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

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025

or

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____.

Commission file number 001-37752

NIAGEN BIOSCIENCE, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its Charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

26-2940963
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

10900 Wilshire Blvd. Suite 600, Los Angeles, CA 90024
(Address of Principal Executive Offices and Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (310) 388-6706

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

<u>Title of each class</u>	<u>Trading Symbol</u>	<u>Name of each exchange on which registered</u>
Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share	NAGE	The Nasdaq Capital Market

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

Indicate by check mark:

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| • 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. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No | |
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| • whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company" and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. | Large accelerated filer <input type="checkbox"/> | Accelerated filer <input type="checkbox"/> | Non-accelerated filer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Smaller reporting company <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Emerging growth company <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| • whether any of those error corrections are restatements that required a recovery analysis of incentive-based compensation received by any of the registrant's executive officers during the relevant recovery period pursuant to §240.10D-1(b). | <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | |
| • whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No | |

As of June 30, 2025, the last business day of the registrant's most recently completed second fiscal quarter, the aggregate market value of the registrant's common stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant was approximately \$813.9 million, based on the closing price of the registrant's common stock on the Nasdaq Capital Market on June 30, 2025.

Number of shares of common stock of the registrant outstanding as of March 3, 2026: 80,080,488.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the Registrant's proxy statement (Proxy Statement) to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) pursuant to Regulation 14A in connection with the Registrant's 2026 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, which will be filed subsequent to the date hereof, are incorporated by reference into Part III of this Form 10-K. Such Proxy Statement will be filed with the SEC not later than 120 days following the end of the Registrant's fiscal year ended December 31, 2025.

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PART I

Cautionary Notice Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This Annual Report on Form 10-K (Form 10-K) contains “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (Securities Act), and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (Exchange Act) which are subject to the safe harbor created by those sections. We may, in some cases, use words such as “expects,” “anticipates,” “intends,” “estimates,” “plans,” “potential,” “possible,” “probable,” “believes,” “seeks,” “may,” “will,” “should,” “could,” “predicts,” “projects,” “continue,” “would” or the negative of these terms, and similar expressions that convey uncertainty of future events or outcomes to identify these forward-looking statements. Any statements contained herein that are not statements of historical facts may be deemed to be forward-looking statements and are based upon our current expectations, beliefs, estimates and projections, and various assumptions, many of which, by their nature, are inherently uncertain and beyond our control. Such statements include, but are not limited to, statements contained in this Form 10-K relating to our business, business strategy, products and services we may offer in the future, the outcome and impact of litigation, the timing and results of future regulatory filings, the timing and results of future clinical trials, our ability to collect from major customers, sales and marketing strategy and capital outlook. Forward-looking statements are based on our current expectations and assumptions regarding our business, the economy and other future conditions. Because forward-looking statements relate to the future, they are subject to inherent uncertainties, risks and changes in circumstances that are difficult to predict. Our actual results may differ materially from those contemplated by the forward-looking statements. They are neither statement of historical fact nor guarantees of assurance of future performance. We caution you therefore, against relying on any of these forward-looking statements. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward looking statements include, but are not limited to, our relationships with major customers; a decline in general economic conditions nationally and internationally; the market and size of the vitamin mineral and dietary supplement market and the intravenous market; decreased demand for our products and services; market acceptance of our products; the ability to protect our intellectual property rights; impact of any litigation or infringement actions brought against us; competition from other providers and products; risks in product development; our ability to develop pharmaceutical business; inability to raise capital to fund continuing operations or new product development; changes in government regulation or regulatory priorities of government officials; the ability to complete customer transactions and capital raising transactions, inflationary conditions and adverse economic conditions; our history of operating losses; the growth and profitability of our product sales; our ability to maintain and grow sales, marketing and distribution capabilities; changing consumer perceptions of our products; our reliance on a single or limited number of third-party suppliers; risks of conducting business in China; unanticipated developments in and risks related to the Company’s ability to secure adequate quantities of pharmaceutical-grade Niagen in a timely manner; the Company’s ability to obtain appropriate contracts and arrangements with U.S. FDA-registered 503B outsourcing facilities required to compound and distribute pharmaceutical-grade Niagen to clinics; the Company’s ability to remain on the U.S. FDA Bulk Drug Substances Nominated for Use in Compounding Under Section 503B of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act Category 1 list; the Company’s ability to maintain and enforce the Company’s existing intellectual property and obtain new patents; whether the potential benefits of NRC can be further supported; further research and development and the results of clinical trials possibly being unsuccessful or insufficient to meet applicable regulatory standards or warrant continued development; the ability to enroll sufficient numbers of subjects in clinical trials; determinations made by the FDA and other governmental authorities, including with respect to products seeking to compete in our market; mislabeling or other misleading marketing practices by competitors; economic and market instability, including as a result of tariffs or trade conflicts; and other factors (including the risks contained in Item 1A of this Form 10-K under the heading “Risk Factors”) relating to our industry, our operations and results of operations and any businesses that may be acquired by us. Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or should the underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results may differ significantly from those anticipated, believed, estimated, expected, intended or planned. Factors or events that could cause our actual results to differ may emerge from time to time, and it is not possible for us to predict all of them, nor can we assess the impact of all factors on our business or the extent to which any factor, or combination of factors, may cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statements we may make. Given these uncertainties, you should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. We cannot guarantee future results, levels of activity, performance or achievements. Except as required by applicable law, we undertake no obligation to and do not intend to update any of the forward-looking statements to conform these statements to actual results.

Item 1. Business

Unless otherwise indicated or the context otherwise requires, references to the Company, Niagen Bioscience, we, us and our refer to Niagen Bioscience, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries.

Company Background

On May 21, 2008, Cody Resources, Inc., a Nevada corporation and a public company, (Cody) entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (Merger Agreement), by and among Cody, CDI Acquisition, Inc., a California corporation and wholly-owned subsidiary of Cody (Acquisition Sub), and ChromaDex, Inc. (Merger). Subsequent to the signing of the Merger Agreement, Cody merged with and into a Delaware corporation. On June 20, 2008, Cody amended its articles of incorporation to change its name to ChromaDex Corporation. On April 25, 2016, ChromaDex Corporation became listed on the Nasdaq Capital Market (Nasdaq).

On March 12, 2017, ChromaDex Corporation acquired Healthspan Research LLC, a consumer product company offering Tru Niagen® branded products. This marked the strategic shift to become a global bioscience company dedicated to healthy aging. On January 15, 2021, Healthspan Research LLC was dissolved. Prior to its dissolution, Healthspan Research, LLC contributed its assets and liabilities to ChromaDex, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of ChromaDex Corporation,

Effective March 19, 2025, the Company changed its name to “Niagen Bioscience, Inc.”. In connection with the Company’s new name, the Company changed the ticker symbol for the Company’s common stock on Nasdaq, to “NAGE”.

Company Overview

We are a global bioscience company dedicated to promoting healthy aging. Our team, which includes world-renowned scientists, is pioneering research on nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide (NAD+), an essential coenzyme that regulates cellular metabolism and is present in every cell of the human body. NAD+ levels naturally decline with age, by up to 65% between ages 30 and 70, and can also be impacted by poor diet, excess alcohol consumption, and certain disease states. Increasing NAD+ levels through NAD+ precursors, calorie restriction, or moderate exercise has been shown to support healthy cellular function. We are at the forefront of developing and commercializing effective methods to support NAD+ levels and promote healthy aging.

In 2013, we commercialized food-grade Niagen®, a proprietary form of nicotinamide riboside chloride (“NRC” or “NRCL,” commonly referred to as “NR”), a novel form of vitamin B3, as both a dietary and food ingredient. In 2017, we expanded our offerings with the launch of Tru Niagen®, a finished dietary supplement featuring Niagen®, available directly to consumers. In 2024, Niagen Plus products launched, which are products featuring pharmaceutical-grade Niagen®. We supply pharmaceutical-grade Niagen® to U.S. FDA-registered 503B outsourcing facilities, in addition to compound pharmacies abroad, which compound and distribute Niagen® intravenous (Niagen IV) and injectable Niagen® formulations for use with a prescription. Food-grade Niagen® is authorized for human consumption as a dietary supplement and is generally recognized as safe (GRAS), while pharmaceutical-grade Niagen® is authorized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for compounding by 503B outsourcing facilities.

NRC is one of the most well-studied and efficient NAD+ precursors available. Data from numerous preclinical studies and human clinical trials demonstrate that orally administered NRC significantly increases NAD+ levels in blood and tissue. Food-grade Niagen® has twice been successfully reviewed under the FDA’s new dietary ingredient (NDI) program, has been successfully notified to the FDA as GRAS, and has received approvals or authorizations from Health Canada, the European Commission, the Turkish Ministry of Agriculture, and the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) of Australia. Food-grade Niagen® has also been approved for inclusion in medical foods by the Brazilian Health Regulatory Agency (ANVISA) and Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ). Clinical studies of oral Niagen® have shown outcomes including increased NAD+ levels, improved cellular metabolism, and enhanced energy production. Niagen® and other NAD+ precursors are protected by a robust portfolio of owned and exclusively licensed patents.

