

ix Biopharma Ltd.

(Company Registration No. 200405621W)

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE SECOND QUARTER AND FIRST HALF-YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017
1(a)(i) A statement of comprehensive income, for the group, together with a comparative statement for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year.

	Group 3 months ended			Group 6 months ended		
	31.12.17 S\$'000	31.12.16 S\$'000	Incr/(Decr) %	31.12.17 S\$'000	31.12.16 S\$'000	Incr/(Decr) %
Revenue	1,753	1,636	7%	3,426	3,102	10%
Cost of sales	(1,253)	(1,078)	16%	(2,520)	(2,208)	14%
Gross profit	500	558	(10%)	906	894	1%
	29%	34%		26%	29%	
Other income	360	475	(24%)	838	977	(14%)
Expenses						
- Research and development	(1,187)	(837)	42%	(2,945)	(1,789)	65%
- Sales and marketing	(572)	(224)	155%	(989)	(442)	124%
- General and administrative	(1,609)	(1,865)	(14%)	(3,343)	(2,910)	15%
- Others †	(690)	1,212	n.m.	(811)	1,862	n.m.
- Finance expense	(66)	(57)	16%	(134)	(118)	14%
Total expenses	(4,124)	(1,771)	133%	(8,222)	(3,397)	142%
Loss before income tax	(3,264)	(738)	342%	(6,478)	(1,526)	325%
Income tax credit	28	64	(56%)	55	76	(28%)
Loss for the financial period	(3,236)	(674)	380%	(6,423)	(1,450)	343%
Other comprehensive income:						
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:						
Currency translation differences arising from consolidation						
- Gain / (Loss) - net of tax	179	(13)	n.m.	129	(140)	n.m.
Total comprehensive loss	(3,057)	(687)	345%	(6,294)	(1,590)	296%

Note

† comprises net currency exchange (losses) / gains principally due to unrealised translation differences arising from foreign currency deposits.

n.m. : not meaningful

Incr/(Decr) : Increase / (Decrease)

1(a)(ii) The following items (with appropriate breakdowns and explanations), if significant, must either be included in the income statement or in the notes to the income statement for the current financial period reported on and the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year:

Loss before income tax of the Group is arrived at after charging/crediting the following:

	Note	Group			Group		
		3 months ended			6 months ended		
		31.12.17	31.12.16	Incr/ (Decr)	31.12.17	31.12.16	Incr/ (Decr)
		S\$'000	S\$'000	%	S\$'000	S\$'000	%
After crediting:							
Research and development tax incentive	(i)	308	431	(29%)	734	895	(18%)
Interest income		46	33	39%	94	62	52%
After charging:							
Share based payment expense	(ii)	45	306	(85%)	256	(30)	n.m.
Depreciation and amortisation expense		346	335	3%	682	620	10%
Currency exchange losses/ (gains) - net		690	(1,212)	n.m.	811	(1,862)	n.m.
Interest expense		66	57	16%	134	118	14%

- (i) The research and development (R&D) tax incentive is a programme administered jointly by the Australian Taxation Office and Innovation Australia which provides a rate of 43.5% refundable tax offset for expenditure incurred for eligible R&D activities.
- (ii) The share based payment expense was due to amortisation of the fair value of the share options granted to employees and consultants over the vesting period. In 1Q17, a reversal of the fair value of share options amounting to S\$0.44 million arose from forfeiture of certain share options due to resignation of an employee. This was partially offset by amortisation of new share awards granted on 30 September 2016 and 10 November 2017 which amounted to S\$0.41 million and S\$0.26 million in 6M17 and 6M18 respectively.

1(b)(i) A statement of financial position (for the issuer and group), together with a comparative statement as at the end of the immediately preceding financial year.

