairing each of the audit and remuneration committees. The Chairman and the executive directors are responsible for setting the level of non-executive remuneration. The non-executive directors are also reimbursed for all reasonable expenses incurred in attending meetings.

#### (iii) Equity-based incentive schemes

The Committee strongly believes that equity-based incentive schemes increase the focus of employees in improving Group performance, whilst at the same time providing a strong incentive for retaining and attracting individuals of a high calibre.

#### Long-Term Incentive Plan (LTIP)

The Synairgen Long-Term Incentive Plan, comprising conditional (performance-related) share awards (technically structured as nominal cost options pursuant to which participants must pay lp per share on the exercise of their awards), was introduced in 2005 as the primary long-term incentive vehicle for executive directors. Senior executives and other employees may be granted an award which will normally vest if demanding performance conditions are achieved over a three-year period and if the grantee remains an employee of the Group.

Grants under the LTIP in any financial year are capped at a maximum of 100% of base salary. In September 2010, Richard Marsden, John Ward and Dr Phillip Monk were granted awards over shares worth 100% of base salary. Executive directors are expected to retain no fewer than 50% of shares acquired upon vesting of awards under the LTIP, net of taxes, until such time as, in combination with any other shares the executives may have acquired, they hold shares with a value equivalent to 100% of base salary.

All awards will lapse at the end of the applicable performance period to the extent that the applicable performance criteria conditions have not been satisfied with no opportunity for retesting. In the event of a good leaver event or a change of control of the Company, the LTIP awards may vest early, but only to the extent that, in the opinion of the Committee, the performance conditions have been satisfied at that time. The awards will generally also be subject to a time pro-rated reduction to reflect the reduced period of time between the grant of the awards and the time of vesting although this reduction may not be applied in certain cases.

# Directors' Remuneration Report (continued)

#### Performance conditions for the 2010 LTIP awards

The performance conditions for the 2010 LTIP awards were the same as the 2008 and 2009 LTIP awards. The awards are subject to two conditions. Firstly, awards will only vest to the extent that the percentage increase in the total shareholder return ('TSR', being the return earned by a shareholder over the performance period in terms of change in the share price and assuming re-investment of any dividends in more shares at the prevailing price on the relevant exdividend date) of the Company over the three year performance period is equal or greater than the percentage increase in the techMARK mediscience  $^{\text{TM}}$  index over the same period as follows:

less percentage increase in the techMARK mediscience™ index over the same period	vesting percentage of total number of shares subject to award
Less than 0%	0%
0%	25%
10%	50%
20%	100%
Performance between the steps	Pro-rata on a straight-line basis

Secondly, no award will vest unless the average annual growth in the TSR of the Company over the performance period is equal to or greater than RPI plus 2%. The 2010 and 2009 (but not the 2008) LTIP awards require that for more than 75% of an award to vest, annual average TSR must exceed RPI by at least 5% rather than 2%.

#### Qualifying Non-Employee Option Scheme (QNEOS)

On 12 June 2009 shareholders in General Meeting approved the adoption of the QNEOS. This plan is a discretionary share scheme which enables the Committee to grant market value share options to consultants and non-executive directors who, in the opinion of the Committee, make, or, in the case of new appointments, will make, a significant contribution to the Group and where the Committee considers it to be in the interests of shareholders to make such grants. During the year under review no options were granted under the QNEOS.

#### (iv) Service contracts and letters of appointment

The executive directors have entered into service agreements which can be terminated on six months' notice by either party.

During the year, Richard Marsden was a non-executive director of Southampton Asset Management Limited but did not receive any fees with regards to this appointment. None of the other executive directors held non-executive directorships with other companies.

The Chairman and non-executive directors have entered into letters of appointment for an initial fixed period of twelve months, which renew automatically for a further twelve month period on the anniversary of commencement. The appointment can be terminated on three months' notice by either party.

#### **Directors' interests in share options**

The interests of directors in share options over ordinary shares during the year were as follows:

#### Synairgen Long-Term Incentive Plan

Date of grant	Notes	At 1 July 2010	Granted during the year	Lapsed	At 30 June 2011	Exercise price	Earliest exercise date	Expiry date
Richard Marsden								
30 October 2007		129,853	-	(129,853)	-	lp	30 Oct 2010	29 Oct 2011
l August 2008	2	165,000	-	-	165,000	lp	l Aug 2011	31 Jul 2012
7 September 2009	3	605,000	-	-	605,000	lp	7 Sept 2012	6 Sept 2013
8 September 2010	1,3	-	498,969	-	498,969	lp	8 Sept 2013	7 Sept 2014
John Ward								
30 October 2007		118,048	-	(118,048)	-	lp	30 Oct 2010	29 Oct 2011
l August 2008	2	150,000	-	-	150,000	lp	1 Aug 2011	31 Jul 2012
7 September 2009	3	550,000	-	-	550,000	lp	7 Sept 2012	6 Sept 2013
8 September 2010	1,3	-	453,608	-	453,608	lp	8 Sept 2013	7 Sept 2014
Dr Phillip Monk								
30 October 2007		39,439	-	(39,439)	-	lp	30 Oct 2010	29 Oct 2011
l August 2008	2	50,000	-	-	50,000	lp	1 Aug 2011	31 Jul 2012
7 September 2009	3	414,625	-	-	414,625	lp	7 Sept 2012	6 Sept 2013
8 September 2010	1,3	-	371,134	-	371,134	lp	8 Sept 2013	7 Sept 2014

Note 1: The market value of a share on 8 September 2010 was 24.25p.

Note 2: The 2008 awards have been assessed following the year-end and lapsed in full.

Note 3: On 8 September 2011 the expiry dates of the awards granted on 7 September 2009 and 8 September 2010 were amended from 6 September 2013 and 7 September 2014 to 6 September 2019 and 7 September 2020 respectively.

The options awarded in September 2009 and September 2010 under the LTIP will only vest if the performance conditions outlined above are met.

#### Other options granted on or before the IPO or under the Synairgen plc Staff Option Scheme

Date of grant	At 1 July 2010 and 30 June 2011	Exercise price	Earliest exercise date	Expiry date
Richard Marsden				
ll October 2004	280,000	10p	11 Oct 2004	10 Oct 2014
ll October 2004	140,000	10p	30 June 2005	10 Oct 2014
26 October 2004	140,000	130p	30 June 2006	25 Oct 2014
26 October 2004	140,000	130p	30 June 2007	25 Oct 2014
John Ward				
26 October 2004	140,000	130p	$30\mathrm{June}2005$	25 Oct 2014
26 October 2004	140,000	130p	30 June 2006	25 Oct 2014
Dr Phillip Monk				
2 October 2006	50,000	85.5p	2 Oct 2009	1 Oct 2016

The vesting and exercise of these other options is subject to the relevant option holder continuing to be an employee or director of a company in the same Group as the Company at the relevant time. There are no further performance criteria.

#### Synairgen Qualifying Non-Employee Option Scheme

Date of grant	At 1 July 2010 and 30 June 2011	Exercise price	Earliest exercise date	Expiry date
Paul Clegg				
7 Sept 2009	250,000	20p	7 Sept 2012	6 Sept 2019
Iain Buchanan				
28 June 2010	212,765	23.5p	28 Jun 2013	27 Jun 2020

The options awarded in September 2009 and June 2010 will only vest to the extent that the percentage increase in the total shareholder return ('TSR') of the Company over the three year performance period is at least 5% pa (when 25% will vest) increasingly, on a straight-line basis, to 100% of vesting for 10% p.a. growth.

There were no other options granted to directors or which were exercised or lapsed during the year.

The mid-market price of the Company's shares at 30 June 2011 was 24.5p. During the year then ended the mid-market price ranged from 23.5p to 33.5p. On 12 September 2011 the closing price was 24.5p.

#### **Audited information**

The following section (Directors' remuneration) contains the disclosures required by Schedule 5 to the Large and Medium-sized Companies and Groups (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, forms part of the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2011 and has been audited by the Company's auditors, BDO LLP.