To date, there are more than 525 published human clinical studies related to NAD+ and its impact on health. These areas of study include, but not limited to, understanding NAD+’s role in rare diseases such as Ataxia-Telangiectasia, neurodegenerative diseases, neuropathy, sarcopenia, liver disease and heart failure.

We are among the world leaders in the emerging NAD⁺ space. Through our ChromaDex External Research Program (CERP®), we have built more than 300 research collaborations with leading universities and research institutions, including the National Institutes of Health, Cornell, Dartmouth, Harvard, MIT, University of Cambridge, the Mayo Clinic, Chiba University, and Sun Yat-sen University. Research from CERP® partners has produced peer-reviewed publications that continue to advance understanding of NAD⁺ biology, including in health, diseases, and aging, and support the science behind Niagen®. Our Scientific Advisory Board, chaired by Dr. Roger Kornberg, Nobel Laureate and Stanford Professor, includes distinguished scientists such as Dr. Charles Brenner, discoverer of NR as an NAD⁺ precursor, and experts from Harvard, UC Davis, USC, Scripps Research, and the NIH. Together, our research partnerships and advisory board form a key part of our innovation platform in healthy aging and NAD⁺ science.

Business Model, Products and Services

Consumer Products Segment

Through our consumer products segment, we provide finished dietary supplement products containing our proprietary ingredients, marketed under the Tru Niagen® brand, through direct-to-consumer channels and distributors.

Our Tru Niagen® products are developed based on ongoing scientific research and incorporate patented technologies. We focus on product quality, scientific support, and regulatory compliance in the development and commercialization of our consumer offerings.

We market and distribute Tru Niagen® products primarily through proprietary e-commerce platforms, third-party online marketplaces, and strategic distribution partners. Internationally, we work with strategic partners to market and sell Tru Niagen® products in select markets, subject to applicable regulatory requirements. We began international expansion with the launch of Tru Niagen® in Hong Kong and Macau in 2017 through a strategic partnership with A.S. Watson Group, and have since expanded distribution into over 100 countries through additional partnerships.

We support our international operations by supplying finished products manufactured in the United States, as well as providing marketing support and operational expertise. In addition, we maintain and operate proprietary e-commerce platforms and collaborate with distribution partners on their e-commerce platforms in the United States and internationally.

Ingredients Segment

Through our Ingredients segment, we develop and commercialize proprietary ingredient technologies, including food-grade Niagen® and pharmaceutical-grade Niagen®. We supply food-grade Niagen® as a raw material to manufacturers of consumer products and pharmaceutical-grade Niagen® to U.S. FDA-registered 503B outsourcing facilities, in each case in accordance with applicable regulatory requirements.

Manufacturers of consumer products incorporate our food-grade Niagen® into dietary supplement and food products. U.S. FDA-registered 503B outsourcing facilities may compound pharmaceutical-grade Niagen® into Niagen® IV and injectable Niagen® product formulations for administration pursuant to a valid prescription and applicable law.

Food-grade Niagen® is authorized for human consumption as a dietary supplement and has been notified to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration as Generally Recognized as Safe (GRAS) for use as a food ingredient. Pharmaceutical-grade Niagen® is manufactured for use by U.S. FDA-registered 503B outsourcing facilities in compounding activities.

Our mission is to identify, acquire, and commercialize innovative proprietary ingredients and technologies to drive growth and deliver value. With an experienced team, we have the expertise to guide innovative ingredients and technologies from early-stage development through commercialization. This includes ensuring compliance with regulatory approvals, safety standards, toxicology assessments, and clinical trial requirements. Additionally, we provide comprehensive supply chain management and manufacturing support, enabling us to either directly sell our ingredient products or license them to third parties.

Analytical Reference Standards and Services Segment

Since 1999, we have provided research and quality-control products and services through our analytical reference standards and services segment. Customers worldwide in the dietary supplement, food and beverage, cosmetic, pharmaceutical, and life sciences industries utilize our products, which are small quantities of highly-characterized, phytochemicals, natural products and plant-based materials, to ensure the quality of their raw materials and finished products. We also provide research services for customers exploring natural product research and development.

On February 24, 2026, we entered into an agreement to sell our analytical reference standards and services segment. Following completion of the transaction, we no longer operate this business. See Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis and Note 4. *Business Segments and Concentrations* included in Part II of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for additional information regarding this transaction.

Pharmaceutical Segment

We are pursuing pharmaceutical development of NAD+ precursors for potential therapeutic applications in advanced aging rare diseases. To date, our activities have been limited to research and development, including preclinical and clinical studies and regulatory planning activities, and we do not currently generate revenue from this segment. Our future activities may include continued internal development and potential strategic collaborations or licensing arrangements. There can be no assurance that these development activities will result in successful clinical outcomes, regulatory approval, or commercial success.

Business Addressable Market

According to data from Global Wellness Institute, the global wellness industry market was approximately \$6.8 trillion in 2024, nearly 8% higher than its size in 2023. In 2024, the personal care and beauty market was approximately \$1,350 billion, healthy eating, nutrition and weight loss was approximately \$1,148 billion, traditional and complementary medicine market was approximately \$606 billion and the spa market, which includes IV drips, was approximately \$157 billion. The Global Wellness Institute projects the overall wellness economy to grow approximately 7.6% annually, or 44% in total, from 2024 to 2029.

According to data from Grand View Research, the global dietary supplements market size was estimated at \$193 billion in 2024, and is expected to grow at a compound annual growth rate of 8.9% from 2025 to 2033 and the intravenous hydration therapy market size was estimated at \$3 billion in 2024, and is expected to grow at a compound annual growth rate of 9.0% from 2025 to 2033.

In 2024, our net sales grew by 19%, followed by a 30% increase in 2025. Over the period from 2021 to 2025, we had a compound annual growth rate of 18%.

For the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, our net sales were approximately \$129.4 million and \$99.6 million, respectively. The following table summarizes total net sales for each of our business segments in the last two years. Our pharmaceutical segment did not generate net sales during the periods presented and is therefore not included in the table below. Please refer to Item 8 Financial Statements and Supplementary Data of this Form 10-K for additional financial information about each of our business segments.

<i>(In thousands)</i>	Year Ended December 31,	
	2025	2024
Consumer Products Segment	\$ 97,672	\$ 76,772
Ingredients Segment	28,675	19,814
Analytical Reference Standards and Services Segment	3,076	3,011
Total net sales	\$ 129,423	\$ 99,597

Major Customers

No customer accounted for more than 10% of the Company's net sales during the year ended December 31, 2025. For the year ended December 31, 2024, we had two major customers which accounted for more than 10% of our total net sales, with A.S. Watson Group, a former related party, accounting for approximately 12.5% of our net sales and another customer accounting for approximately 11.7% of our net sales.

Sales and Marketing Strategy

Consumer Products Segment

Our sales and marketing strategy for the Consumer Products Segment is focused on increasing awareness of the Tru Niagen® brand and driving consumer demand through a combination of digital marketing, strategic partnerships, and direct-to-consumer engagement. We utilize a variety of online marketing channels, including proprietary and third-party e-commerce platforms, social media, and performance-based advertising, to reach and engage consumers.

We also work with affiliate partners, authorized resellers, and select healthcare practitioners to expand distribution and brand visibility. Our marketing efforts emphasize scientific research, product quality, and brand trust, and are supported by customer care services that manage consumer inquiries and support ongoing engagement.

Distribution:

Domestic (United States of America):

In the United States, we distribute Tru Niagen® products directly to consumers through our proprietary e-commerce platform TruNiagen.com, as well as through third-party online marketplaces, including Amazon. We also distribute through specialty retailers and authorized healthcare practitioners resellers.

International:

In Canada, we distribute Tru Niagen® products directly to consumers through our proprietary e-commerce platform. Internationally, we distribute Tru Niagen® products through regional or country-specific strategic partners that sell through brick-and-mortar locations, e-commerce platforms, or a combination of both. Our products are currently distributed in select markets across Asia-Pacific, Europe, the Middle East, and North America, subject to applicable regulatory requirements. In addition, we partner with global e-commerce platforms, including iHerb, to expand international reach. We continue to evaluate opportunities to enter additional international markets based on regulatory feasibility and strategic considerations.

Ingredients Segment

Our ingredients segment is primarily supported through strategic partnerships, as we do not currently offer our ingredient products directly to the general public. Sales of our ingredients are made to commercial partners in select markets, with the majority of sales occurring in the United States and certain international markets, including parts of Asia and Europe.

Food-grade Niagen® is sold to manufacturers of consumer products, which incorporate the ingredient into dietary supplement and food products for sale in the United States and international markets. Pharmaceutical-grade Niagen® is supplied to U.S. FDA-registered 503B outsourcing facilities and compounding pharmacies abroad, for use in compounding activities in accordance with applicable local regulatory requirements.