	Group		Company	
	31.12.17	30.06.17	31.12.17	30.06.17
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
ASSETS				
Current assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	24,071	31,088	23,010	28,527
Trade and other receivables	3,451	2,973	4,400	2,957
Other current assets	379	521	168	166
Inventories	529	-	4	-
	28,430	34,582	27,582	31,650
Non-current assets				
Deposits – operating lease	79	79	79	79
Intangible assets	1,110	1,398	-	-
Property, plant and equipment	8,455	8,191	155	180
Investments in subsidiaries	-	-	5,404	5,404
	9,644	9,668	5,638	5,663
Total assets	38,074	44,250	33,220	37,313
LIABILITIES				
Current liabilities				
Trade and other payables	3,349	3,501	980	1,276
Borrowings	295	271	-	-
Provision	116	101	-	-
	3,760	3,873	980	1,276
Non-current liabilities				
Provision	42	65	-	-
Deferred government grant	26	35	-	-
Borrowings	4,544	4,480	-	-
Deferred income tax liabilities	115	172	-	-
	4,727	4,752	-	-
Total liabilities	8,487	8,625	980	1,276
NET ASSETS	29,587	35,625	32,240	36,037
EQUITY				
Capital and reserves attributable to equity holders of the Company				
Share capital	71,129	70,131	71,129	70,131
Other reserves	33	646	45	787
Accumulated losses	(41,575)	(35,152)	(38,934)	(34,881)
Total equity	29,587	35,625	32,240	36,037

1(b)(ii) In relation to the aggregate amount of the group's borrowings and debt securities, specify the following as at the end of the current financial period reported on with comparative figures as at the end of the immediately preceding financial year.

	31.12.17	30.06.17
	S\$'000	S\$'000
Amount repayable in one year or less, or on demand		
- Secured	295	271
Amount repayable after one year		
- Secured	4,544	4,480
Total borrowings	4,839	4,751

Details of any collateral:

The loans are secured over land and building, certain plant and equipment and motor vehicles of subsidiaries of the Group.

1(c) A statement of cash flows (for the group), together with a comparative statement for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year.

	Group		Group	
	3 months ended		6 months ended	
	31.12.17	31.12.16	31.12.17	31.12.16
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
Cash flows from operating activities				
Total loss after tax	(3,236)	(674)	(6,423)	(1,450)
Adjustments for:				
- Deferred government grant income	(4)	(8)	(9)	(17)
- Depreciation and amortisation expense	346	335	682	620
- Income tax credit	(28)	(64)	(55)	(76)
- Interest income	(46)	(33)	(94)	(62)
- Interest expense	66	57	134	118
- Provision	(6)	12	(7)	(42)
- Research and development tax incentive	(308)	(431)	(734)	(895)
- Share based payment expense	45	306	256	(30)
- Unrealised currency exchange losses/(gains) – net	653	(1,117)	814	(1,811)
	<u>(2,518)</u>	<u>(1,617)</u>	<u>(5,436)</u>	<u>(3,645)</u>
Changes in working capital:				
- Trade and other receivables	(164)	185	239	79
- Other current assets	255	(114)	137	247
- Trade and other payables	3	(17)	(122)	(422)
- Inventories	(247)	-	(529)	-
Cash used in operations	<u>(2,671)</u>	<u>(1,563)</u>	<u>(5,711)</u>	<u>(3,741)</u>
Interest received	35	17	67	41
Research and development tax incentive received	-	-	-	1,410
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(2,636)</u>	<u>(1,546)</u>	<u>(5,644)</u>	<u>(2,290)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities				
Additions to property, plant and equipment	(595)	(188)	(771)	(670)
Additions to intangible assets	(1)	(13)	(6)	(17)
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(596)</u>	<u>(201)</u>	<u>(777)</u>	<u>(687)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities				
Proceeds from issuance of ordinary shares and shares to be issued	-	-	-	4,698
Transaction costs paid pursuant to the rights issue	-	-	-	(135)
Repayment of borrowings	(75)	(60)	(156)	(114)
Proceeds from borrowings	308	351	308	388
Interest paid	(66)	(57)	(134)	(118)
Net cash from financing activities	<u>167</u>	<u>234</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>4,719</u>
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	<u>(3,065)</u>	<u>(1,513)</u>	<u>(6,403)</u>	<u>1,742</u>
Cash and cash equivalents				
Beginning of financial period	27,096	34,496	30,688	30,927
Effects of currency translation on cash and cash equivalents	(360)	1,068	(614)	1,382
End of financial period	<u>23,671</u>	<u>34,051</u>	<u>23,671</u>	<u>34,051</u>
	<u>Group</u>			
<u>Cash and cash equivalents comprise the following:</u>	<u>31.12.17</u>			
	<u>S\$'000</u>			
Cash and cash equivalents in Balance Sheet	24,071			
Less: Bank deposits pledged	(400)			
Cash and cash equivalents per consolidated statement of cash flows	<u>23,671</u>			

Bank deposits are pledged as security for a foreign exchange facility.

