



ANNUAL REPORT

ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

Friday, June 15, 2012

1:00 p.m. Local Time

Letter from the Executive Chairman

Dear Fellow Stockholders:

We are pleased to present the enclosed Capstone Therapeutics Corp. Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders scheduled for June 15, 2012. I will take this opportunity to recap recent events and to articulate how we are thinking about our corporate strategy moving forward.

In early 2011 we reported results from our AZX100 Phase 2a randomized, double-blinded, placebo-controlled studies in arthroscopic shoulder scars and keloid scar revision. We observed an acceptable safety profile and multiple signals of efficacy, primarily from high resolution digital camera analysis, which indicates that AZX100 is an active molecule in dermal scar reduction. However, we have not yet optimized dose and schedule of administration in a statistically powered Phase 2b study.

We have been consistent in our communications to stockholders that a third party validation (through corporate partnering or joint development with another pharma company) would be a requirement for further development of AZX100 in dermal scar reduction. We launched a formal process in early 2011 led by advisors specific to the dermatology space. The efficacy signal was acknowledged by multiple potential corporate partners, but we have not yet succeeded in securing a development agreement with a third party. We are continuing our efforts to find a development partner.

In addition to the dermal scar reduction indication, there are two AZX100 pre-clinical indications that have shown consistent anti-fibrotic activity. We have studies in idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (scarring of the lungs) at Lovelace Respiratory Research Institute and in epidural fibrosis (spine surgery scarring) at Barrow Neurological Institute (both contracted and substantially paid in 2011) currently in process and scheduled to report data in Q3 2012. AZX100 has now shown anti-fibrotic activity in three tissue types using different methods of administration. We are exploring partnering arrangements in these two pre-clinical indications.

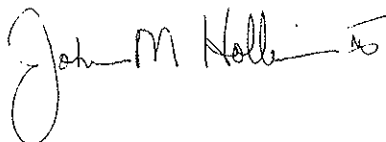
As Capstone's management has always been focused on cash discipline, we reduced our staff from 18 to 4 employees as of October 31, 2011. We have since taken steps to further shrink the headcount and to further decrease cash expenditures. Our board of directors has been downsized from six to three members.

At this point, our clinical pipeline and cash remain our primary assets. We have communicated in our public filings that the current *qui tam* litigation legally inhibits our ability to distribute funds to stockholders. Unfortunately, we cannot currently predict whether this issue will resolve itself in months or years. While we have ceased development activities of AZX100 in dermal scarring and effected numerous other cost reductions, we still remain a publicly-traded company, subject to the reporting requirements and other regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. As a result, we will incur certain ongoing costs in maintaining a functioning and compliant corporation.

We continue to search for tactics and strategies that may create stockholder value while the *qui tam* litigation runs its course. As such, we recently reached out to our largest stockholder, Biotechnology Value Fund, to discuss strategic options. BVF, a large institutional biotechnology investor, has agreed to assist us in identifying potential transactions which might include a merger, use of some portion of our funds in a joint development format with a new clinical program or other possible transactions.

The strategic question for Capstone and its stockholders is whether we slowly diminish our cash on required administrative expenses (for an unknown timeframe) as we work to conclude the *qui tam* litigation or whether we try to concurrently create stockholder value through a transaction or other use of our cash. To be clear, the decision to redeploy capital has not been made and will only be made if and when a compelling use of that capital is identified. We plan to explore these various pathways and will report our results as the year progresses. Meanwhile, we will do our best to preserve our cash asset, which stood at \$13.1 million as of March 31, 2012.

Respectfully,



John M. Holliman, III
Executive Chairman

**Capstone Therapeutics Corp.
(formerly OrthoLogic Corp.)**

1275 West Washington Street, Suite 101
Tempe, Arizona 85281

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS
To Be Held Friday, June 15, 2012**

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS:

The Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Capstone Therapeutics Corp., a Delaware corporation, formerly OrthoLogic Corp., (the "Company"), will be held on **Friday, June 15, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. (local time) at the offices of the Company, 1275 West Washington Street, Suite 101, Tempe, AZ 85281**, for the following purposes:

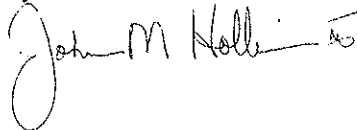
- (1) To elect one director as a Class III director to serve until the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held in the year 2015 or until a successor is elected;
- (2) To ratify the appointment of Moss Adams LLP, as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2012, and
- (3) To transact such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting or any adjournment thereof.

The foregoing items of business are more fully described in the Proxy Statement accompanying this Notice.

Stockholders of record at the close of business on May 1, 2012 are entitled to vote at the meeting and at any adjournment or postponement thereof. Shares can be voted at the meeting only if the holder is present or represented by proxy. A list of stockholders entitled to vote at the meeting will be open for inspection at the Company's corporate headquarters for any purpose germane to the meeting during ordinary business hours for 10 days prior to the meeting.

A copy of the Company's 2011 Annual Report to Stockholders, which includes certified financial statements, is enclosed. All stockholders are cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting in person.

By order of the Board of Directors,



John M. Holliman, III
Executive Chairman

Tempe, Arizona
May 10, 2012

IMPORTANT: It is important that your stockholdings be represented at this meeting. Whether or not you expect to attend the meeting, please complete, date and sign the enclosed Proxy and mail it promptly in the enclosed envelope to assure representation of your shares. No postage need be affixed if mailed in the United States.

Capstone Therapeutics Corp.

PROXY STATEMENT FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS To Be Held Monday, June 15, 2012

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(formerly OrthoLogic Corp.)
1275 West Washington Street, Suite 101
Tempe, Arizona 85281

**PROXY STATEMENT
ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS
To Be Held Friday, June 15, 2012**

SOLICITATION, EXECUTION AND REVOCATION OF PROXIES

Proxies in the accompanying form are solicited on behalf, and at the direction, of the Board of Directors of Capstone Therapeutics Corp., formerly OrthoLogic Corp. (the “Company”) for use at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on **Friday, June 15, 2012, at 1:00 p.m., local time, or any adjournment thereof (the “Annual Meeting”) at the offices of the Company, 1275 West Washington Street, Suite 101, Tempe, AZ 85281.** All shares represented by properly executed proxies, unless such proxies have previously been revoked, will be voted in accordance with the direction on the proxies. If no direction is indicated, the shares will be voted in favor of the proposal to be acted upon at the Annual Meeting described in this Proxy Statement. The Board of Directors of the Company (the “Board”) is not aware of any other matter which may come before the meeting. If any other matters are properly presented at the meeting for action, including a question of adjourning the meeting from time to time, the persons named in the proxies and acting thereunder will have discretion to vote on such matters in accordance with their best judgment.

When stock is in the name of more than one person, the proxy is valid if signed by any of such persons unless the Company receives written notice to the contrary. If the stockholder is a corporation, the proxy should be signed in the name of such corporation by an executive or other authorized officer. If signed as attorney, executor, administrator, trustee, guardian or in any other representative capacity, the signer’s full title should be given and, if not previously furnished, a certificate or other evidence of appointment should be furnished.

This Proxy Statement and the Form of Proxy which is enclosed are being mailed to the Company’s stockholders commencing on or about May 10, 2012. The Proxy Statement and Form of Proxy, as well as the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K are available on the Company’s website, www.capstonethx.com.

A stockholder executing and returning a proxy has the power to revoke it at any time before it is voted. A stockholder who wishes to revoke a proxy can do so by executing a later-dated proxy relating to the same shares and delivering it to the Secretary of the Company prior to the vote at the Annual Meeting, by written notice of revocation received by the Secretary prior to the vote at the Annual Meeting or by appearing in person at the Annual Meeting, filing a written notice of revocation and voting in person the shares to which the proxy relates.

In addition to the use of the mails, proxies may be solicited by personal conversations or by telephone, telex, facsimile or telegram by the directors, officers and regular employees of the Company. Such persons will receive no additional compensation for such services. Arrangements will also be made with certain brokerage firms and certain other custodians, nominees and fiduciaries for the forwarding of solicitation materials to the beneficial owners of Common Stock held of record by such persons, and such brokers, custodians, nominees and fiduciaries will be reimbursed for their reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection therewith. The mailing address of the principal executive offices of the Company is 1275 West Washington Street, Suite 101, Tempe, Arizona 85281.

VOTING SECURITIES AND PRINCIPAL HOLDERS THEREOF

Only stockholders of record at the close of business on May 1, 2012 (the “Record Date”) will be entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. On the Record Date, there were issued and outstanding 40,885,411 shares of the Company’s Common Stock. Each holder of Common Stock is entitled to one vote, exercisable in person or by proxy, for each share of the Company’s Common Stock held of record on the Record Date.

VOTING PROCEDURES

The presence of a majority of the shares of Common Stock entitled to vote, in person or by proxy, is required to constitute a quorum for the conduct of business at the Annual Meeting. Abstentions and broker non-votes are each included in the determination of the number of shares present for quorum purposes. The Inspector of Election appointed by the Chairman of the Board of Directors shall determine the shares represented at the meeting and the validity of proxies and ballots and shall count all proxies and ballots. The one nominee for director receiving the highest number of affirmative votes (whether or not a majority) cast by the shares represented at the Annual Meeting and entitled to vote thereon, a quorum being present, shall be elected as a director. Abstentions and broker non-votes will not be taken into account in determining the outcome of the election.

SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

The following table sets forth information regarding the beneficial ownership of the Company’s Common Stock at May 1, 2012 with respect to (i) each person known to the Company to own beneficially more than five percent of the outstanding shares of the Company’s Common Stock, (ii) each director of the Company, (iii) each of the named executive officers and (iv) all directors and executive officers of the Company as a group. At May 1, 2012 there were 40,885,411 shares of the Company’s Common Stock outstanding.

Beneficial Owner	Common Stock Beneficially Owned (1)	
	Number	Percent of Class
Fredric J. Feldman (2)	380,564	*
John M. Holliman, III (3)	992,272	2.4
Elwood D. Howse, Jr. (4)	402,703	*
Randolph C. Steer (5)	520,298	1.3
Les M. Taeger (6)	461,988	1.1
Dana B. Shinbaum (7)	393,774	*
BVF Group (8)	7,755,688	19.0
All directors and executive officers as a group (9)	3,151,599	7.3

* Less than one percent

- (1) Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) and generally includes voting or investment power with respect to securities. In accordance with SEC rules, shares, which may be acquired upon exercise of stock options which are currently exercisable or which become exercisable within 60 days of the date of the table, are deemed beneficially owned by the optionee. Except as indicated by footnote, and subject to community property laws where applicable, the persons or entities named in the table above have sole voting and investment power with respect to all shares of Common Stock shown as beneficially owned by them.
- (2) Includes 180,000 shares Dr. Feldman has a right to acquire upon exercise of stock options. Voting and investment power shared with spouse.
- (3) Includes 655,000 shares Mr. Holliman has a right to acquire upon exercise of stock options, 3,000 shares indirectly owned as trustee and 1,658 shares indirectly owned as trustee of Valley Ventures III, LP.
- (4) Includes 180,000 shares Mr. Howse has a right to acquire upon exercise of stock options.

- (5) Includes 475,000 shares Dr. Steer has a right to acquire upon exercise of stock options.
- (6) Includes 417,414 shares Mr. Taeger has a right to acquire upon exercise of stock options.
- (7) Includes 349,963 shares Mr. Shinbaum has a right to acquire upon exercise of stock options.
- (8) BVF Group (Biotechnology Value Fund, L.P., Biotechnology Value Fund II, L.P. BVF Investments, L.L.C., Investment 10, L.L.C., BVF Partners, L.P., BVF Inc.) is not a related party or otherwise affiliated with the Company, its directors or officers, and the principal business office of the Reporting Persons comprising the Group is located at 900 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 1100, Chicago, IL 60611.
- (9) Includes 2,257,377 shares directors and executive officers have a right to acquire upon exercise of stock options.

The address of each of the listed stockholders, unless noted otherwise, is in care of Capstone Therapeutics Corp., 1275 West Washington Street, Suite 101, Tempe, AZ 85281.

PROPOSAL 1: ELECTION OF DIRECTOR

One director is to be elected at the Annual Meeting to serve as a Class III director until the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held in the year 2015 or until a successor is elected. Unless otherwise instructed, the proxy holders will vote the Proxies received by them FOR the Company's nominee, Elwood D. Howse, Jr. Mr. Howse is currently a director of the Company. The nominee for director receiving the highest number of affirmative votes (whether or not a majority) cast by the shares represented at the Annual Meeting and entitled to vote thereon, a quorum being present, shall be elected as a director. Only affirmative votes are relevant in the election of directors.

Pursuant to the Company's Certificate of Incorporation, the Board of Directors is classified into three classes, with each class holding office for a three-year period. The Certificate of Incorporation restricts the removal of directors under certain circumstances. The number of directors may be increased to a maximum of nine. Directors are elected by a plurality of the votes present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. Stockholders do not have the right to cumulate their votes in the election of directors. If any nominee of the Company is unable or declines to serve as a director at the time of the Annual Meeting, the proxies will be voted for any nominee who shall be designated by the present Board of Directors to fill the vacancy. It is not expected that any nominee will be unable or will decline to serve as a director.

The name of the nominee for director and of the directors, whose terms continue beyond the Annual Meeting, and certain information about them, are set forth below.

INFORMATION CONCERNING DIRECTORS

Nominee for Class III Director Whose Term Will Expire at the 2015 Annual Meeting

Elwood D. Howse (1) (2) (3)

Director since 1987

Elwood D. Howse, Jr., 72, has served as a director of the Company since September 1987. In 1982, Mr. Howse founded Cable, Howse and Ragen, investment banking and stock brokerage firm, and in 1977, Mr. Howse co-founded Cable & Howse Ventures, an early stage venture capital firm focused on technology. In 1976, he served as Vice President, Corporate Finance, for Foster & Marshall, a northwest stock brokerage firm. In 1974 he was the Chief Financial Officer of Seattle Stevedore Company and the Miller Produce Company. Mr. Howse has served as a corporate director and advisor to various public, private and non-profit enterprises. He served on the board of the National Venture Capital Association and is past President of the Stanford Business School Alumni Association. He currently serves on the boards of directors of BSQUARE Corporation (BSQR), Formotus, Inc., BeneSol Corporation and not-for-profits, Junior Achievement Worldwide and Junior Achievement of Washington. Mr. Howse holds a BS in Engineering from Stanford University and an MBA from Stanford Graduate School of Business.

The Board believes Mr. Howse's education and experience, particularly Mr. Howse's financial experience, which qualifies him to be designated as our financial expert on our Audit Committee, brings important financial and business experience to the board and qualifies him to serve on our board.

Class I Director Whose Term Will Expire at the 2013 Annual Meeting

Fredric J. Feldman, Ph.D. (1) (2) (3)

Director since 1991

Fredric J. Feldman, Ph.D., 70, has been the President of FJF Associates, a consultant to health care venture capital and emerging companies, since February 1992. From September 1995 to June 1996, he was the Chief Executive Officer of Biex, Inc., a women's healthcare company. He served as Chief Executive Officer of Oncogenetics, Inc., a cancer genetics reference laboratory, from 1992 to 1995. Between 1988 and 1992, Dr. Feldman was the President and Chief Executive Officer of Microgenics Corporation, a medical diagnostics company.

Dr. Feldman received his Ph.D. in analytical chemistry from the University of Maryland. He has been a director of a number of public and private companies involved in the healthcare industry. The Board believes that Dr. Feldman's over forty years of operating, scientific and business experience in the medical/biotech industry qualifies him for service on our board.

Class II Director Whose Term Will Expire at the 2014 Annual Meeting

John M. Holliman, III

Director since 1987

John M. Holliman III, 58, has served as Executive Chairman and Principal Executive Officer of the Company since April 2006 and has served as a director of the Company since September 1987 and as Chairman of the Board of Directors since August 1997. Since February 1993 he has been a general partner of entities which are the general partners of Valley Ventures, LP (formerly known as Arizona Growth Partners, LP), Valley Ventures II, LP, Valley Ventures III, LP, Valley Ventures III Annex, LP, all of which are venture capital funds that invest principally in life science companies.

John M. Holliman, III has over thirty years of business experience, including service on the boards of over forty companies, commercial lending experience with a major financial institution, and has been active in venture capital financing for over twenty years, concentrating in the medical/biotech industries. Mr. Holliman earned a BBA in Finance and a MBA from Southern Methodist University and a Master of International Management from the Thunderbird School of Global Management. During his career Mr. Holliman has gained substantial executive and board level experience in business, finance and operations. The Board believes the experience and knowledge of Mr. Holliman qualifies him to serve on our board.

- (1) Member of the Audit Committee.
- (2) Member of the Compensation Committee.
- (3) Member of the Corporate Governance/Nominating Committee

Board Meetings and Committees

On January 17, 2012, our Board of Directors (the "Board") voted to reduce the size of our Board from six members to three members. Concurrent with this action, Robert J. Spiegel, MD, William M. Wardell, MD, Ph.D. and Augustus A. White III, MD, Ph.D. resigned from the Board.

The Board of Directors is composed of three directors, including two outside directors. The Board has determined that each director other than Mr. Holliman is independent for purposes of Nasdaq Listing Rule 5605(a)(2). The Board of Directors held a total of ten meetings during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011. No director attended fewer than 75% of the aggregate of all meetings of the Board of Directors and any committee on which such director served during the period of such service. Currently, the Board of Directors does not have a policy regarding director attendance at the Company's annual meeting of stockholders. All of the directors, except Dr. White, attended last year's annual meeting of stockholders in person.

Independent directors regularly meet in executive sessions without the Executive Chairman or other members of management, to review the criteria upon which the performance of the Executive Chairman is based, the performance of the Executive Chairman against those criteria, to ratify the compensation of the Executive Chairman as approved by the Compensation Committee, and to discuss other relevant matters.

The Board presently has an Audit Committee, a Compensation Committee and a Corporate Governance/Nominating Committee.

Audit Committee

The Audit Committee, which is a separately-designated standing committee established in accordance with Section 3(a)(58)(A) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), met five times in 2011 and consisted of Mr. Howse (Chairman), Dr. White and Dr. Spiegel. Effective January 17, 2012, Dr. Feldman joined the Committee and Dr. White and Dr. Spiegel resigned from the Committee. The Audit Committee assists the Board of Directors in its oversight of financial reporting practices, including the independent auditor's qualifications and independence, and the performance of the Company's internal audit function. The Audit Committee appoints the Company's independent auditor. The Audit Committee meets independently with representatives of the Company's independent auditor and with representatives of senior management. The Committee reviews the general scope of the Company's annual audit, the fee charged by the independent auditor and other matters relating to internal control systems. In addition, the Audit Committee is responsible for approving, reviewing and monitoring the performance of non-audit services by the Company's auditor. The Audit Committee operates under a written charter that has been adopted by the Board of Directors, a copy of which is available on the Company's website at www.capstonethx.com.

The Board of Directors has determined that the composition of the Audit Committee, the attributes of its members and the responsibilities of the Audit Committee, as reflected in its charter, are in accordance with applicable Nasdaq Marketplace Rules for audit committees. In particular, all Audit Committee members possess the required level of financial literacy, at least one member of the Audit Committee meets the current standard of requisite financial management expertise and the Board of Directors has determined that Elwood D. Howse, Jr., the Chairman of the Audit Committee, is an "audit committee financial expert" as defined in Item 407(d) of Regulation S-K of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). Additionally, all members of the Audit Committee are "independent directors" as defined in Nasdaq Listing Rule 5605(a)(2).

Compensation Committee

The Compensation Committee consisted of Dr. Feldman (Chairman), Mr. Howse and Dr. Spiegel in 2011. Effective January 17, 2012, Dr. Spiegel resigned from the Committee. The Committee met one time during 2011. Each member of the Compensation Committee is an "independent director" as defined in Nasdaq Listing Rule 5605(a)(2) and is an "outside director" as defined in Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Compensation Committee reviews salaries and benefit programs designed for senior management, officers and directors and administers certain grants under the Company's stock option plans with a view to ensure that the Company is attracting and retaining highly qualified managers through competitive salary and benefit programs and encouraging extraordinary effort through incentive rewards. The Compensation Committee does not have a written charter.