#### **Directors' remuneration**

The aggregate remuneration received by directors who served during the years ended 30 June 2011 and 30 June 2010 was as follows:

£'000	Note	Salary/fee 2011	Benefits 2011	Bonus 2011	Total (excl. pension) 2011	Pension 2011	Total (incl. pension 2011)	Total (excl. pension) 2010	Pension 2010	Total (incl. pension)
Executive directors										
Richard Marsden	(i)	121	1	36	158	11	169	174	11	185
John Ward		110	2	33	145	10	155	158	10	168
Dr Phillip Monk	(ii)	90	-	14	104	21	125	102	6	108
Non-executive directors										
Simon Shaw		30	-	-	30	-	30	29	-	29
Dr Bruce Campbell	(iii)	15	-	-	15	-	15	13	-	13
Prof. Stephen Holgate	(iv)	15	-	-	15	-	15	13	-	13
Paul Clegg		30	-	-	30	-	30	25	-	25
Iain Buchanan		25	-	-	25	-	25	-	-	-
Former directors										
Susan Sundstrom		-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Total		436	3	83	522	42	564	515	27	542

- Richard Marsden was the highest paid director during the years ended 30 June 2010 and 2011.
- Dr Phillip Monk requested that 50% of his bonus entitlement for the year ended 30 June 2011 (amounting to £13,500) be paid in the form of additional employer pension contribution.
- (iii) £15,000 was paid to IP2IPO Limited for the services of Dr Bruce Campbell.
- (iv) In addition to this fee for his services as a director, Prof. Holgate received consultancy fees amounting to £11,000 (2010: £12,000) as disclosed in note 20 to the financial statements.
- (v) The total amount paid to third parties amounted to £15,000 (2010: £14,000).

In addition to the amounts shown above, the share-based payment charge for the year ended 30 June 2011 was £44,000 (2010: £38,000) for Richard Marsden, £40,000 (2010: £38,000) for John Ward, and £26,000 (2010: £14,000) for Dr Phillip Monk. Total share-based payment in respect of key management personnel amounted to £110,000 for the year ended 30 June 2011 (2010: £90,000).

By order of the Board

#### Paul Clegg

Chairman of the Remuneration and Nomination Committee

# Independent Auditor's Report to the members of Synairgen plc

We have audited the financial statements of Synairgen plc for the year ended 30 June 2011 which comprise the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income, the Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity, the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position, the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows, the Parent Company Balance Sheet and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in the preparation of the group financial statements is applicable law and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as adopted by the European Union. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in preparation of the parent company financial statements is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

#### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As explained more fully in the statement of directors' responsibilities, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's (APB's) Ethical Standards for Auditors.

#### Scope of the audit of the financial statements

A description of the scope of an audit of financial statements is provided on the APB's website at www.frc.org.uk/apb/scope/private.cfm.

#### **Opinion on financial statements**

In our opinion:

- the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and the parent company's affairs as at 30 June 2011 and of the group's loss for the year then ended;
- the group financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with IFRSs as adopted by the European Union;
- the parent company's financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

#### Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

#### Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the parent company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the parent company financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

#### Paul Anthony (senior statutory auditor)

For and on behalf of

#### **BDO LLP, statutory auditor**

Southampton United Kingdom

12 September 2011

BDO LLP is a limited liability partnership registered in England and Wales (with registered number OC305127)

# Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income

for the year ended 30 June 2011

		Year ended 30 June 2011	Year ended 30 June 2010
	Notes	2000	2000
Revenue	3	155	-
Cost of sales		(43)	-
Gross profit		112	-
Research and development expenditure		(2,907)	(2,109)
Other administrative expenses		(904)	(880)
Total administrative expenses		(3,811)	(2,989)
Loss from operations	4	(3,699)	(2,989)
Finance income	6	35	71
Loss before tax		(3,664)	(2,918)
Tax	7	433	368
Loss and total comprehensive income for the year			
attributable to equity holders of the parent		(3,231)	(2,550)
Loss per ordinary share			
Basic and diluted loss per share (pence)	8	(5.37)p	(4.27)p

# Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

for the year ended 30 June 2011

	Share capital £000	Share premium £000	Merger reserve £000	Retained deficit £000	Total £000
Note	19a	19b	19c	19d	
At 1 July 2009	597	14,725	483	(7,806)	7,999
Recognition of share-based payments	-	-	-	115	115
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	(2,550)	(2,550)
At 30 June 2010	597	14,725	483	(10,241)	5,564
Issuance of ordinary shares	99	2,551	-	-	2,650
Transaction costs in respect of share issues	-	(148)	-	-	(148)
Recognition of share-based payments	-	-	-	159	159
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	(3,231)	(3,231)
At 30 June 2011	696	17,128	483	(13,313)	4,994

# Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

as at 30 June 2011

	Notes	30 June 2011 £000	30 June 2010 £000
Assets		2000	2000
Non-current assets			
Intangible assets	9	240	252
Property, plant and equipment	10	60	81
		300	333
Current assets			
Inventories	11	216	293
Current tax receivable		395	345
Trade and other receivables	12	112	106
Other financial assets – bank deposits	13	3,401	3,680
Cash and cash equivalents	14	1,492	1,334
		5,616	5,758
Total assets		5,916	6,091
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	15	(922)	(525)
Obligations under finance leases	16	-	(2)
Total liabilities		(922)	(527)
Total net assets		4,994	5,564
Equity			
Capital and reserves attributable to equity holders of the parent			
Share capital	18	696	597
Share premium	18	17,128	14,725
Merger reserve		483	483
Retained deficit		(13,313)	(10,241)
Total equity		4,994	5,564

The financial statements on pages 21 to 35 were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of directors on 12 September 2011 and signed on its behalf by:

#### **Richard Marsden**

Chief Executive Officer

#### John Ward

Finance Director

# Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

for the year ended 30 June 2011

	Year ended 30 June 2011	Year ended 30 June 2010
Cash flows from operating activities	2000	2000
Loss before tax	(3,664)	(2,918)
Adjustments for:	(0,000)	(=,= :=)
Finance income	(35)	(71)
Depreciation	32	34
Amortisation	32	23
Share-based payment charge	159	115
Cash flows from operations before changes in working capital	(3,476)	(2,817)
Decrease/(Increase) in inventories	77	(170)
Increase in trade and other receivables	(19)	(20)
Increase/(Decrease) in trade and other payables	397	(137)
Cash used in operations	(3,021)	(3,144)
Tax credit received	383	343
Net cash used in operating activities	(2,638)	(2,801)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Interest received	48	60
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(11)	(34)
Purchase of intangible assets	(20)	(148)
Decrease/(Increase) in other financial assets	279	(1,703)
Net cash generated from/(used in) investing activities	296	(1,825)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Proceeds from issuance of ordinary shares	2,650	-
Transaction costs in respect of share issues	(148)	-
Repayments of obligations under finance leases	(2)	(3)
Net cash generated from/(used in) financing activities	2,500	(3)
Increase/(Decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	158	(4,629)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	1,334	5,963
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	1,492	1,334

for the year ended 30 June 2011

#### 1. Accounting policies

#### **Basis of preparation**

The Group financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by European Union (Adopted IFRSs) and with those parts of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies preparing their financial statements under IFRSs.

The following new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations that have been issued by the International Accounting Standards Board and the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee are to be applied to financial statements with periods commencing on or after the following dates:

International Financi	al Reporting and Accounting Standards (IFRS/IAS)	Effective date
IAS 1(R)	Presentation of financial statements (Amendment)	1 January 2011
IAS 24	Related Party Disclosures (Amendment)	1 January 2011
IFRS 7	Financial instruments (Amendment)	1 January 2011
IFRS 7*	Financial Instruments (Amendment)	1 July 2011
IAS 12*	Deferred Tax (Amendment)	1 January 2012
IAS 1*	Presentation of Items of Other Comprehensive Income (Amendment)	1 July 2012
IAS 19*	Employee Benefits	1 January 2013
IAS 27*	Separate Financial Statements	1 January 2013
IAS 28*	Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures (Amendment)	1 January 2013
IFRS 9*	Financial Instruments	1 January 2013
IFRS 10*	Consolidated Financial Statements	1 January 2013
IFRS 11*	Joint Arrangements	1 January 2013
IFRS 12*	Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities	1 January 2013
IFRS 13*	Fair Value Measurement	1 January 2013
International Financi	al Reporting Interpretations	
IFRIC 14, IAS 19	Limit on a Defined Benefit Asset, Minimum Funding Requirements and their Interaction	1 January 2011

st Not endorsed by the EU as at the date of approval of these financial statements.

The directors anticipate that the adoption of these standards and interpretations in future periods will have no material impact on the financial statements of the Group.

The Group financial statements are presented in Sterling.

for the year ended 30 June 2011 (continued)

#### 1. Accounting policies (continued)

#### **Basis of consolidation**

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the financial statements of the Company and entities controlled by the Company made up to the reporting date. Control is achieved where the Company has the power to govern the financial and operating policies of an investee entity so as to obtain benefits from its activities. All intra-group transactions, balances, income and expenses are eliminated on consolidation. Business combinations that took place prior to 1 July 2006, the date of transition to IFRS, have not been restated as permitted by IFRS 1 -First-time Adoption of International Financial Reporting. The consolidated financial statements have been prepared using the merger method of accounting.