1(d)(i) A statement (for the issuer and group) showing either (i) all changes in equity or (ii) changes in equity other than those arising from capitalisation issues and distributions to shareholders, together with a comparative statement for the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year.

Group	Attributable to equity holders of the Company					
	Share capital	Shares to be issued	Share based payment reserve	Currency translation reserve	Accumulated losses	Total equity
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
At 1 July 2017	70,131	-	787	(141)	(35,152)	35,625
Loss for the period	-	-	-	-	(3,187)	(3,187)
Other comprehensive loss for the period	-	-	-	(50)	-	(50)
Total comprehensive loss for the period	-	-	-	(50)	(3,187)	(3,237)
Share based payment scheme						
- Value of employees' services	-	-	211	-	-	211
Total transactions with owners, recognised directly in equity	-	-	211	-	-	211
At 30 September 2017	70,131	-	998	(191)	(38,339)	32,599
Loss for the period	-	-	-	-	(3,236)	(3,236)
Other comprehensive gain for the period	-	-	-	179	-	179
Total comprehensive loss for the period	-	-	-	179	(3,236)	(3,057)
Share based payment scheme						
- Value of employees' services	-	-	45	-	-	45
Shares issued pursuant to iX Performance Share Plan	998	-	(998)	-	-	-
Total transactions with owners, recognised directly in equity	998	-	(953)	-	-	45
At 31 December 2017	71,129	-	45	(12)	(41,575)	29,587
At 1 July 2016	64,998	465	444	46	(27,762)	38,191
Loss for the period	-	-	-	-	(776)	(776)
Other comprehensive loss for the period	-	-	-	(127)	-	(127)
Total comprehensive loss for the period	-	-	-	(127)	(776)	(903)
Share based payment scheme						
- Value of employees' services	-	-	108	-	-	108
- Reversal of share based payment	-	-	(444)	-	-	(444)
Shares issued pursuant to the rights issue, net of transaction costs	5,028	(465)	-	-	-	4,563
Total transactions with owners, recognised directly in equity	5,028	(465)	(336)	-	-	4,227
At 30 September 2016	70,026	-	108	(81)	(28,538)	41,515
Loss for the period	-	-	-	-	(674)	(674)
Other comprehensive loss for the period	-	-	-	(13)	-	(13)
Total comprehensive loss for the period	-	-	-	(13)	(674)	(687)
Share based payment scheme						
- Value of employees' services	-	-	306	-	-	306
Shares issued pursuant to iX Performance Share Plan	105	-	(105)	-	-	-
Total transactions with owners, recognised directly in equity	105	-	201	-	-	306
At 31 December 2016	70,131	-	309	(94)	(29,212)	41,134

Attributable to equity holders of the Company

Company	Share capital	Shares to be issued	Share based payment reserve	Accumulated losses	Total equity
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
At 1 July 2017	70,131	-	787	(34,881)	36,037
Loss for the period	-	-	-	(2,118)	(2,118)
Total comprehensive loss for the period	-	-	-	(2,118)	(2,118)
Share based payment scheme					
- Value of employees' services	-	-	211	-	211
Total transactions with owners, recognised directly in equity	-	-	211	-	211
At 30 September 2017	70,131	-	998	(36,999)	34,130
Loss for the period	-	-	-	(1,935)	(1,935)
Total comprehensive loss for the period	-	-	-	(1,935)	(1,935)
Share based payment scheme					
- Value of employees' services	-	-	45	-	45
Shares issued pursuant to iX Performance Share Plan	998	-	(998)	-	-
Total transactions with owners, recognised directly in equity	998	-	(953)	-	45
At 31 December 2017	71,129	-	45	(38,934)	32,240
At 1 July 2016	64,998	465	444	(27,606)	38,301
Loss for the period	-	-	-	(455)	(455)
Total comprehensive loss for the period	-	-	-	(455)	(455)
Share based payment scheme					
- Value of employees' services	-	-	108	-	108
- Reversal of share based payment	-	-	(444)	-	(444)
Shares issued pursuant to the rights issue, net of transaction costs	5,028	(465)	-	-	4,563
Total transactions with owners, recognised directly in equity	5,028	(465)	(336)	-	4,227
At 30 September 2016	70,026	-	108	(28,061)	42,073
Loss for the period	-	-	-	(153)	(153)
Total comprehensive loss for the period	-	-	-	(153)	(153)
Share based payment scheme					
- Value of employees' services	-	-	306	-	306
Shares issued pursuant to iX Performance Share Plan	105	-	(105)	-	-
Total transactions with owners, recognised directly in equity	105	-	201	-	306
At 31 December 2016	70,131	-	309	(28,214)	42,226

Save for the foregoing, there are no (i) changes in equity or (ii) changes in equity other than those arising from capitalisation issues and distributions to shareholders.