Our sales and marketing efforts for the food-grade Niagen® are focused on supporting commercial partners through technical, regulatory and supply chain assistance, as well as business development activities designed to expand adoption of our ingredient technologies. For pharmaceutical-grade Niagen® we are focused on business development and partner support activities in the United States and abroad. These efforts include working with U.S. FDA-registered 503B outsourcing facilities and collaborating with clinics that offer compounded products containing pharmaceutical-grade Niagen®, primarily through educational outreach, technical support, and relationship management activities conducted in accordance with applicable regulatory requirements.

Analytical Reference Standards and Services Segment

Historically, our analytical reference standards and services segment marketed and sold its products and services through a direct, technically oriented sales model, supported by a combination of internal sales personnel and international distributors. The segment served customers in the United States and select international markets and offered analytical reference standards and related research services. As discussed above, the Company has sold this segment. See Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis and Note 4. *Business Segments and Concentrations* included in Part II of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for additional information.

Pharmaceutical Segment

Our pharmaceutical segment is focused on the research and development of a therapeutic candidate for potential applications in rare advanced aging diseases. We hold an exclusive patent portfolio to develop this molecule into an approved drug. At this stage, we have not commenced commercial sales or marketing activities, and our efforts to date have been limited to research and development.

Total sales and marketing expense across all segments for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024 was approximately \$35.5 million and \$29.5 million, respectively.

Research and Development

The ChromaDex External Research Program (CERP®) is an essential component of our research and development platform. CERP® was established to advance the science of nicotinamide riboside chloride and other Niagen Bioscience products. We value and encourage strong scientific rigor behind our products and have cultivated relationships with academic institutions in pursuit of this. Thus far, CERP® has entered into over 300 research partnership agreements with leading universities and research institutions around the world including the National Institutes of Health, Cornell, Dartmouth, Harvard, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, University of Cambridge, the Mayo Clinic, Chiba University and Sun Yat-sen University. Additional relationships are currently being developed.

To date, over 500 peer-reviewed studies have been published on the science behind NRC, including its NAD+ boosting properties, and there are over 525 published human clinical studies on NAD+ and its impact on health. CERP® has produced more than 40% of all peer-reviewed NRC-focused publications and 75% of the peer-reviewed clinical NRC publications so far. To date, 41 peer-reviewed human clinical trials have been published on our proprietary ingredient Niagen® demonstrating its safety and/or efficacy. No adverse effects have been attributed to Niagen® in any of the published clinical trials. In both 2015 and 2018, food-grade Niagen® was successfully notified to the FDA as an NDI. Food-grade Niagen® was also successfully notified to FDA as GRAS in August 2016. Pharmaceutical-grade Niagen® is authorized by the FDA for compounding by 503B outsourcing facilities.

Through our research and development laboratory in Longmont, Colorado, and the collective efforts of our experienced team, we venture to discover, develop and evaluate new products and ingredients that we aim to take to market and explore cost saving processes for existing products. Research and development expense for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024 was approximately \$6.3 million and \$6.0 million, respectively.

Competitive Business Conditions

The health and wellness, anti-aging and dietary supplement industries are highly competitive, and we face competition from companies that offer products similar to our products, including companies with greater financial, marketing and human resources. We also compete in markets where certain products sold or marketed by others may be inaccurately labeled or fail to meet the same quality and manufacturing standards as our own products, which can affect pricing and consumer perception.

Competition in these markets is based on factors such as product quality, perceived efficacy, scientific support, brand recognition, pricing, distribution channels, and regulatory compliance. We seek to differentiate our products and marketing by emphasizing scientific research, product quality, functional ingredients, and brand trust. We also pursue patent and trademark protections for our brands, product names, and new technologies when appropriate. While such measures may not prevent all competitive products, we believe they support our ability to compete effectively.

Within our consumer products segment, we face direct competition from other providers of NAD+ boosting dietary supplements. We also encounter indirect competition from suppliers of alternative ingredients that may be marketed as having similar functional characteristics. In addition, certain customers act as authorized resellers of Niagen® consumer products in specific channels or geographies, which we believe complement our direct-to-consumer strategy and support broader awareness of the Niagen® ingredient.

Historically, the analytical reference standards and services segment operated in a competitive environment within the standardization and quality testing markets it served. The segment faced competition from other providers of analytical reference standards and related services, including companies that had already developed reference standards as well as those seeking to develop similar products and services. Competition in these markets is based on factors such as product quality, technical expertise, customer relationships, breadth of product offerings, pricing, and turnaround times.

Further, the pharmaceutical industry is highly competitive and characterized by rapid technological change, significant research and development expenditures, and extensive regulatory requirements. Companies pursuing therapies for rare diseases face competition from large pharmaceutical companies, biotechnology firms, academic institutions, and other research organizations, many of which have substantially greater financial, technical, and human resources than we do. Competition in this industry is based on, among other factors, scientific and clinical results, safety and efficacy profiles, regulatory approvals, intellectual property position, and the ability to obtain funding and strategic partnerships. There can be no assurance that our development efforts will be successful in this competitive environment.

Working Capital

The Company's net working capital as of December 31, 2025 and 2024 was approximately \$19.4 million and \$8.4 million, respectively. We measure net working capital by adding trade receivables and inventories and subtracting accounts payable. Our working capital is primarily comprised of assets and liabilities from our consumer products segment and ingredients segment as these operations require a considerable amount of inventory on hand. As each of these segments grow, greater working capital will likely be required to support these operations.

Government Regulation

Some of our operations are subject to regulation by various U.S. federal agencies and similar state and international agencies, including, but not limited to, the FDA, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the Department of Commerce, the Department of Transportation and the Department of Agriculture and various state pharmacy boards. These regulators govern a wide variety of production activities, from design and development to labeling, manufacturing, handling, selling and distributing of products. From time to time, federal, state and international legislation is enacted that may materially increase our cost of doing business or may limit or expand our permissible activities. We cannot predict whether or when potential legislation or regulations will be enacted, and, if enacted, the effect that such legislation, regulation, implementation, or supervisory policies would have on our financial condition or results of operations. In addition, the outcome of any litigation, investigations or enforcement actions initiated by state or federal authorities could result in required changes to our operations and increased compliance costs.

FDA Regulation

In the U.S., dietary supplements and food are subject to FDA regulations under the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (FDCA). Areas addressed in these regulations include:

- product safety;
- product testing;
- ingredient testing;
- manufacturing process, documentation, batch records, specifications;
- product labeling;
- manufacturing facility registration;
- product manufacturing and storage;
- product claims, advertising and promotion;
- product sales and distribution; and
- product post-market surveillance.

The FDCA has been amended several times with respect to dietary supplements, most notably by the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994 (DSHEA). DSHEA generally provides a regulatory framework to help ensure safe, quality dietary supplements and the dissemination of accurate information about such products. In particular, one aspect of the framework established by DSHEA provides that so-called “third-party literature,” for example a reprint of a peer-reviewed scientific publication linking a particular nutritional ingredient with health benefits, may be used in connection with the sale of a nutritional supplement to consumers without the literature being subject to regulation as labeling. Such literature must not be false or misleading; the literature may not promote a particular manufacturer or brand of nutritional supplement; the literature must present a balanced view of the available scientific information on the nutritional supplement; if displayed in an establishment, the literature must be physically separate from the nutritional supplement; and the literature may not have appended to it any information by sticker or any other method. If the literature fails to satisfy each of these requirements, we may be prevented from disseminating it with our products, and any dissemination could subject our products to regulatory action as an illegal drug. Moreover, any written or verbal representation by us that would associate a nutrient in a product that we sell with an effect on a disease will be deemed evidence of intent to sell the product as an unapproved new drug, a violation of the FDCA. We are committed to meeting or exceeding all relevant FDA regulations under the FDCA.

U.S. Advertising Regulations

In addition to FDA regulations, the FTC regulates the advertising of dietary supplements, foods, cosmetics, over-the-counter drugs and other consumer products. In recent years, the FTC has instituted numerous enforcement actions against dietary supplement companies for failure to adequately substantiate claims made in advertising or for the use of false or misleading advertising claims. These enforcement actions have often resulted in consent decrees and the payment of civil penalties, restitution, or both, by the companies involved. We may be subject to regulation under various state and local laws that include provisions governing, among other things, the formulation, manufacturing, packaging, labeling, advertising and distribution of dietary supplements, foods, cosmetics and over-the-counter drugs.

Additionally, state attorney's general and private plaintiff attorneys also monitor the advertising of dietary supplements, foods, cosmetics, and over-the-counter drugs through enforcement of state consumer protection laws. State attorney's general and, to a larger extent, private lawyers specializing in consumer class action litigation have instituted numerous enforcement actions against dietary supplement companies for failure to adequately substantiate claims made in advertising, for the use of false or misleading advertising claims, for underdosed products that don't meet label claims and allegations related to product safety. These actions have often resulted in consent decrees and the payment of civil penalties, restitution, or both, by the companies involved. We are not aware of, or party to, any action by a state attorney general or consumer class action involving our products.

International Regulations

Our international sales for the consumer products segment and ingredients segment are subject to foreign government regulations, which vary substantially from country to country. Most countries, in particular major markets, have established regulations for (a) authorizing the introduction of novel ingredients to market in the food and/or dietary/food/health supplement sectors and (b) for allowing finished goods to be placed on the market for consumer access. Typically, novel ingredients must go through an extensive safety review process (similar to the NDI notification process in the U.S.) by a regulatory or scientific authoritative body. Finished products typically must either be registered or notified (a limited approval process) with the relevant authorities. In some cases, new products can be brought to market without notifying the authorities.