#### Revenue

Revenue is stated net of value added tax and is recognised when services are supplied.

#### Research and development

All ongoing research expenditure is currently expensed in the period in which it is incurred. Due to the regulatory and other uncertainties inherent in the development of the Group's products, the criteria for development costs to be recognised as an asset, as set out in IAS 38 -Intangible Assets, are not met until a product has been submitted for regulatory approval and it is probable that future economic benefit will flow to the Group. The Group currently has no such qualifying expenditure.

#### **Employee benefits**

All employee benefit costs, notably salaries, holiday pay, bonuses and contributions to Group stakeholder or personal defined contribution pension schemes are charged to the consolidated statement of comprehensive income on an accruals basis.

#### **Share-based payments**

In accordance with IFRS 2 - Share-based Payment, option awards and awards made under the Group's Long-Term Incentive Plan ('LTIP') granted after 7 November 2002 which had not vested by 1 July 2006 are fair valued and charged to the consolidated statement of comprehensive income over the period from grant to vesting. The Group has fair-valued option and LTIP awards using appropriate share valuation models. Options granted to non-employees are measured at the fair value of the goods or services received, except where the fair value cannot be estimated reliably, in which case they are measured at the fair value of the equity instrument granted. At each balance sheet date, the Group revises its estimate of the number of options that are expected to become exercisable. The credit for any charge is taken to equity.

#### Intangible assets

Intangible assets are stated at cost less any accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses. Patent and licence costs are amortised over ten years on a straight-line basis and the amortisation cost is charged to research and development expenditure in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income. Amortisation is charged to administrative expenses.

#### Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Depreciation is provided on a straight-line basis at rates calculated to write off the cost of property, plant and equipment, less their estimated residual value over their expected useful lives, which are as follows:

Computer equipment: 3 years Laboratory and clinical equipment: 5 years

The carrying values of property, plant and equipment are reviewed for impairment if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable.

#### **Inventories**

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

#### **Financial instruments**

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised on the Group's consolidated statement of financial position when the Group becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

#### Financial assets

The Group classifies its financial assets as loans and receivables. These assets are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. They are initially recognised at fair value plus transaction costs that are directly attributable to their acquisition or issue, and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method, less provision for impairment. Impairment provisions are recognised when there is objective evidence (such as significant financial difficulties on the part of the counterparty or default or significant delay in payment) that the Group will be unable to collect all of the amounts due under the terms receivable; the amount of such a provision being the difference between the net carrying amount and the present value of the future expected cash flows associated with the impaired receivable.

The Group's loans and receivables comprise trade and other receivables, other financial assets and cash and cash equivalents in the consolidated statement of financial position. Other financial assets comprise short-term deposits not meeting the IAS 7 definition of a cash equivalent. Cash and cash equivalents includes cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks and other short-term bank deposits with a maturity period of three months or less from the date of initial deposit.

for the year ended 30 June 2011 (continued)

#### 1. Accounting policies (continued)

#### Financial liabilities

The Group classifies its financial liabilities as financial liabilities held at amortised cost. Trade payables and obligations under finance leases are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

#### Leased assets

Where substantially all of the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of a leased asset have transferred to the Group (a 'finance lease'), the asset is treated as if it had been purchased outright. The amount initially recognised as an asset is the lower of the fair value of the leased property and the present value of the minimum lease payments payable over the term of the lease. The corresponding commitment is shown as a liability. Lease payments are analysed between capital and interest. The interest element is charged to the consolidated income statement over the period of the lease and is calculated so that it represents a constant proportion of the lease liability. The capital element reduces the balance owed to the lessor.

Where substantially all of the risks and rewards incidental to ownership are not transferred to the Group (an 'operating lease'), the total rentals payable under the lease are charged to the consolidated statement of comprehensive income on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

#### **Taxation**

Income tax is recognised or provided at amounts expected to be recovered or to be paid using the tax rates and tax laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date. Research and development tax credits are included as an income tax credit under current assets.

Deferred tax balances are recognised in respect of all temporary differences that have originated but not reversed by the reporting date except for differences arising on:

- investments in subsidiaries where the Group is able to control the timing of the reversal of the difference and it is probable that the difference could not reverse in the foreseeable future; and
- the initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction which is not a business combination and at the time of the transaction affects neither accounting or taxable profit.

The amount of the asset or liability is determined using tax rates that have been enacted or substantially enacted by the reporting date and are expected to apply when the deferred tax liabilities/(assets) are settled/(recovered).

Recognition of deferred tax assets is restricted to those instances where it is probable that a taxable profit will be available against which the temporary difference can be utilised. Deferred tax balances are not discounted.

#### **Foreign currencies**

Transactions entered into by Group entities in a currency other than the currency of the primary economic environment in which they operate (their "functional currency") are recorded at the rates ruling when the transactions occur. Foreign currency monetary assets and liabilities are translated at the rates ruling at the reporting date. Exchange differences arising on the retranslation of unsettled monetary assets and liabilities are recognised immediately in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income.

The functional currency of all entities in the Group is Sterling.

#### 2. Critical accounting estimates and judgements

Critical accounting estimates, assumptions and judgements are continually evaluated by management based on available information and experience. As the use of estimates is inherent in financial reporting, actual results could differ from these estimates.

#### **Inventory**

 $The Group's \ raw \ material \ inventory \ shown \ in \ note \ ll \ comprises \ the \ Group's \ biobank \ of \ human \ tissue, \ which \ is \ valued \ net \ of \ a \ provision \ for \ items \ which \ management \ consider \ will \ be \ excess \ to \ the \ Group's \ future \ research \ and \ development \ requirements.$ 

#### **Share-based payment**

The critical accounting estimates, assumptions and judgements underpinning the valuation of the option and LTIP awards are disclosed in note 18.

#### 3. Segmental analysis

The Group operates in one area of activity, namely drug discovery and development. All assets of the Group are located within the United Kingdom and all revenue and losses were generated in that territory. All revenue, which was for research services using the Group's *in vitro* model technology, was destined to one third party located in the United Kingdom.

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#### 4. Loss from operations

The loss from operations has been arrived at after charging:

	2011 £000	2010 £000
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	32	34
Amortisation of intangible assets	32	23
Research and development expenditure	2,907	2,109
Employee benefit expense (see note 5)	1,395	1,270
Operating lease rentals payable		
Land and buildings	69	55
Other operating lease rentals	97	102
The fees of the Group's auditors, BDO LLP, for services provided are analysed below:		
	2011 £000	2010 £000
Audit services	2000	2000
Fees payable to the Company's auditors for the audit of the consolidated financial statements	10	10
Fees payable to the Company's auditors for the audit of the Company's subsidiary's financial statements	10	10
Tax services		
Parent company	3	2
Subsidiary	6	3
Other services pursuant to legislation		
Parent company – interim review	5	5
Total fees	34	30
5 Employee honefit expense		
5. Employee benefit expense  The ground monthly number of employees (including executive directors) was		
The average monthly number of employees (including executive directors) was:	0011	0010
	2011	2010
Research	21	20
Administration	4	4
	25	24
Their aggregate remuneration comprised:		
	2011	2010
	£000	£000
Wages and salaries	1,046	986
Social security costs	120	110
Pension costs – defined contribution plans	69	52
Total cash-settled remuneration	1,235	1,148
Accrued holiday pay	1	7
Share-based payment	159	115
Total remuneration	1,395	1,270

for the year ended 30 June 2011 (continued)

#### 5. Employee benefit expense (continued)

#### Key management compensation

The directors represent the key management personnel and details of their remuneration are given in the Directors' Remuneration Report. In respect of directors' remuneration, the disclosures required by Schedule 5 to the Large and Medium-sized Companies and Groups (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 are included in the detailed disclosures in the audited section of the Remuneration Report on page 19, which is ascribed as forming part of these financial statements.

#### 6. Finance income

For the years ended 30 June 2011 and 2010, Finance income represents bank interest receivable.