- 1(d)(ii) Details of any changes in the company's share capital arising from rights issue, bonus issue, share buy-backs, exercise of share options or warrants, conversion of other issues of equity securities, issue of shares for cash or as consideration for acquisition or for any other purpose since the end of the previous period reported on. State the number of shares that may be issued on conversion of all the outstanding convertibles, if any, against the total number of issued shares excluding treasury shares and subsidiary holdings of the issuer, as at the end of the current financial period reported on and as at the end of the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year. State also the number of shares held as treasury shares and the number of subsidiary holdings, if any, and the percentage of the aggregate number of treasury shares and subsidiary holdings held against the total number of shares outstanding in a class that is listed as at the end of the current financial period reported on and as at the end of the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year.

Company	No. of ordinary shares	Amount
		S\$'000
At 1 July 2017 and 30 September 2017	639,524,724	70,131
Shares issued pursuant to iX Performance Share Plan	3,171,000	998
At 31 December 2017	642,695,724	71,129

In November 2017, the Company issued 3,171,000 ordinary shares pursuant to iX Performance Share Plan. Included in these new shares were 2,239,000 shares issued to a controlling shareholder of the Company, in relation to an award that was approved by the shareholders of the Company during the annual general meeting on 25 October 2016.

On 10 November 2017, the Company announced total awards of 1,398,000 shares to certain employees and executives under iX Performance Share Plan. The Company has not granted any options under iX Employee Share Option Scheme since its inception.

Save as disclosed, there are no other changes in the Company's share capital arising from any rights issue, bonus issue, share buy-backs, exercise of share options or warrants, conversion of other issues of equity securities, issue of shares for cash or as consideration for acquisition or for any other purpose since the end of the previous reported period.

	Number of outstanding share awards / share options	Number of Shares that may be issued upon exercise of options / release of awards
As at 31 December 2017		
iX Performance Share Plan	1,398,000	1,398,000
As at 31 December 2016		
iX Performance Share Plan	3,171,000	3,171,000

There were no treasury shares and subsidiary holdings as at 31 December 2017 and 31 December 2016.

- 1(d)(iii) To show the total number of issued shares excluding treasury shares as at the end of the current financial period and as at the end of the immediately preceding year.

As at 31 December 2017, the number of issued shares excluding treasury shares was 642,695,724 (30 June 2017: 639,524,724).

- 1(d)(iv) A statement showing all sales, transfers, cancellation and/or use of treasury shares as at the end of the current financial period reported on.

Not applicable. There were no treasury shares during and as at the end of the current financial period reported on.

1(d)(v) A statement showing all sales, transfers, cancellation and/or use of subsidiary holdings as at the end of the current financial period reported on.

Not applicable. There were no subsidiary holdings during and as at the end of the current financial period reported on.

2. Whether the figures have been audited or reviewed, and in accordance with which auditing standard or practice.

The figures have not been audited nor reviewed by the Company's auditor.

3. Where the figures have been audited or reviewed, the auditors' report (including any qualifications or emphasis of a matter).

Not applicable.

4. Whether the same accounting policies and methods of computation as in the issuer's most recently audited annual financial statements have been applied.

Except as disclosed in paragraph 5 below, the Group has applied the same accounting policies and methods of computation in the financial statements for the current financial period compared with those of the audited financial statements as at 30 June 2017.

5. If there are any changes in the accounting policies and methods of computation, including any required by an accounting standard, what has changed, as well as the reasons for, and the effect of, the change.

The Group has adopted all the applicable new and revised Financial Reporting Standards (FRS) and Interpretations of Financial Reporting Standards (INT FRS) that are mandatory for the accounting periods beginning on or after 1 July 2017. The adoption of these new and revised FRS and INT FRS did not result in any substantial change to the Group's and the Company's accounting policies and has no significant impact on the financial statements for the current financial reporting period.