The time required to obtain approval by a foreign country may be longer or shorter than that required for the FDA notification process, and the requirements may differ. We may be unable to obtain on a timely basis, if at all, any foreign government approvals necessary for the marketing of our products abroad.

Regulation of foods/food supplements in Europe is exercised primarily through the European Union, which regulates the combined market of each of its member states. Other countries, such as Switzerland, have voluntarily adopted laws and regulations that mirror those of the European Union with respect to novel foods or new dietary ingredients.

Regulation in other markets we operate in or seek to operate in, including Canada, Japan, Brazil, China, Turkey and Australia all maintain and enforce a clear regulatory framework for novel ingredients and dietary supplements (or their equivalent).

Patents, Trademarks, Licenses, or Royalty Agreements, Including Duration

We currently protect our intellectual property through patents, trademarks, designs and copyrights on our products and services. We have used and, to a limited extent, continue to use intellectual property to create new proprietary ingredients. We aim to develop and commercialize these proprietary ingredients ourselves as well as grant licenses to external companies for their commercialization.

The following table sets forth our existing patents and those to which we have licensed rights:

Patent Number	Title	Filing Date	Issued Date	Expires	Licensor
8,106,184	Nicotinyl Riboside Compositions and Methods of Use	11/17/2006	1/31/2012	9/20/2027	Licensed from Cornell University
9,000,147	Nicotyl riboside compositions and methods of use	1/17/2012	4/7/2015	11/17/2026	Licensed from Cornell University
9,321,797	Nicotyl riboside compositions and methods of use	11/17/2014	4/26/2016	11/17/2026	Licensed from Cornell University
9,975,915	Crystalline forms of nicotinoyl ribosides, modified derivatives thereof, and phosphorylated analogs thereof, and methods of preparation thereof	11/10/2017	5/22/2018	11/10/2037	Owned by Niagen Bioscience
10,000,519	Methods of Preparing Nicotinamide Riboside and Derivatives Thereof	7/24/2014	6/19/2018	7/24/2034	Owned by Niagen Bioscience
10,000,520	B-vitamin and amino acid conjugates of nicotinoyl ribosides and reduced nicotinoyl ribosides, derivatives thereof, and methods of preparation thereof	3/16/2017	6/19/2018	3/16/2037	Owned by Niagen Bioscience
10,183,036	Use of nicotinic acid riboside or nicotinamide riboside derivatives, and reduced derivatives thereof, as NAD+ increasing precursors	4/20/2017	1/22/2019	4/20/2037	Owned by Niagen Bioscience
10,280,190	Nicotinic acid riboside or nicotinamide riboside compositions, reduced derivatives thereof, and the use thereof to enhance skin permeation in treating skin conditions	3/16/2016	5/7/2019	5/31/2036	Owned by Niagen Bioscience
10,688,118	Nicotinamide riboside compositions for topical use in treating skin conditions	10/30/2014	6/23/2020	4/6/2035	Owned by Niagen Bioscience
10,689,411	Efficient and scalable syntheses of nicotinoyl ribosides and reduced nicotinoyl ribosides, modified derivatives thereof, phosphorylated analogs thereof, adenylyl dinucleotide conjugates thereof, and novel crystalline forms thereof	11/10/2017	6/23/2020	11/10/2037	Owned by Niagen Bioscience
10,815,262	Methods of preparing nicotinamide riboside and derivatives thereof	2/27/2018	10/27/2020	7/24/2034	Owned by Niagen Bioscience
10,857,172	Use of nicotinamide riboside, nicotinic acid riboside, and nicotinamide mononucleotide, reduced nicotinyl compounds, and nicotinoyl compound derivatives in infant formula for healthy development	4/14/2017	12/8/2020	4/14/2037	Owned by Niagen Bioscience
10,934,322	B-vitamin and amino acid conjugates of nicotinoyl ribosides and reduced nicotinoyl ribosides, derivatives thereof, and methods of preparation thereof	5/11/2018	3/2/2021	3/16/2037	Owned by Niagen Bioscience
11,033,568	Nicotinamide riboside compositions for topical use in treating skin conditions	6/3/2020	6/15/2021	10/30/2034	Owned by Niagen Bioscience
11,071,747	Use of NAD precursors for breast enhancement	11/29/2017	7/27/2021	11/29/2037	Licensed from University of Iowa
11,214,589	Crystalline forms of nicotinoyl ribosides and derivatives thereof, and methods of preparation thereof	12/10/2019	1/4/2022	8/16/2040	Owned by Niagen Bioscience

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11,242,364	Efficient and scalable syntheses of nicotinoyl ribosides and reduced nicotinoyl ribosides, modified derivatives thereof, phosphorylated analogs thereof, adenylyl dinucleotide conjugates thereof, and novel crystalline forms thereof	5/18/2021	2/8/2022	11/10/2037	Owned by Niagen Bioscience
11,274,117	Efficient and scalable syntheses of nicotinoyl ribosides and reduced nicotinoyl ribosides, modified derivatives thereof, phosphorylated analogs thereof, adenylyl dinucleotide conjugates thereof, and novel crystalline forms thereof	4/30/2021	3/15/2022	11/10/2037	Owned by Niagen Bioscience
11,345,720	Efficient and scalable syntheses of nicotinoyl ribosides and reduced nicotinoyl ribosides, modified derivatives thereof, phosphorylated analogs thereof, adenylyl dinucleotide conjugates thereof, and novel crystalline forms thereof	12/15/2021	5/31/2022	11/10/2037	Owned by Niagen Bioscience
11,524,022	Use of nicotinamide riboside, nicotinic acid riboside, and nicotinamide mononucleotide, reduced nicotinyl compounds, and nicotinoyl compound derivatives in infant formula for healthy development	4/14/2017	12/13/2022	4/14/2037	Owned by Niagen Bioscience
11,571,413	Nicotinamide riboside treatments of domesticated meat animals	6/26/2020	2/7/2023	9/27/2039	Licensed from Kansas State University
11,584,770	Methods of preparing nicotinamide riboside and derivatives thereof	5/4/2022	2/21/2023	7/24/2034	Owned by Niagen Bioscience
11,633,421	Use of NAD precursors for improving maternal health and/or offspring health	11/29/2017	4/25/2023	6/19/2039	Licensed from University of Iowa
11,746,123	Efficient and scalable syntheses of nicotinoyl ribosides and reduced nicotinoyl ribosides, modified derivatives thereof, phosphorylated analogs thereof, adenylyl dinucleotide conjugates thereof, and novel crystalline forms thereof	6/22/2020	9/05/2023	11/10/2037	Owned by Niagen Bioscience
11,981,698	Methods of Preparing reduced Nicotinamide Riboside and Derivatives Thereof	5/4/2022	5/14/2024	7/24/2034	Owned by Niagen Bioscience
12,195,494	Efficient and scalable syntheses of nicotinoyl ribosides and reduced nicotinoyl ribosides, modified derivatives thereof, phosphorylated analogs thereof, adenylyl dinucleotide conjugates thereof, and novel crystalline forms thereof	8/24/2023	1/14/2025	11/10/2037	Owned by Niagen Bioscience
12,252,506	Methods of Preparing reduced Nicotinamide Riboside and Derivatives Thereof	4/26/2023	3/18/2025	7/24/2034	Owned by Niagen Bioscience
12,433,908	Use of nicotinamide riboside, nicotinic acid riboside, and nicotinamide mononucleotide, reduced nicotinyl compounds, and nicotinoyl compound derivatives in infant formula for healthy development	11/30/2022	10/7/2025	4/14/2037	Owned by Niagen Bioscience
12,485,134	Use of nicotinamide riboside, nicotinic acid riboside, reduced nicotinyl riboside compounds, and nicotinyl riboside compound derivatives in formulations	2/21/2020	12/2/2025	10/8/2041	Owned by Niagen Bioscience

Manufacturing, Sources and Availability of Raw Materials

Our finished consumer products are manufactured by third-party, FDA-registered contract manufacturers located in the United States. These manufacturers operate in accordance with applicable regulatory requirements and quality standards, including standards established by the FDA and the International Organization for Standardization, as well as the high-quality standards we require. Raw materials are sourced globally and are either procured by our contract manufacturers based on our specifications or, in certain cases, supplied or licensed by the Company.

We utilize third-party manufacturers for the production, encapsulation, and bottling of NRC, as well as for the manufacturing and supply of other ingredients and product components. In addition to testing conducted by our manufacturers, we perform independent analytical testing of products and components to verify compliance with our specifications. We also maintain quality oversight programs designed to monitor supplier performance and address quality issues as they arise.

We rely on a single manufacturer for the supply of food-grade NRC. We have entered into a long-term supply agreement with W.R. Grace & Co.-Conn. (Grace), pursuant to which Grace is our exclusive supplier of food-grade NRC that meets specified quality standards. The supply agreement has an initial term through April 30, 2029, and will automatically renew for successive 12-month terms unless either party provides written notice of its intent not to renew. Certain intellectual property held by Grace limits the availability of alternative sources of supply for food-grade NRC.