#### 7. Taxation

#### **Current tax**

	2011	2010
	£000	£000
UK corporation tax credit on loss for the year	(395)	(345)
Adjustment in respect of prior years	(38)	(23)
Total income tax credit	(433)	(368)

The tax assessed on the loss on ordinary activities for the year is different to the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 27.5% (2010: 28%). The differences are reconciled below:

	2011 £000	2010 £000
Loss on ordinary activities before tax	(3,664)	(2,918)
Loss on ordinary activities before tax multiplied by the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK	(1,008)	(817)
Effects of:		
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	46	35
Enhanced research & development relief	(465)	(316)
Variable rates on tax losses surrendered for research & development tax credit	410	345
Movement in unrecognised losses and temporary differences	622	408
Overprovision in respect of previous periods	(38)	(23)
Total tax credit for the current year	(433)	(368)
Deferred tax		
Recognised deferred taxation	2011 £000	2010 £000
Accelerated capital allowances	12	18
Other temporary differences	(7)	(7)
Losses	(5)	(11)
Charge for the year	-	-

#### Unrecognised deferred taxation

At 30 June 2011 the Group has trading losses carried forward which are available for offset against future profits of the Group amounting to £7,148,000 (2010: £5,355,000) and non-trading losses of £522,000 (2010: £305,000). At 30 June 2011 the Group has an unrecognised deferred tax asset in respect of these losses of £1,990,000 (2010: £1,574,000). The full utilisation of these losses in the foreseeable future is uncertain and no deferred tax asset has therefore been recognised.

for the year ended 30 June 2011 (continued)

#### 7. Taxation (continued)

The movement on the unrecognised deferred tax asset comprises the following:

8. Loss per ordinary share		
Unrecognised deferred tax asset at 30 June	(1,990)	(1,574)
Movement in year	(416)	(344)
Unrecognised deferred tax asset at 1 July	(1,574)	(1,230)
	2011 £000	2010 £000

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Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue 60,202,377	59.745.249
Loss attributable to equity holders of the Company (£000) (3,231)	(2,550)
30 June 2011	30 June 2010
ended	ended
8. Loss per ordinary share	Year

The loss attributable to ordinary shareholders and weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of calculating the diluted earnings per ordinary share are identical to those used for basic earnings per share. This is because the exercise of share options would have the effect of reducing the loss per ordinary share and is therefore not dilutive under the terms of IAS 33. At 30 June 2011, there were 6,283,487 options outstanding (30 June 2010: 4,733,439 options outstanding) as detailed in note 18.

#### 9. Intangible assets

Cost At 1 July 2009 Additions At 30 June 2010 Additions At 30 June 2011  Amortisation At 1 July 2009	atent and licence costs £000
Additions At 30 June 2010 Additions At 30 June 2011  Amortisation At 1 July 2009	2000
At 30 June 2010 Additions At 30 June 2011  Amortisation At 1 July 2009	161
Additions At 30 June 2011  Amortisation At 1 July 2009	148
At 30 June 2011  Amortisation At 1 July 2009	309
Amortisation At 1 July 2009	20
At 1 July 2009	329
	34
Charge for the year	23
At 30 June 2010	57
Charge for the year	32
At 30 June 2011	89
Net book amount	
At 30 June 2011	240
At 30 June 2010	252
At 1 July 2009	127

At 30 June 2011 £231,000 (2010: £243,000) of the net book amount relates to interferon beta and lambda patent and licence costs, which has a remaining amortisation period of 7 years (2010: 8 years).

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	Computer	Laboratory and	T-1-1
	equipment £000	clinical equipment £000	Total £000
Cost			
At 1 July 2009	65	143	208
Additions	9	25	34
At 30 June 2010	74	168	242
Additions	7	4	11
At 30 June 2011	81	172	253
Depreciation			
At 1 July 2009	60	67	127
Charge for the year	6	28	34
At 30 June 2010	66	95	161
Charge for the year	5	27	32
At 30 June 2011	71	122	193
Net book value			
At 30 June 2011	10	50	60
At 30 June 2010	8	73	81
At 1 July 2009	5	76	81

At 30 June 2011 the Group had no capital commitments (30 June 2010: nil).

#### 11. Inventories

	216	293
Finished goods	109	152
Raw materials	107	141
	2011 £000	2010 £000

Raw materials comprises the Group's biobank. Finished goods comprises nebulisers for the Phase II clinical trial.

#### 12. Trade and other receivables

	112	106
Prepayments and accrued income	52	56
Other tax and social security	60	50
Amounts receivable within one year:		
	2011 £000	2010 £000

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13. Other financial assets - bank deposits				
			2011 £000	2010 £000
Amounts receivable within one year:				
Sterling fixed rate deposits of greater than three months' maturity	at inception		3,401	3,680
14. Cash and cash equivalents				
			2011 £000	2010 £000
Cash in hand			839	1,334
Sterling fixed rate deposits of up to three months' maturity at ince	eption		653	-
			1,492	1,334
15. Trade and other payables				
			2011 £000	2010 £000
Trade payables			137	187
Social security and other taxes			37	35
Accrued expenses			748	303
			922	525
16. Obligations under finance leases				
		ease payments	Present value of lea	
	2011 £000	2010 £000	2011 £000	2010 £000
Amounts payable under finance leases				
Within one year	-	2	-	2
In the second to fifth years inclusive	-	-	-	-
	-	2	-	2
Less future finance charges	-	-	-	-
Present value of lease obligations	-	2	-	2
Less: Amount due for settlement within 12 months (shown under current liabilities)			-	(2)

The finance lease is secured by a charge on the asset concerned.

Amount due for settlement after 12 months

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#### 17. Financial instruments

An explanation of the Group's objectives, policies and strategies for financial instruments and analysis of the capital structure and capital funding of the Group can be found on page 5 in the Financial Review.

Total		885	885	492	492
Obligations under finance leases (less than one year)		-	-	2	2
Trade and other payables	(ii)	885	885	490	490
Other financial liabilities					
Financial liabilities					
Total		4,957	4,957	5,080	5,080
Cash and cash equivalents (less than one year)		1,492	1,492	1,334	1,334
Other financial assets (less than one year)		3,401	3,401	3,680	3,680
Trade and other receivables	(i)	64	64	66	66
Loans and receivables					
Financial assets					
Group					
	Notes	Book value £000	2011 Fair value £000	Book value £000	2010 Fair value £000

<sup>(</sup>i) Trade and other receivables shown above excludes prepayments, which are not a contractual obligation to receive cash, amounting to £48,000 (2010: £40,000).

The objective of holding financial instruments is to have access to finance for the Group's operations and to manage related risks. The main risks arising from holding these instruments are interest rate risk, liquidity risk, and credit risk.

#### Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk profile of financial assets, excluding short-term debtors:

		2011		2010
	Fixed rate financial liabilities £000	Floating rate financial assets £000	Fixed rate financial liabilities £000	Floating rate financial assets
Group	£000		£000	£000
Sterling	-	4,893	2	5,014

Floating-rate financial assets comprise cash on deposit and cash at bank. There is no difference between the carrying amount and the fair value of the financial assets.

Short-term deposits are placed with banks for periods of up to twelve months and are categorised as floating-rate financial assets. Contracts in place at 30 June 2011 had a weighted average period to maturity of 122 days and a weighted average annualised rate of interest of 1.09% (30 June 2010: 21 days, 1.02%).

#### Sensitivity analysis

It is estimated that a decrease of one percentage point in interest rates would have increased the Group's loss before taxation by approximately £39,000 (2010: £65,000).

<sup>(</sup>ii) Trade and other payables shown above excludes amounts due in respect of social security and other taxes, which are not a contractual obligation to pay cash, amounting to £37,000 (2010: £35,000).

## Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2011 (continued)

### 17. Financial instruments (continued)

The Group's policy is to maintain adequate cash resources to meet liabilities as they fall due. All Group payable balances as at 30 June 2011 and 30 June 2010 fall due for payment within one year. Cash balances are placed on deposit for varying periods with reputable banking institutions to ensure there is limited risk of capital loss. The Group does not maintain an overdraft facility.

The Group's credit risk is attributable to its banking deposits. The Group places its deposits with reputable financial institutions to minimise credit risk.

#### 18. Share capital and premium

	Note	Number of shares	Ordinary shares of 1p each £000	Share premium £000	Total £000
At 1 July 2009 and 30 June 2010		59,745,249	597	14,725	15,322
Issuance of ordinary shares	(i)	9,814,815	99	2,551	2,650
Costs of issuance of shares		-	-	(148)	(148)
At 30 June 2011		69,560,064	696	17,128	17,824

<sup>9,814,815</sup> ordinary shares of 1p were issued on 14 June 2011 at a premium of 26p per share to finance the Company's ongoing interferon beta programme and to provide working capital for the Company. Funds raised net of expenses amounted to £2,502,000.

The total authorised number of ordinary shares is 100 million shares (2010: 100 million shares) with a par value of 1p per share (2010: 1p per share). All issued shares are fully paid.