Corporate Governance/Nominating Committee

The Corporate Governance/Nominating Committee examines and recommends nominations for the Board of Directors and officers of the Company. The Corporate Governance/Nominating Committee operates under a written charter, a copy of which is posted on our website at www.capstonethx.com. The Corporate Governance/Nominating Committee has not established a formal policy on Board diversity (differences of viewpoint, professional experience, education, skills, race, gender, national origin, and other qualities and attributes that contribute to board heterogeneity), or minimum standards for Board nominees. However, the Corporate Governance/Nominating Committee has developed the following outline of core Board skills as a framework for the nominee evaluation process and considers diversity to strengthen the Board where overlapping skills are present.

- Operations Experience / Knowledge
 - Pharmaceutical Development
 - Basic Research
 - IND Process
 - Clinical Trial Process
 - NDA Process
- Scientific Experience / Knowledge
 - Understanding of basic scientific principles in indications under development by the Company
- Financial Experience / Knowledge
 - GAAP / Disclosure Controls / SEC Reporting
 - Business Transactions and Strategies
 - Risk Management
- Business Experience / Knowledge
 - Organization Management / Corporate Governance
 - Product Market Analysis / Strategy
 - Investor Relations

Accordingly, the Corporate Governance/Nominating Committee generally seeks candidates with chief operating, executive or financial officer experience in complex Biotech/Pharmaceutical organizations; a commitment to give the time and attention to the duties required of them; and evidence of an independent and inquiring mind willing to question management's assumptions. When a new director is needed, the Committee seeks recommendations from current directors, officers and business associates.

The Corporate Governance/Nominating Committee in 2011 consisted of Dr. White (Chairman) and Dr. Wardell. Mr. Howse temporarily joined the Committee for its February 21, 2011 meeting to enable Dr. White to excuse himself from the Committee meeting during its vote on his nomination for election as a Class II director at the 2011 annual meeting of stockholders. Effective January 17, 2012, Dr. Feldman (Chairman) and Mr. Howse joined the Committee and Dr. White and Dr. Wardell resigned from the Committee. Each member of the Committee is an "independent director" as defined in Nasdaq Listing Rule 5605 (a)(2). The Corporate Governance/Nominating Committee met one time during 2011.

Stockholder Nomination of Director Candidates

The Corporate Governance/Nominating Committee will consider for nomination as a director of the Company any director candidate recommended or nominated by stockholders in accordance with the process outlined below. Director candidates recommended or nominated by stockholders are not evaluated differently from recommendations or nominations from other sources.

Stockholders wishing to recommend candidates for consideration by the Corporate Governance/Nominating Committee may do so by providing the candidate's name, contact details, biographical data, and qualifications in writing to the Corporate Governance/Nominating Committee, c/o Secretary, Capstone Therapeutics Corp., 1275 West Washington Street, Suite 101, Tempe, Arizona 85281. The Board may change the process for the means by which stockholders may recommend director candidates to the Corporate Governance/Nominating Committee. Please refer to the Company's website at www.capstonethx.com and the Company's SEC filings for any changes to this process.

Any stockholder entitled to vote for the election of directors at a meeting may nominate persons for election as directors only if written notice of such stockholder's intent to make such nomination is given, either by personal delivery at 1275 West Washington Street, Suite 101, Tempe, Arizona or by United States mail, postage prepaid to Secretary, Capstone Therapeutics Corp., 1275 West Washington Street, Suite 101, Tempe, Arizona 85281, not later than: (i) with respect to the election to be held at an annual meeting of stockholders, 20 days in advance of such meeting; and (ii) with respect to any election to be held at a special meeting of stockholders for the election of directors, the close of business on the fifteenth (15th) day following the date on which notice of such meeting is first given to stockholders. Each such notice must set forth: (a) the name and address of the stockholder who intends to make the nomination and of the person or persons to be nominated; (b) a representation that such stockholder is a holder of record of stock of the corporation entitled to vote at such meeting and intends to appear in person or by proxy at the meeting to nominate the person or persons specified in the notice; (c) a description of all arrangements or understandings between such stockholder and each nominee and any other person or persons

(naming such person or persons) pursuant to which the nomination or nominations are to be made by such stockholder; (d) such other information regarding each nominee proposed by such stockholder as would have been required to be included in a proxy statement filed pursuant to the proxy rules of the SEC if such nominee had been nominated, or intended to be nominated, by the Board of Directors; and (e) the consent of each nominee to serve as a director of the Company if elected. The chairman of the stockholders' meeting may refuse to acknowledge the nomination of any person not made in compliance with the foregoing procedure.

Board Leadership Structure and Role in Risk Oversight

The Company believes that the value to an organization of a separation of the duties of the Chairman of the Board and Principal Executive Officer depends largely on the operating characteristics and organizational structure of the Company.

Currently, the Company's operations are focused on pre-clinical studies and small early stage clinical trials. We have no products close to market and, accordingly, no product marketing, sales or manufacturing activities. We are a small organization of currently three full-time employees.

The Board believes the Company is at a stage where the Board can effectively perform its oversight responsibilities, including its responsibilities to oversee risk, without a separation of the Chairman and Principal Executive Officer position and that its leadership structure is currently the most efficient way to conduct its business. The Board administers these oversight responsibilities through review and approval of short and long term strategic plans, annual budgets, annual Company goals and objectives, executive management's compensation structure, and all transactions, contracts or agreements that could have, in the Board's opinion, a material effect on the Company. Additionally, the Board's Audit Committee assists the Board in its oversight of the Company's financial reporting process as outlined in this Proxy Statement and the Audit Committee's Charter.

The Company has a lead independent director (Elwood D. Howse, Jr.), who sets the agenda and leads the periodic meetings of non-executive independent directors. Under leadership of the lead independent director, the non-executive independent directors privately review and approve the Executive Chairman's annual goals and objectives and related compensation structure, as well as address any other business matters on which a director believes private discussion is required.

Stockholder Communications with Board

Stockholders wishing to communicate with the Board of Directors or with a Board member should address communications to the Board or to the particular Board member, c/o Secretary, Capstone Therapeutics Corp., 1275 West Washington Street, Suite 101, Tempe, Arizona 85281. All communications sent in this manner to the Board members will be forwarded directly to the Board. From time to time, the Board may change the process for the means by which stockholders may communicate with the Board or its members. Please refer to the Company's website at www.capstonethx.com for any changes to this process.

COMPENSATION OF DIRECTORS

The following table sets forth compensation awarded to, earned by or paid to the Company's directors during the year ended December 31, 2011. Mr. John Holliman, III is not included in this table and his compensation as a director is included in the Summary Compensation Table in the Executive Compensation section in this Proxy Statement.

Name (a)	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash (S) (b)	Stock Awards (S) (c)	Option Awards (S) (1) (d)	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation (S) (e)	Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Earnings (S) (f)	All Other Compensation (S) (g)	Total (S) (h)
Fredric J. Feldman, Ph.D. Director	64,000	-	3,000	-	-	-	67,000
Elwood D. Howse, Jr. Director	64,000	-	3,000	-	-	-	67,000
Robert J. Spiegel, MD Director	64,000	-	3,000	-	-	-	67,000
William M. Wardell, MD, Ph.D. Director	64,000	-	3,000	-	-	-	67,000
Augustus A. White, III, MD, Ph.D. Director	62,500	-	3,000	-	-	-	65,500

(1) Fair value of the grants at the date of the grants was determined using the Black-Scholes model as described in Note 5 to the Financial Statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 21, 2012.

During the year ended December 31, 2011, the Company paid directors an annual retainer of \$24,000, payable quarterly in advance, \$2,500 for each board meeting attended in person and \$1,000 for each board meeting attended by telephone. All directors are eligible for a grant of nonqualified stock options pursuant to the Company's 2005 Equity Incentive Plan. On June 10, 2005, the Board of Directors approved an annual award to each director of a non-qualified stock option to purchase 10,000 shares of the Company's Common Stock. The Company granted to each director non-qualified options to acquire 10,000 shares at a price of \$0.58 per share on January 1, 2011 (fair value of \$3,000). These options vested immediately and were granted at the closing market price on the date of grant. All options have been granted with ten-year terms.

On June 10, 2005 the Board of Directors also approved an annual award to each director of \$25,000 of restricted stock. The shares granted vest one year from the date of issuance. On January 1, 2011 the Board paid each director \$25,000 in lieu of the annual stock award.

Director Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End

Name	Option Awards				
	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Exercisable	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Unexercisable	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Unearned Options (#)	Options Exercise Price (\$)	Option Expiration Date
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
John M. Holliman, III					
	200,000			1.75	5/12/2016
	50,000			1.02	2/21/2018
	125,000			0.45	2/3/2019
	100,000			0.82	2/4/2020
	25,000			0.70	10/30/2018
Robert J. Spiegel, MD	50,000			0.82	5/21/2020
William M. Wardell, MD, Ph.D.	10,000			5.33	2/11/2016
	15,000			0.82	5/21/2020
Various directors:					
(1) (2) (3) (5)	10,000			3.61	12/31/2012
(1) (2) (3) (5)	10,000			6.13	12/31/2013
(1) (2) (3) (5)	30,000			7.40	1/23/2014
(1) (2) (3) (5)	10,000			6.25	12/31/2014
(1) (2) (3) (5)	10,000			4.90	1/2/2016
(1) (2) (3) (4) (5)	25,000			1.75	5/12/2016
(1) (2) (3) (4) (5)	10,000			1.43	1/1/2017
(1) (2) (3) (4) (5)	10,000			1.35	1/1/2018
(1) (3) (4) (5) *	19,792	5,208		0.70	10/30/2018
(1) (2) (3) (4) (5)	10,000			0.42	1/1/2019
(1) (2) (3) (4) (5)	10,000			0.72	1/1/2020
(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)(6)	10,000			0.58	1/1/2021
Feldman, Fred (1)					
Holliman, John (2)	* Vest monthly over a four-year period ending 10/30/2012				
Howse, Elwood (3)	All other directors options were fully vested on 12/31/2011				
Wardell, William (4)					
White, Augustus (5)					
Spiegel, Robert (6)					

Director/Officer Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year End

Name	Stock Awards			
	Number of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (#)	Market Value of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (\$)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Unearned Shares, Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested (#)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Market or Payout Value of Unearned Shares, Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested (\$)
	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
John M. Holliman, III	50,000	13,000		

On January 17, 2011, Mr. Holliman was awarded 50,000 shares of restricted stock which fully vested on January 17, 2012.

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The employment of Mr. Holliman, Dr. Steer and Mr. Shinbaum was terminated effective October 31, 2011. They continue to perform certain of their previous duties and responsibilities under consulting agreements.

The following table sets forth information regarding our executive officers:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Title</u>
John M. Holliman, III	58	Executive Chairman and Principal Executive Officer
Randolph C. Steer, MD, Ph.D.	62	President
Les M. Taeger	61	Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Principal Financial and Accounting Officer
Dana B. Shinbaum	49	Vice President, Business Development

John M. Holliman, III, became Executive Chairman and Principal Executive Officer of the Company on April 5, 2006 and has served as a director of the Company since September 1987 and as Chairman of the Board of Directors since August 1997. Since February 1993 he has been a general partner of entities, which are the general partners of Valley Ventures, LP (formerly known as Arizona Growth Partners, LP), Valley Ventures II, LP, Valley Ventures III Annex, LP, all of which are venture capital funds that invest principally in life science companies.

Randolph C. Steer, MD, Ph.D. became President of the Company on April 5, 2006. Dr. Steer has been an independent pharmaceutical, biotechnology and medical devices consultant since 1989, and has provided consulting services to the Company since 2002. He has a broad scientific, medical and business background, including extensive experience in pre-clinical, clinical and regulatory affairs, having held key management positions in leading corporations and having served as an advisor to many companies in the United States and abroad. Dr. Steer has also advised numerous venture capital firms, investment banks and independent investors on the commercial development of drugs, biologics, diagnostics and medical devices. He has served as Associate Director of Medical Affairs at Marion Laboratories; Medical Director at Ciba Consumer Pharmaceuticals (Ciba-Geigy Corporation); Vice President, Senior Vice President and Member of the Executive Committee at Physicians World

Communications Group; Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Advanced Therapeutics Communications International, a global drug regulatory group, and Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Vicus.com, Inc. He is a member of the Board of Directors of Techno Corporation, and was a member of the Board of Directors of BioCryst Pharmaceuticals from 1994 to 2009. Dr. Steer received his MD degree from the Mayo Medical School and his Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota, where he also completed a residency and subspecialty fellowship in clinical and chemical pathology. He is a Fellow of the American College of Clinical Pharmacology.

Les M. Taeger joined the Company as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer on January 16, 2006. Mr. Taeger most recently served as Chief Financial Officer of CardioTech International, Inc. ("CardioTech"). CardioTech is a publicly-traded, medical device company that developed, manufactured and sold advanced products for the treatment of cardiovascular disease. From September 2000 to February 2004, when Mr. Taeger became Chief Financial Officer of CardioTech, Mr. Taeger served as Chief Financial Officer of Gish Biomedical, Inc. ("Gish"). Gish, which became a subsidiary of CardioTech pursuant to a merger transaction involving the companies in April 2003, specializes in the manufacture and sale of products used in open-heart surgery, vascular access and orthopedic surgery. Prior to his employment with CardioTech and Gish, Mr. Taeger was employed for over five years as Chief Financial Officer of Cartwright Electronics, Inc., a division of Meggitt, PLC. Mr. Taeger is a Certified Public Accountant, with a Bachelor's degree in accounting.

Dana B. Shinbaum joined the Company as Vice President of Business Development in October 2005. Previously he served as Vice President, Product Planning and Market Analytics at Savient Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and has over twenty years of experience in the pharmaceutical/biotechnology industry. While at Savient his responsibilities included creating and developing new business opportunities, leading global project teams and managing product launches. He played key strategic planning roles in Savient's acquisition of Rosemont Pharmaceuticals Ltd. and the divestiture of Bio-Technology General Ltd., Savient's global biologics business. Prior to joining Savient, Mr. Shinbaum was at Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories, where he held market planning and marketing roles of increasing responsibility, including Product Manager for the PREMARIN® franchise. Mr. Shinbaum received a Master of Business Administration, summa cum laude, from Drexel University in Philadelphia and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Lafayette College in Easton, Pennsylvania.

EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Compensation Philosophy

The objectives of the Company's executive compensation policies are to attract, retain and reward executive officers who contribute to the Company's success, to align the financial interests of executive officers with the performance of the Company, to strengthen the relationship between executive pay and shareholder value, to motivate executive officers to achieve the Company's business objectives and to reward individual performance. Prior to October 13, 2011, the Company used base salary, cash bonuses, stock awards and stock options to achieve these objectives.

Review of Current Compensation Components of Executive Chairman and other Executive Officers

The Compensation Committee reviews all components of the Executive Chairman's and other executive officers' compensation, including salary, bonus, stock awards, accumulated vested and unvested stock options, the dollar value to the executive and cost to the company of all perquisites and other personal benefits, as well as the actual projected payout obligations under several potential severance and change-in-control scenarios and any limitations on the deductibility for federal income tax purposes of all compensation. The Compensation Committee considers the following:

Each executive has individual performance goals for the fiscal year. The Compensation Committee reviews the performance goals and expectations for individual executive positions. Based on recommendations from the Executive Chairman and the Compensation Committee's evaluation of the performance achievement of these goals, the Compensation Committee determines the resulting changes to compensation components for the

executive officers. The Executive Chairman also recommends individual performance objectives for himself for each fiscal year. The Compensation Committee approves the performance objectives of the Executive Chairman and evaluates the Executive Chairman's performance measured against these objectives and evaluates and formulates any potential changes in compensation accordingly.

The Company's performance is compared against the goals for the fiscal year. Strategic, high level performance expectations are identified each fiscal year for the Company. The Executive Chairman provides documentation to the Compensation Committee regarding the expectations and corresponding results of operations.

The level of compensation for executives in similar positions for companies of similar size and development structure is considered in determining executive compensation. To enable the Company to continue to attract and retain executives in the competitive marketplace, executive compensation for similar companies is reviewed. The Company typically obtains this data through a review of publicly available executive compensation information for comparable public companies.

The Compensation Committee's Conclusion

Based on the review detailed above, the Compensation Committee, at its meeting held at the beginning of the fiscal year, formulates its recommendations regarding what areas of the compensation components will be adjusted for the upcoming year and what the performance bonus for the prior year will be.

Board Approval

At the first Compensation Committee meeting of the year, the Compensation Committee reviews the Executive Chairman and other executive officers' compensation and bonuses and presents its recommendations to the Board of Directors. The final total compensation package decision regarding the Executive Chairman is made by the Independent Directors in an Executive Session without the Executive Chairman or other members of management present, and the final decisions on other executives' total compensation packages are made by the full Board of Directors.

The following discussion is provided to facilitate stockholder understanding of the named executive officer compensation information included in this Proxy Statement. Overall our compensation decisions are framed by the nature of our business as a development stage pharmaceutical company with the need for highly specialized and talented individuals. Our compensation policies are designed to take into account the fact that the competition for executives is with all sizes of pharmaceutical and biotech firms and must factor in not just comparable compensation, including health care, retirement or other traditional executive benefits, but issues such as location and position stability. We operate in Tempe, Arizona, a relatively small market for biotechnology, and in a field with substantial product development risks, with no current revenue and limited funds.

Annual Base Compensation and Cash Bonus

As previously mentioned, each executive officer receives a base salary and a cash bonus which is based on performance against both Company and individual performance goals. We have established base salaries which we believe are comparable to other biotechnology firms and with the potential cash bonus, provide for a reasonable level of cash-based compensation to the executives. Base compensation in 2011 ranged from \$325,000 for Dr. Steer, to \$200,000 for Mr. Holliman. Executive officers did not receive an increase in base pay in 2011. No executive salary increases are planned for 2012. In 2011 the bonus potential was 40% of base salary for Mr. Holliman, Dr. Steer, Mr. Taeger and Mr. Shinbaum. The bonus plan placed 25-30% of the executive's cash compensation at risk, which we believe is a reasonable level of risk for cash-based compensation. In 2011, performance for the bonus plan was weighted 70% towards Company goals and 30% towards individual goals. Company and individual goals included a combination of operating, such as timely completion of clinical or pre-clinical tasks and performance against our strategic plan, financial, such as performance to budget or generation of unbudgeted cost savings, and administrative, such as maintaining compliance with Securities and Exchange Commission rules, regulations and reporting requirements. We believe that the cash compensation at risk and the performance goals of the 2011 bonus plan serve to align our executives' interests with our interests and focus their efforts where we believe they have the potential to achieve performance we have identified as important to accomplishing objectives necessary to advance our development efforts.

Interim Change in Officer Compensation

On October 13, 2011, the Company's Board of Directors (the "Board") adopted a plan to preserve cash during ongoing partnering efforts. Included in the actions taken was the termination of the employment of John M. Holliman, III, Executive Chairman, Randolph C. Steer, MD, Ph.D., President and Dana B. Shinbaum, Vice President, Business Development. Each of these individuals continued in their prior roles as consultants, rather than as employees, at consulting rates which would equate to approximately \$100,000 per year for Mr. Holliman and \$120,000 per year for Dr. Steer and Mr. Shinbaum. Effective April 1, 2012, Mr. Shinbaum is consulting on an as needed, hourly rate, basis. As employees, their base compensation had been \$200,000 for Mr. Holliman, \$325,000 for Dr. Steer and \$242,000 for Mr. Shinbaum. Les M. Taeger, Chief Financial Officer and Senior Vice President will continue as an employee, but his base compensation has been reduced from \$242,000 per year to \$120,000 per year. All of these officers had also been eligible for an annual bonus based on individual and Company performance goals of up to 40% of their base compensation. The Board's actions included cancellation of the Company's bonus plan. The vested outstanding stock options held by each executive will continue to be exercisable while such executive is serving as a consultant to the Company.

The above changes in employment and compensation trigger severance clauses in the executives' employment agreements that entitle each executive to a payment equal to one year of base salary.

Equity Based Compensation

As previously discussed, we provide a certain level of cash compensation to each executive as both a short-term reward and to focus executive performance on short-term goals that are part of our long-term strategies. Additionally, we use a combination of stock option grants and common stock awards, both during the employment offer process and annually, to generate a commitment to and a long-term investment in our Company. Grants and awards connected with employment offers were determined based on the position and competitive factors at the time of the offers. Grants and awards are targeted such that an annual \$1 increase in market price, currently an annual \$41,000,000 increase in shareholder value, would provide approximately 10% to 20% of the executive's compensation. We believe grants at these levels serve to gradually increase our executives' commitment to the Company and align their interests with other stockholders of the Company.