We believe we have established reliable relationships with our manufacturing partners and suppliers; however, disruptions in manufacturing or the supply of key raw materials, including NRC, could adversely affect our operations

Environmental Compliance

We incur various expenses in complying with current good manufacturing practices (cGMP) and safe handling and disposal of materials used in our research and manufacturing activities. For the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, these expenses totaled approximately \$3.4 million and \$3.0 million, respectively. We do not anticipate incurring significant additional expense in our compliance with federal, state and local environmental laws and regulations.

Backlog Orders

For our consumer products segment, we may experience backlog from time to time for distributor orders due to production lead times associated with finished Tru Niagen® products manufactured by third-party contract manufacturers. As of December 31, 2025, we did not have any significant backlog orders from the distributors. For consumer products sold directly to consumers, we generally maintain sufficient inventory on hand to fulfill orders upon receipt and backlog orders were minimal as of December 31, 2025.

For our ingredients segment, backlog orders are generally minimal, as we maintain inventory levels sufficient to fulfill customer orders upon receipt.

For our analytical reference standards and services segment, backlog orders are typically small and immaterial. Certain catalog items may not be immediately available at the time an order is placed; however, such orders are generally fulfilled within normal production or sourcing timeframes.

Human Capital: Culture and Workforce

Our employees are an important component of our ability to operate and execute our business strategy. We seek to foster a collaborative and inclusive work environment that supports innovation, accountability, and professional development across the organization. We provide compensation and benefits programs designed to be competitive within the markets in which we operate and to support the health and well-being of our employees and their families. Our human capital practices focus on attracting, developing, and retaining talent through recruiting, training, performance management, and career development initiatives. We encourage open communication and engagement through regular internal communications and opportunities for employee feedback. As of December 31, 2025, Niagen Bioscience had 117 full-time employees, none of whom were represented by a labor union. We believe our employee relations are good.

Facilities

For information on our facilities, see “Properties” in Item 2 of this Form 10-K.

Available Information

We are subject to the reporting requirements under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”). Consequently, we are required to file reports and information with the SEC, including reports on the following forms: annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K, and amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act. These reports, proxy and information statements and other information concerning our company may be accessed through the SEC’s website at www.sec.gov.

You may also find on our website at www.niagenbioscience.com, electronic copies of our annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act. Such filings are placed on our website as soon as reasonably practicable after they are filed with the SEC. All such filings are available free of charge. We also make available, free of charge, on our website our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, and the Charters of our Audit Committee, Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, and Compensation Committee of our Board of Directors. Information found on, or accessible through, our website is not a part of, and is not incorporated into, this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

Investing in our common stock involves a high degree of risk. Current investors and potential investors should consider carefully the risks and uncertainties described below together with all other information contained in this Form 10-K, including our financial statements, the related notes and “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations,” before making investment decisions with respect to our common stock. If any of the following risks occur, our business, financial condition, results of operations and our future growth prospects would likely be materially and adversely affected. Under these circumstances, the trading price and value of our common stock could decline, resulting in a loss of all or part of your investment. The risks and uncertainties described in this Form 10-K are not the only ones facing our Company. Additional risks and uncertainties of which we are not presently aware, or that we currently consider immaterial, may also affect our business operations.

Summary of Risk Factors

We are providing the following summary of the risk factors contained in this Annual Report on Form 10-K to enhance the readability and accessibility of our risk factor disclosures. This summary does not address all of the risks that we face. We encourage our stockholders to carefully review the risk factors contained in this Annual Report on Form 10-K in their entirety for additional information regarding the risks and uncertainties that could cause our actual results to vary materially from recent results or from our anticipated future results.

Risks Related to our Company and Business:

- Interruptions in our relationships or declines in our business with major customers could materially harm our business and financial results.
- Global, market and economic conditions may negatively impact our business, financial condition and share price.
- Our future success largely depends on sales of our Tru Niagen® product.
- The success of our consumer product and ingredient business is linked to the size and growth rate of the wellness industry market and an adverse change in the size or growth rate of that market could have a material adverse effect on us.
- The future growth and profitability of our consumer product business will depend in large part upon the effectiveness and efficiency of our marketing efforts and our ability to select effective markets and media in which to market and advertise.
- Many of our competitors are larger and have greater financial and other resources than we do.
- We have a history of operating losses, may need additional financing to meet our future long-term capital requirements and may be unable to raise sufficient capital on favorable terms or at all.

Risks Related to our Operations:

- Our operating results may fluctuate significantly, which could make our future results difficult to predict and could cause our operating results to fall below expectations.
- If we are unable to maintain or develop sales, marketing and distribution capabilities or maintain or develop arrangements with third parties to sell, market and distribute our products, our business may be harmed.

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- Our business could be negatively impacted by cyber security incidents or threats, which could lead to data breaches, material interruption to our operations, manufacturing or laboratory systems, clinical trials, and IT systems, and violations of statutory and contractual privacy, confidentiality and data security obligations. This could result in significant fines, penalties, litigation, and liabilities, regulatory investigations or lawsuits, including class actions, reputational harm, and loss of revenue, customers or sales.

Risks Related to our Products:

- We rely on a single supplier, W.R. Grace, for NRC and a limited number of third-party suppliers for the raw materials required to produce our products.
- Unfavorable publicity or consumer perception of our products and any similar products distributed by other companies could have a material adverse effect on our business.
- We may incur material product liability claims or class action litigation, which could increase our costs and adversely affect our reputation, revenues and operating income.
- We utilize ingredients and components for our products from foreign suppliers, and may be negatively affected by the risks associated with international trade and importation issues.
- We are subject to potential payment processing risk.

Risks Related to our Intellectual Property:

- Our ability to protect our intellectual property and proprietary technology through patents and other means is uncertain and may be inadequate, which may have a material and adverse effect on us.
- Our patents and licenses may be subject to challenge on validity grounds, and our patent applications may be rejected.
- We may become subject to claims of infringement or misappropriation of the intellectual property rights of others, which could prohibit us from developing our products, require us to obtain licenses from third parties or to develop non-infringing alternatives and subject us to substantial monetary damages.

Risks Related to Regulatory Approval of our Products and Other Government Regulations:

- Changes in government regulation or in practices relating to the pharmaceutical, dietary supplement, food and cosmetic industry could affect our ability to comply and the demand for our products and services.
- Compliance with stringent and changing global privacy and data security laws and regulations may increase our operating costs, expose us to liability, and restrict our ability to collect, use, transfer, and otherwise process data critical to our business. Any actual or perceived failure to comply could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition, or operations.

Risks Related to the Securities Markets and Ownership of our Equity Securities:

- The market price of our common stock may be volatile and adversely affected by several factors.
- We have not paid cash dividends in the past and do not expect to pay cash dividends in the foreseeable future. Any return on investment may be limited to the value of our common stock.
- We have a significant number of outstanding options and unvested restricted stock units. Future sales of these shares could adversely affect the market price of our common stock.

General Risks:

- We may become involved in securities class action litigation that could divert management's attention and harm our business.
- Our failure to establish and maintain effective internal control over financial reporting could result in material misstatements in our financial statements, result in our failure to meet our reporting obligations and cause investors to lose confidence in our reported financial information, which in turn could cause the trading price of our common stock to decline.
- We have a limited operating history in China and our ability to develop successful channels in China is subject to legal, political, economic and social uncertainties.
- Environmental, social and governance matters and any related reporting obligations may impact our business and reputation.

Risks Related to our Company and Business

Interruptions in our relationships or declines in our business with major customers could materially harm our business and financial results.

Any interruption in our relationship or decline in our business with key customers upon whom we become highly dependent could cause harm to our business. Factors that could influence our relationship with our customers upon whom we may become highly dependent include:

- our ability to maintain our products at prices and quality that are competitive with those of our competitors, and the potential for new competitors or more aggressive actions by our existing competitors;
- our ability to maintain quality levels for our products sufficient to meet the expectations of our customers;
- our ability to produce, ship and deliver a sufficient quantity of our products in a timely manner to meet the needs of our customers;
- our ability to continue to develop and launch new products that our customers feel meet their needs and requirements, with respect to cost, timeliness, features, performance and other factors;
- our ability to develop new sales and distribution channels for our new products;
- our ability to successfully develop relationships with clinics and other third-party providers of our pharmaceutical-grade products;
- our ability to provide timely, responsive and accurate customer support to our customers; and
- the ability of our customers to effectively deliver, market and increase sales of their own products based on ours.

Global, market and economic conditions may negatively impact our business, financial condition and share price.