#### **Options**

At 30 June 2011 there were options outstanding over 6,283,487 un-issued ordinary shares, equivalent to 9.0% of the issued share capital, as follows:

Date of grant	Number of shares	Exercise price	Earliest exercise date	Latest exercise date
Approved EMI scheme				
26 October 2004	64,515	130p	30 June 2005	25 October 2014
26 October 2004	64,515	130p	30 June 2006	25 October 2014
26 October 2004	42,000	130p	26 October 2007	25 October 2014
12 May 2005	28,000	136.5p	12 May 2008	11 May 2015
2 October 2006	119,159	85.5p	2 October 2009	1 October 2016
29 October 2007	45,417	61.5p	29 October 2010	28 October 2017
Unapproved schemes				
11 October 2004	280,000	10p	11 October 2004	10 October 2014
11 October 2004	140,000	10p	30 June 2005	10 October 2014
26 October 2004	75,485	130p	30 June 2005	25 October 2014
26 October 2004	215,485	130p	30 June 2006	25 October 2014
26 October 2004	140,000	130p	30 June 2007	25 October 2014
1 August 2008 (LTIP)	456,214	1p	1 August 2011	31 July 2012
7 September 2009 (LTIP)	1,974,819	1p	7 September 2012	6 September 2013
7 September 2009 (QNEOS)	250,000	20p	7 September 2012	6 September 2019
16 October 2009 (QNEOS)	250,000	20p	16 October 2012	15 October 2019
28 June 2010 (QNEOS)	212,765	23.5p	28 June 2013	27 June 2020
8 September 2010 (LTIP)	1,925,113	1p	8 September 2013	7 September 2014
	6,283,487			

### Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2011 (continued)

### 18. Share capital and premium (continued)

On 8 September 2011 the expiry dates of the awards granted on 7 September 2009 and 8 September 2010 were amended from 6 September 2013 and 7 September 2014 to 6 September 2019 and 7 September 2020 respectively.

The Group has no legal or constructive obligation to repurchase or settle the options in cash. The movement in the number of share options is set out below:

	Number	2011 Weighted average exercise price	Number	2010 Weighted average exercise price
Outstanding at 1 July	4,733,439	24.7p	2,339,663	46.2p
Granted during the year	1,942,741	1.0p	2,762,678	6.0p
Lapsed during the year	(392,693)	2.1p	(368,902)	20.6p
Number of outstanding options at 30 June	6,283,487	18.9p	4,733,439	24.7p

At 30 June 2011, 1,214,576 share options were capable of being exercised (2010: 1,169,159) and had an average exercise price of 81.7p (2010: 82.5p). The options outstanding at 30 June 2011 had a weighted average remaining contractual life of 3.4 years (2010: 4.3 years).

The Group uses a number of share-based incentive schemes as detailed above. The fair value per award granted and the assumptions used in the calculations for the 5,443,487 options which had not vested at 30 June 2006 (being the date after which IFRS 2 has been applied) are as follows:

Date of grant	Type of award	Number of shares	Exercise price (p)	Share price at date of grant (p)	Fair value per option (p)	Award life (years)	Risk free rate	Expected volatility rate	Performance conditions
26 Oct 2004	Unapproved	140,000	130p	155p	57.7p	5	4.59%	20%	None
26 Oct 2004	EMI	42,000	130p	155p	57.7p	5	4.59%	20%	None
12 May 2005	EMI	28,000	136.5p	135.5p	36.9p	5	4.35%	20%	None
2 Oct 2006	EMI	119,159	85.5p	85.5p	24.4p	5	4.75%	20%	None
29 Oct 2007	EMI	45,417	61.5p	61.5p	17.8p	5	4.95%	20%	None
1 Aug 2008	LTIP	456,214	1p	44p	17.3p	3	4.85%	20%	Market
7 Sept 2009	LTIP	1,974,819	1p	18.5p	7.1p	3	2.09%	30%	Market
7 Sept 2009	QNEOS	250,000	20p	18.5p	4.0p	5	2.67%	30%	Market
16 Oct 2009	QNEOS	250,000	20p	20p	6.3p	5	2.65%	30%	Non-market
28 Jun 2010	QNEOS	212,765	23.5p	23.5p	5.6p	5	2.09%	30%	Market
8 Sept 2010	LTIP	1,925,113	1p	24.25p	12.1p	3	0.92%	40%	Market
		5,443,487							

In accordance with IFRS 2, the Company has applied IFRS 2 to all share-based payments granted after 7 November 2002 which had not vested by 1 July 2006. The following comments apply to those options which have been fair valued in accordance with IFRS 2.

<sup>(</sup>i) Stochastic valuation methodology was used for the LTIP awards and the QNEOS awards with market performance conditions and Black-Scholes methodology for the other awards.

<sup>(</sup>ii) The rates used for expected volatility reflect historical data from the time of the Company's initial public offering, with allowance made for days where no share trading has taken place or where there has been extreme share price movement.

 $<sup>(</sup>iii) \ \ Expected \ dividend \ yield \ is \ nil, consistent \ with \ the \ Directors' \ view \ that \ the \ Group's \ model \ is \ to \ generate \ value \ through \ capital \ growth \ rather \ than \ payment \ of \ dividends.$ 

<sup>(</sup>iv) The risk free rate is equal to the prevailing UK Gilts rate at grant date that most closely matches the expected term of the grant.

<sup>(</sup>v) The fair value charge is spread evenly over the expected vesting period.

 $<sup>(</sup>vi) \ \ The charge for the year ended 30 \ June \ 2011 \ for Share-based \ payment, as \ disclosed \ in note \ 5, amounted \ to \ \pounds159,000 \ (2010: \pounds115,000).$ 

 $<sup>(</sup>vii)\ The\ performance\ criteria\ for\ the\ options\ awarded\ under\ the\ LTIP\ on\ 8\ September\ 2010\ are\ summarised\ in\ the\ Directors'\ Remuneration\ Report.$ 

### Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2011 (continued)

#### 19. Capital and reserves

#### 19a Share capital

Share capital represents the nominal value of shares issued.

#### 19b Share premium

Share premium represents amounts subscribed for share capital in excess of nominal value less the related costs of share issues.

#### 19c Merger reserve

The merger reserve represents the reserve arising on the acquisition of Synairgen Research Limited on 11 October 2004 via a share for share exchange accounted for as a Group reconstruction using merger accounting under UK GAAP.

#### 19d Retained deficit

The retained deficit represents cumulative net gains and losses recognised in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income, adjusted for cumulative recognised share-based payments.

#### 20. Related party transactions and balances

During the year ended 30 June 2011, the Group incurred fees and expenses of £15,000 (2010: £14,000) with IP2IPO Limited, a subsidiary of IP Group plc, for the provision of business consultancy services. Included within these amounts are fees for the provision of Dr Bruce Campbell as a director, as detailed on page 19. IP2IPO Limited has an interest in the Company. At the reporting date the amount unpaid in respect of these charges was £4,000 (2010: £4,000).

During the year ended 30 June 2011, the Group incurred costs, fees and expenses of £239,000 (2010: £351,000) with the University of Southampton in connection with premises, services and research and development activities. The University of Southampton is the controlling shareholder of Southampton Asset Management Limited which has an interest in the Company. At the reporting date the amount unpaid in respect of these charges was £98,000 (2010: £100,000).

During the year ended 30 June 2011, the Group incurred consultancy fees with Prof. Stephen Holgate, a director of the Company, amounting to £11,000 (2010: £12,000) in addition to his director's remuneration disclosed on page 19. At the reporting date the amount unpaid in respect of these charges was £2,000 (2010: £3,000).

Details of key management personnel and their compensation are given in note 5 and on page 19 of the Directors' Remuneration Report.

# Parent Company Balance Sheet

as at 30 June 2011

Company number: 5233429

	Notes	30 June 2011 £000	30 June 2010 £000
Fixed assets			
Investments	5	13,726	11,156
Current assets			
Debtors	6	16	23
Investments: short-term deposits		4,055	3,680
Cash at bank and in hand		760	1,302
		4,831	5,005
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(61)	(104)
Net current assets		4,770	4,901
Total assets less current liabilities		18,496	16,057
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	8	696	597
Share premium account	8	17,128	14,725
Profit and loss account	9	672	735
Shareholders' funds	9	18,496	16,057

The financial statements on pages 36 to 39 were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of directors on 12 September 2011 and signed on its behalf by:

#### **Richard Marsden**

Chief Executive Officer

### John Ward

Finance Director

## Notes to the Parent Company Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2011

### 1. Basis of preparation

Synairgen plc's Parent Company balance sheet has been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice ('UK GAAP').

As permitted by Section 408 of the Companies Act 2006, the profit and loss account of the Company is not presented in this Annual Report. As permitted by FRS 1 "Cash Flow Statements", no cash flow statement for the Company has been included on the grounds that the Group includes the Company in its own published consolidated financial statements. The Company has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS 8 "Related Party Disclosures" not to disclose related party transactions with wholly-owned subsidiaries.

### 2. Accounting policies

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material to the Company's financial statements.