Stock Option Grants

On January 17, 2011, the Company granted options to employees to purchase 150,000 shares of the Company's Common Stock with the exercise price determined by the closing market price on the date of grant (\$0.67). This grant included grants to the named executives (Steer 50,000 shares, Taeger 25,000 shares and Shinbaum 25,000 shares).

Common Stock Awards

We believe common stock awards can be an important element in our compensation plan. On January 17, 2011, Mr. Holliman was awarded 50,000 shares of restricted stock with a fair value of \$34,000 on the date of award.

Fringe Benefits, Perquisites and Retirement Benefits.

Our executives participate in group health, dental, life, and disability programs and participate in our 401(k) plan on the same basis as other employees. No perquisites are provided to executives that in aggregate exceed \$10,000 per year.

SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE

The following table sets forth, with respect to the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009, compensation awarded to, earned by or paid to the Company's principal executive officer, principal financial officer and each of the two most highly compensated executive officers other than the principal executive officer and the principal financial officer, who were serving as executive officers at the end of the last completed fiscal year (the "named executive officers").

Name	Year	Salary (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Stock Awards (\$)	Option Awards (\$)	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation (\$)	Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Earnings (\$)	All Other Compensation (\$)	Total (\$)
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
John M. Holliman, III Executive Chairman (Principal Executive Officer)	2011	179,000 (1)	-	19,000(3)	3,000	-	-	264,000(1)(2)	465,000
	2010	200,000	-	-	50,000(1)	-	-	64,000(1)	314,000
	2009	200,000	-	-	42,000(1)	-	-	62,000(1)	304,000
Randolph C. Steer, MD, Ph.D. former President	2011	276,000	-	-	19,000	-	-	325,000 (2)	620,000
	2010	325,000	88,000	-	23,000	-	-	-	436,000
	2009	325,000	75,000	-	18,000	-	-	-	418,000
Les M. Taeger Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)	2011	237,000	-	-	10,000	-	-	242,000 (2)	489,000
	2010	242,000	68,000	-	16,000	-	-	-	326,000
	2009	242,000	56,000	-	12,000	-	-	-	310,000
Dana B. Shinbaum former VP Business Development	2011	232,000	-	-	10,000	-	-	242,000 (2)	484,000
	2010	242,000	68,000	-	16,000	-	-	-	326,000
	2009	242,000	51,000	-	12,000	-	-	-	305,000

- Mr. Holliman is a member of the Board of Directors and as a director, received compensation of \$64,000, \$64,000 and \$62,000, in cash, in 2011, 2010 and 2009, respectively, and an annual grant of an option to purchase 10,000 shares of the Company's Common Stock. Mr. Holliman received total director's compensation (Board fees, stock awards and option grants) of \$67,000, \$68,000 and \$74,000 in 2011, 2010 and 2009, respectively, as more fully described in the Compensation of Directors section of this Proxy Statement. Fair value of the grants at the date of the grants was determined using the Black-Scholes model as described, for 2011, in Note 5 to the Financial Statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 21, 2012; for 2010, in Note 5 to our Annual Report on form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 29, 2011, and for 2009, in Note 6 to the Annual Report on form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 12, 2010.

2. On October 31, 2011, the employment of Mr. Holliman, Dr. Steer and Mr. Shinbaum was terminated and Mr. Taeger's salary was reduced from \$242,000 per year to \$120,000. These actions triggered severance clauses in their employment agreements requiring the payment of severance of one year's base salary to each executive officer. For a description of the employment agreements with our named executive offers, please see "Employment Contract, Termination of Employment, and Change-in-Control Arrangements" below.
3. On January 17, 2011, Mr. Holliman was awarded 50,000 shares of restricted stock which fully vested on January 17, 2012.

OPTION GRANTS / STOCK AWARDS

The following table sets forth information about stock option grants and stock awards during the last completed fiscal year to the executive officers named in the Summary Compensation Table.

Grants of Plan-based Awards

Name	Grant Date	All Other Stock Awards: Number of Shares of Stock or Units (#)	All Other Option Awards: Number of Securities Underlying Options (#)	Exercise or Base Price of Option Awards (\$/Share)	Grant Date Fair Value of Stock and Option Awards (1) (\$)
(a)	(b)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)
John M. Holliman, III Executive Chairman	1/1/11 1/17/11	- 50,000	10,000	0.58	3,000 19,000
Randolph C. Steer, MD, Ph.D. President	1/17/11	-	50,000	0.67	19,000
Les M. Taeger Chief Financial Officer	1/17/11	-	25,000	0.67	10,000
Dana B. Shinbaum VP Business Development	1/17/11	-	25,000	0.67	10,000

Fair value of the grants at the date of the grants was determined using the Black-Scholes model as described in Note 5 to the Financial Statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 21, 2012.

OUTSTANDING EQUITY AWARDS AT FISCAL YEAR-END

Name	Option Awards			
	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Exercisable	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Unexercisable	Option Exercise Price (\$)	Option Expiration Date
(a)	(b)	(c)	(e)	(f)
John M. Holliman, III				
	10,000	-	3.61	12/31/2012
	10,000	-	6.13	12/31/2013
	30,000	-	7.40	1/23/2014
	10,000	-	6.25	12/31/2014
	10,000	-	4.90	1/2/2016
	25,000	-	1.75	5/12/2016
	200,000	-	1.75	5/12/2016
	10,000	-	1.43	12/31/2017
	10,000	-	1.35	12/31/2018
	50,000	-	1.02	2/21/2018
	25,000	-	0.70	10/30/2018
	10,000	-	0.42	1/1/2019
	125,000	-	0.45	2/3/2019
	10,000	-	0.72	1/1/2020
	100,000	-	0.82	2/4/2020
	10,000	-	0.58	1/1/2021
Randolph C. Steer, MD, Ph.D.				
	200,000	-	1.75	5/12/2016
	50,000	-	1.53	5/21/2017
	50,000	-	1.02	2/21/2018
	75,000	-	0.45	2/3/2019
	50,000	-	0.82	2/4/2020
	50,000	-	0.67	1/17/2021
Les M. Taeger				
	150,000	-	5.15	1/16/2016
	150,000	-	1.70	6/2/2016
***	14,093	613	1.02	2/21/2018
	50,000	-	0.45	2/3/2019
**	32,083	2,917	0.82	2/4/2020
**	11,458	13,542	0.67	1/17/2021
Dana B. Shinbaum				
	50,000	-	3.27	10/29/2015
	35,000	-	5.39	1/30/2016
	150,000	-	1.70	6/2/2016
***	11,745	500	1.02	2/21/2018
	50,000	-	0.45	2/3/2019
**	32,083	2,917	0.82	2/4/2020
**	11,458	13,542	0.67	1/17/2021
** Vesting over two years monthly				
*** Vesting over four years monthly				

EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS, TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT, AND CHANGE-IN-CONTROL ARRANGEMENTS

Effective April 5, 2006, Mr. John M. Holliman, III, became Executive Chairman and Principal Executive Officer. On May 12, 2006, the Company entered into an agreement to compensate Mr. Holliman for his services as the Company's Executive Chairman and principal executive officer (the "Holliman Agreement").

Under the Holliman Agreement, Mr. Holliman's services to the Company may be terminated by the Company at any time, with or without cause. In the event of termination without cause under the Holliman Agreement, Mr. Holliman will receive severance equal to twelve months of his current monthly base compensation. The Holliman Agreement provides for annual base cash compensation of \$200,000, payable in accordance with the Company's standard payroll practices and a target bonus of 40% of base compensation upon the achievement of individual and corporate performance objectives. In addition, the Holliman Agreement included other terms and conditions consistent with agreements entered into with other Company executives.

Effective October 31, 2011, the employment of Mr. Holliman was terminated which resulted in the acceleration of the vesting of the options to purchase shares of the Company's common stock held by Mr. Holliman, so that his options became exercisable, and payment of his severance benefit. Subsequent to October 31, 2011, Mr. Holliman will continue his role as Executive Chairman under a consulting agreement, which provides for compensation at an annual rate of \$100,000. Mr. Holliman did not receive a bonus for 2011 performance as the Company's bonus plan was terminated in October 2011.

Effective April 5, 2006, Randolph C. Steer, MD, Ph.D., became President of the Company. Dr. Steer has performed consulting services for the Company since 2002. On May 12, 2006, the Company also entered into an agreement with Randolph C. Steer, MD, Ph.D., to compensate Dr. Steer for his services as the Company's President and Chief Operating Officer (the "Steer Agreement"). Under the Steer Agreement, Dr. Steer's services to the Company may be terminated by the Company at any time, with or without cause. If the event of termination is without cause, under the Steer Agreement, Dr. Steer will receive severance equal to twelve months of his current monthly base compensation. Dr. Steer's annual base cash compensation is \$325,000, payable in accordance with the Company's standard payroll practices. Dr. Steer is also eligible for a target bonus of 40% of base compensation upon the achievement of individual and corporate performance objectives. In addition, the Steer Agreement includes other terms and conditions consistent with agreements entered into with other Company executives.

Effective October 31, 2011, the employment of Dr. Steer was terminated which resulted in the acceleration of the vesting of the options to purchase shares of the Company's common stock held by Dr. Steer, so that his options became exercisable, and payment of his severance benefits. Subsequent to October 31, 2011, Dr. Steer will continue his role as President under a consulting agreement, which provides for compensation at an annual rate of \$120,000. Dr. Steer did not receive a bonus for 2011 performance as the Company's bonus plan was terminated in October 2011.

On January 10, 2006, the Company entered into an employment agreement with Les M. Taeger, dated as of January 10, 2006, effective as of January 16, 2006 (the "Taeger Employment Agreement"), pursuant to which Mr. Taeger serves as the Company's Senior Vice President / Chief Financial Officer. Under the Taeger Employment Agreement, Mr. Taeger may be terminated at any time, with or without cause, at the option of either the Company or Mr. Taeger. If the Company terminates Mr. Taeger without cause, provided Mr. Taeger first executes a Severance Agreement in the form then used by the Company, the Company shall pay to Mr. Taeger twelve months of his current monthly base compensation in effect at the time of termination. Should such termination occur as a result of a Change in Control, the Company shall also pay Mr. Taeger a pro-rata share of his bonus at the time of termination. Mr. Taeger's annual base salary is \$242,000. Mr. Taeger is eligible to participate in the Company's discretionary bonus program, which provides for a bonus of up to 40% of his base salary, and Mr. Taeger will receive medical, dental and other fringe benefits generally granted to the Company's senior management.

Effective October 31, 2011, Mr. Taeger's annual base salary was reduced to \$120,000 and the Company's bonus plan was terminated. Mr. Taeger did not receive a bonus for 2011 performance. The salary reduction triggered payment of his severance benefit.

On October 17, 2005, the Company entered into an employment agreement with Dana B. Shinbaum (the "Shinbaum Employment Agreement"), pursuant to which Mr. Shinbaum serves as the Company's Vice President of Business Development and Strategic Marketing. Under the Shinbaum Employment Agreement, Mr. Shinbaum may be terminated at any time, with or without cause, at the option of either the Company or Mr. Shinbaum. If the Company terminates Mr. Shinbaum without cause, provided Mr. Shinbaum first executes a Severance Agreement in the form then used by the Company, the Company shall pay to Mr. Shinbaum twelve months of his current monthly base compensation in effect at the time of termination for a period of one year following the date of termination, at the time and in the manner dictated by the Company's standard payroll policies. Should such termination occur as a result of a Change in Control, the Company shall also pay Mr. Shinbaum a pro-rata share of his bonus at the time of termination. Mr. Shinbaum's annual base salary is \$242,000. Mr. Shinbaum is eligible to participate in the Company's discretionary bonus program, which provides for a bonus of up to 40% of his base salary, and Mr. Shinbaum will receive medical, dental and other fringe benefits generally granted to the Company's senior management.

Effective October 31, 2011, the employment of Mr. Shinbaum was terminated resulting in payment of his severance benefit. Subsequent to October 31, 2011, Mr. Shinbaum continued his role as Vice President of Business Development under a consulting agreement, which provided for compensation at an annual rate of \$120,000 through March 31, 2012. Effective April 1, 2012, Mr. Shinbaum is consulting on an as needed, hourly rate, basis. Mr. Shinbaum did not receive a bonus for 2011 performance as the Company's bonus plan was terminated in October 2011.

Under the Company's stock option plans, upon the occurrence of a merger in which the Company is not the surviving entity, a sale of substantially all of the assets of the Company, an acquisition by a third party of 100% of the Company's outstanding equity securities or a similar reorganization of the Company, 75% of all unvested options will vest, with the balance vesting equally over 12 months or according to the individual's vesting schedule, whichever is earlier. If the option holder loses his position with the Company as a result of the merger or sale, 100% of his options will immediately vest. Additionally, the Company's 1997 Stock Option Plan and 2005 Equity Incentive Plan provide that, upon a merger, consolidation or reorganization with another corporation in which the Company is not the surviving corporation, outstanding options shall be substituted on an equitable basis for options for appropriate shares of the surviving corporation, or optionees shall receive cash in exchange for cancellation of outstanding options.

At December 31, 2011, unvested options held by named executive officers had no intrinsic value and accordingly, accelerated vesting clauses if triggered at December 31, 2011, would have provided no additional compensation to the named executive officers.

On October 31, 2011, the stock options held by Mr. Holliman and Dr. Steer subject to accelerated vesting and had no intrinsic value.

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The role of the Audit Committee (the "Audit Committee") is to assist the Board of Directors in its oversight of the Company's financial reporting process. Management of the Company is responsible for the preparation, presentation and integrity of the Company's financial statements, the Company's accounting and financial reporting principles and internal controls and procedures designed to assure compliance with accounting standards and applicable laws and regulations. The Company's independent registered public accountant is responsible for auditing the Company's financial statements and expressing an opinion as to their conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Among other matters, the Audit Committee monitors and oversees the activities and performance of the external independent registered public accountant, including the audit scope, external audit fees, and auditor independence matters. The Audit Committee also is responsible for approving non-audit services proposed to be performed by the independent auditor. The Audit Committee has responsibility to appoint and dismiss the Company's independent auditor. Management and independent auditor presentations to and discussions with the Audit Committee also cover various topics and events that may have significant financial impact or are the subject of discussions between management and the independent auditor.

In the performance of its oversight function, the Audit Committee reviewed and discussed the audited financial statements with management and the independent registered public accountant. The Audit Committee has also discussed with the independent registered public accountant the matters required to be discussed by Statement on Auditing Standards No. 61, as amended (AICPA, Professional standards, Vol. 1, AU Section 380), as adopted by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board in rule 3200T. Finally, the Audit Committee has received the written disclosures and the letter from the independent registered public accountant required by applicable requirements of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board regarding the independent registered public accountant's communications with the Audit Committee concerning independence, and has discussed with the independent registered public accountant the independent registered public accountant's independence. The Audit Committee met five times in 2010, each time meeting separately with the independent registered public accountant without the presence of management.

Based upon the above review and discussions described in this report, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board that the audited financial statements be included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011 for filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Audit Committee during 2011:

Elwood D. Howse, Jr. (Chairman)
Augustus A. White, III, MD, Ph.D. (resigned from the Committee on January 17, 2012)
Robert J. Spiegel, MD (resigned from the Committee on January 17, 2012)
(Fredric J. Feldman, Ph.D. joined the Committee on January 17, 2012)

The foregoing report of the Audit Committee of the Company's Board of Directors shall not be deemed soliciting material or otherwise deemed filed and shall not be subject to the liabilities of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or deemed to be incorporated by reference by any general statement incorporating by reference this proxy statement into any other filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, except to the extent that we specifically incorporate the Report by reference therein.

CODE OF ETHICS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

In March 2004, the Company adopted a code of ethics that applies to all of its employees and has particular sections that apply only to its principal executive officer and senior financial officers. The Company has posted the text of its code of ethics on its website (www.capstonethx.com), under the "Investors" section under the link "Corporate Governance" and "Code of Ethics." In addition, the Company will promptly disclose on its website (1) the nature of any amendment to its code of ethics that applies to its principal executive officer and senior financial officers, and (2) the nature of any waiver, including an implicit waiver, from a provision of its code of ethics that is granted to one of these specified officers, the name of such officer who is granted the waiver and the date of the waiver.

The full Board of Directors addresses all matters regarding corporate governance (that is, the relationships of the Board, the stockholders and management in determining the direction and performance of the Company) and the procedural rules regarding the operation of the Board itself. As such, the Board reviews all proposals submitted by stockholders for action at the annual stockholders' meeting with regards to each such proposal.

CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS

The Board of Directors reviews transactions with related parties, but has no formal policies in place with respect to such reviews or the approval of such transactions. During 2011 there were no reported related party transactions with directors, executive officers or other related parties, which might have required disclosure under SEC rules or which were otherwise material to the Company.

The Company has entered into indemnity agreements with all of its directors and officers for the indemnification of and advancing of expenses to such persons to the fullest extent permitted by law.

SECTION 16(a) BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP REPORTING COMPLIANCE

Under the securities laws of the United States, the Company's directors, its executive officers and any persons holding more than 10% of the Company's Common Stock are required to report their initial ownership of the Company's Common Stock and any subsequent changes in that ownership to the SEC. Specific due dates for these reports have been established, and the Company is required to disclose any failure to file by these dates. The Company believes that all of these filing requirements were satisfied during the year ended December 31, 2011.

In making these disclosures, the Company has relied solely on written representations of those persons it knows to be subject to the reporting requirements and copies of the reports that they have filed with the SEC.

A list of directors, executive officers and persons holding more than 10% of the Company's Common Stock is included in the section "Voting Securities and Principal Holders Thereof" under the caption "Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management" in this Proxy Statement.

EQUITY COMPENSATION PLANS

The following provides tabular disclosure of the number of securities to be issued upon the exercise of outstanding options, the weighted average exercise price of outstanding options, and the number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans as of December 31, 2011, aggregated into two categories - plans that have been approved by stockholders and plans that have not. See Note 5 to the financial statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 21, 2012, for additional information on our equity compensation plans.

Plan Category:	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights	Weighted average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a))
	(c)	(b)	(c)
Equity Compensation Plans approved by Security Holders	3,372,501	\$2.08	258,024
Equity Compensation Plans not approved by Security Holders	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	3,372,501	\$2.08	258,024

PROPOSAL 2: RATIFICATION OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM – MOSS ADAMS LLP

The Board of Directors is submitting the selection of the independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2012, for stockholder ratification at the 2012 Annual Meeting and recommends that stockholders vote FOR ratification of such appointment.

In the event the stockholders fail to ratify the appointment, the Audit Committee will consider it a direction to consider other accounting firms for the subsequent year. Moss Adams LLP representatives are expected to be present at the Annual Meeting with the opportunity to make a statement if they desire to do so and are expected to be available to respond to appropriate questions.

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS THAT THE STOCKHOLDERS VOTE FOR
RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF MOSS ADAMS LLP AS THE COMPANY'S
INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR THE 2012 FISCAL YEAR.**

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING FIRM FEES

The following table sets forth the aggregate fees billed to the Company for the years ended December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010 by our principal accounting firms Moss Adams LLP and Ernst and Young LLP.

<u>Type of Fee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Audit Fees (1)	\$ 59,000	\$ 177,000
Audit-Related Fees (2)	-	-
Total Audit and Audit-Related Fees	59,000	177,000
Tax Fees (3)	-	-
All Other Fees (4)	-	-
Total Fees	<u>\$ 59,000</u>	<u>\$ 177,000</u>

- (1) Audit fees include fees for services rendered in connection with the audits of the Company's financial statements for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010 and reviews of the financial statements included in the Company's quarterly reports on Form 10-Q during the applicable fiscal year.
- (2) Audit-related fees would include fees for services rendered for matters such as a business combination, sales of shares of the Company's common stock, and responses to accounting and reporting-related matters.
- (3) Tax fees would include fees for services rendered for tax compliance, preparation of original and amended tax returns, claims for refunds and other tax services.
- (4) Our principal accounting firms did not perform nor bill the Company for any other services during the fiscal years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010 that are appropriately classified as "All Other Fees."

The Audit Committee has concluded that the services provided by the principal accounting firms that were not related to the audit of the Company's financial statements were at all times compatible with maintaining that firm's independence.

Consistent with the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission regarding auditor independence, the Audit Committee has responsibility for appointing, setting compensation for, and overseeing the work of, the independent auditor. In recognition of this responsibility, the Audit Committee has included in its charter the responsibility to pre-approve "all auditing services and permitted non-auditing services proposed to be performed by the independent auditor, subject to the de minimis exceptions for non-audit services that were not recognized as non-audit services at the time of engagement and which are subsequently approved by the committee prior to completion of the audit." No fees were paid to the independent auditor pursuant to the "de minimis" exception to the foregoing pre-approval policy in 2011.