Concerns over inflation, tariffs, import/export regulations, trade disputes, geopolitical issues, the U.S. financial markets, higher interest rates, foreign exchange rates, capital and exchange controls, unstable global credit markets and financial conditions, have led to periods of significant economic instability, declines in consumer confidence and discretionary spending and diminished expectations for the global economy and expectations of slower global economic growth going forward. Our general business strategy may be adversely affected by any such economic downturns, volatile business environments and unstable or unpredictable economic and market conditions. If these conditions continue to deteriorate or do not improve, it may make any necessary debt or equity financing more difficult to complete, more costly and more dilutive. In addition, there is a risk that one or more of our current or future service providers, manufacturers, suppliers and other partners could be negatively affected by difficult economic times, which could adversely affect our ability to attain our operating goals on schedule and on budget or meet our business and financial objectives. Specifically, the impact of these volatile and negative conditions may include, but are not limited to, decreased demand for our products and services as consumers may consider the purchase of nutritional products discretionary, a decrease in our ability to accurately forecast future product trends and demand, and a negative impact on our ability to timely collect receivables from our customers. The foregoing economic conditions may lead to increased levels of bankruptcies, restructurings and liquidations for our customers, scaling back of research and development expenditures, delays in planned projects and shifts in business strategies for many of our customers. Such events could, in turn, adversely affect our business through loss of sales.

In addition, we face several risks associated with international business and are subject to global events beyond our control, including war, public health crises, such as pandemics and epidemics, trade disputes, economic sanctions, trade wars and their collateral impacts and other international events. Any of these changes could have a material adverse effect on our reputation, business, financial condition or results of operations. There may be changes to our business if there is instability, disruption or destruction in a significant geographic region, regardless of cause, including war, terrorism and related sanctions and countermeasures, riot, civil insurrection or social unrest; and natural or man-made disasters, including extreme weather events due to climate change, famine, flood, fire, earthquake, storm or disease. The effects of rising global inflation, are difficult to predict, but could adversely impact geopolitical and macroeconomic conditions, the global economy, and contribute to increased market volatility, which may in turn adversely affect our business and operations.

Our future success largely depends on sales of our Tru Niagen® product.

We expect to generate a significant percentage of our future revenue from sales of our Tru Niagen® product. As a result, the market acceptance of Tru Niagen® is critical to our continued success, and if we are unable to expand market acceptance and increase consumer awareness of Tru Niagen® our business, results of operations, financial condition, liquidity and growth prospects would be materially adversely affected.

The success of our consumer product and ingredient business is linked to the size and growth rate of the wellness industry market and an adverse change in the size or growth rate of that market could have a material adverse effect on us.

An adverse change in the size or growth rate of the wellness industry market, particularly the dietary supplement market, could have a material adverse effect on our business. The success of our pharmaceutical-grade Niagen® ingredient offering is dependent on the continued growth of the intravenous hydration therapy and spa markets and our ability to reach those markets. Underlying market conditions are subject to change based on economic conditions, consumer preferences and other factors that are beyond our control, including media attention and scientific research, which may be positive or negative.

The future growth and profitability of our consumer product business will depend in large part upon the effectiveness and efficiency of our marketing efforts and our ability to select effective markets and media in which to market and advertise.

Our consumer products business success depends on our ability to attract and retain customers, which significantly depends on our marketing practices. Our future growth and profitability will depend in large part upon the effectiveness and efficiency of our marketing efforts, including our ability to:

- create greater awareness of our brand;
- identify the most effective and efficient levels of spending in each market, media and specific media vehicle;
- determine the appropriate creative messages and media mix for advertising, marketing and promotional expenditures;
- effectively manage marketing costs (including creative and media) to maintain acceptable customer acquisition costs;
- select the most effective markets, media and specific media vehicles in which to market and advertise; and
- convert consumer inquiries into actual orders.

Many of our competitors are larger and have greater financial and other resources than we do.

Our products compete and will compete with other similar products produced by our competitors. These competitive products are and may in the future be marketed by well-established, successful companies that possess greater financial, marketing, distributional, personnel and other resources than we possess. Using these resources, these companies can implement extensive advertising and promotional campaigns, both generally and in response to specific marketing efforts by competitors, and enter into new markets more rapidly to introduce new products. In certain instances, competitors with greater financial resources also may be able to enter a market in direct competition with us, offering attractive marketing tools to encourage the sale of products that compete with our products or present cost features that consumers may find attractive.

Our material cash requirements will depend on many factors.

Our material cash requirements will depend on many factors, including:

- the revenues generated by sales of our products;
- the costs associated with expanding our sales and marketing efforts, including efforts to hire independent agents and sales representatives;
- our business costs, including increased costs as a result of inflation;
- the expenses we incur in developing and commercializing our products, including the cost of obtaining and maintaining regulatory approvals and developing new distribution channels; and
- unanticipated general and administrative expenses.

Because of these factors, we may seek to raise additional capital within the next twelve months both to meet our projected operating plans after the next twelve months and to fund our longer-term strategic objectives. Additional capital may come from public and private equity or debt offerings, borrowings under lines of credit or other sources. These additional funds may not be available on favorable terms, or at all. There can be no assurance we will be successful in raising these additional funds. Furthermore, if we issue equity or debt securities to raise additional funds, our existing stockholders may experience dilution and the new equity or debt securities we issue may have rights, preferences and privileges senior to those of our existing stockholders. In addition, if we raise additional funds through collaboration, licensing or other similar arrangements, it may be necessary to relinquish valuable rights to our products or proprietary technologies, or grant licenses on terms that are not favorable to us. If we cannot raise funds on acceptable terms, we may not be able to develop or enhance our products, obtain the required regulatory clearances or approvals, execute our business plan, take advantage of future opportunities, or respond to competitive pressures or unanticipated customer requirements. Any of these events could adversely affect our ability to achieve our development and commercialization goals, which could have a material and adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

Changes in our business strategy, including entering new consumer product markets, restructuring our businesses or other factors may increase our costs or otherwise affect the profitability of our businesses.

As changes in our business environment occur we may adjust our business strategies to meet these changes or we may otherwise decide to restructure our operations or businesses or assets. In addition, external events including changing technology, changing consumer patterns and changes in macroeconomic conditions, including inflationary pressures, may impair the value of our assets and increase our costs. When these changes or events occur, we may incur costs to change our business strategy and may need to write down the value of assets. In any of these events, our costs may increase, we may have significant charges associated with the write-down of assets or returns on new investments may be lower than prior to the change in strategy or restructuring. For example, we may not be successful in developing our consumer product business for sales of Tru Niagen® products or sales of our Niagen® ingredient products, and our sales may decrease despite us incurring increased costs related to marketing or otherwise developing such products.

We face significant competition, including changes in pricing.

The markets for our products and services are both competitive and price-sensitive. Many of our competitors have significant financial, operations, sales and marketing resources and experience in research and development. Competitors could develop new technologies that compete with our products and services or even render our products obsolete. If a competitor develops superior technology or cost-effective alternatives to our products and services, our business could be seriously harmed. In September 2025, the FDA determined that nicotinamide mononucleotide (NMN) may be lawfully marketed as a dietary ingredient. If this determination is not overturned or superseded, it may introduce additional channels of competition in certain product categories.

Additionally, some competitors may engage in misleading marketing practices, including mislabeling their products by overstating ingredient levels or making claims that their products provide benefits similar to ours without scientific support. These practices may mislead consumers into purchasing inferior or ineffective alternatives, thereby eroding our market share and damaging the credibility of the product category as a whole. If such competitors gain traction in the marketplace, our ability to differentiate our scientifically validated products may be diminished, negatively impacting our sales and overall business.

Furthermore, the markets for some of our products are also subject to specific competitive risks because these markets are highly price competitive. Our competitors have competed in the past by lowering prices on certain products. If they do so again, we may be forced to respond by lowering our prices. This would reduce sales revenues and increase losses. Failure to anticipate and respond to price competition may also impact sales and aggravate losses. Our commercial opportunity could be reduced if our competitors develop and commercialize products that are more effective or convenient than our products. Our competitors also may obtain regulatory approval for their products in markets we have not yet entered or before we are able to obtain approval for ours, which could result in our competitors establishing a strong market position before we are able to enter that market. To the extent we are not the first to develop, offer and/or supply new products, customers may buy from our competitors or make materials themselves, causing our competitive position to suffer.

Litigation may harm our business.

Substantial, complex or extended litigation could cause us to incur significant costs and distract our management. For example, lawsuits by employees, stockholders, collaborators, distributors, customers, competitors or others could be very costly and substantially disrupt our business. Disputes from time to time with such companies, organizations or individuals are not uncommon, and we cannot assure you that we will always be able to resolve such disputes on terms favorable to us. Refer to Note 15, *Commitments and Contingencies* in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements, included in Part II, Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K, for more detail. Unexpected results could cause us to have financial exposure in these matters in excess of recorded reserves and insurance coverage, requiring us to provide additional reserves to address these liabilities, therefore impacting profits.

We have a history of operating losses, may need additional financing to meet our future long-term capital requirements and may be unable to raise sufficient capital on favorable terms or at all.

While we have recorded a net income in both 2025 and 2024, we may not be able to sustain profitability in future periods. Our history of net losses and negative cash flow have had, and may continue to have, an adverse effect on our stockholders' equity and working capital, and if we are not able to sustain profitability in the future, our stock price may be depressed. We expect to continue to incur increasing expenses as we develop our sales, marketing distribution and other commercial infrastructure and continue to develop and commercialize our products, including the cost of obtaining and maintaining regulatory approvals, and establishing new distribution channels for pharmaceutical-grade Niagen®.