6. Earnings per ordinary share of the group for the current financial period reported on and the corresponding period of the immediately preceding financial year, after deducting any provision for preference dividends:

**(a) based on the weighted average number of ordinary shares on issue; and
(b) on a fully diluted basis (detailing any adjustments made to the earnings).**

	Group		Group	
	3 months ended		6 months ended	
	31.12.17	31.12.16	31.12.17	31.12.16
Net loss attributable to equity holders of the Company (S\$'000)	(3,236)	(674)	(6,423)	(1,450)
Weighted average number of shares outstanding ('000)	642,696	639,206	641,110	637,306
Basic loss per share (Cents per share)	(0.5)	(0.1)	(1.0)	(0.2)

The Company has 1,398,000 share awards under iX Performance Share Plan (31 December 2016: 3,171,000 shares awards). As they were anti-dilutive and had the effect of decreasing the loss per share, they were not included in the calculation of diluted loss per share above. Accordingly, the basic loss per share and diluted loss per share were the same for the financial periods presented.

7. Net asset value (for the issuer and group) per ordinary share based on the total number of issued shares excluding treasury shares of the issuer at the end of the:
- (a) current financial period reported on; and
- (b) immediately preceding financial year.

	Group		Company	
	31.12.17	30.06.17	31.12.17	30.06.17
Net asset value per ordinary share (in cents)	4.6	5.6	5.0	5.6

The net asset value per ordinary share of the Group and the Company as at 31 December 2017 were calculated based on the total number of issued shares of 642,695,724 (30 June 2017: 639,524,724).

There were no treasury shares as at 31 December 2017 and 30 June 2017.

8. A review of the performance of the group, to the extent necessary for a reasonable understanding of the group's business. It must include a discussion of the following:
- (a) any significant factors that affected the turnover, costs, and earnings of the group for the current financial period reported on, including (where applicable) seasonal or cyclical factors; and
- (b) any material factors that affected the cash flow, working capital, assets or liabilities of the group during the current financial period reported on.

Overview

The Group is a late-stage specialty pharmaceutical company focused on the development and commercialisation of innovative therapies for improving the quality of life of those suffering from pain and other health conditions. The Company leverages its drug formulation expertise and patented sublingual drug delivery technology, **WaferiX™**, to develop products for rapid onset of action with potentially more predictable effects and ease of use. The Group's nutraceuticals division, Entity Health, is engaged in the development and commercialisation of nutraceutical products that address specific health conditions and improve quality of lifestyles throughout all phases of life.

In addition, the Group operates a Therapeutic Goods Administration of Australia (TGA) licensed chemical testing laboratory in Australia. The laboratory provides analytical services comprising chemical testing, complex problem solving and quality assurance services for the food, environmental, pharmaceutical and clinical sectors.

During the quarter, the Group had been active in developing its pharmaceutical product pipeline and research and development (R&D) activities. The development status as at the end of 2Q18 is summarised below:

Products	Product Description	Development Status
Wafermine™	Sublingual ketamine for moderate to severe pain	Phase 2 Multiple-Dose Efficacy study in progress
PheoniX™	Sublingual sildenafil for the treatment of male erectile dysfunction	Filed for drug registration with TGA in April 2017
BnoX™	Sublingual buprenorphine for moderate to severe pain	Phase 1 pharmacokinetic (PK) study successfully completed

Additional information on each of the above are as follows:

Wafermine™

KET010, our Phase 2 multi-dose efficacy study is in progress. This is a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study to demonstrate the efficacy of Wafermine™ in patients experiencing acute pain following bunionectomy surgery at a single site in the United States of America.

PheoniX™

The Group completed its pivotal study confirming bioequivalence and good oral tolerability of PheoniX™ when compared with reference drug. Subsequently, the Group submitted its application for drug registration with TGA in April 2017. The application is currently under review.

BnoX™

The Group has successfully completed a Phase 1 PK study, BUP001, in 3Q17. The results of BUP001 have been accepted for publication in the prestigious American medical journal, Pain Medicine, in January 2018.