OTHER MATTERS

The Company knows of no other matters to be submitted at the Annual Meeting. If any other matter properly comes before the Annual Meeting, it is the intention of the persons named in the enclosed proxy card to vote the shares they represent as the Board of Directors may recommend.

STOCKHOLDER PROPOSALS

Proposals of stockholders of the Company which are intended to be presented by such stockholders at the Company's Annual Meeting for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2012 must be received by the Company no later than February 15, 2013 in order that they may be considered for inclusion in the proxy statement and form of proxy relating to that meeting. Additionally, if a stockholder wishes to present to the Company an item for consideration as an agenda item for a meeting without inclusion in the proxy statement, he, she or it must timely give notice to the Secretary and give a brief description of the business desired to be discussed. To be timely for next year's Annual Meeting, our bylaws require that such notice must have been delivered to or mailed to and received by the Company between 60 and 90 days prior to that Annual Meeting. If we do not publicly announce our meeting date or give notice of our meeting date at least 70 days before next year's Annual Meeting, stockholders

may submit items for consideration as agenda items until 5:00 pm on the 15th day after the public disclosure or notice.

ANNUAL REPORT

A copy of the Company's 2011 Annual Report to Stockholders is enclosed. The Annual Report to Stockholders is not a part of the proxy soliciting material enclosed herewith. The Proxy Statement and Form of Proxy, as well as the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K, are available on the Company's website www.capstonethx.com. Upon the written request of any stockholder entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting, the Company will furnish, without charge, a copy of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Copies of exhibits to the Annual Report on Form 10-K are also available upon specific request and payment of 25 cents per page for reproduction plus \$3.00 for postage and handling. All requests should be directed to the Secretary of the Company at 1275 West Washington Street, Suite 101, Tempe, Arizona 85281.

HOUSEHOLDING

We have adopted the "householding" procedure approved by the Securities and Exchange Commission that allows the Company to deliver one Proxy Statement and Annual Report to a household of stockholders instead of delivering a set of documents to each stockholder in the household. This procedure is more cost effective because it reduces the number of materials to be printed and mailed. If they have elected, stockholders who share the same last name and address will receive one Proxy Statement and Annual Report per address unless the Company receives, or has previously received, contrary instructions. Stockholders will continue to receive separate proxy cards/voting instruction forms to vote their shares.

If you would like to receive a separate copy of the Proxy Statement and Annual Report for this year, please write or call the Company at the following address or telephone number: Capstone Therapeutics Corp. , Corporate Secretary, 1275 West Washington Street, Suite 101, Tempe, Arizona 85281; (800) 937-5520. Upon receipt of your request, the Company will promptly deliver the requested materials to you.

If you and other Capstone stockholders of record with whom you share an address currently receive multiple sets of the Proxy Statement and Annual Report, and you would like to receive only a single copy of each in the future, or if you and other Capstone stockholders of record with whom you share an address currently receive a single copy of the Proxy Statement and Annual Report, and you would like to receive a separate copy of each in the future, please contact our distribution agent, Broadridge, by calling (800) 542-1061 or writing to Broadridge, Attention Household Department, 51 Mercedes Way, Edgewood, NY 11717. If you hold your shares in street name (that is, through a bank, brokerage account or other record holder), please contact your bank, broker or the other record holder to request information about householding.

May 10, 2012

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20549

FORM 10-K

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

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011

**TRANSITION REPORT UNDER SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission file number: 0-21214

CAPSTONE THERAPEUTICS CORP.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

86-0585310
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

1275 West Washington Street, Suite 101, Tempe, Arizona 85281
(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number including area code: (602) 286-5520

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

Title of each class	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, par value \$.0005 per share	OTCQB
Rights to purchase 1/100 of a share of Series A Preferred Stock	OTCQB

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes No

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

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

Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller Reporting Company

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

The aggregate market value of the voting and non-voting common equity held by non-affiliates of the registrant, based upon the closing sale price of the registrant's common stock as reported on the Nasdaq Capital Market on June 30, 2011 was approximately \$8,500,000. Shares of common stock held by each officer and director and by each person who owns 10% or more of the outstanding common stock have been excluded in that such persons may be deemed to be affiliates. This determination of affiliate status is not necessarily conclusive.

Documents incorporated by reference: None

The number of outstanding shares of the registrant's common stock on February 28, 2012 was 40,885,411.

CAPSTONE THERAPEUTICS CORP.
(Formerly OrthoLogic Corp.)
FORM 10-K ANNUAL REPORT
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011

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PART I

Item 1. Business

Overview of the Business

OrthoLogic Corp. commenced doing business under the trade name of Capstone Therapeutics on October 1, 2008, and we formally changed our name from OrthoLogic Corp. to Capstone Therapeutics Corp. on May 21, 2010.

Capstone Therapeutics Corp., referred to herein as “Capstone Therapeutics”, “Capstone”, “OrthoLogic”, “the Company”, “we”, “us”, or “our”, is a biotechnology company committed to developing a pipeline of novel therapeutic peptides aimed at helping patients with under-served medical conditions. The Company was focused on development and commercialization of two product platforms: AZX100 and Chrysalin (TP508 or rusalotide acetate).

On October 13, 2011, the Company’s Board of Directors adopted a plan to preserve cash during our ongoing partnering efforts and effected a reduction from 18 employees to four employees. We have entered into consulting agreements with various former key employees, but there is no assurance that these persons will be available in the future to the extent their services may be needed.

On January 20, 2012, we announced additional steps we are taking to preserve cash and move towards winding down operations while we continue efforts to create shareholder value through a development partnership or other strategic transactions.

- We will cease clinical development of AZX100, our principal drug candidate, in dermal scarring. Certain pre-clinical, manufacturing and regulatory projects related to AZX100 that are either required from a statutory perspective or are under contract will continue to their completion.
- We will cease all activities related to the development of TP508, our other drug candidate, and return the patent and other intellectual property we own related to TP508 to the original licensor, the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, Texas. Following the return of the intellectual property, we will no longer have any interest in or rights to TP508.

AZX100

AZX100, a novel synthetic 24-amino acid peptide, is believed to relax smooth muscle which modulates blood pressure and the function of blood vessels, airways, sphincters, the gastrointestinal tract and the genitourinary tract. Sustained abnormal contraction of any of these muscles is called a spasm. Any disorders known to be associated with excessive constriction or inadequate dilation of smooth muscle represent potential applications for AZX100.

AZX100 is also believed to inhibit the fibrotic phenotype of fibroblasts and smooth muscle cells in a mechanism similar to that which causes vasorelaxation. Through phenotypic modulation of fibroblasts and smooth muscle cells, AZX100 may inhibit the scarring that results from wound healing and may mitigate fibrotic disease states in the dermis, blood vessels, lungs, liver and other organs.

AZX100 has been evaluated for medically and commercially significant applications, such as prevention or reduction of hypertrophic and keloid scarring and treatment of pulmonary fibrosis. Capstone has an exclusive worldwide license to AZX100. We filed an IND for a dermal scarring indication in 2007, and in 2008 we completed Phase 1a and Phase 1b safety clinical trials supporting AZX100 safety in this indication. We commenced in the first quarter of 2009 Phase 2 clinical trials in dermal scarring following arthroscopic shoulder surgery and in keloid scar revision. These Phase 2 studies completed enrollment in 2009. During 2010 we completed and reported results for our clinical

studies in keloid scarring. We also substantially completed our Phase 2 clinical trial in dermal scarring following shoulder surgery. We completed and reported results from this study during 2011. The Company is currently exploring partnering or development collaboration opportunities for AZX100.

Chrysalin

Chrysalin (TP508), a novel synthetic 23-amino acid peptide, is believed to produce angiogenic and other tissue repair effects in part by 1) activating or upregulating endothelial nitric oxide synthase (eNOS); 2) cytokine modulation resulting in an anti-inflammatory effect; 3) inhibiting apoptosis (programmed cell death); and 4) modulating angiogenic factors. It may have therapeutic value in diseases associated with endothelial dysfunction.

We have conducted clinical trials for two potential Chrysalin applications: acceleration of fracture repair and diabetic foot ulcer healing. We previously conducted a pilot human study for spine fusion, and pre-clinical testing for cartilage defect repair, cardiovascular repair, dental bone repair, and tendon repair.

We intend to cease all activities related to the development of TP508 and return the patent and other intellectual property we own related to TP508 to the original licensor, the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, Texas. Following the return of the intellectual property, the Company will no longer have any interest in or rights to TP508.

Company History

Prior to November 2003, we developed, manufactured and marketed proprietary, technologically advanced orthopedic products designed to promote the healing of musculoskeletal bone and tissue, with particular emphasis on fracture healing and spine repair. Our product lines included bone growth stimulation and fracture fixation devices including the OL1000 product line, SpinaLogic® and OrthoFrame/Mayo, which we sometimes refer to as our “Bone Device Business.” In November 2003, we sold our Bone Device Business.

On August 5, 2004, we purchased substantially all of the assets and intellectual property of Chrysalis Biotechnology, Inc. (“CBI”), including its exclusive worldwide license for Chrysalin for all medical indications. As a result of this acquisition, we became a development stage company. Subsequently, our efforts were focused on research and development of Chrysalin with the goal of commercializing our product candidates.

On February 27, 2006, we purchased certain assets and assumed certain liabilities of AzERx, Inc. Under the terms of the transaction, we acquired an exclusive license for the core intellectual property relating to AZX100.

Our development activities for Chrysalin and AZX100 represent a single operating segment as they share the same product development path and utilize the same Company resources. As a result, we have determined that it is appropriate to reflect our operations as one reportable segment. From August 5, 2004 through December 31, 2011, we have incurred \$146 million in net losses as a development stage company.

Competition

The biopharmaceutical industry is characterized by intense competition and confidentiality. We may not be aware of the other biotechnology, pharmaceutical companies or public institutions that are developing pharmaceuticals that compete with our potential products. We also may not be aware of all the other competing products our known competitors are pursuing. In addition, these biotechnology

companies and public institutions compete with us in recruiting for research personnel and subjects, which may affect our ability to complete our research studies.

AZX100

Dermal Scarring

Approved

We are not aware of any regulated pharmacologic treatment specifically approved for dermal, hypertrophic or keloid scar reduction. Keloid scars are often excised and treated with pressure, radiation, corticosteroids or other agents, with variable results.

In Development

Under an agreement with Isis Pharmaceuticals, Excaliard Pharmaceuticals is developing EXC001, an antisense oligonucleotide, to inhibit expression of connective tissue growth factor (CTGF) to interrupt the process of fibrosis and scarring. Excaliard announced in January 2011 positive six-month efficacy results from small Phase 2 proof-of-concept clinical trials in 1) fine line scars from elective abdominoplasty, and 2) revision of hypertrophic scars from prior breast surgery. In November 2011, Excaliard Pharmaceuticals announced they had entered into an agreement to be acquired by Pfizer, Inc.

Pulmonary Fibrosis

Several investigative agents are in Phase 3 clinical trials, including pirfenidone (Pirespa – Intermune), bosentan (Tracleer – Actelion Pharmaceuticals) and ambrisentan (Letairis – Gilead Sciences / GlaxoSmithKline). Pirfenidone is approved for sale in Japan and the European Union.

Marketing and Sales

AZX100 is not currently available for sale and we do not expect it to be available for sale for some time into the future. Thus, we currently have no marketing or sales staff. External consultants and members of our staff provide some technical marketing support relating to the development of, and market need for, new potential products and additional therapeutic applications of products already under research.

Research and Development

On October 13, 2011, our Board of Directors adopted a plan to preserve cash and effected a reduction from 18 employees to four, leaving one remaining regulatory employee. We have entered into consulting agreements with several former employees in an effort to retain their availability to render services if and when needed.

Prior to October 2011, our Pre-clinical, Clinical, Chemical Materials and Controls, Regulatory and Quality Assurance departments (research and development) consisted of approximately eighteen permanent employees who were assisted by consultants from the academic and medical practitioner fields. These individuals have extensive experience in the areas of biomaterials, animal modeling, cellular and molecular biology, clinical trial design and data management. Our Clinical department designs, initiates, monitors and manages our clinical trials. Our staff was focused on clinical trials to advance AZX100 to NDA status in a dermal indication, pre-clinical studies investigating AZX100's potential for the treatment of pulmonary fibrosis and exploring the science behind and potential of AZX100. We have been executing a development plan that included filing an IND for dermal scarring in 2007 and commencement of Phase 1 safety studies in this indication in the first quarter of 2008. Our Phase 1a study was completed in May 2008. We initiated a second safety study in dermal scarring (Phase

1b), which was completed in the fourth quarter of 2008. In the first quarter of 2009 we commenced Phase 2 clinical trials in keloid scar revision. These Phase 2 studies completed enrollment in 2009. During 2010 we completed and reported results for our Phase 2 clinical trials in keloid scarring. We also commenced in the first quarter of 2009 a Phase 2 clinical trial in dermal scarring following shoulder surgery and completed this trial in 2011. The Safety Committee reviewing all safety-related aspects of these completed Phase 1 and 2 trials was satisfied with the profile of AZX100.

We incurred expenses of \$6.4 million and \$8.2 million, in 2011 and 2010, respectively, related to research efforts on AZX100 and Chrysalin. Given the overlapping nature of this work, it is not possible to clearly separate research expenditures between AZX100 and Chrysalin; however, the majority of expenditures were related to AZX100 in both 2011 and 2010.

Manufacturing

Currently, third parties certified under Good Manufacturing Practices manufacture AZX100 for us in limited amounts for our clinical and pre-clinical studies. We use a primary manufacturer for the peptides used in our human clinical trials, but secondary manufacturers are available as needed. Our current AZX100 formulation and manufacturing work is focused on an injectable formulation.

Patents, Licenses and Proprietary Rights

As part of our purchase of CBI on August 5, 2004, the license agreements between CBI and OrthoLogic for the development, use, and marketing of the therapeutic products utilizing Chrysalin (TP508) were replaced by a direct license agreement between OrthoLogic and the University of Texas. Subsequently, we entered into an agreement whereby the University of Texas assigned to us certain patents previously exclusively licensed to us. Under this agreement, we must pay the University of Texas royalties of 3.3% of covered product sales, and 5% of covered sublicense fees and we must pay various other fees in connection with filing and maintaining Chrysalin-related patents. This obligation will expire upon the expiration of the subject patents. Chrysalin has been patented in the United States and in some other countries for a number of methods of use, including cardiovascular indications. A composition of matter patent covering European countries expired in 2007 and the corresponding United States patent expired in 2011. Our other patents for Chrysalin expire between 2021 and 2024.

On January 20, 2012, we announced our intent to cease all activities related to the development of Chrysalin and to return the patent and other intellectual property we own related to Chrysalin to the original licensor, the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, Texas. Effective March 1, 2012, the intellectual property has been returned and we no longer have any interest or rights to Chrysalin.

As part of the February 27, 2006 AzERx transaction, we acquired a license from AzTE, an affiliate of Arizona State University, for worldwide rights to AZX100 for all indications. Under the license agreement with AzTE, we are required to pay patent filing, maintenance and other related patent fees as well as royalties of 3% of covered product sales and 5% of covered license revenue. These obligations will end on the expiration of the last patent. The license is supported by patents that expire from 2022 to 2024. The license agreement is subject to termination by AzTE for events such as non-compliance with material terms of the license agreement, bankruptcy or liquidation, Force Majeure and non-payment of amounts due.

As part of the February 27, 2006 AzERx transaction we also acquired a non-exclusive license from Washington University for transduction domain carrier patents which form part of AZX100. Under the license, we are required to pay license maintenance payments and royalties of 2% of covered product sales. The license is supported by patents that expire in 2018. These obligations will end on the expiration of the last patent.

We are a development stage research and development company with no products currently approved by the FDA for marketing. We do not expect to have products approved for marketing before 2016, if ever. Accordingly, the foregoing royalty obligations currently do not affect our reported results.

Capstone Therapeutics is a registered United States domestic trademark of Capstone Therapeutics Corp.

Insurance

Our business entails the risk of product liability claims. We maintain a product liability and general liability insurance policy and an umbrella excess liability policy. There can be no assurance that liability claims will not exceed the coverage limit of such policies or that such insurance will continue to be available on commercially reasonable terms or at all. Consequently, product liability claims or claims arising from our clinical trials could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. We have not experienced any material liability claims to date resulting from our clinical trials.

Employees

On October 13, 2011, our Board of Directors adopted a plan to preserve cash during our ongoing partnering efforts and effected a reduction from 18 to four employees.

As of December 31, 2011, we had four fulltime employees in our operations. We have entered into consulting agreements with various former key employees, but there is no assurance that these persons will be available in the future to the extent their services may be needed. As a research and development business, we believe that the success of our business will depend in part on our ability to identify, attract and retain qualified research personnel, both as employees and as consultants. We face competition from private companies and public institutions for qualified research personnel. None of our employees are represented by a union and we consider our relationship with our employees to be good.

Additional Information about Capstone Therapeutics

We were incorporated as a Delaware corporation in July 1987 as IatroMed, Inc. We changed our name to OrthoLogic Corp. in July 1991. Effective October 1, 2008, OrthoLogic Corp. commenced doing business under the trade name of Capstone Therapeutics and we formally changed our name to Capstone Therapeutics Corp. on May 21, 2010. Our executive offices are located at 1275 West Washington Street, Suite 101, Tempe, Arizona 85281, and our telephone number is (602) 286-5520.

Our website address is www.capstonethx.com. Our annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and current reports on Form 8-K, as well as any amendments to those reports, are available free of charge through our website as soon as reasonably practical after we file or furnish them to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. Once at our website, go to the "Investors" section to locate these filings.

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Item 1A. Risk Factors

Risks

We may from time to time make written or oral forward-looking statements, including statements contained in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission and our reports to stockholders. The safe harbor for forward-looking statements contained in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 protects companies from liability for their forward looking statements if they comply with the requirements of that Act. This Annual Report on Form 10-K contains forward-looking statements made pursuant to that safe harbor. These forward-looking statements relate to future events or to our future financial performance, and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause our actual results, levels of activity, performance, or achievements to be materially different from any future results, levels of activity, performance or achievements expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by the use of words such as “may,” “could,” “expect,” “intend,” “plan,” “seek,” “anticipate,” “believe,” “estimate,” “predict,” “potential,” “continue,” or the negative of these terms or other comparable terminology. You should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements since they involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which are, in some cases, beyond our control and which could materially affect actual results, levels of activity, performance or achievements. Factors that may cause actual results to differ materially from current expectations, which we describe in more detail in this section titled “Risks,” include, but are not limited to:

- the impact of our recently adopted plan to preserve cash during ongoing partnering efforts, including the reduction from eighteen employees to four employees and additional steps taken towards winding down operations;
- unfavorable results of our product candidate development efforts;
- unfavorable results of our pre-clinical or clinical testing;
- delays in obtaining, or failure to obtain FDA approvals;
- increased regulation by the FDA and other agencies;
- the introduction of competitive products;
- impairment of license, patent or other proprietary rights;
- failure to achieve market acceptance of our products;
- the impact of present and future collaborative or partnering agreements or the lack thereof;
- failure to successfully implement our drug development strategy;
- failure to obtain additional funds required to complete clinical trials and supporting research and production efforts necessary to obtain FDA approval for our product candidates; and
- effect of the ongoing *qui tam* litigation on our stock price, liquidity, and our ability to execute corporate or other transactions, or our ability to continue operations.

If one or more of these or other risks or uncertainties materialize, or if our underlying assumptions prove to be incorrect, actual results may vary significantly from what we projected. Any forward-looking statement you read in this Annual Report on Form 10-K reflects our current views with respect to future events and is subject to these and other risks, uncertainties and assumptions relating to our operations, results of operations, business strategy and liquidity. We assume no obligation to publicly update or revise these forward-looking statements for any reason, or to update the reasons actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements, even if new information becomes available in the future.

We are a defendant in a qui tam, Federal False Claims Act lawsuit that, if unsuccessfully resolved, could materially and adversely impact our business.

In September 2009, we were served with a *qui tam* complaint, filed in the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts, alleging violations of the Federal False Claims Act in connection with our sales of bone growth stimulation devices prior to our sale of that business in November 2003. See Item 3, Legal Proceedings, below, for a discussion of this lawsuit. On December 8, 2010, the court denied our motion to dismiss and we filed our answer on January 28, 2011. The litigation is now expected to enter the discovery phase.