#### **Investment in subsidiary undertakings**

Investments in subsidiary undertakings where the Company has control are stated at cost less any provision for impairment. Control is achieved where the Company has the power to govern the financial and operating policies of an investee entity so as to obtain benefits from its activities.

#### **Short-term deposits**

Short-term deposits comprise deposits with UK banks for periods of up to twelve months. Short-term deposits are measured initially at cost and subsequently at cost or recoverable amount if lower. Interest is accrued evenly on an accruals basis.

#### **Share-based payments**

In accordance with FRS 20, when the Company grants options over equity instruments directly to the employees of a subsidiary undertaking, the effect of the share-based payment is capitalised as part of the investment in the subsidiary as a capital contribution, with a corresponding increase in equity.

#### **Taxation**

The charge for taxation is based on the loss for the year and takes into account taxation deferred.

Current tax is measured at amounts expected to be paid using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date. Deferred tax balances are recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed by the balance sheet date, except that the recognition of deferred tax assets is limited to the extent that the company anticipates making sufficient taxable profits in the future to absorb the reversal of the underlying timing differences.

Deferred tax balances are not discounted.

#### 3. Loss attributable to member of the Parent Company

As permitted by Section 408 of the Companies Act 2006, the Company's profit and loss account has not been included in these financial statements. The loss dealt with in the financial statements of the Parent Company was £222,000 (2010: loss of £153,000).

#### 4. Directors' remuneration

The only employees of the Company are the executive directors and all their costs are borne by its subsidiary undertaking.

In respect of directors' remuneration, the disclosures required by Schedule 5 to the Large and Medium-sized Companies and Groups (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 are included in the detailed disclosures in the audited section of the Directors' Remuneration Report on page 19, which is ascribed as forming part of these financial statements.

# Notes to the Parent Company Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2011 (continued)

#### 5. Investments

At 30 June 2011 the Company has an investment in the following subsidiary undertaking:

Synairgen Research Limited	England	100%	Drug discovery and development
Name of company	incorporation	and ordinary share capital held	Nature of business

#### 6. Debtors

	2011 £000	2010 £000
Other tax and social security	8	2
Prepayments and accrued income	8	21
	16	23

All amounts fall due for payment within one year.

### 7. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2011 £000	2010 £000
Trade creditors	28	6
Amounts due to subsidiary undertaking	-	64
Accruals and deferred income	33	34
	61	104

#### 8. Share capital and share premium

Costs of issuance of shares  At 30 June 2011		69,560,064	696	(148) <b>17.128</b>	(148) <b>17,824</b>
Issuance of ordinary shares	(i)	9,814,815	99	2,551	2,650
At 1 July 2009 and 30 June 2010		59,745,249	597	14,725	15,322
	Note	Number of shares	Ordinary shares of 1p each £000	Share premium £000	Total £000

<sup>(</sup>i) 9,814,815 ordinary shares of 1p were issued on 14 June 2011 at a premium of 26p per share to finance the Company's ongoing interferon beta programme and to provide working capital for the Company. Funds raised net of expenses amounted to £2,502,000.

Details of the Company's share option schemes and long term incentive plan can be found in note 18 to the Group accounts on pages 33 and 34.

## Notes to the Parent Company Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2011 (continued)

#### 9. Reconciliation of movements in reserves and shareholders' funds

	Share capital £000	Share premium account £000	Profit and loss account £000	Shareholders' funds £000
At 1 July 2009	597	14,725	773	16,095
Loss for the year	-	-	(153)	(153)
Share-based payment credit	-	-	115	115
At 30 June 2010	597	14,725	735	16,057
Issuance of ordinary shares	99	2,551	-	2,650
Transaction costs in respect of share issues	-	(148)	-	(148)
Loss for the year	-	-	(222)	(222)
Share-based payment credit	-	-	159	159
At 30 June 2011	696	17,128	672	18,496

### 10. Related party transactions

Details of payments made to related parties for the provision of the services of Dr Bruce Campbell are given in note 20 to the consolidated financial statements on page 35.

## Notice of 2011 Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the 2011 Annual General Meeting ('AGM') of Synairgen plc (the 'Company') will be held at the offices of Fasken Martineau LLP, 17 Hanover Square, London W1S 1HU on Thursday, 10 November 2011 at 12 noon to transact the business detailed below.

#### **Ordinary Business**

To consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following resolutions, all of which will be proposed as ordinary resolutions:

- To receive and adopt the audited accounts of the Company for the financial year ended 30 June 2011, together with the Directors' and Auditor's reports in respect of such accounts.
- 2. To re-appoint as a director Richard Marsden, who is retiring by rotation in accordance with Article 124 of the Company's Articles of Association and who, being eligible, offers himself for reappointment.
- 3. To re-appoint as a director Dr Phillip Monk, who is retiring by rotation in accordance with Article 124 of the Company's Articles of Association and who, being eligible, offers himself for reappointment.
- 4. To re-appoint as a director Paul Clegg, who is retiring by rotation in accordance with Article 124 of the Company's Articles of Association and who, being eligible, offers himself for re-appointment.
- 5. To re-appoint BDO LLP as the Company's Auditor to hold office from the conclusion of the meeting to the conclusion of the next meeting at which the accounts are laid before the Company and to authorise the directors to fix its remuneration.
- To approve the Directors' Remuneration Report for the financial year ended 30 June 2011.

#### **Special Business**

As special business to consider and, if thought fit, pass resolutions 7 and 8, which will be proposed as ordinary resolutions of the Company, and resolution 9, which will be proposed as a special resolution of the Company.

- 7. That the authorised share capital of the Company be increased beyond its registered capital of  $\pounds 1,000,000$  to  $\pounds 1,250,000$  by the creation of 25,000,000 ordinary shares of lp, each ranking pari passu with the existing ordinary shares of lp each in the capital of the Company.
- 8. That, subject to the passing of resolution 7 above, the directors be and they are hereby generally and unconditionally authorised pursuant to section 551 of the Companies Act 2006 (the 'Act') to allot equity securities (within the meaning of section 560 of the Act) up to an aggregate nominal amount of £311,049. This authority shall expire on the earlier of 31 December 2012 and the conclusion of the 2012 Annual General Meeting save that the Company may make an offer or agreement which would or might require equity securities to be allotted after the expiry of this authority and the directors may allot equity securities pursuant to that offer or agreement as if this authority had not expired; and this authority shall be in substitution for any other authority to allot equity securities but without prejudice to the continuing authority of the directors to allot equity securities in pursuance of an offer or agreement made before the expiry of the authority pursuant to which such offer or agreement was made.

- 9. That, subject to the passing of resolution 8 above, the directors be and they are hereby empowered pursuant to section 571 of the Companies Act 2006 (the 'Act') to allot equity securities (within the meaning of section 560 of the Act) for cash pursuant to the authority conferred by resolution 8 above and to allot equity securities where such allotment constitutes an allotment of equity securities by virtue of section 560(2) of the Act in each case as if section 561(1) of the Act did not apply to such allotment provided that this power shall be limited to:
  - (a) the allotment of equity securities, whether by way of rights issue, open offer or otherwise, to holders of Ordinary Shares and to holders of other securities in the Company that by their terms are entitled to participate in such rights issue, open offer or otherwise in such a manner that the number of equity securities allotted to them is in proportion (as nearly as may be) to their respective holdings of such securities or in accordance with the rights attached thereto and the directors may deal as they see fit with fractional entitlements, overseas shareholders and with the legal or practical problems or requirements of any regulatory body or stock exchange in any territory;
  - (b) the allotment of equity securities up to an aggregate nominal amount of  $\pounds 16,928$  upon the exercise of options granted by the Company other than pursuant to an employee share scheme (as defined in the Act); and
  - (c) (other than pursuant to sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) above) the allotment or sale of equity securities up to an aggregate nominal amount of £104,340 (representing approximately 15% of the nominal value of the issued share capital of the Company at 6 October 2011);

and this power shall be in substitution for all such powers previously given but without prejudice to the continuing power of directors to allot equity securities pursuant to an offer or agreement made by the Company before the date this resolution is passed, and unless previously renewed, varied or revoked by the Company in general meeting shall expire on the earlier of 31 December 2012 and the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held in 2012 save that the Company may, before such expiry, make an offer or agreement which would or might require equity securities to be allotted after such expiry and the directors may allot equity securities (including where such allotment constitutes an allotment of equity securities by virtue of section 560(2) of the Act) in pursuance of such offer or agreement as if the authority conferred hereby had not expired.