Review of performance for quarter (2Q18) and six months (6M18) ended 31 December 2017

Revenue	2Q18	2Q17	Incr/ (Decr)	6M18	6M17	Incr/ (Decr)
	S\$'000	S\$'000	%	S\$'000	S\$'000	%
Chemical Analysis	1,683	1,621	4%	3,344	3,075	9%
Specialty Pharmaceutical	24	15	60%	36	27	33%
Nutraceuticals	46	-	n.m.	46	-	n.m.
Total revenue	1,753	1,636	7%	3,426	3,102	10%

The Group currently derives its main source of revenue from the chemical analysis business, which provides laboratory testing services. The segment recorded revenue of S\$1.68 million in 2Q18, an increase of 4% as compared to S\$1.62 million for the same quarter last year (2Q17). Revenue for 6M18 was S\$3.34 million, an increase of 9% as compared to S\$3.08 million for the corresponding period last year (6M17). The segment recorded higher revenue in 2Q18 and 6M18 mainly due to increase in laboratory testing services.

The Group's nutraceuticals division, Entity Health, launched 12 new nutraceutical products via its e-commerce portal (www.entity-health.com) in late November 2017 and derived a revenue of S\$46,000 during the quarter.

Cost of sales, comprising mainly personnel and consumable expenses relating to provision of chemical analysis services, was S\$1.25 million in 2Q18 as compared to S\$1.08 million in 2Q17. In 6M18, cost of sales was S\$2.52 million as compared to S\$2.21 million in 6M17. The higher cost of sales was mainly due to increase in headcount.

The Group recorded a gross profit of S\$0.50 million or 29% of revenue in 2Q18 versus S\$0.56 million or 34% of revenue in 2Q17. For the six-month period, the Group recorded a gross profit of S\$0.91 million or 26% of revenue in 6M18 versus S\$0.89 million or 29% of revenue in 6M17.

Other income - Research and Development (R&D) Incentive

The Group conducts its R&D activities through its wholly-owned subsidiaries in Australia and has been eligible for R&D tax incentive under a programme administered jointly by the Australian Taxation Office and Innovation Australia. This incentive provides a rate of 43.5% refundable tax offset for eligible R&D expenditure incurred in Australia by these subsidiaries. The Group recognised R&D incentive of S\$0.31 million and S\$0.73 million in 2Q18 and 6M18 respectively.

Expenses

The expense items in loss before tax were analysed below:

R&D expense

The Group undertook R&D activities in pharmaceutical product developments, including formulation and manufacturing for clinical trials.

R&D expense was S\$1.19 million in 2Q18 as compared to S\$0.84 million in 2Q17. For the six-month period, R&D expense was S\$2.95 million in 6M18 as compared to S\$1.79 million in 6M17. The higher R&D expense was principally due to the Phase 2 efficacy study of Wafermine™, KET010.

Sales and marketing

Sales and marketing expense was higher at S\$0.57 million in 2Q18 and S\$0.99 million in 6M18, as the Group commenced commercialisation of its Entity Health nutraceutical products. The increased expense was mainly in headcount and marketing efforts in product launch.

General and administrative (G&A)

G&A expense was S\$1.61 million in 2Q18, a decrease of S\$0.26 million as compared to S\$1.87 million in 2Q17. This was mainly due to a decrease in share based payment expenses by S\$0.26 million as a result of amortisation of the fair value of share awards granted to employees over their vesting periods.

For 6M18, G&A expense was S\$3.34 million as compared to S\$2.91 million in 6M17. Excluding share-based payment expenses, G&A expense was S\$3.09 million in 6M18 (6M17: S\$2.94 million), which was higher due to an increase of S\$0.15 million in other operating expenses including trademarks and patents filing costs.

Share-based payments accounted for S\$0.29 million of the increase in G&A expenses in 6M18. In 6M17, there was a reversal of the fair value of share options amounting to S\$0.44 million arose from forfeiture of certain share options due to resignation of an employee. This was partially offset by amortisation of new share awards which amounted to S\$0.26 million and S\$0.41 million in 6M18 and 6M17 respectively.

Others

Others consist solely of currency exchange gain/loss.

Currency exchange loss was S\$0.69 million in 2Q18 as compared to a net gain of S\$1.21 million in 2Q17. For 6M18, currency exchange loss was S\$0.81 million as compared to a net gain of S\$1.86 million in 6M17. This arose mainly from the currency fluctuations of the US and Australian dollars against the Singapore dollar for the Group's foreign currency denominated cash deposits and receivables from its subsidiaries.

Review of financial position

Except for items reviewed below, balance sheet as at 31 December 2017 remained comparable to that as at 30 June 2017 (FY2017).

As at 31 December 2017, the Group's cash and cash equivalents was S\$24.07 million. The decrease of S\$7.02 million was mainly due to cash outflows in operating activities of S\$5.64 million which included R&D expenses of S\$2.95 million.