We believe that our billing practices related to our sale of bone growth stimulation devices complied with applicable laws and that we have meritorious defenses to the complaint. However, because of the many questions of law and fact that may arise, we cannot at this time predict the outcome of the litigation or its impact on our business, liquidity or financial condition. The Relator seeks damages which, if awarded, could include a statutory penalty for each bone stimulation device sold during the relevant period and which, in the aggregate, could exceed the financial resources of the Company. If we are unable to successfully defend or otherwise dispose of this litigation, and the Relator is awarded the damages sought, we would not be able to continue our business as it is presently conducted.

The pendency of this claim may impede or have a material adverse affect on our ability to effect a dissolution, issue a dividend or enter into a strategic transaction.

Risks Related to Our Business

We are a biopharmaceutical company with no revenue generating operations and high investment costs.

We expect to incur losses for a number of years. Our current level of funds is not sufficient to support all research expenses to achieve commercialization of any of our product candidates. In November 2003, we sold all of our revenue generating operations. We are now focused on developing and testing the product candidates of AZX100 and have allocated most of our resources to bringing these product candidates to the market, either through clinical trials or partnering efforts. We currently have no pharmaceutical products being sold or ready for sale and do not expect to be able to introduce any pharmaceutical products for at least several years. As a result of our significant research and development, clinical development, regulatory compliance and general and administrative expenses and the lack of any products to generate revenue, we expect to incur losses for at least the next several years and expect that our losses will increase if we expand our research and development activities and incur significant expenses for clinical trials. Our cash reserves are the primary source of our working capital. To complete the clinical trials and supporting research and production efforts necessary to obtain FDA approval for either AZX100 product candidates would require us to seek other sources of capital. New sources of funds, including raising capital through the sales of securities, joint venture or other forms of joint development arrangements, sales of developments rights, or licensing agreements, may not be available or may only be available at terms that would have a material adverse impact on our existing stockholders' interests.

We may not receive any revenue from our product candidates until we receive regulatory approval and begin commercialization of our product candidates. We cannot predict when that will occur or if it will occur.

We caution that our future cash expenditure levels are difficult to forecast because the forecast is based on assumptions about the level of future operations, including the number of research projects we pursue, the pace at which we pursue them, the quality of the data collected and the requests of the FDA to expand, narrow or conduct additional clinical trials and analyze data. Changes in any of these assumptions can change significantly our estimated cash expenditure levels.

If one of our AZX100 product candidates reveals safety or fundamental efficacy issues in clinical trials, it could impact the development path for our other current product candidates for that peptide.

Should the results of pre-clinical studies or human clinical trials show negative safety or efficacy data, it may impact the development of our AZX100 product candidates, or partnering opportunities for our product candidates.

If we cannot protect the AZX100 patents, or our intellectual property generally, our ability to develop and commercialize our products will be severely limited.

Our success will depend in part on our ability to maintain and enforce patent protection for AZX100 and each product resulting from AZX100. Without patent protection, other companies could offer substantially identical products for sale without incurring the sizable discovery, development and licensing costs that we have incurred. Our ability to recover these expenditures and realize profits upon the sale of products would then be diminished.

AZX100 is patented and there have been no successful challenges to the patents. However, if there were to be a challenge to these patents or any of the patents for product candidates, a court may determine that the patents are invalid or unenforceable. Even if the validity or enforceability of a patent is upheld by a court, a court may not prevent alleged infringement on the grounds that such activity is not covered by the patent claims. Any litigation, whether to enforce our rights to use our or our licensors' patents or to defend against allegations that we infringe third party rights, will be costly, time consuming, and may distract management from other important tasks.

As is commonplace in the biotechnology and pharmaceutical industry, we employ individuals who were previously employed at other biotechnology or pharmaceutical companies, including our competitors or potential competitors. To the extent our employees are involved in research areas which are similar to those areas in which they were involved at their former employers, we may be subject to claims that such employees and/or we have inadvertently or otherwise used or disclosed the alleged trade secrets or other proprietary information of the former employers. Litigation may be necessary to defend against such claims, which could result in substantial costs and be a distraction to management and which may have a material adverse effect on us, even if we are successful in defending such claims.

We also rely in our business on trade secrets, know-how and other proprietary information. We seek to protect this information, in part, through the use of confidentiality agreements with employees, consultants, advisors and others. Nonetheless, we cannot assure that those agreements will provide adequate protection for our trade secrets, know-how or other proprietary information and prevent their unauthorized use or disclosure. The risk that other parties may breach confidentiality agreements or that our trade secrets become known or independently discovered by competitors, could adversely affect us by enabling our competitors, who may have greater experience and financial resources, to copy or use our trade secrets and other proprietary information in the advancement of their products, methods or technologies.

Our success also depends on our ability to operate and commercialize products without infringing on the patents or proprietary rights of others.

Third parties may claim that we or our licensors or suppliers are infringing their patents or are misappropriating their proprietary information. In the event of a successful claim against us or our licensors or suppliers for infringement of the patents or proprietary rights of others, we may be required to, among other things:

- pay substantial damages;
- stop using our technologies;
- stop certain research and development efforts;

- develop non-infringing products or methods; and
- obtain one or more licenses from third parties.

A license required under any such patents or proprietary rights may not be available to us, or may not be available on acceptable terms. If we or our licensors or suppliers are sued for infringement, we could encounter substantial delays in, or be prohibited from, developing, manufacturing and commercializing our product candidates.

The loss of our key management and scientific personnel may hinder our ability to execute our business plan.

As a small company our success depends on the continuing contributions of our management team and scientific personnel, and maintaining relationships with the network of medical and academic centers in the United States that conduct our clinical trials. On October 31, 2011, we reduced our staff to four employees. We have entered into consulting agreements with various former key employees, but there is no assurance that these persons will be available in the future to the extent their services may be needed.

If we are not successful in retaining the services of former key employees it could materially adversely affect our business prospects.

Our reliance on outside suppliers and consultants could have a material effect on our ability to perform research or clinical trials.

We rely on outside suppliers and consultants, including former key employees, for the manufacture of AZX100 and technical assistance in our research and development efforts. The inability of our suppliers to meet our production quality requirements in a timely manner, or the lack of availability of experienced consultants to assist in our research and development efforts, could have a material effect on our ability to perform research or clinical trials.

We face an inherent risk of liability in the event that the use or misuse of our products results in personal injury or death.

The use of our product candidates in clinical trials may expose us to product liability claims, which could result in financial losses. Our clinical liability insurance coverage may not be sufficient to cover claims that may be made against us. In addition, we may not be able to maintain insurance coverage at a reasonable cost or in sufficient amounts or scope to protect us against losses. Any claims against us, regardless of their merit, could severely harm our financial condition, strain our management and other resources and adversely impact or eliminate the prospects for commercialization of the product which is the subject of any such claim.

Risks of our Industry

We are in a highly regulated field with high investment costs and high risks.

The FDA and comparable agencies in many foreign countries impose substantial limitations on the introduction of new pharmaceuticals through costly and time-consuming laboratory and clinical testing and other procedures. The process of obtaining FDA and other required regulatory approvals is lengthy, expensive and uncertain. AZX100 is a new drug and is subject to the most stringent level of FDA review.

Even after we have invested substantial funds in the development of our AZX100 products and even if the results of our future clinical trials are favorable, there can be no guarantee that the FDA will grant approval of AZX100 for the indicated uses or that it will do so in a timely manner.

If we successfully bring one or more products to market, there is no assurance that we will be able to successfully manufacture or market the products or that potential customers will buy them if, for example, a competitive product has greater efficacy or is deemed more cost effective. In addition, the market in which we will sell any such products is dominated by a number of large corporations that have vastly greater resources than we have, which may impact our ability to successfully market our products or maintain any technological advantage we might develop. We also would be subject to changes in regulations governing the manufacture and marketing of our products, which could increase our costs, reduce any competitive advantage we may have and/or adversely affect our marketing effectiveness.

The pharmaceutical industry is subject to stringent regulation, and failure to obtain regulatory approval will prevent commercialization of our products.

Our research, development, pre-clinical and clinical trial activities and the manufacture and marketing of any products that we may successfully develop are subject to an extensive regulatory approval process by the FDA and other regulatory agencies in the United States and abroad. The process of obtaining required regulatory approvals for pharmaceutical products is lengthy, expensive and uncertain, and any such regulatory approvals may entail limitations on the indicated usage of a product, which may reduce the product's market potential.

In order to obtain FDA approval to commercialize any product candidate, an NDA must be submitted to the FDA demonstrating, among other things, that the product candidate is safe and effective for use in humans for each target indication. Our regulatory submissions may be delayed, or we may cancel plans to make submissions for product candidates for a number of reasons, including:

- negative or ambiguous pre-clinical or clinical trial results;
- changes in regulations or the adoption of new regulations;
- unexpected technological developments; and
- developments by our competitors that are more effective than our product candidates.

Consequently, we cannot assure that we will make our submissions to the FDA in the timeframe that we have planned, or at all, or that our submissions will be approved by the FDA. Even if regulatory clearance is obtained, post-market evaluation of our products, if required, could result in restrictions on a product's marketing or withdrawal of a product from the market as well as possible civil and criminal sanctions.

Clinical trials are subject to oversight by institutional review boards and the FDA to ensure compliance with the FDA's good clinical practice regulations, as well as other requirements for good clinical practices. We depend, in part, on third-party laboratories and medical institutions to conduct pre-clinical studies and clinical trials for our products and other third-party organizations to perform data collection and analysis, all of which must maintain both good laboratory and good clinical practices. If any such standards are not complied with in our clinical trials, the FDA may suspend or terminate such trial, which would severely delay and possibly end the development of a product candidate.

We also currently and in the future will depend upon third party manufacturers of our products, which are and will be required to comply with the applicable FDA Good Manufacturing Practice regulations. We cannot be certain that our present or future manufacturers and suppliers will comply with these regulations. The failure to comply with these regulations may result in restrictions in the sale of, or withdrawal of the products from the market. Compliance by third parties with these standards and practices are outside of our direct control.

In addition, we are subject to regulation under state and federal laws, including requirements regarding occupational safety, laboratory practices, environmental protection and hazardous substance control, and may be subject to other local, state, federal and foreign regulation. We cannot predict the impact of such regulations on us, although they could impose significant restrictions on our business and require us to incur additional expenses to comply.

If our competitors develop and market products that are more effective than ours, or obtain marketing approval before we do, our commercial opportunities will be reduced or eliminated.

Competition in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries is intense and is expected to increase. Several biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies, as well as academic laboratories, universities and other research institutions, are involved in research and/or product development for indications targeted for use by AZX100. Many of our competitors have significantly greater research and development capabilities, experience in obtaining regulatory approvals and manufacturing, marketing, financial and managerial resources than we have.

Our competitors may succeed in developing products that are more effective than the ones we have under development or that render our proposed products or technologies noncompetitive or obsolete. In addition, certain of such competitors may achieve product commercialization before we do. If any of our competitors develops a product that is more effective than one we are developing or plan to develop, or is able to obtain FDA approval for commercialization before we do, we may not be able to achieve significant market acceptance for certain products of ours, which would have a material adverse effect on our business.

For a summary of the competitive conditions relating to indications which we are currently considering for AZX100, see Part I, Item 1 in this Report titled "Competition".

Our product candidates may not gain market acceptance among physicians, patients and the medical community, including insurance companies and other third party payors. If our product candidates fail to achieve market acceptance, our ability to generate revenue will be limited.

Even if we obtain regulatory approval for our products, market acceptance will depend on our ability to demonstrate to physicians and patients the benefits of our products in terms of safety, efficacy, and convenience, ease of administration and cost effectiveness. In addition, we believe market acceptance depends on the effectiveness of our marketing strategy, the pricing of our products and the reimbursement policies of government and third-party payors. Physicians may not prescribe our products, and patients may determine, for any reason, that our product is not useful to them. Insurance companies and other third party payors may determine not to reimburse for the cost of the product. If any of our product candidates fails to achieve market acceptance, our ability to generate revenue will be limited.

Healthcare reform and restrictions on reimbursements may limit our financial returns.

Our ability to successfully commercialize our products may depend in part on the extent to which government health administration authorities, private health insurers and other third party payors will reimburse consumers for the cost of these products. Third party payors are increasingly challenging both the need for, and the price of, novel therapeutic drugs and uncertainty exists as to the reimbursement status of newly approved therapeutics. Adequate third party reimbursement may not be available for our products to enable us to maintain price levels sufficient to realize an appropriate return on our investments in research and product development, which could restrict our ability to commercialize a particular product candidate.

Our stock price is volatile and fluctuates due to a variety of factors.

Our stock price has varied significantly in the past (from a high of \$9.32 to a low of \$0.21 during the period of January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2011) and may vary in the future due to a number of factors, including:

- announcement of the results of, or delays in, preclinical and clinical studies;
- fluctuations in our operating results;
- developments in litigation to which we or a competitor is subject;
- announcements and timing of potential partnering, development collaboration or licensing transactions, merger, acquisitions, divestitures, capital raising activities or issuance of preferred stock;
- announcements of technological innovations or new products by us or our competitors;
- FDA and other regulatory actions;
- developments with respect to our or our competitors' patents or proprietary rights;
- public concern as to the safety of products developed by us or others and
- changes in stock market analyst recommendations regarding us, other drug development companies or the pharmaceutical industry generally;

In addition, the stock market has from time to time experienced significant price and volume fluctuations that are unrelated to the operating performance of particular companies. These broad market fluctuations may adversely affect the market price of our stock.

Additional authorized shares of our common stock available for issuance may have dilutive and other material effects on our stockholders.

We are authorized to issue 100,000,000 shares of common stock. As of December 31, 2011, there were 40,775,411 shares of common stock issued and outstanding. However, the total number of shares of our common stock issued and outstanding does not include shares reserved in anticipation of the exercise of options, warrants or additional investment rights. As of December 31, 2011, we had stock options outstanding to purchase approximately 3,372,501 shares of our common stock, the exercise price of which ranges between \$0.42 per share to \$7.83 per share, warrants outstanding to purchase 46,706 shares of our common stock with an exercise price of \$6.39, warrants outstanding to purchase 117,423 shares of our common stock with an exercise price of \$1.91, and we have reserved shares of our common stock for issuance in connection with the potential exercise thereof. To the extent additional options are granted and exercised or additional stock is issued, the holders of our common stock will experience further dilution. At December 31, 2011, 258,024 shares remain available to grant under the 2005 Equity Incentive Plan. In addition, in the event that any future financing or consideration for a future acquisition should be in the form of, be convertible into or exchangeable for, equity securities, investors will experience additional dilution.

Certain provisions of our certificate of incorporation and bylaws will make it difficult for stockholders to change the composition of our board of directors and may discourage takeover attempts that some of our stockholders may consider beneficial.

Certain provisions of our certificate of incorporation and bylaws may have the effect of delaying or preventing changes in control if our board of directors determines that such changes in control are not in the best interests of the Company and our stockholders. These provisions include, among other things, the following:

- a classified board of directors with three-year staggered terms;
- advance notice procedures for stockholder proposals to be considered at stockholders' meetings;
- the ability of our board of directors to fill vacancies on the board;

- a prohibition against stockholders taking action by written consent;
- super majority voting requirements for the stockholders to modify or amend our bylaws and specified provisions of our certificate of incorporation, and
- the ability of our board of directors to issue up to 2,000,000 shares of preferred stock without stockholder approval.

These provisions are not intended to prevent a takeover, but are intended to protect and maximize the value of our stockholders' interests. While these provisions have the effect of encouraging persons seeking to acquire control of our company to negotiate with our board of directors, they could enable our board of directors to prevent a transaction that some, or a majority, of our stockholders might believe to be in their best interests and, in that case, may prevent or discourage attempts to remove and replace incumbent directors. In addition, we are subject to the provisions of Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, which prohibits business combinations with interested stockholders. Interested stockholders do not include stockholders whose acquisition of our securities is pre-approved by our board of directors under Section 203.

We may issue additional shares of preferred stock that have greater rights than our common stock and also have dilutive and anti-takeover effects.

We are permitted by our certificate of incorporation to issue up to 2,000,000 shares of preferred stock. We can issue shares of our preferred stock in one or more series and can set the terms of the preferred stock without seeking any further approval from our common stockholders or other security holders. Any preferred stock that we issue may rank ahead of our common stock in terms of dividend priority or liquidation rights and may have greater voting rights than our common stock.

In connection with a Rights Agreement, dated as of June 19, 2007 and as amended May 21, 2010 and June 6, 2011, between us and the Bank of New York, (the "Rights Agreement"), our board approved the designation of 1,000,000 shares of Series A Preferred Stock. The Rights Agreement and the exercise of rights to purchase Series A Preferred Stock pursuant to the terms thereof may delay, defer or prevent a change in control because the terms of any issued Series A Preferred Stock would potentially prohibit our consummation of certain extraordinary corporate transactions without the approval of the Board of Directors. In addition to the anti-takeover effects of the rights granted under the Rights Agreement, the issuance of preferred stock, generally, could have a dilutive effect on our stockholders.

We have not previously paid dividends on our common stock and we do not anticipate doing so in the foreseeable future.

We have not in the past paid any dividends on our common stock and do not anticipate that we will pay any dividends on our common stock in the foreseeable future. Any future decision to pay a dividend on our common stock and the amount of any dividend paid, if permitted, will be made at the discretion of our board of directors.

Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments

None.

Item 2. Properties

During the years 1998 – 2007, we leased a facility in Tempe, Arizona, which is an approximately 100,000 square foot facility designed and constructed for industrial purposes and is located in an industrial district. It is the same facility we leased prior to our November 2003 divestiture of our bone growth stimulation device business. Following the divestiture, we occupied approximately 20% of the building capacity and subleased some portions of the building to other companies. In July 2007, we entered into a new five-year lease for 17,000 square feet of space in the same Tempe facility, which

became effective March 1, 2008. We believe the facility is well-maintained and adequate for use through the end of our lease term.

Item 3. Legal Proceedings

In April 2009, we became aware of a *qui tam* complaint that was filed under seal by Jeffrey J. Bierman, as Relator/Plaintiff, on March 28, 2005 in the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts against us and other companies that allegedly manufactured bone growth stimulation devices, including Orthofix International N.V., Orthofix, Inc., DJO Incorporated, Reable Therapeutics, Inc., the Blackstone Group, L.P., Biomet, Inc., EBI, L.P., EBI Holdings, Inc., EBI Medical Systems, Inc., Bioelectron, Inc., LBV Acquisition, Inc., and Smith & Nephew, Inc. By order entered on March 24, 2009, the court unsealed the amended complaint. The amended complaint alleges various causes of action under the federal False Claims Act and state and city false claims acts premised on the contention that the defendants improperly promoted the sale, as opposed to the rental, of bone growth stimulation devices. The amended complaint also includes claims against the defendants for, among other things, allegedly misleading physicians and purportedly causing them to file false claims and for allegedly violating the Anti-kickback Act by providing free products to physicians, waiving patients' insurance co-payments, and providing inducements to independent sales agents to generate business. The Relator is seeking civil penalties under various state and federal laws, as well as treble damages, which, in the aggregate could exceed the financial resources of the Company.

The United States Government declined to intervene or participate in the case. On September 4, 2009, Jeffrey J. Bierman, the Relator/Plaintiff, served the amended complaint to the Company. We sold our bone growth stimulation business in November 2003 and have had no further activity in the bone growth stimulation business since that date. We intend, in conjunction with the other defendants, to defend this matter vigorously and believe that at all times our billing practices in our bone growth stimulation business complied with applicable laws. On December 4, 2009, we, in conjunction with the other defendants, moved to dismiss the amended complaint with prejudice. In response to that motion, Realtor/Plaintiff filed a second amended complaint. On August 17, 2010, the Company, in conjunction with the other defendants, moved to dismiss the second amended complaint with prejudice. That motion was denied by the court on December 8, 2010. We, in conjunction with the other defendants, on January 28, 2011, filed answers to the second amended complaint. No trial date has been set. Discovery in the case is now open.

Because of the many questions of law and fact that may arise, the outcome of the litigation or its impact on our business, liquidity or financial condition is uncertain. If we are unable to successfully defend or otherwise dispose of this litigation, and the Relator/Plaintiff is awarded the damages sought, we would not be able to continue our business as it is presently conducted.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

None.