By order of the Board

Registered Office: Mailpoint 810, Level F, South Block Southampton General Hospital Tremona Road, Southampton SOI6 6YD

#### John Ward

Company Secretary

6 October 2011

#### **Notes**

#### **Entitlement to attend and vote**

- 1. Pursuant to Regulation 41 of the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001, the Company specifies that only those members registered on the Company's register of members at:
  - 12 noon on 8 November 2011; or,
  - if this Meeting is adjourned, at 12 noon on the day two days prior to the adjourned meeting,

shall be entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting.

#### Appointment of proxies

- 2. If you are a member of the Company at the time set out in note l above, you are entitled to appoint one or more proxies to exercise all or any of your rights to attend, speak and vote at the Meeting and you should have received a proxy form with this notice of meeting. You can only appoint a proxy using the procedures set out in these notes and the notes to the proxy form.
- 3. A proxy does not need to be a member of the Company but must attend the Meeting to represent you. Details of how to appoint the Chairman of the Meeting or another person as your proxy using the proxy form are set out in the notes to the proxy form. If you wish your proxy to speak on your behalf at the Meeting you will need to appoint your own choice of proxy (not the Chairman) and give your instructions directly to them.
- 4. A vote withheld is not a vote in law, which means that the vote will not be counted in the calculation of votes for or against the resolution. If you either select the "Discretionary" option or if no voting indication is given, your proxy will vote or abstain from voting at his or her discretion. Your proxy will vote (or abstain from voting) as he or she thinks fit in relation to any other matter which is put before the Meeting.

#### Appointment of proxy using hard copy proxy form

5. The notes to the proxy form explain how to direct your proxy how to vote on each resolution or withhold their vote.

To appoint a proxy using the proxy form, the form must be:

- completed and signed;
- sent or delivered to Capita Registrars (Proxies), The Registry, 34 Beckenham Road, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4TU;

and received by Capita Registrars no later than 12 noon on 8 November 2011.

In the case of a member which is a company, the proxy form must be executed under its common seal or signed on its behalf by an officer of the company or an attorney for the company.

Any power of attorney or any other authority under which the proxy form is signed (or a duly certified copy of such power or authority) must be included with the proxy form.

#### Appointment of proxy by joint members

6. In the case of joint holders, where more than one of the joint holders purports to appoint a proxy, only the appointment submitted by the most senior holder will be accepted. Seniority is determined by the order in which the names of the joint holders appear in the Company's register of members in respect of the joint holding (the first-named being the most senior).

#### Corporate representatives

7. In order to facilitate voting by corporate representatives at the meeting, arrangements will be put in place at the meeting so that (i) if a corporate shareholder has appointed the Chairman of the meeting as its corporate representative with instructions to vote on a poll in accordance with the directions of all the other corporate representatives for that shareholder at the meeting who have been appointed in respect of different parts of the holding of that corporate shareholder then on a poll those corporate representatives will give voting directions to the Chairman and the Chairman will vote (or withhold a vote) in respect of each different part of the shareholding as corporate representative in accordance with the directions he has received from such corporate representatives in relation to the respective parts of the shareholding in respect of which they are each appointed or (ii) if more than one corporate representative for the same corporate shareholder attends the meeting but the corporate shareholder has not appointed the Chairman of the meeting as its corporate representative, a designated corporate representative will be nominated, from those corporate representatives who attend, who will vote on a poll in accordance with the directions he receives from the other corporate representatives in respect of the parts of the corporate shareholders shareholding in respect of which such corporate representatives have each been appointed.

#### Changing proxy instructions

8. To change your proxy instructions simply submit a new proxy appointment using the methods set out above. Note that the cut-off time for receipt of proxy appointments (see above) also applies in relation to amended instructions; any amended proxy appointment received after the relevant cut-off time will be disregarded.

Where you have appointed a proxy using the hard-copy proxy form and would like to change the instructions using another hard-copy proxy form, please contact Capita Registrars (Proxies), The Registry, 34 Beckenham Road, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4TU.

If you submit more than one valid proxy appointment, the appointment received last before the latest time for the receipt of proxies will take precedence.

#### **Termination of proxy appointments**

9. In order to revoke a proxy instruction you will need to inform the Company by sending a signed hard copy notice clearly stating your intention to revoke your proxy appointment as above. In the case of a member which is a company, the revocation notice must be executed under its common seal or signed on its behalf by an officer of the company or an attorney for the company.

Any power of attorney or any other authority under which the revocation notice is signed (or a duly certified copy of such power or authority) must be included with the revocation notice.

The revocation notice must be received by Capita Registrars no later than 12 noon on 8 November 2011. If you attempt to revoke your proxy appointment but the revocation is received after the time specified then, subject to the paragraph directly below, your proxy appointment will remain valid.

Appointment of a proxy does not preclude you from attending the Meeting and voting in person. If you have appointed a proxy and attend the Meeting in person, your proxy appointment will automatically be terminated.

## Notice of 2011 Annual General Meeting (continued)

#### Issued shares and total voting rights

10. As at 6.00 p.m. on 5 October 2011, the Company's issued share capital comprised 69,560,064 ordinary shares of lp each. Each ordinary share carries the right to one vote at a general meeting of the Company and, therefore, the total number of voting rights in the Company as at 6.00 p.m. on 5 October 2011 was 69,560,064.

#### **Transactions by Directors**

11. A statement or summary of transactions of directors (and their family interests) in the share capital of the Company and copies of their service contracts will be available for inspection at the Company's registered office during normal business hours (Saturdays and public holidays excepted) from the date of this notice until the conclusion of the AGM and will also be available for inspection at the place of the AGM for at least 15 minutes prior to and during the meeting.

The explanatory notes below summarise the purpose of each resolution to be passed:

Resolutions l to 6 comprise the ordinary business of the AGM.

#### **Resolution 1: Report and Accounts**

For each financial year, the directors are required to lay the Directors' Report, the audited accounts and the Auditor's Report before the Company in general meeting. The shareholders are requested to receive and adopt the Report and Accounts for the year ended 30 June 2011.

#### Resolutions 2 to 4: Appointment of directors

Article 124 of the Company's Articles of Association requires that, at the AGM, one third of directors shall retire. Accordingly, Richard Marsden, Dr Phillip Monk and Paul Clegg shall retire and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-appointment. Resolutions 2, 3 and 4 propose their re-appointment. Biographical details for Richard Marsden, Dr Phillip Monk and Paul Clegg are given on pages 10 and 11 of this report.

#### **Resolution 5: Appointment of auditor**

At each general meeting at which the accounts are laid before shareholders, the Company is required to appoint an auditor to serve until the next such meeting. Resolution 5 proposes the re-appointment of BDO LLP as the Company's auditor and that the directors be authorised to fix its remuneration.

### Resolution 6: Approval of the Directors' Remuneration Report

Resolution 6 proposes the approval of the Directors' Remuneration Report for the financial year ended 30 June 2011, as set out on pages 17 to 19 of the 2011 Annual Report.

The Directors' Remuneration Report contains, amongst other things, a forward-looking statement of the Company's policy on directors' remuneration for subsequent financial years, details of the directors' service contracts and specific disclosures relating to each director's remuneration.

Resolution 6 will be proposed as an ordinary resolution.

Resolutions 7, 8 and 9 are the special business of the AGM.

#### **Resolution 7: Increase of Authorised Share Capital**

Following the issue of a total of 9,814,815 ordinary shares in the Company pursuant to the placing and subscription announced by the Company on 27 May 2011, the Company needs to increase its authorised share capital in order to have sufficient authorised but unissued shares to be able to grant the authority to issue shares proposed to be granted by Resolution 8. Resolution 7 proposes to increase the Company's authorised share capital by 25,000,000 shares to 125,000,000 shares.

Resolution 7 will be proposed as an ordinary resolution.

#### **Resolution 8: Authority to Allot Shares**

By an ordinary resolution of the Company passed on 3 November 2010 at the 2010 AGM, shareholders authorised the directors under section 551 of the Companies Act 2006 to issue equity securities without the prior consent of shareholders for a period from 3 November 2010 until the conclusion of the 2011 Annual General Meeting. Resolution 7 proposes to authorise the directors to allot equity securities up to a maximum nominal amount of £311,049 (which equates to 31,104,900 shares), which represents the sum of:

- £231,635, being approximately 33.3% of the nominal value of the issued share capital of the Company as at 5 October 2011; and
- £79,414, being the nominal value of shares under option.

Other than pursuant to the exercise of share options, including awards made under the Long-Term Incentive Plan and the Qualifying Non-Employee Option Scheme, the directors have no present intention to issue any ordinary shares. This authority will expire on the conclusion of the 2012 Annual General Meeting.

Resolution 8 will be proposed as an ordinary resolution.