As of December 31, 2025, our cash and cash equivalents totaled approximately \$64.8 million, of which \$64.6 million was unrestricted, and we had no borrowings outstanding under our line of credit up to \$10.0 million, subject to certain terms and conditions, with Western Alliance Bank. We believe that our existing cash resources and available borrowings are sufficient to fund our current operating plans for at least the next twelve months. However, we may require additional funds beyond that period, either through additional equity or debt financings, including pursuant to the At Market Issuance Sales Agreement with Raymond James & Associates, Inc. and Roth Capital Partners, LLC (ATM Facility), or collaborative agreements, lines of credit from other banks, or other sources. We have no commitments to obtain such additional financing, and we may not be able to obtain any such additional financing on terms favorable to us, or at all. Further, in recent years, as a result of various factors including global instability, increased interest rates, and inflationary conditions, among other factors, the global credit and financial markets have experienced extreme volatility, including diminished liquidity and credit availability and uncertainty about economic stability. There can be no assurance that further deterioration in credit and financial markets and confidence in economic conditions will not occur. If equity and credit markets deteriorate, it may make any necessary debt or equity financing more difficult to obtain, more costly and/or more dilutive. If adequate financing is not available, the Company will delay, postpone or terminate product and service expansion and curtail certain selling, general and administrative operations. The inability to raise additional financing may have a material adverse effect on the future performance of the Company.

Risks Related to our Operations

Our operating results may fluctuate significantly, which could make our future results difficult to predict and could cause our operating results to fall below expectations.

Our operating results may fluctuate due to a variety of factors, a portion of which are outside of our control. Factors that are difficult to predict and that could cause our operating results to fluctuate include:

- the timing and magnitude of orders, shipments and acceptance of our products, including product returns, order rescheduling and cancellations by our customers;
- our ability to control the costs of the parts and materials we use or to timely adopt subsequent generations of parts and materials;
- our ability to control the costs of the development, sales and distribution of our products;
- disruption in our supply chains, shipping logistics, component availability and related procurement costs;
- the impact of tariffs or changes in trade policies, which could increase our costs and affect pricing or demand for our products;
- our ability to develop, introduce and distribute new products or product enhancements that meet customer requirements and to effectively manage product transitions;
- our reliance on third-party partners involved in the development and supply of new or existing products;

- changes in the competitive dynamics of our markets, including new entrants, new products, or discounting of product prices;
- our ability to control or mitigate costs, including our operating expenses, to support business growth and our continued expansion;
- our ability to upgrade and develop our systems and infrastructure to accommodate growth;
- the impact of inflation on labor and other costs, other adverse economic conditions including the impact of public health epidemics or pandemics;
- disputes and litigation;
- our ability to attract and retain key personnel in a timely and cost-effective manner;
- information technology related costs, disruptions and hindrances;
- our ability to effectively incorporate artificial intelligence (AI) solutions into our operations, services, and systems;
- future regulation by federal, state or local governments; and
- general economic conditions as well as economic conditions specific to the dietary supplement industry.

Our revenues and operating results are and will remain difficult to forecast due to the foregoing factors as the occurrence of any one of these factors could negatively affect our operating results in any particular quarter.

If we are unable to maintain or develop sales, marketing and distribution capabilities or maintain or develop arrangements with third parties to sell, market and distribute our products, our business may be harmed.

To achieve commercial success for our products, we must sell our product lines and/or technologies at favorable prices. In addition to being expensive, maintaining such a sales force is time-consuming. Qualified direct sales personnel with experience in the dietary supplement industry are in high demand, and there can be no assurance that we will be able to hire or retain an effective direct sales team. Similarly, qualified independent sales representatives both within and outside the United States are in high demand, and we may not be able to build an effective network for the distribution of our product through such representatives. There can be no assurance that we will be able to enter into contracts with representatives on terms acceptable to us. Furthermore, there can be no assurance that we will be able to build an alternate distribution framework should we attempt to do so.

We may also need to contract with third parties in order to market our products. To the extent that we enter into arrangements with third parties to perform marketing and distribution services, our product revenue could be lower and our costs higher than if we directly marketed our products. Furthermore, to the extent that we enter into co-promotion or other marketing and sales arrangements with other companies, any revenue received will depend on the skills and efforts of others, and we do not know whether these efforts will be successful. If we are unable to establish and maintain adequate sales, marketing and distribution capabilities, independently or with others, we will not be able to generate product revenue, and may not become profitable.

Our business could be negatively impacted by cyber security incidents or threats, which could lead to data breaches, material interruptions to our operations, manufacturing or laboratory systems, clinical trials, and IT systems, and violations of statutory and contractual privacy, confidentiality and data security obligations. This could result in significant fines, penalties, litigation, and liabilities, regulatory investigations or lawsuits, including class actions, reputational harm, and loss of revenue, customers or sales.

In the ordinary course of our business, we may collect, process, store and transmit proprietary, confidential and sensitive information, including personal information (including health information), intellectual property, trade secrets, and proprietary business information owned or controlled by us or other parties. We use our data centers and our networks, and those of third parties, to store and access our proprietary business and other sensitive information. We and the third parties upon which we rely may face various cyber security threats, which are prevalent and continue to increase, including, without limitation, cyber security attacks on our information technology infrastructure and attempts by others to gain access to our proprietary or sensitive information and other similar threats, including ransomware, supply-chain compromises, criminal or nation-state activity, and emerging attack vectors increasingly enhanced by automation and artificial intelligence. We rely upon third-party service providers and technologies to operate critical business systems to process confidential and personal information in a variety of contexts, including, without limitation, third-party providers of cloud-based infrastructure, employee email, and other functions. Our ability to monitor these third-party providers information security practices is limited, and these third parties may not have adequate information security measures in place. Ransomware attacks, including those from organized criminal threat actors, nation-states and nation-state supported actors, are becoming increasingly prevalent and can lead to significant interruptions, delays, or outages in our operations, loss of data, loss of income, significant extra expenses to restore data or

systems, reputational loss and the diversion of funds. Similarly, supply-chain attacks have increased in frequency and severity, and we cannot guarantee that third parties and infrastructure in our supply chain or our third-party partners' supply-chains have not been compromised or that they do not contain exploitable defects or bugs that could result in a breach of or disruption to our information technology systems or the third-party information technology systems that support us and our services. There may be additional cyber security threats as our employees have the ability to work from home, utilizing network connections outside of the Company premises. Any of the previously identified or similar threats could cause a security incident or other interruption and could result in unauthorized, unlawful, or accidental acquisition, modification, destruction, loss, alteration, encryption, disclosure of, or access to data. A security incident or other interruption could disrupt our ability (and that of third parties upon whom we rely) to provide our products and services. Despite our efforts to identify and remediate vulnerabilities, if any, in our information technology systems (including our products), our efforts may not be successful. Further, we may experience delays in developing and deploying remedial measures designed to address any such identified vulnerabilities.

An actual or perceived cyber security incident could result in disrupted operations, including suspension of our clinical trial activities, lost opportunities, misstated financial data, liability for stolen assets or information, theft of our intellectual property, loss of data and other personally identifiable or sensitive information, increased costs arising from the implementation of additional security protective measures, litigation (including class actions), reputational damage, government enforcement actions that could include investigations, fines, penalties, audits and inspections, additional reporting requirements and/or oversight, temporary or permanent bans on all or some processing of personal data (which could impact clinical trials), interruptions in our operations (including availability of data) financial loss, and other similar harms. Further, individuals, clinical trial participants or other relevant stakeholders could sue us for our actual or perceived failure to comply with our security obligations, including, without limitation, in class action litigation. We may expend significant resources, fundamentally change our business activities and practices, or modify our operations, including our clinical trial activities, or information technology in an effort to protect against security incidents and to mitigate, detect, and remediate actual and potential vulnerabilities.

Additionally, some applicable federal, state and foreign laws may require companies to notify individuals, government regulators, including state attorneys general, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Civil Rights, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, credit agencies and the media, of security breaches involving particular personally identifiable information, which could result from breaches experienced by us or by our vendors, contractors, or organizations with which we have relationships. Notifications and follow-up actions related to a security breach are costly, and the disclosures or the failure to comply with such requirements could lead to adverse consequences and could impact our reputation or cause us to incur significant costs, including legal expenses and remediation costs.

Any remedial costs or other liabilities related to security incidents may not be fully insured or indemnified by other means. Our contracts may not contain limitations of liability; however, even where they do, there can be no assurance that limitations of liability in our contracts are sufficient to protect us from liabilities, damages, or claims related to our data privacy and security obligations. Although we maintain cyber insurance, we cannot be sure that our insurance coverage will be adequate or sufficient to protect us from or to mitigate liabilities arising out of our privacy and security practices, that such coverage will continue to be available on commercially reasonable terms or at all, or that such coverage will pay future claims.

We may need to increase the size of our organization, and we can provide no assurance that we will successfully expand operations or manage growth effectively.