PART II

Item 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

Market Information

Our common stock commenced trading on Nasdaq on January 28, 1993 and was delisted by Nasdaq on July 21, 2011. Our common stock is currently traded on the OTCQB under the symbol "CAPS." The following table sets forth, for the fiscal periods indicated, the range of high and low sales prices of our common stock.

	2011		2010	
	High	Low	High	Low
First Quarter	\$ 0.69	\$ 0.40	\$ 1.20	\$ 0.70
Second Quarter	\$ 0.48	\$ 0.21	\$ 1.00	\$ 0.66
Third Quarter	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.97	\$ 0.63
Fourth Quarter	\$ 0.29	\$ 0.21	\$ 1.23	\$ 0.45

As of February 29, 2012, 40,885,411 shares of our common stock were outstanding and held by approximately 864 stockholders of record.

Dividends

We have never paid a cash dividend on our common stock. We do not intend to pay any cash dividends on our common stock in the foreseeable future.

Recent Sales of Unregistered Securities

None.

Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

None.

Item 6. Selected Financial Data

SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

The selected financial data for the Company's development stage period, August 5, 2004 through December 31, 2011, is derived from our audited financial statements. The selected financial data should be read in conjunction with the financial statements, related notes to the financial statements and other financial information appearing elsewhere in this annual report on Form 10-K and particularly the discussion in "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations." We sold our bone growth stimulation device business ("Bone Device Business") on November 26, 2003. On August 5, 2004, we purchased substantially all the assets and the intellectual property of CBI. We became a development stage company commensurate with the CBI acquisition. On February 27, 2006, we purchased certain assets and assumed certain liabilities of AzERx. The financial data as presented in the following schedule reflects the gain on the sale of the bone growth stimulation device business as discontinued operations and reflects the purchased net assets of CBI and AzERx from the dates of those respective acquisitions.

Research and Development expenses in 2005 and 2006 include expenditures related to Phase 3 and Phase 2b Chrysalin clinical trials in distal radial fracture.

On March 15, 2006, we reported results of our Phase 3 fracture repair human clinical trial. For the primary endpoint, time to removal of immobilization, no statistically significant difference was observed between placebo and a single injection of Chrysalin.

On August 29, 2006, we reported the results of interim analysis of data from our Phase 2b dose-ranging clinical trial of Chrysalin in unstable, displaced distal radius (wrist) fractures and termination of the Phase 2b study. In the dataset of 240 subjects as a group that were evaluable in the Phase 2b interim

analysis, treatment with Chrysalin did not demonstrate benefit compared to placebo in the primary efficacy endpoint of time to removal of immobilization.

In 2006, we implemented a strategic shift in our development approach to our Chrysalin-based product candidates, to pursue development partnering or licensing opportunities for our Chrysalin-based product candidates, a change from our previous development history of independently conducting human clinical trials necessary to advance our Chrysalin-based product candidates to market.

Research and Development expenses in 2007 include regulatory required expenses related to the completion of the Phase 3 and Phase 2b distal radial fracture studies and expenses to file an IND in dermal scarring for AZX100. Research and Development expenses in 2008 include expenditures to complete Phase 1a and Phase 1b safety clinical trials in dermal scarring for AZX100. Research and Development expenses in 2010 and 2009 include expenditures on Phase 2 clinical trials for AZX100 in keloid scar revision and dermal scarring following shoulder surgery, which commenced in the first quarter of 2009. During 2010 we completed and reported results for our clinical trials in keloid scarring and in 2011 we completed and reported results for our Phase 2 clinical trial in dermal scarring following shoulder surgery.

On October 13, 2011, we adopted a plan to conserve cash during our ongoing partnering efforts and effected a reduction from 18 to four employees. On January 20, 2012, we announced that we were taking additional steps to preserve cash and moving towards winding down operations.

STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS DATA
(A Development Stage Company)
(in thousands, except per share amounts)

	Years Ended December 31,					August 5, 2004 to December 31, 2006
	2011 (1)	2010 (1)	2009(2)	2008(3)	2007	(4) (5) (6)
Operating expenses						
General and administrative	\$ 3,506	\$ 3,240	\$ 2,901	\$ 2,991	\$ 3,738	\$ 13,346
Research and development	6,394	8,168	11,968	10,693	9,641	53,185
Purchased in-process research and development	-	-	-	-	-	34,311
Other	-	-	-	-	-	(375)
Total operating expenses	9,900	11,408	14,869	13,684	13,379	100,467
Interest and other income, net	(31)	(356)	(737)	(2,082)	(3,278)	(7,274)
Loss from continuing operations before taxes	9,869	11,052	14,132	11,602	10,101	93,193
Income taxes expense (benefit)	(158)	(181)	(1,009)	(363)	-	356
Loss from continuing operations	9,711	10,871	13,123	11,239	10,101	93,549
Discontinued operations						
Net gain on the sale of the bone device business net of taxes \$0, \$0, \$0, \$0, \$0, (\$363) respectively	-	-	-	-	-	(2,202)
NET LOSS	<u>\$ 9,711</u>	<u>\$ 10,871</u>	<u>\$ 13,123</u>	<u>\$ 11,239</u>	<u>\$ 10,101</u>	<u>\$ 91,347</u>
Per Share Information:						
Net loss from continuing operations basic and diluted	<u>\$ 0.24</u>	<u>\$ 0.27</u>	<u>\$ 0.32</u>	<u>\$ 0.27</u>	<u>\$ 0.24</u>	
Net (income) from discontinued operations basic and diluted	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	
Net loss basic and diluted	<u>\$ 0.24</u>	<u>\$ 0.27</u>	<u>\$ 0.32</u>	<u>\$ 0.27</u>	<u>\$ 0.24</u>	
Basic and diluted shares outstanding	40,775	40,775	40,775	41,078	41,644	

- The 2011 and 2010 income tax benefits result from Arizona state income tax legislation passed in 2010 that provides for the refund of seventy five percent of the 2011 and 2010 Arizona state research and development tax credits for entities that would otherwise not be able to utilize their 2011 and 2010 Arizona research and development tax credits to reduce 2011 and 2010 Arizona state income taxes currently payable.
- The income tax benefit in 2009 of \$1,009,000 results from the carryback of our net operating loss for federal income tax purposes for the year ended December 31, 2008 to the year ended December 31, 2003, as allowed by federal tax legislation passed in 2009.
- The income tax benefit in 2008 resulted from a reversal of an expected income tax liability recorded on the initial adoption on January 1, 2007 of Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Interpretation No. 48 "Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes -- an interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109".
- Research and development expenses in 2006 include recognition of a \$2,100,000 Chrysalin patent cost impairment loss. Operating expenses in 2006 included \$8,471,000 of purchased in-process research and development costs associated with the AzERx acquisition in February 2006. Income tax expenses in 2006 included the recording of a \$1,106,000 valuation allowance for a deferred tax asset related to an Alternative Minimum Tax credit carryover.
- On August 5, 2004, we completed the acquisition of CBI. Capstone expensed in-process research and development and acquisition costs of \$25.8 million.
- A net gain of \$2,048,000 was recognized on the sale of the Bone Device Business primarily due to a decrease in the risk related to the potential exposure of the representations and warranties provided in the governing asset purchase agreement.

BALANCE SHEET DATA

(in thousands)

	December 31,				
	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Working capital	\$ 14,417	\$ 23,214	\$ 34,395	\$ 44,865	\$ 37,684
Total assets	\$ 14,696	\$ 25,288	\$ 37,135	\$ 49,514	\$ 61,862
Potentially redeemable equity	\$ -	\$ 15,556	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Stockholders' equity	\$ 14,577	\$ 7,916	\$ 34,728	\$ 47,522	\$ 59,461

Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

OVERVIEW OF BUSINESS

Company History

Prior to November 26, 2003, we developed, manufactured and marketed proprietary, technologically advanced orthopedic products designed to promote the healing of musculoskeletal bone and tissue, with particular emphasis on fracture healing and spine repair. Our product lines included bone growth stimulation and fracture fixation devices including the OL1000 product line, SpinaLogic® and OrthoFrame/Mayo, which we sometimes refer to as our "Bone Device Business."

On November 26, 2003, we sold our Bone Device Business. Our principal business remains focused on tissue repair, although through biopharmaceutical approaches rather than through the use of medical devices.

On August 5, 2004, we purchased substantially all of the assets and intellectual property of Chrysalis Biotechnology, Inc. ("CBI"), including its exclusive worldwide license for Chrysalin for all medical indications. We became a development stage entity commensurate with the acquisition. Subsequently, all of our collective efforts were focused on research and development of our Chrysalin Product Platform, with the goal of commercializing our products.

On February 27, 2006 we purchased certain assets and assumed certain liabilities of AzERx, Inc. Under the terms of the transaction, we acquired an exclusive license for the core intellectual property relating to AZX100, a 24-amino acid synthetic peptide. We have an exclusive worldwide license to AZX100.

OrthoLogic Corp. commenced doing business under the trade name of Capstone Therapeutics on October 1, 2008, and we formally changed our name from OrthoLogic Corp. to Capstone Therapeutics Corp. on May 21, 2010.

Capstone Therapeutics is a registered United States domestic trademark of Capstone Therapeutics Corp.

Our development activities for the Chrysalin and AZX100 represent a single operating segment as they share the same product development path and utilize the same Company resources. As a result, we have determined that it is appropriate to reflect our operations as one reportable segment. From August 5, 2004 through December 31, 2011, we have incurred approximately \$146 million in net losses as a development stage company.

Description of the business

Capstone is a biotechnology company committed to developing a pipeline of novel peptides and other molecules aimed at helping patients with under-served conditions. We have been focused on the development and commercialization of two product platforms: AZX100 and Chrysalin® (TP508).

On October 13, 2011, the Company's Board of Directors adopted a plan to preserve cash during our ongoing partnering efforts and effected a reduction from 18 employees to four employees. We have entered into consulting agreements with various former key employees, but there is no assurance that these persons will be available in the future to the extent their services may be needed.

On January 20, 2012, we announced additional steps we have taken to preserve cash and move towards winding down operations while we continue efforts to create shareholder value through a development partnership or other strategic transactions.

- We will cease clinical development of AZX100, our principal drug candidate, in dermal scarring. Certain pre-clinical, manufacturing and regulatory projects related to AZX100 that are either required from a statutory perspective or are under contract will continue to their completion.
- We will cease all activities related to the development of TP508, our other drug candidate, and return the patent and other intellectual property we own related to TP508 to the original licensor, the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, Texas. Following the return of the intellectual property, we will no longer have any interest in or rights to TP508.

AZX100

AZX100 is a novel synthetic pre-clinical 24-amino acid peptide. AZX100 relaxes smooth muscle, which modulates blood pressure and the function of blood vessels, airways, sphincters, the gastrointestinal tract and the genitourinary tract. Sustained abnormal contraction of any of these muscles is called spasm. Any disorders known to be associated with excessive constriction or inadequate dilation of smooth muscle represent potential applications for AZX100.

AZX100 may also inhibit the fibrotic phenotype of fibroblasts and smooth muscle cells in a mechanism similar to that which causes vasorelaxation. Through phenotypic modulation of fibroblasts and smooth muscle cells, AZX100 may inhibit the scarring that results from wound healing and disease states in the dermis, blood vessels, lungs, liver and other organs.

We have been executing a development plan for this peptide which included the filing of an IND for a dermal indication in 2007, completion of Phase 1a and Phase 1b safety studies in 2008, and included the commencement of Phase 2 efficacy studies in dermal scarring in the first quarter of 2009. The first safety study was completed in mid 2008. Our second safety study for dermal scarring (Phase 1b) was completed in the fourth quarter of 2008. During 2010 we completed and reported results for our Phase 2 clinical trials in keloid scar revision. In 2011 we completed and reported our Phase 2 clinical trial in dermal scarring following shoulder surgery. The studies' Safety Committee reviewing all safety-related aspects of the completed clinical trials was satisfied with the profile of AZX100.

Chrysalin

Chrysalin (TP508), a novel synthetic 23-amino acid peptide, is believed to produce angiogenic and other tissue repair effects by activating or upregulating nitric oxide synthase (NOS) and the production of nitric oxide in endothelial cells, and if so, it may have potential therapeutic value in tissues and diseases exhibiting endothelial dysfunction. We have conducted clinical trials for two potential Chrysalin-based products, acceleration of fracture repair, and diabetic foot ulcer. We previously conducted a pilot study for spine fusion. We have conducted pre-clinical testing for cartilage defect

repair, cardiovascular repair (including acute myocardial infarction and myocardial ischemia), dental bone repair and tendon repair.

We did not plan to re-enter clinical trials with Chrysalin and had focused our efforts on development partnering and licensing opportunities. On January 20, 2011, we announced that we will cease all activities related to the development of Chrysalin and return the patents and other intellectual property related to Chrysalin to the original licensor, the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, Texas. Following the return of the intellectual property, the Company will no longer have any interest or rights to Chrysalin.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires that management make a number of assumptions and estimates that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, and expenses in our financial statements and accompanying notes. Management bases its estimates on historical experience and various other assumptions believed to be reasonable. Although these estimates are based on management's best knowledge of current events and actions that may impact the Company in the future, actual results may differ from these estimates and assumptions. Our critical accounting policies are those that affect, or could affect our financial statements materially and involve a significant level of judgment by management.

Income Taxes: Accounting Standards Codification Topic 740 "Income Taxes" requires that a valuation allowance be established when it is more likely than not that all or a portion of a deferred tax asset will not be realized. Changes in valuation allowances from period to period are included in the tax provision in the period of change. In determining whether a valuation allowance is required, we take into account all evidence with regard to the utilization of a deferred tax asset, including past earnings history, expected future earnings, the character and jurisdiction of such earnings, unsettled circumstances that, if unfavorably resolved, would adversely affect utilization of a deferred tax asset, carryback and carryforward periods, and tax strategies that could potentially enhance the likelihood of realization of a deferred asset. We have evaluated the available evidence about future taxable income and other possible sources of realization of deferred tax assets and have established a valuation allowance for all of our deferred tax assets of approximately \$55 million at December 31, 2011.

Patents: On November 2, 2006, we announced that we have no immediate plans to re-enter clinical trials for Chrysalin-based product candidates and a strategic shift in our development approach to our Chrysalin product platform. Accounting Standards Codification Topic 350 "Intangibles – Goodwill and Other" requires an impairment loss be recognized for an amortizable intangible asset whenever the net cash in-flow to be generated from an asset is less than its carrying cost. We were unable to determine the timing or amount of net cash in-flow to be generated from Chrysalin-based product candidates. Accordingly, due to this uncertainty, we recognized an impairment loss for the amount of unamortized Chrysalin product platform patent costs of \$2,100,000 in 2006. The impairment loss was included in research and development expenses in 2006.

Legal and Other Contingencies: As discussed in Part I, Item 3 of this Form 10-K under the heading "Legal Proceedings" and in Note 11, "Contingency – Legal Proceedings" in Notes to Financial Statements, the Company is subject to legal proceedings and claims that arise in the course of business. The Company records a liability when it is probable that a loss has been incurred and the amount is reasonably estimable. There is significant judgment required in both the probability determination and as to whether an exposure can be reasonably estimated. In the opinion of management, there was not at least a reasonable possibility the Company may have incurred a material loss with respect to loss contingencies. However, the outcome of legal proceedings and claims brought against the Company are

subject to significant uncertainty. Therefore, if the *qui tam* legal matter is resolved against the Company in excess of management's expectations, the Company's financial statements could be materially adversely affected.

Fair value measurements: We determine the fair value measurements of our applicable assets and liabilities based on a three-tier fair value hierarchy, which prioritizes the inputs used in measuring fair value. These tiers include: Level 1, defined as observable inputs such as quoted market prices in active markets; Level 2, defined as inputs other than quoted prices in active markets that are either directly or indirectly observable; and Level 3, defined as unobservable inputs for which little or no market data exists, therefore requiring an entity to develop its own assumptions.

Stock based compensation: Effective January 1, 2006, we adopted SFAS No. 123 (revised 2004), "Share-Based Payment", now Accounting Standards Codification Topic 718 "Stock Compensation" ("ASC 718"). ASC 718 requires liability classified share-based payments, including grants of stock options, restricted stock units and employee stock purchase rights, to be recorded at fair value. Liability classified awards are to be remeasured at each reporting period with subsequent changes charged to operations. All of our outstanding share-based payments awards were accounted for as liability awards because of the issuance of the put rights. The fair value of liability classified stock option awards is calculated utilizing the Black-Scholes option pricing model as probability weighted for potential put right outcomes. The valuation model utilizes inputs including expected volatility, expected life, risk-free interest rate, expected dividends and probability weighting (Level 3 inputs). We use the historical volatility adjusted for future expectations. The expected life is based on the remaining contractual life of the awards. The risk-free interest rate assumption is based on observed interest rates appropriate for the expected term of our awards. The dividend yield assumption is based on our history and expectation of dividend payouts. The probability-weighting is based on expectations as to the outcome of the exercise of the put rights. The fair value of restricted stock awards classified as liabilities are calculated using the then estimated put price determined as defined in our Certificate of Incorporation. Upon expiration of the put rights on June 30, 2011, the remaining share based payments awards liability was reclassified to stockholders' equity. If factors change and we employ different assumptions, stock-based compensation expense may differ significantly from what we have recorded in the past. To the extent that we grant additional equity securities to employees, our stock-based compensation expense will be increased by the additional compensation resulting from those additional grants.

Put rights: The put rights are considered embedded equity derivatives under derivative accounting standards. Accordingly, we have bifurcated the estimated fair value of the put rights from the value of our potentially redeemable equity, and recognize subsequent changes in the fair value of the put rights within the statement of operations. We measure the estimated fair value of the put rights based on market transactions which consider the impact of a put right feature within an entity's common stock at the time of an event that would negatively affect the price of a company's common stock (Level 3 inputs). The estimated fair value of the put rights also considers the market value of our common stock in relation to the estimated put price at June 2011. At December 31, 2010 the fair value of the put rights was not material. The put rights expired on June 30, 2011.

Potentially redeemable equity: The potential obligation at December 31, 2010, created by the put rights, to purchase shares of its common stock, assuming redemption of 100% of the Company's outstanding shares of common stock at December 31, 2010, and using the estimated put price determined as defined in our Certificate of Incorporation, was reclassified at December 31, 2010 to potentially redeemable equity. This amount was adjusted each reporting period to reflect changes in the put right redemption obligation. The put rights expired on June 30, 2011, ending the potential redemption obligation.

Results of Operations Comparing Years Ended December 31, 2011 and 2010

On October 13, 2011, the Company's Board of Directors adopted a plan to preserve cash during our ongoing partnering efforts and a reduction from 18 employees to four employees. The Company has attempted to retain the services of several former key employees through consulting agreements.

General and Administrative ("G&A") Expenses: G&A expenses related to our ongoing development operations were \$3,506,000 in 2011 compared to \$3,240,000 in 2010. Our administrative expenses during 2011 reflect a comparable level of administrative activity in 2010 with the increase in expenses between periods due to severance payments resulting from the reductions in staff and officers salaries effective October 31, 2011, totaling approximately \$1.1 million, partially offset by the effect of elimination of the Company's performance based incentive bonus plan and reduced expenses from the decrease in operational activity after October 31, 2011.

Research and Development Expenses: Research and development expenses were \$6,394,000 for 2011 compared to \$8,168,000 in 2010. Our research and development expenses decreased in 2011 compared to 2010 primarily due to reduced clinical costs in 2011 compared to 2010 related to our Phase 2 clinical trials. Our Phase 2 clinical trials for keloid scar revision were completed in 2010 and our Phase 2 clinical trial in dermal scarring following shoulder surgery was substantially completed in 2010. These cost decreases were partially offset by severance costs of \$600,000 in 2011.

Interest and Other Income, Net: Interest and other income, net decreased from \$356,000 in 2010 to \$31,000 in 2011 due to the reduction in the amount available for investment and the shift in late 2010 to investments with maturities of ninety days or less. Interest and Other Income in 2010 also included a \$244,000 Therapeutic Discovery Project federal grant.

Net Loss: We incurred a net loss in 2011 of \$9.7 million compared to a net loss of \$10.9 million in 2010. The decrease in the net loss for 2011 compared to 2010 resulted primarily from reduced clinical costs in 2011 compared to 2010 related to our Phase 2 clinical trials, the effect of elimination of the Company's performance based incentive bonus plan and decreased operating costs after October 31, 2011. Our Phase 2 clinical trials for keloid scar revision were completed in 2010 and our Phase 2 clinical trial in dermal scarring following shoulder surgery was substantially completed in 2010. These cost decreases were partially offset by severance costs of approximately \$1.7 million in 2011.