#### **Resolution 9: Disapplication of Pre-emption Rights**

Also on 3 November 2010, a special resolution was passed, under section 571 of the Companies Act 2006, empowering the directors to allot equity securities for cash without first being required to offer such shares to existing shareholders for a period from 3 November 2010 until the conclusion of the 2011 Annual General Meeting. It is proposed that this authority also be renewed. The authority relates to: pre-emptive issues; the allotment of up to 1,692,800 ordinary shares on the exercise of options already granted by the Company other than pursuant to an employee share scheme (as defined in the Companies Act 2006); and 10,434,010 shares, which represents approximately 15% of the issued ordinary share capital of the Company as at 5 October 2011. This authority will expire on the conclusion of the 2012 Annual General Meeting.

Resolution 9 will be proposed as a special resolution.

# Corporate Directory

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5233429

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## Glossary

### 2' - 5' OAS

A protein produced within cells in response to IFN- $\beta$  to prevent viral replication

#### **Adenovirus**

Avirus that can cause respiratory disease (eg. the common cold), conjunctivitis and gastroenteritis

#### Airways (or bronchial tubes)

The tubes that carry air in and out of the lungs

#### **Antiviral**

Any substance that can either destroy viruses or suppress their growth

#### **Assay**

Alaboratory test to determine parameters such as the strength of a solution, the proportion of a compound in a mixture, the potency of a drug or the purity of a preparation

#### **Asthma**

A disorder in which the airways become episodically narrowed, leading to wheeze, shortness of breath, cough and chest tightness

#### **Biobank**

A collection of samples from clinicallycharacterised volunteers comprising blood, induced sputum, bronchial biopsies and epithelial cells. These samples are used to develop the complex in vitro human disease models

#### **Biomarker**

A biomarker is a biochemical feature or facet that can be used to measure the progress of disease or the effects of treatment

#### **Bioterrorism**

Terrorism involving the intentional release or dissemination of biological

#### **Bronchodilators**

Medicines which relax the muscles around the airways, helping the airways to open up, so making it easier to breathe. There are several types of bronchodilators, of which shortacting beta-agonist drugs are the most commonly used

#### Chronic

Persistent

#### **Chronic bronchitis**

An inflammation of the airways accompanied by coughing and production of phlegm. The symptoms are present for at least three months in each of two consecutive years. See COPD

#### **Clinical Trial Authorisation or CTA**

An authorisation from the MHRA to conduct a clinical trial

#### **COPD**

Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease covers two conditions: chronic bronchitis and emphysema. COPD usually results from long-term exposure to irritants to the lungs, of which the most prevalent is tobacco smoke. Unlike asthma, where airflow obstruction varies, in COPD airflow obstruction is usually irreversible

#### **Coronavirus**

A virus that can cause respiratory disease such as the common cold or SARS (depending on the type of coronavirus) and gastroenteritis

### **Emphysema**

A destructive process involving the air spaces (alveoli) of the lungs, which leads to over-inflation of the lung and, when sufficiently advanced, causes breathlessness and lack of oxygenation of blood, See COPD

#### **Epithelium**

In the lung, the epithelium is a thin layer of cells which lines the airway tubes in order to protect and regulate the tissue underneath

#### Exacerbation

A rapid deterioration of a chronic disease that makes the symptoms worse

#### H1N1

A subtype of influenza A and the most common cause of 'flu' in humans. The recent 'swine flu' is a H1Nl virus. The 'H' stands for haemagglutinin, which is a protein on the surface of influenza which allows the virus to enter the cell, thus causing infection. The 'N' stands for neuraminidase, a protein on the surface of influenza, which allows the newly-formed virus particles to be released from the cell

# Glossary (continued)

#### **H5N1**

Also known as 'bird flu' or 'avian influenza' is a subtype of the influenza A virus which can cause serious illness in humans

#### IFN-β

Interferon beta is a natural protein found in the body which helps to regulate the immune system and fight off viruses. IFN- $\beta$  is currently marketed by a number of companies as an injectable therapy for the treatment of multiple sclerosis

#### Influenza-like illness

Set of symptoms presenting similar to those for influenza of which influenza may or may not be the cause

#### Influenza

A contagious viral infection of the respiratory tract, leading to fever, headaches, sore throat, congestion of the nose and body aches

#### In vitro

Carried out in the laboratory, e.g. in a test tube or culture plate

### In vitro model (complex)

A research model which contains more than one cell type and allows the study of interactions between different cell types and 'test' agents relevant to the disease or a therapy

A protein released by cells in response to IFN- $\beta$  which attracts other cell types involved in antiviral defence of the lungs

#### **Lower airway**

The airway tubes in the lung running from the throat down, ending in the air spaces (alveoli) where gas exchange occurs

The Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency; a UK government body tasked with ensuring that medicines and medical devices work and are safe

#### **Morbidity**

Incidence or prevalence of a disease

#### Mucus

A gelatinous substance normally produced by the airway cells to protect and hydrate the airway surface from harmful agents

A protein produced within cells in response to IFN- $\beta$  to prevent viral replication

#### **Neuraminidase inhibitor**

A class of drug used to treat influenza by interfering with virus release from the infected cell by blocking neuraminidase (a protein found on the virus cell surface), of which Tamiflu® and Relenza® are examples

#### Neopterin

An antiviral biomarker

### Pandemic influenza

An influenza pandemic occurs when a new influenza virus appears against which the human population has no immunity, resulting in epidemics worldwide with enormous numbers of deaths and illness (definition on world health organization website)

#### **Parainfluenza**

A virus that can cause the common cold. Parainfluenza is also responsible for 75% of croup cases in children

### **Patent Cooperation Treaty or**

A system by which a patent application can be filed in many different countries at once. A single international application is filed initially at a receiving office. After a search and publication, the application may be converted to a series of national applications in different countries

#### **Phase I Clinical Trial**

A study conducted in volunteers to determine the biological effects of a drug, especially safety and tolerability

#### **Phase II Clinical Trial**

A study in patients with the aim of making a preliminary determination of the efficacy of a drug to provide proof of concept and/or to study drug dose ranges

#### **Phase IIa Clinical Trial**

Used to describe a Phase II clinical trial evaluating efficacy, adverse effects and safety risks

#### **Phase IIb Clinical Trial**

Used to describe a subsequent Phase II clinical trial that also evaluates dosage tolerance and optimal dosage frequency in a larger number of patients than enrolled in a Phase IIa trial

#### **Phase III Clinical Trial**

A full scale clinical trial to determine drug efficacy and safety prior to seeking marketing approval

#### **Phleam**

See Sputum

#### **Prophylaxis**

A measure taken for the prevention of a disease or condition

#### **Protein**

Large molecules made of smaller biological units known as 'amino acids'. Proteins are responsible for the majority of the function and much of the structure of living things, including humans

#### **Pulmonary**

Relating to, functioning like, or associated with the lungs

#### **Rhinovirus**

Rhinoviruses are the most common viral infective agents in humans. The most well known disease caused by rhinoviruses is the common cold

#### **RSV**

Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) can cause both mild respiratory illness (e.g. the common cold) and serious respiratory tract infections (such as bronchiolitis and pneumonia). More severe infections can occur in the very young, the very old and those with weakened immune systems

#### Safety study

See Phase I Clinical Trial

#### **SARS**

Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) is a type of coronavirus that can cause potentially fatal respiratory illness. SARS was first reported in Asia in 2002

#### Seasonal Influenza

 $Seasonal\ flu\ is\ a\ yearly\ outbreak\ of$ flu infection, caused by a flu virus. The seasonal flu is somewhat different every year, as flu viruses are always changing

A double-blinded, placebocontrolled, single and multiple dose-escalating Phase I study to assess the safety and tolerability of inhaled IFN- $\beta$  in controlled asthmatic male and female subjects

#### **SG005**

A randomised, double-blinded, placebo-controlled Phase II study, comparing the efficacy and safety of inhaled IFN-B to placebo administered to asthmatic subjects after the onset of a respiratory viral infection for the prevention or attenuation of asthma symptoms caused by respiratory viruses

#### **Sputum**

The thick mucus which is coughed up by a person. Sputum contains cells and soluble substances secreted into the airways (bronchi), some of which can mediate disease if present in amounts different to normal. Sputum is also commonly called phlegm

#### **Steroids**

A group of chemicals that is produced naturally in the body by the adrenal gland. In asthma, steroids are given by inhalation or by mouth to reduce the inflammation of the airways

#### **Upper airway**

The tubes in the nose and neck which conduct air into the lung

A virus is a non-living small particle that infects cells in biological organisms. Viruses can reproduce only by invading and controlling other cells as they lack the cellular machinery for selfreproduction

#### Wheeze

A whistling sound made by a person who has airflow obstruction when breathing

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