Trade and other receivables was S\$3.45 million, an increase of S\$0.48 million mainly due to additional accrued R&D incentive receivable of S\$0.73 million.

Inventories of S\$0.53 million comprised raw materials and works in progress, principally related to our new nutraceutical products, were held in preparation for launches in additional markets.

Property, plant and equipment was S\$8.46 million as compared to S\$8.19 million in FY2017. The increase was attributed to S\$0.77 million in additions which was mainly for laboratory testing and manufacturing equipment, and offset by depreciation of S\$0.40 million. Whereas, intangible properties were reduced by amortisation of S\$0.28 million.

Cash flow analysis

During 2Q18, the Group recorded a net cash used in operating activities of S\$2.64 million as compared to S\$1.55 million in 2Q17, which was mainly due to the timing and progress of clinical trials and sales & marketing activities in preparation of product launches for nutraceutical products.

In the same quarter, the Group invested S\$0.60 million in new software and plant & equipment principally for laboratory testing and manufacturing purposes.

Net cash from financing activities which amounted to S\$0.17 million in 2Q18 was mainly due to increase of S\$0.31 million in bank borrowings by a wholly-owned subsidiary to refinance its plant and equipment, offset by the repayment of interest and borrowings.

During 6M18, the Group recorded a net cash used in operating activities of S\$5.64 million as compared to S\$2.29 million in 2Q17, which was mainly due to the timing and progress of clinical trials, receipts from R&D tax incentive and sales & marketing activities in preparation of nutraceutical products launch.

In the six-month period, the Group invested S\$0.78 million in new software and plant & equipment principally for laboratory testing and manufacturing purposes.

Net cash from financing activities which amounted to S\$0.02 million in 6M18 was mainly due to increase of S\$0.31 million in bank borrowings by a wholly-owned subsidiary to refinance its plant and equipment, offset by the repayment of interest and borrowings.

9. Where a forecast, or a prospect statement, has been previously disclosed to shareholders, any variance between it and the actual results.

Not applicable. No forecast or prospect statement had been previously disclosed to shareholders for the current reporting period.

10. A commentary at the date of the announcement of the significant trends and competitive conditions of the industry in which the group operates and any known factors or events that may affect the group in the next reporting period and the next 12 months.

Our clinical studies and major operations are conducted mostly in the United States and Australia, hence fluctuations in USD and AUD currencies will have a financial impact on the Group. The Group will continue to monitor closely the global currency trends and the impact of the foreign exchange fluctuations on its financial position and take risk management measures where appropriate.

The timing and progress of our clinical studies may impact our research and development expenses over the next 12 months. KET010 is currently in progress with its primary objective to demonstrate the multi-dose efficacy of Wafermine™ in pain suppression when compared to a placebo. The study is progressing well and will be conducted over the next three quarters of the year.

Over the next 12 months, the Group will undertake more marketing activities to promote its products in the region. There will be continued efforts made to promote the awareness of Wafermine™ and BnoX™ via trade exhibitions and conferences in Australia. Additionally, the Company's wholly-owned subsidiary, Entity Health, launched a new line of nutraceutical products in late November 2017 which is sold via e-commerce in Singapore. These next-generation Entity nutraceuticals are supported by scientific and clinical research, designed to address specific health conditions and formulated with premium grade extracts for DNA and cellular repair, skin protection and fairness, and management of joint and liver health, among others. Marketing campaigns for these products will be rolled out in Singapore and other markets over the next 12 months.

On 4 January 2018, the Group entered its first out-licensing agreement with ASX-listed Bod Australia Limited (Bod), under which the Group licensed its WaferiX technology for the development of medicinal cannabis products incorporating cannabis extracts provided by Bod, for use in Bod's Phase 1 clinical trials this year. Under the agreement, the Group will retain all

manufacturing rights and intellectual property developed under the agreement apart from the name and rights to the packaging of the finished product. The Group's manufacturing facility in Victoria, Australia, is TGA licensed to manufacture and supply drugs listed under Schedule 8 of the Poison Standard 2017 of Australia.

The global market for medicinal cannabis is estimated to reach US\$55 billion by 2025 (according to a report by US-based Grand View Research, Inc.). 28 States in the United States have already legalized the use of medicinal cannabis. In January 2018, the Australian government announced that it will allow exports of manufactured medicinal cannabis products subject to approval by federal parliament in February 2018. The increasing market for medicinal cannabis is strongly driven by the growing recognition, amongst academic researchers and healthcare providers, of the numerous therapeutic uses of cannabis. Some of cannabis' potential therapeutic uses include treatment of epilepsy and pain management.