Results of Operations Comparing Years Ended December 31, 2010 and 2009

General and Administrative ("G&A") Expenses: G&A expenses related to our ongoing development operations were \$3,240,000 for the year ended December 31, 2010 compared to \$2,901,000 in the same period in 2009. Our administrative expenses during 2010 reflect a comparable level of administrative activity in 2009.

Research and Development Expenses: Research and development expenses were \$8,168,000 for the year ended December 31, 2010, compared to \$11,968,000 for 2009. Our research and development expenses decreased in 2010, compared to 2009 primarily due to a decrease in AZX100 clinical trial activity, the purchase in 2009 of \$600,000 of peptide and completion in 2009 of our planned partnering or development collaboration research support activities for Chrysalin. Given the overlapping nature of our research efforts it is not possible to clearly separate research expenditures between Chrysalin and AZX100; however, the substantial majority of our research and development expenses in 2010 and 2009 were directed toward AZX100 development efforts.

Interest and Other Income, Net: Interest and other income, net decreased from \$737,000 in 2009 to \$356,000 in 2010 due to the decrease in interest rates earned on investments between the two periods and reduction in the amount available for investment. Additionally, 2010 includes a \$244,000 Therapeutic Discovery Project federal grant.

Net Loss: We incurred a net loss in the year ended December 31, 2010 of \$10.9 million compared to a net loss of \$13.1 million in 2009. The \$2.2 million decrease in the net loss for 2010 compared to 2009 resulted primarily from a decrease in AZX100 clinical trial activity, the purchase in 2009 of \$600,000 of peptide and completion in 2009 of our planned partnering or development collaboration and research support activities for Chrysalin. This decrease was offset by reduced interest income due to the decrease in interest rates earned on investments between the two periods and reduction in the amount available for investment. Additionally, 2009 included a \$1,009,000 income tax benefit recorded in 2009, due to federal tax legislation passed in 2009, while 2010 included an \$181,000 income tax benefit due to Arizona state tax legislation passed in 2010.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

We have historically financed our operations through operating cash flows and the public and private sales of equity securities. However, with the sale of our Bone Device Business in November 2003, we sold all of our revenue producing operations. Since that time, we have relied on our cash and investments to finance all our operations, the focus of which was research and development of our Chrysalin and AZX100 product candidates. We received approximately \$93.0 million in cash from the sale of our Bone Device Business. On December 1, 2005, we received the additional \$7.2 million, including interest, from the escrow balance related to the sale of the Bone Device Business. On February 27, 2006, we entered into an agreement with Quintiles (see Note 15 to our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities Exchange Commission on March 5, 2008), which provided an investment by Quintiles in our common stock, of which \$2,000,000 was received on February 27, 2006 and \$1,500,000 was received on July 3, 2006. In 2010 we received a tax refund of \$1,009,000 from the tax year 2003, related to federal tax legislation recorded in the fourth quarter of 2009, and in 2010 we were awarded a Therapeutic Discovery Project federal grant of \$244,000, of which \$78,000 was received in 2010. In 2011, we received an Arizona State income tax refund for the 2010 tax year of \$181,000 and we expect to receive an additional Arizona State income tax refund of \$158,000 in 2012 for the 2011 tax year. We also received net proceeds of \$4,612,000 from the exercise of stock options during our development stage period. At December 31, 2011, we had cash and cash equivalents of \$13.8 million.

On October 13, 2011, our Board of Directors adopted a plan to preserve cash during our ongoing partnering efforts and effected a reduction from 18 employees to four employees. The Company has attempted to retain the services of several former key employees through consulting agreements.

On January 20, 2012, we announced additional steps we have taken to preserve cash and move towards winding down operations while we continue efforts to create shareholder value through a development partnership or other strategic transactions.

- We will cease clinical development of AZX100, our principal drug candidate, in dermal scarring. Certain pre-clinical, manufacturing and regulatory projects related to AZX100 that are either required from a statutory perspective or are under contract will continue to their completion.
- We will cease all activities related to the development of TP508, our other drug candidate, and return the patent and other intellectual property we own related to TP508 to the original licensor, the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, Texas. Following the return of the intellectual property, we will no longer have any interest in or rights to TP508.

If we continue a plan to wind down operations in 2012, we currently estimate that we will expend between \$2.5 to \$3.0 million in 2012, excluding litigation costs related to the *qui tam* action, which can not be estimated at this time and could be significant. Currently our planned operations in 2012 consist of continuing our development partnering efforts for AZX100, investigating pre-clinical, clinical or other strategic options to create shareholder value and maintaining the required level of corporate governance and reporting required to comply with Securities and Exchange Commission rules and regulations.

Our future research and development and other expenses will vary significantly from prior periods and depend on the Company's decisions on its future AZX100 development plans, results of our efforts to create shareholder value and *qui tam* litigation activity.

We anticipate that our cash and short-term investments at December 31, 2011 will be sufficient to meet our presently projected cash and working capital requirements for the next year. However, to complete the clinical trials and supporting research and production efforts necessary to obtain FDA approval for AZX100 product candidates would require us to obtain substantial additional capital. New sources of funds, including raising capital through the sales of our debt or equity securities, joint venture or other forms of joint development arrangements, sales of development rights, or licensing agreements, may not be available or may only be available on terms that would have a material adverse impact on our existing stockholders' interests. We can not currently predict the amount of funds that will be required to bring the *qui tam* action to a final resolution.

Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

Our investment portfolio is used to preserve our capital until it is required to fund our operations. Our investment instruments are classified as held-to-maturity and we do not hold any derivative financial instruments in our investment portfolio. We maintain a non-trading investment portfolio of investment grade securities that limits the amount of non-U.S. government obligations credit exposure of any one issue, issuer or type of instrument. Due to the short duration and conservative nature of these instruments, we do not believe that we have a material exposure to interest rate risk.

Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data

Balance sheets as of December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010, statements of operations, potentially redeemable equity and stockholders' equity and cash flows for each of the years in the two-year period ended December 31, 2011, and the statements of operations, potentially redeemable equity, shareholders' equity and cash flows for the period of August 5, 2004 through December 31, 2011, together with the related notes and the reports of Moss Adams LLP and Ernst & Young LLP, our independent registered public accounting firms, are set forth on the "F" pages of this Form 10-K.

Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure

None.

Item 9A. Controls and Procedures

Conclusion Regarding the Effectiveness of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Our management, with the participation of our principal executive officer and principal financial and accounting officer, has reviewed and evaluated our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in the Securities Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(e)) as of the end of the period covered by this Form 10-K. Based on that evaluation, our management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial and accounting officer, has concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of the end of the period covered by this Form 10-K in ensuring that information required to be disclosed in the reports that we file or submit under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is recorded,

processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms and is accumulated and communicated to management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial and accounting officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Management's Annual Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

The management of Capstone Therapeutics Corp. (a development stage company) is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting, as such term is defined in Exchange Act Rule 13a - 15(f). Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, we conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting based on the framework in Internal Control - Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. Based on our evaluation under the framework in Internal Control - Integrated Framework, our management concluded that our internal control over financial reporting was effective as of December 31, 2011.

This annual report does not include an attestation report of the Company's independent registered public accounting firm regarding internal control over financial reporting. Management's report was not subject to attestation by the Company's registered public accounting firm pursuant to rules of the Securities Exchange Commission that permit the Company to provide only management's report in this annual report.

Management's Annual Report on Changes in Internal Controls

There were no changes in our internal controls over financial reporting during the fiscal quarter ended December 31, 2011, that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

Item 9B. Other Information

None.

PART III

Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance

INFORMATION CONCERNING DIRECTORS

On January 17, 2012, our Board of Directors (the "Board") voted to reduce the size of our Board from six members to three members. Concurrent with this action, Robert J. Spiegel, MD, William M. Wardell, MD, Ph.D. and Augustus A. White III, MD, Ph.D. resigned from the Board.

John M. Holliman, III

John M. Holliman III, 58, has served as Executive Chairman and Principal Executive Officer of the Company since April 2006 and has served as a director of the Company since September 1987 and as Chairman of the Board of Directors since August 1997. Since February 1993 he has been a general partner of entities which are the general partners of Valley Ventures, LP (formerly known as Arizona Growth Partners, LP), Valley Ventures II, LP, Valley Ventures III, LP, Valley Ventures III Annex, LP, all of which are venture capital funds that invest principally in life science companies.

John M. Holliman, III has over thirty years of business experience, including service on the boards of over forty companies, commercial lending experience with a major financial institution, and has been active in venture capital financing for over twenty years, concentrating in the medical/biotech industries. Mr. Holliman earned a BBA in Finance and a MBA from Southern Methodist University and a Master of International Management from the Thunderbird School of Global Management. During his career Mr. Holliman has gained substantial executive and board level experience in business, finance and operations. The Board believes the experience and knowledge of Mr. Holliman qualifies him to serve on our board.

Fredric J. Feldman, Ph.D. (1) (2) (3)

Fredric J. Feldman, Ph.D., 71, has been the President of FJF Associates, a consultant to health care venture capital and emerging companies, since February 1992. From September 1995 to June 1996, he was the Chief Executive Officer of Biex, Inc., a women's healthcare company. He served as Chief Executive Officer of Oncogenetics, Inc., a cancer genetics reference laboratory, from 1992 to 1995. Between 1988 and 1992, Dr. Feldman was the President and Chief Executive Officer of Microgenics Corporation, a medical diagnostics company.

Dr. Feldman received his Ph.D. in analytical chemistry from the University of Maryland. He has been a director of a number of public and private companies involved in the healthcare industry. The Board believes that Dr. Feldman's over forty years of operating, scientific and business experience in the medical/biotech industry qualifies him for service on our board.

Elwood D. Howse, Jr. (1) (2) (3)

Elwood D. Howse, Jr., 72, has served as a director of the Company since September 1987. In 1982, Mr. Howse founded Cable, Howse and Ragen, investment banking and stock brokerage firm, now owned by Wells Fargo and known as Ragen MacKenzie. In 1977, Mr. Howse co-founded Cable & Howse Ventures, an early stage venture capital firm focused on technology. In 1976, he served as Vice President, Corporate Finance, for Foster & Marshall, a northwest stock brokerage firm. In 1974 he was the Chief Financial Officer of Seattle Stevedore Company and the Miller Produce Company. Mr. Howse has served as a corporate director and advisor to various public, private and non-profit enterprises. He served on the board of the National Venture Capital Association and is past President of the Stanford Business School Alumni Association. He currently serves on the boards of directors of BSQUARE Corporation (BSQR), Formotus, Inc., BeneSol Corporation and not-for-profits, Junior Achievement Worldwide and Junior Achievement of Washington. Mr. Howse holds a BS in Engineering from Stanford University and an MBA from Stanford Graduate School of Business.

The Board believes Mr. Howse's education and experience, particularly Mr. Howse's financial experience, which qualifies him to be designated as our financial expert on our Audit Committee, brings important financial and business experience to the board and qualifies him to serve on our board.

- (1) Member of the Audit Committee
- (2) Member of the Compensation Committee
- (3) Member of the Corporate Governance/Nominating Committee

The Audit Committee, which is a separately-designated standing committee established in accordance with Section 3(a)(58)(A) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), consisted of Mr. Howse (Chairman), Dr. White and Dr. Spiegel. On January 17, 2012, Dr. White, Dr. Wardell and Dr. Spiegel resigned from our Board and from all committees. Dr. Feldman joined the Audit Committee on January 17, 2012.

In particular, all Audit Committee members possess the required level of financial literacy, at least one member of the Audit Committee meets the current standard of requisite financial management expertise and the Board of Directors has determined that Elwood D. Howse, Jr., the Chairman of the Audit Committee, is an “audit committee financial expert” as defined in Item 407(d) of Regulation S-K of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”). Additionally, Mr. Howse and each of the other members of the Audit Committee is an “independent director” as defined in Nasdaq Listing Rule 5605(a)(2).

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The employment of Mr. Holliman, Dr. Steer and Mr. Shinbaum was terminated effective October 31, 2011. They continue to perform many of their previous duties and responsibilities under consulting agreements.

The following table sets forth information regarding our executive officers:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Title</u>
John M. Holliman, III	58	Executive Chairman and Principal Executive Officer
Randolph C. Steer, MD, Ph.D.	62	President
Les M. Taeger	61	Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Principal Financial and Accounting Officer
Dana B. Shinbaum	49	Vice President, Business Development

John M. Holliman, III, became Executive Chairman and Principal Executive Officer of the Company on April 5, 2006 and has served as a director of the Company since September 1987 and as Chairman of the Board of Directors since August 1997. Since February 1993 he has been a general partner of entities, which are the general partners of Valley Ventures, LP (formerly known as Arizona Growth Partners, LP), Valley Ventures II, LP, Valley Ventures III Annex, LP, all of which are venture capital funds that invest principally in life science companies.

Randolph C. Steer, MD, Ph.D. became President of the Company on April 5, 2006. Dr. Steer has been an independent pharmaceutical, biotechnology and medical devices consultant since 1989, and has provided consulting services to the Company since 2002. He has a broad scientific, medical and business background, including extensive experience in pre-clinical, clinical and regulatory affairs, having held key management positions in leading corporations and having served as an advisor to many companies in the United States and abroad. Dr. Steer has also advised numerous venture capital firms, investment banks and independent investors on the commercial development of drugs, biologics, diagnostics and medical devices. He has served as Associate Director of Medical Affairs at Marion Laboratories; Medical Director at Ciba Consumer Pharmaceuticals (Ciba-Geigy Corporation); Vice President, Senior Vice President and Member of the Executive Committee at Physicians World Communications Group; Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Advanced Therapeutics Communications International, a global drug regulatory group, and Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Vicus.com, Inc. He is a member of the Board of Directors of Techne Corporation, and was a member of the Board of Directors of BioCryst Pharmaceuticals from 1994 to 2009. Dr. Steer received his MD degree from the Mayo Medical School and his Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota, where he also completed a residency and subspecialty fellowship in clinical and chemical pathology. He is a Fellow of the American College of Clinical Pharmacology.

Les M. Taeger joined the Company as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer on January 16, 2006. Mr. Taeger most recently served as Chief Financial Officer of CardioTech International, Inc. (“CardioTech”). CardioTech is a publicly-traded, medical device company that

developed, manufactured and sold advanced products for the treatment of cardiovascular disease. From September 2000 to February 2004, when Mr. Taeger became Chief Financial Officer of CardioTech, Mr. Taeger served as Chief Financial Officer of Gish Biomedical, Inc. ("Gish"). Gish, which became a subsidiary of CardioTech pursuant to a merger transaction involving the companies in April 2003, specializes in the manufacture and sale of products used in open-heart surgery, vascular access and orthopedic surgery. Prior to his employment with CardioTech and Gish, Mr. Taeger was employed for over five years as Chief Financial Officer of Cartwright Electronics, Inc., a division of Meggitt, PLC. Mr. Taeger is a Certified Public Accountant, with a Bachelor's degree in accounting.

Dana B. Shinbaum joined the Company as Vice President of Business Development in October 2005. Previously he served as Vice President, Product Planning and Market Analytics at Savient Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and has over twenty years of experience in the pharmaceutical/biotechnology industry. While at Savient his responsibilities included creating and developing new business opportunities, leading global project teams and managing product launches. He played key strategic planning roles in Savient's acquisition of Rosemont Pharmaceuticals Ltd. and the divestiture of Bio-Technology General Ltd., Savient's global biologics business. Prior to joining Savient, Mr. Shinbaum was at Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories, where he held market planning and marketing roles of increasing responsibility, including Product Manager for the PREMARIN® franchise. Mr. Shinbaum received a Master of Business Administration, *summa cum laude*, from Drexel University in Philadelphia and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Lafayette College in Easton, Pennsylvania.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND CODE OF ETHICS

In March 2004, the Company adopted a code of ethics that applies to all of its employees and has particular sections that apply only to its principal executive officer and senior financial officers. The Company has posted the text of its code of ethics on its website (www.capstonethx.com), under the "Investors" section under the link "Corporate Governance" "Code of Ethics". In addition, the Company will promptly disclose on its website (1) the nature of any amendment to its code of ethics that applies to its principal executive officer and senior financial officers, and (2) the nature of any waiver, including an implicit waiver, from a provision of its code of ethics that is granted to one of these specified officers, the name of such officer who is granted the waiver and the date of the waiver.

The full Board of Directors addresses all matters regarding corporate governance (that is, the relationships of the Board, the stockholders and management in determining the direction and performance of the Company) and the procedural rules regarding the operation of the Board itself. As such, the Board reviews all proposals submitted by stockholders for action at the annual stockholders' meeting.

SECTION 16(a) BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP REPORTING COMPLIANCE

Under the securities laws of the United States, the Company's directors, its executive officers and any persons holding more than 10% of the Company's Common Stock are required to report their initial ownership of the Company's Common Stock and any subsequent changes in that ownership to the SEC. Specific due dates for these reports have been established, and the Company is required to disclose any failure to file by these dates. The company believes that all of these filing requirements were satisfied during the year ended December 31, 2011.

In making these disclosures, the Company has relied solely on written representations of those persons it knows to be subject to the reporting requirements and copies of the reports that they have filed with the SEC.

A list of directors, executive officers and persons holding more than 10% of the Company's Common Stock is included in Item 12 under the caption "Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters" in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Item 11. Executive Compensation

COMPENSATION OF DIRECTORS

The following table sets forth compensation awarded to, earned by or paid to the Company's directors during the last fiscal year. Mr. John Holliman, III is not included in this table and his compensation as a director is included in the Summary Compensation Table in the Executive Compensation section in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash (\$)	Stock Awards (\$)	Option Awards (\$)(1)	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation (\$)	Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Earnings (\$)	All Other Compensation (\$)	Total (\$)
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
Fredric J. Feldman, Ph.D. Director	64,000	-	3,000	-	-	-	67,000
Elwood D. Howse, Jr. Director	64,000	-	3,000	-	-	-	67,000
Robert J. Spiegel, MD Director	64,000	-	3,000	-	-	-	67,000
William M. Wardell, MD, Ph.D. Director	64,000	-	3,000	-	-	-	67,000
Augustus A. White, III, MD, Ph.D. Director	62,500	-	3,000	-	-	-	65,500

(1) Fair value of the grants at the date of the grants was determined using the Black-Scholes model as described in Note 5 to the Financial Statements included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

During the year ended December 31, 2011, the Company paid directors an annual retainer of \$24,000, payable quarterly in advance, \$2,500 for each board meeting attended in person and \$1,000 for each board meeting attended by telephone. All directors are eligible for a grant of nonqualified stock options pursuant to the Company's 2005 Equity Incentive Plan. On June 10, 2005, the Board of Directors approved an annual award to each director of a non-qualified stock option to purchase 10,000 shares of the Company's Common Stock. The Company granted to each director non-qualified options to acquire 10,000 shares at a price of \$0.58 per share on January 1, 2011 (fair value of \$3,000). These options vested immediately and were granted at the closing market price on the date of grant. All options have been granted with ten-year terms.

On June 10, 2005 the Board of Directors also approved an annual award to each director of \$25,000 of restricted stock. The shares granted vest one year from the date of issuance. On January 1, 2011 the Board paid each director \$25,000 in lieu of the annual stock award.

Director Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End

Name	Option Awards				
	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Exercisable	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Unexercisable	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Unearned Options (#)	Options Exercise Price (\$)	Option Expiration Date
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
John M. Holliman, III	200,000			1.75	5/12/2016
	50,000			1.02	2/21/2018
	125,000			0.45	2/3/2019
	100,000			0.82	2/4/2020
	25,000			0.70	10/30/2018
Robert J. Spiegel, MD	50,000			0.82	5/21/2020
William M. Wardell, MD, Ph.D.	10,000			5.33	2/11/2016
	15,000			0.82	5/21/2020
Various directors:					
(1) (2) (3) (5)	10,000			3.61	12/31/2012
(1) (2) (3) (5)	10,000			6.13	12/31/2013
(1) (2) (3) (5)	30,000			7.40	1/23/2014
(1) (2) (3) (5)	10,000			6.25	12/31/2014
(1) (2) (3) (5)	10,000			4.90	1/2/2016
(1) (2) (3) (4) (5)	25,000			1.75	5/12/2016
(1) (2) (3) (4) (5)	10,000			1.43	1/1/2017
(1) (2) (3) (4) (5)	10,000			1.35	1/1/2018
(1) (3) (4) (5) *	19,792	5,208		0.70	10/30/2018
(1) (2) (3) (4) (5)	10,000			0.42	1/1/2019
(1) (2) (3) (4) (5)	10,000			0.72	1/1/2020
(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)(6)	10,000			0.58	1/1/2021
Feldman, Fred (1)					
Holliman, John (2)	* Vest monthly over a four-year period ending 10/30/2012				
Howse, Elwood (3)	All other directors options were fully vested on 12/31/2011				
Wardell, William (4)					
White, Augustus (5)					
Spiegel, Robert (6)					

Director/Officer Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year End

Name	Stock Awards			
	Number of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (#)	Market Value of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (\$)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Unearned Shares, Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested (#)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Market or Payout Value of Unearned Shares, Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested (\$)
	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
John M. Holliman, III	50,000	13,000		

On January 17, 2011, Mr. Holliman was awarded 50,000 shares of restricted stock which will fully vest on January 17, 2012, subject to Mr. Holliman continuing to serve as Executive Chairman of the Company through that date.

EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Compensation Philosophy

The objectives of the Company's executive compensation policies are to attract, retain and reward executive officers who contribute to the Company's success, to align the financial interests of executive officers with the performance of the Company, to strengthen the relationship between executive pay and shareholder value, to motivate executive officers to achieve the Company's business objectives and to reward individual performance. The Company used base salary, cash bonuses, stock awards and stock options to achieve these objectives.

Review of Current Compensation Components of Executive Chairman and other Executive Officers

The Compensation Committee reviews all components of the Executive Chairman's and other executive officers' compensation, including salary, bonus, stock awards, accumulated vested and unvested stock options, the dollar value to the executive and cost to the company of all perquisites and other personal benefits, as well as the actual projected payout obligations under several potential severance and change-in-control scenarios and any limitations on the deductibility for federal income tax purposes of all compensation. The Compensation Committee considers the following:

- 1) *Each executive has individual performance goals for the fiscal year.* The Compensation Committee reviews the performance goals and expectations for individual executive positions. Based on recommendations from the Executive Chairman and the Compensation Committee's evaluation of the performance achievement of these goals, the Compensation Committee determines the resulting bonus and/or changes to salary components for the executive officers. The Executive Chairman also recommends individual performance

objectives for himself for each fiscal year. The Compensation Committee approves the performance objectives of the Executive Chairman and evaluates the Executive Chairman's performance measured against these objectives and evaluates and formulates any potential changes in compensation accordingly.

- 2) *The Company's performance is compared against the goals for the fiscal year.* Strategic, high level performance expectations are identified each fiscal year for the Company. The Executive Chairman provides documentation to the Compensation Committee regarding the expectations and corresponding results of operations.
- 3) *The level of compensation for executives in similar positions for companies of similar size and development structure is considered in determining executive compensation.* To enable the Company to continue to attract and retain executives in the competitive marketplace, executive compensation for similar companies is reviewed. The Company typically obtains this data through a review of publicly available executive compensation information for comparable public companies.

The Compensation Committee's Conclusion

Based on the review detailed above, the Compensation Committee, at its meeting held at the beginning of the fiscal year, formulates its recommendations regarding what areas of the compensation components will be adjusted for the upcoming year and what the performance bonus for the prior year will be.

Board Approval

At the first Compensation Committee meeting of the year, the Compensation Committee reviews the Executive Chairman and other executive officers' compensation and bonuses and presents its recommendations to the Board of Directors. The final total compensation package decision regarding the Executive Chairman is made by the Independent Directors in an Executive Session without the Executive Chairman or other members of management present, and the final decisions on other executives' total compensation packages are made by the full Board of Directors.

The following discussion is provided to facilitate stockholder understanding of the named executive officer compensation information included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Overall our compensation decisions are framed by the nature of our business as a development stage pharmaceutical company with the need for highly specialized and talented individuals. Our compensation policies are designed to take into account the fact that the competition for executives is with all sizes of pharmaceutical and biotech firms and must factor in not just comparable compensation, including health care, retirement or other traditional executive benefits, but issues such as location and position stability. We operate in Tempe, Arizona, a relatively small market for biotechnology, and in a field with substantial product development risks, with no current revenue and limited funds.

Annual Base Compensation and Cash Bonus

As previously mentioned, each executive officer receives a base salary and a cash bonus which is based on performance against both Company and individual performance goals. We have established base salaries which we believe are comparable to other biotechnology firms and with the potential cash bonus, provide for a reasonable level of cash-based compensation to the executives. Base compensation in 2011 ranged from \$325,000 for Dr. Steer, to \$200,000 for Mr. Holliman. Executive officers did not receive an increase in base pay in 2011. No executive salary increases are planned for 2012. In 2011 the bonus potential was 40% of base salary for Mr. Holliman, Dr. Steer, Mr. Taeger and Mr. Shinbaum. The bonus plan placed 25-30% of the executive's cash compensation at risk, which we believe is a reasonable level of risk for cash-based compensation. In 2011, performance for the bonus plan was weighted 70% towards

Company goals and 30% towards individual goals. Company and individual goals included a combination of operating, such as timely completion of clinical or pre-clinical tasks and performance against our strategic plan, financial, such as performance to budget or generation of unbudgeted cost savings, and administrative, such as maintaining compliance with Securities and Exchange Commission rules, regulations and reporting requirements. We believe that the cash compensation at risk and the performance goals of the 2011 bonus plan serve to align our executives' interests with our interests and focus their efforts where we believe they have the potential to achieve performance we have identified as important to accomplishing objectives necessary to advance our development efforts.

Interim Change in Officer Compensation

On October 13, 2011, the Company's Board of Directors (the "Board") adopted a plan to preserve cash during ongoing partnering efforts. Included in the actions taken was the termination of the employment of John M. Holliman, III, Executive Chairman, Randolph C. Steer, MD, Ph.D., President and Dana B. Shinbaum, Vice President, Business Development. Each of these individuals will continue in their prior roles as consultants, rather than as employees, at consulting rates which would equate to approximately \$100,000 per year for Mr. Holliman and \$120,000 per year for Dr. Steer and Mr. Shinbaum. As employees, their base compensation had been \$200,000 for Mr. Holliman, \$325,000 for Dr. Steer and \$242,000 for Mr. Shinbaum. Les M. Taeger, Chief Financial Officer and Senior Vice President will continue as an employee, but his base compensation has been reduced from \$242,000 per year to \$120,000 per year. All of these officers had also been eligible for an annual bonus based on individual and Company performance goals of up to 40% of their base compensation. The Board's actions included cancellation of the Company's bonus plan. The vested outstanding stock options held by each executive will continue to be exercisable while such executive is serving as a consultant to the Company.

The above changes in employment and compensation trigger severance clauses in the executives' employment agreements that entitle each executive to a payment equal to one year of base salary.

Equity Based Compensation

As previously discussed, we provide a certain level of cash compensation to each executive as both a short-term reward and to focus executive performance on short-term goals that are part of our long-term strategies. Additionally, we use a combination of stock option grants and common stock awards, both during the employment offer process and annually, to generate a commitment to and a long-term investment in our Company. Grants and awards connected with employment offers were determined based on the position and competitive factors at the time of the offers. Grants and awards are targeted such that an annual \$1 increase in market price, currently an annual \$41,000,000 increase in shareholder value, would provide approximately 10% to 20% of the executive's compensation. We believe grants at these levels serve to gradually increase our executives' commitment to the Company and align their interests with other stockholders of the Company.

Stock Option Grants

On January 17, 2011, the Company granted options to employees to purchase 150,000 shares of the Company's Common Stock with the exercise determined by the closing market price on the date of grant (\$0.67). This grant included grants to the named executives (Steer 50,000 shares, Taeger 25,000 shares and Shinbaum 25,000 shares).

Common Stock Awards

We believe common stock awards can be an important element in our compensation plan. On January 17, 2011, Mr. Holliman was awarded 50,000 shares of restricted stock with a fair value of \$34,000 on the date of award.

Fringe Benefits, Perquisites and Retirement Benefits.

Our executives participate in group health, dental, life, and disability programs and participate in our 401K plan on the same basis as other employees. No perquisites are provided to executives that in aggregate exceed \$10,000 per year.

SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE

The following table sets forth, with respect to the years ended December 31, 2011, 2010 and 2009, compensation awarded to, earned by or paid to the Company's principal executive officer, principal financial officer and each of the two most highly compensated executive officers other than the principal executive officer and the principal financial officer, who were serving as executive officers at the end of the last completed fiscal year (the "named executive officers").

Name	Year	Salary (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Stock Awards (\$)	Option Awards (\$)	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation (\$)	Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Earnings (\$)	All Other Compensation (\$)	Total (\$)
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
John M. Holliman, III Executive Chairman (Principal Executive Officer)	2011	179,000 (1)	-	19,000	3,000	-	-	264,000(1)(2)	465,000
	2010	200,000	-	-	50,000(1)	-	-	64,000(1)	314,000
	2009	200,000	-	-	42,000(1)	-	-	62,000(1)	304,000
Randolph C. Steer, MD, Ph.D. former President	2011	276,000	-	-	19,000	-	-	325,000 (2)	620,000
	2010	325,000	88,000	-	23,000	-	-	-	436,000
	2009	325,000	75,000	-	18,000	-	-	-	418,000
Les M. Taeger Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)	2011	237,000	-	-	10,000	-	-	242,000 (2)	489,000
	2010	242,000	68,000	-	16,000	-	-	-	326,000
	2009	242,000	56,000	-	12,000	-	-	-	310,000
Dana B. Shinbaum former VP Business Development	2011	232,000	-	-	10,000	-	-	242,000 (2)	484,000
	2010	242,000	68,000	-	16,000	-	-	-	326,000
	2009	242,000	51,000	-	12,000	-	-	-	305,000

- Mr. Holliman is a member of the Board of Directors and as a director, received compensation of \$64,000, \$64,000 and \$62,000, in cash, in 2011, 2010 and 2009, respectively, and an annual grant of an option to purchase 10,000 shares of the Company's Common Stock. Mr. Holliman received total director's

compensation (Board fees, stock awards and option grants) of \$67,000, \$68,000 and \$74,000 in 2011, 2010 and 2009, respectively, as more fully described in the Compensation of Directors section of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Fair value of the grants at the date of the grants was determined using the Black-Scholes model as described, for 2011, in Note 5 to the Financial Statements included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, for 2010, in Note 5 to our Annual Report on form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 29, 2011, and for 2010, in Note 6 to the Annual Report on form 10-K/A filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 12, 2010.

2. On October 31, 2011, the employment of Mr. Holliman, Dr. Steer and Mr. Shinbaum was terminated and Mr. Taeger's salary was reduced from \$242,000 per year to \$120,000. These actions triggered severance clauses in their employment agreements requiring the payment of severance of one year's base salary to each executive officer. For a description of the employment agreements with our named executive offers, please see "Employment Contract, Termination of Employment, and Change-in-Control Arrangements" below.
3. On January 17, 2011, Mr. Holliman was awarded 50,000 shares of restricted stock which will fully vest on January 17, 2012, subject to Mr. Holliman continuing to serve as Executive Chairman of the Company through that date.

OPTION GRANTS / STOCK AWARDS

The following table sets forth information about stock option grants and stock awards during the last completed fiscal year to the executive officers named in the Summary Compensation Table.

Grants of Plan-based Awards

Name	Grant Date	All Other Stock Awards: Number of Shares of Stock or Units (#)	All Other Option Awards: Number of Securities Underlying Options (#)	Exercise or Base Price of Option Awards (\$/Share)	Grant Date Fair Value of Stock and Option Awards (1) (\$)
(a)	(b)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)
John M. Holliman, III Executive Chairman	1/1/11 1/17/11	- 50,000	10,000	0.58	3,000 19,000
Randolph C. Steer, MD, Ph.D. President	1/17/11	-	50,000	0.67	19,000
Les M. Taeger Chief Financial Officer	1/17/11	-	25,000	0.67	10,000
Dana B. Shinbaum VP Business Development	1/17/11	-	25,000	0.67	10,000

Fair value of the grants at the date of the grants was determined using the Black-Scholes model as described in Note 5 to the Financial Statements included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

OUTSTANDING EQUITY AWARDS AT FISCAL YEAR-END

Name	Option Awards			
	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Exercisable	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Unexercisable	Option Exercise Price (\$)	Option Expiration Date
(a)	(b)	(c)	(e)	(f)
John M. Holliman, III	10,000	-	3.61	12/31/2012
	10,000	-	6.13	12/31/2013
	30,000	-	7.40	1/23/2014
	10,000	-	6.25	12/31/2014
	10,000	-	4.90	1/2/2016
	25,000	-	1.75	5/12/2016
	200,000	-	1.75	5/12/2016
	10,000	-	1.43	12/31/2017
	10,000	-	1.35	12/31/2018
	50,000	-	1.02	2/21/2018
	25,000	-	0.70	10/30/2018
	10,000	-	0.42	1/1/2019
	125,000	-	0.45	2/3/2019
	10,000	-	0.72	1/1/2020
	100,000	-	0.82	2/4/2020
	10,000	-	0.58	1/1/2021
Randolph C. Steer, MD, Ph.D.	200,000	-	1.75	5/12/2016
	50,000	-	1.53	5/21/2017
	50,000	-	1.02	2/21/2018
	75,000	-	0.45	2/3/2019
	50,000	-	0.82	2/4/2020
	50,000	-	0.67	1/17/2021
Les M. Taeger	150,000	-	5.15	1/16/2016
	150,000	-	1.70	6/2/2016
***	14,093	613	1.02	2/21/2018
	50,000	-	0.45	2/3/2019
**	32,083	2,917	0.82	2/4/2020
**	11,458	13,542	0.67	1/17/2021
Dana B. Shinbaum	50,000	-	3.27	10/29/2015
	35,000	-	5.39	1/30/2016
	150,000	-	1.70	6/2/2016
***	11,745	500	1.02	2/21/2018
	50,000	-	0.45	2/3/2019
**	32,083	2,917	0.82	2/4/2020
**	11,458	13,542	0.67	1/17/2021
** Vesting over two years monthly				
*** Vesting over four years monthly				

EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS, TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT, AND CHANGE-IN-CONTROL ARRANGEMENTS

Effective April 5, 2006, Mr. John M. Holliman, III, became Executive Chairman and Principal Executive Officer. On May 12, 2006, the Company entered into an agreement to compensate Mr. Holliman for his services as the Company's Executive Chairman and principal executive officer (the "Holliman Agreement").

Under the Holliman Agreement, Mr. Holliman's services to the Company may be terminated by the Company at any time, with or without cause. In the event of termination without cause under the Holliman Agreement, Mr. Holliman will receive severance equal to twelve months of his current monthly base compensation. The Holliman Agreement provides for annual base cash compensation of \$200,000, payable in accordance with the Company's standard payroll practices and a target bonus of 40% of base compensation upon the achievement of individual and corporate performance objectives. In addition, the Holliman Agreement included other terms and conditions consistent with agreements entered into with other Company executives.

Effective October 31, 2011, the employment of Mr. Holliman was terminated which resulted in the acceleration of the vesting of the options to purchase shares of the Company's common stock held by Mr. Holliman, so that his options became exercisable, and payment of his severance benefit. Subsequent to October 31, 2011, Mr. Holliman will continue his role as Executive Chairman under a consulting agreement, which provides for compensation at an annual rate of \$100,000. Mr. Holliman did not receive a bonus for 2011 performance as the Company's bonus plan was terminated in October 2011.

Effective April 5, 2006, Randolph C. Steer, MD, Ph.D., became President of the Company. Dr. Steer has performed consulting services for the Company since 2002. On May 12, 2006, the Company also entered into an agreement with Randolph C. Steer, MD, Ph.D., to compensate Dr. Steer for his services as the Company's President and Chief Operating Officer (the "Steer Agreement"). Under the Steer Agreement, Dr. Steer's services to the Company may be terminated by the Company at any time, with or without cause. If the event of termination is without cause, under the Steer Agreement, Dr. Steer will receive severance equal to twelve months of his current monthly base compensation. Dr. Steer's annual base cash compensation is \$325,000, payable in accordance with the Company's standard payroll practices. Dr. Steer is also eligible for a target bonus of 40% of base compensation upon the achievement of individual and corporate performance objectives. In addition, the Steer Agreement includes other terms and conditions consistent with agreements entered into with other Company executives.

Effective October 31, 2011, the employment of Dr. Steer was terminated which resulted in the acceleration of the vesting of the options to purchase shares of the Company's common stock held by Dr. Steer, so that his options became exercisable, and payment of his severance benefits. Subsequent to October 31, 2011, Dr. Steer will continue his role as President under a consulting agreement, which provides for compensation at an annual rate of \$120,000. Dr. Steer did not receive a bonus for 2011 performance as the Company's bonus plan was terminated in October 2011.

On January 10, 2006, the Company entered into an employment agreement with Les M. Taeger, dated as of January 10, 2006, effective as of January 16, 2006 (the "Taeger Employment Agreement"), pursuant to which Mr. Taeger serves as the Company's Senior Vice President / Chief Financial Officer. Under the Taeger Employment Agreement, Mr. Taeger may be terminated at any time, with or without cause, at the option of either the Company or Mr. Taeger. If the Company terminates Mr. Taeger without cause, provided Mr. Taeger first executes a Severance Agreement in the form then used by the Company, the Company shall pay to Mr. Taeger twelve months of his current monthly base compensation in effect at the time of termination. Should such termination occur as a result of a Change in Control, the Company shall also pay Mr. Taeger a pro-rata share of his bonus at the time of termination. Mr. Taeger's annual base salary is \$242,000. Mr. Taeger is eligible to participate in the Company's discretionary bonus

program, which provides for a bonus of up to 40% of his base salary, and Mr. Taeger will receive medical, dental and other fringe benefits generally granted to the Company's senior management.

Effective October 31, 2011, Mr. Taeger's annual base salary was reduced to \$120,000 and the Company's bonus plan was terminated. Mr. Taeger did not receive a bonus for 2011 performance. The salary reduction triggered payment of his severance benefit.

On October 17, 2005, the Company entered into an employment agreement with Dana B. Shinbaum (the "Shinbaum Employment Agreement"), pursuant to which Mr. Shinbaum serves as the Company's Vice President of Business Development and Strategic Marketing. Under the Shinbaum Employment Agreement, Mr. Shinbaum may be terminated at any time, with or without cause, at the option of either the Company or Mr. Shinbaum. If the Company terminates Mr. Shinbaum without cause, provided Mr. Shinbaum first executes a Severance Agreement in the form then used by the Company, the Company shall pay to Mr. Shinbaum twelve months of his current monthly base compensation in effect at the time of termination for a period of one year following the date of termination, at the time and in the manner dictated by the Company's standard payroll policies. Should such termination occur as a result of a Change in Control, the Company shall also pay Mr. Shinbaum a pro-rata share of his bonus at the time of termination. Mr. Shinbaum's annual base salary is \$242,000. Mr. Shinbaum is eligible to participate in the Company's discretionary bonus program, which provides for a bonus of up to 40% of his base salary, and Mr. Shinbaum will receive medical, dental and other fringe benefits generally granted to the Company's senior management.

Effective October 31, 2011, the employment of Mr. Shinbaum was terminated resulting in payment of his severance benefit. Subsequent to October 31, 2011, Mr. Shinbaum will continue his role as Vice President of Business Development under a consulting agreement, which provides for compensation at an annual rate for \$120,000. Mr. Shinbaum did not receive a bonus for 2011 performance as the Company's bonus plan was terminated in October 2011.

Under the Company's stock option plans, upon the occurrence of a merger in which the Company is not the surviving entity, a sale of substantially all of the assets of the Company, an acquisition by a third party of 100% of the Company's outstanding equity securities or a similar reorganization of the Company, 75% of all unvested options will vest, with the balance vesting equally over 12 months or according to the individual's vesting schedule, whichever is earlier. If the option holder loses his position with the Company as a result of the merger or sale, 100% of his options will immediately vest. Additionally, the Company's 1997 Stock Option Plan and 2005 Equity Incentive Plan provide that, upon a merger, consolidation or reorganization with another corporation in which the Company is not the surviving corporation, outstanding options shall be substituted on an equitable basis for options for appropriate shares of the surviving corporation, or optionees shall receive cash in exchange for cancellation of outstanding options.

At December 31, 2011, unvested options held by named executive officers had no intrinsic value and accordingly, accelerated vesting clauses if triggered at December 31, 2011, would have provided no additional compensation to the named executive officers.

On October 31, 2011, the stock options held by Mr. Holliman and Dr. Steer subject to accelerated vesting and had no intrinsic value.