11. If a decision regarding dividend has been made:

(a) Whether an interim (final) ordinary dividend has been declared (recommended); and

No dividend has been declared or recommended for the current reporting period.

(b)(i) Amount per share (cents)

Not applicable.

(b)(ii) Previous corresponding period (cents)

Not applicable.

(c) Whether the dividend is before tax, net of tax or tax exempt. If before tax or net of tax, state the tax rate and the country where the dividend is derived. (If the dividend is not taxable in the hands of shareholders, this must be stated).

Not applicable.

(d) The date the dividend is payable

Not applicable.

(e) Books closure date

Not applicable.

12. If no dividend has been declared (recommended), a statement to that effect.

No dividend has been declared or recommended for the current reporting period.

13. If the group has obtained a general mandate from shareholders for IPTs, the aggregate value of such transactions as required under Rule 920(1)(a)(ii). If no IPT mandate has been obtained, a statement to that effect.

The Group does not have a general mandate for interested person transactions.

14. Use of Proceeds

(a) Initial Public Offer

Pursuant to the IPO, the Company received total proceeds of S\$30.13 million (IPO Proceeds). As at 31 December 2017, the IPO Proceeds has been utilised as follows:

	Amount allocated	Amount utilised	Balance
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
To fund the clinical trials for the development of our products, and for preparing and submitting an Abbreviated New Drug Application or New Drug Application as the case may be, to the US Food and Drug Administration for marketing approval and commercialisation of our products in the United States, and where it is commercially viable to do so, in other parts of the world upon receipt of the relevant regulatory approvals	26,200	(8,779)	17,421
General working capital purposes	1,413	(1,413)	-
Listing expenses	2,517	(2,517)	-
Total	30,130	(12,709)	17,421

Details of working capital used:

	S\$'000
Professional fees	326
Payroll and directors' fees	755
Trademark and patents	67
Rental, office expenditure and other operating expenses	265
Total	1,413

The above utilisation of the Company's IPO Proceeds is in accordance with the intended use as stated in the Offer Document dated 10 July 2015.

(b) Private Placement

Pursuant to the private placement of 14,358,000 shares on 21 April 2016, the Company received net proceeds of S\$4.85 million (Placement Proceeds). As at 31 December 2017, the Placement Proceeds has been utilised as follows:

	Amount allocated	Amount utilised	Balance
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
Registration of the Company's products with appropriate agencies for approval to sell the products, and for marketing of the Company's products	3,849	(2,093)	1,756
Acquisition of new product packaging equipment	1,000	(563)	437
Total	4,849	(2,656)	2,193

The above utilisation of the Company's Placement Proceeds is in accordance with the intended use as stated in the Company's announcement dated 14 April 2016.

(c) Rights Issue

Pursuant to the rights issue of 24,584,284 shares on 22 July 2016, the Company received net proceeds of S\$5.03 million (Rights Proceeds). As at 31 December 2017, the Rights Proceeds has been utilised as follows:

	<u>Amount allocated</u>	<u>Amount utilised</u>	<u>Balance</u>
	S\$'000	S\$'000	S\$'000
Development of the Company's pipeline products (including undertaking clinical trials and registration of such products with appropriate agencies for marketing approval) and for marketing of the Company's products	4,028	(2,292)	1,736
Acquisition of new product packaging equipment	1,000	-	1,000
Total	5,028	(2,292)	2,736

The above utilisation of the Company's Rights Proceeds is in accordance with the intended use as stated in the Company's Offer Information Statement dated 24 June 2016.

15. Negative confirmation pursuant to Rule 705(5) of the listing manual.

The Board of Directors of the Company confirm that to the best of their knowledge, nothing has come to their attention which may render the financial results for the period ended 31 December 2017 to be false or misleading in any material aspect.

16. Confirmation that the issuer has procured undertakings from all its directors and executive officers (in the format set out in Appendix 7H) under Rule 720(1) of the listing manual.

The Company has procured undertakings from all its Directors and executive officers under Rule 720(1).

On behalf of the Board of Directors

Eddy Lee Yip Hang
Chairman & CEO

Albert Ho Shing Tung
Non-executive Director

8 February 2018

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