Our increase in the scope and the scale of our product launches, including entrance into new markets, has resulted in significantly higher operating expenses for increased personnel and fees for regulatory approvals, among other expenses. As a result, we anticipate that our operating expenses will continue to increase. Expansion of our operations may also cause a significant demand on our management, finances and other resources. Our ability to manage the anticipated future growth, should it occur, will depend upon a significant expansion of our accounting and other internal management systems and the implementation and subsequent improvement of a variety of systems, procedures and controls. There can be no assurance that significant problems in these areas will not occur. Any failure to expand these areas and implement and improve such systems, procedures and controls in an efficient manner at a pace consistent with our business could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. There can be no assurance that our attempts to expand our marketing, sales, manufacturing and customer support efforts will be successful or will result in additional sales or profitability in any future period. As a result of the expansion of our operations and the anticipated increase in our operating expenses, as well as the difficulty in forecasting revenue levels, we expect to continue to experience significant fluctuations in our results of operations.

The insurance industry has previously and may again become more selective in offering some types of coverage and we may not be able to obtain insurance coverage in the future.

The insurance industry has previously experienced periods of increased selectivity in providing certain types of coverage, including product liability, cyber, property, and directors' and officers' liability insurance. It is possible that such trends may recur in the future. We currently maintain insurance coverage that aligns with our historical levels and risk management policies. However, we cannot guarantee the availability of comparable insurance coverage on favorable terms, or at all, in the future. Furthermore, some of our customers, as well as prospective customers, stipulate that we maintain specific minimum levels of coverage for our products. Failure to meet these required coverage levels could lead to material changes in business terms or the potential loss of business relationships.

We depend on key personnel, the loss of any of which could negatively affect our business.

Our business depends greatly on the expertise and contributions of several key individuals, including our senior leadership team and other critical team members and professionals in scientific research and marketing. The development of our products and services and the effective marketing of our offerings necessitate individuals with specialized skills and experience. Moreover, certain positions within our organization, such as those in manufacturing, quality control, safety and compliance, information technology, sales, and e-commerce, are highly technical and require qualified personnel. We operate within highly competitive markets, and the demand for skilled professionals in our industry is high. Competitors, customers, marketing partners, and other companies in our industry also seek these same talented individuals. Therefore, our ability to succeed is intrinsically linked to our capacity to attract and retain skilled personnel, which will necessitate substantial financial resources. There can be no guarantee that we will successfully identify and attract additional qualified employees or retain our existing team members. Any inability to recruit qualified personnel, the loss of key individuals' services, including our executive officers, or the potential loss of future executive officers or key personnel, may have a material and adverse effect on our business.

We may not be able to monetize our products for use in pharmaceuticals through partnerships, licensing, or other arrangements, and we may not receive regulatory approval to commercialize a pharmaceutical product.

As part of our business strategy, we may seek to develop partnerships or licensing arrangements to monetize our proprietary molecules for pharmaceutical applications. However, there is no guarantee that we will be able to identify suitable partners, negotiate favorable terms, or successfully execute such partnerships. Even if we enter into agreements with third parties, our ability to generate revenue from these arrangements will depend on various factors, including our partners' willingness and ability to invest in research, development, and commercialization efforts.

Additionally, the development and commercialization of pharmaceutical products are subject to extensive regulatory requirements, including approval by the U.S. FDA and other global regulatory authorities. If we or our partners are unable to obtain the necessary approvals or face delays in the regulatory process, our ability to generate revenue from pharmaceutical applications of our molecules may be significantly limited.

We may not be successful in acquiring complementary businesses or products on favorable terms or enter into joint venture or similar arrangements.

As part of our business strategy, we intend to consider acquisitions of similar or complementary businesses or products. No assurance can be given that we will be successful in identifying attractive acquisition candidates or completing acquisitions, joint ventures or other arrangements on favorable terms. In addition, any future acquisitions will be accompanied by the risks commonly associated with acquisitions. These risks include potential exposure to unknown liabilities of acquired companies or to acquisition costs and expenses, the difficulty and expense of integrating the operations and personnel of the acquired companies, the potential disruption to the business of the combined company and potential diversion of our management's time and attention, the impairment of relationships with and the possible loss of key employees and clients as a result of the changes in management, the incurrence of amortization expenses and write-downs and dilution to the shareholders of the combined company if the acquisition is made for stock of the combined company. In addition, successful completion of an acquisition may depend on consents from third parties, including regulatory authorities and private parties, which consents are beyond our control. If we enter into future joint ventures or other collaborative arrangements, disruptions in our relationships with our collaborators could also impact the success of our joint venture, and the anticipated benefits may not materialize. There can be no assurance that products, technologies or businesses of acquired companies will be effectively assimilated into the business or product offerings of the combined company or will have a positive effect on the combined company's revenues or earnings. Further, the combined company may incur significant expense to complete acquisitions and to support the acquired products and businesses. Any such acquisitions may be funded with cash, debt or equity, which could have the effect of diluting or otherwise adversely affecting the holdings or the rights of our existing stockholders.

If we experience a significant disruption in our information technology systems or if we fail to implement new systems and software successfully, our business could be adversely affected.

We depend on information systems throughout our company, as well as those of our contractors, consultants, vendors and other third parties, to control our manufacturing processes, process orders, manage inventory, process and bill shipments and collect cash from our customers, respond to customer inquiries, contribute to our overall internal control processes, maintain records of our property, plant and equipment, and record and pay amounts due vendors and other creditors. If we were to experience a prolonged disruption in our information systems that involve interactions amongst employees as well as with customers and suppliers, it could result in the loss of sales and customers and/or increased costs, which could adversely affect our overall business operation.

We are subject to financial and operating covenants in our business financing agreement with Western Alliance Bank, as amended (Credit Agreement) and any failure to comply with such covenants, or obtain waivers in the event of non-compliance, could limit our borrowing availability under the Credit Agreement, resulting in our being unable to borrow under the Credit Agreement and materially adversely impact our liquidity. In addition, our operations may not provide sufficient cash to meet the repayment obligations of debt incurred under the Credit Agreement.

The Credit Agreement contains affirmative and restrictive covenants, including covenants regarding delivery of financial statements, the amount of cash maintained at Western Alliance Bank, maintenance of inventory, payment of taxes, maintenance of insurance, dispositions of property, business combinations or acquisitions and incurrence of additional indebtedness, and use of cash, among other customary covenants, in each case subject to limited exceptions.

There can be no assurance that we will be able to comply with the financial and other covenants in the Credit Agreement. Our failure to comply with these covenants could cause us to be unable to borrow under the Credit Agreement and may constitute an event of default which, if not cured or waived, could result in the acceleration of the maturity of any indebtedness then outstanding under the Credit Agreement, which would require us to pay all amounts then outstanding. If we are unable to repay those amounts, Western Alliance Bank could proceed against the collateral granted to them to secure that debt, which would seriously harm our business. Such an event could materially adversely affect our financial condition and liquidity. Additionally, such events of non-compliance could impact the terms of any additional borrowings and/or any credit renewal terms. Any failure to comply with such covenants may be a disclosable event and may be perceived negatively. Such perception could adversely affect the market price for our common stock and our ability to obtain financing in the future.

We are subject to potential payment processing risk.

Our customers pay for consumer products using a variety of different payment methods, including credit and debit cards, gift cards and online wallets. Our offerings may be eligible for purchase using health savings account (HSA) or flexible spending account (FSA) funds. We rely on internal systems, as well as those of third parties, to process payment. Acceptance and processing of these payment methods are subject to certain rules and regulations and require the payment of interchange and other fees. We depend on contractors, vendors and other third parties to process HSA/FSA purchases and to make eligibility determinations in accordance with applicable IRS and health insurance plan requirements. To the extent there are disruptions in our payment processing systems, increases in payment processing fees, material changes in the payment ecosystem, such as large re-issuances of payment cards, delays in receiving payments from payment processors, or changes to rules or regulations concerning payment processing or HSA/FSA eligibility, our revenue, operating expenses and results of operation could be adversely impacted. Compliance with the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard and implementing related procedures, technology and information security measures requires significant resources and ongoing attention, and any security incident involving cardholder data could subject us to significant penalties and liability. We leverage our third-party payment processors to bill customers on our behalf. If these third parties become unwilling or unable to continue processing payments on our behalf, we will have to find alternative methods of collecting payments, which could adversely impact customer acquisition and retention. In addition, from time to time, we encounter fraudulent use of payment methods, which could impact results of operations

Risks Related to Our Products

We rely on a single supplier, W.R. Grace, for NRC and a limited number of third-party suppliers for the raw materials required to produce our products. Any failure by or loss of a third-party supplier could result in delays and increased costs, which may adversely affect our business.

Our dependence on a limited number of third-party suppliers or on a single supplier, and the challenges we may face in obtaining adequate supplies of raw materials, including NRC, involve several risks, including limited control over pricing, availability, quality and delivery schedules. We cannot be certain that our current suppliers will continue to provide us with the quantities of these raw materials that we require or satisfy our anticipated specifications and quality requirements. Any supply interruption in limited or sole sourced raw materials, including supply shortages, supplier production disruptions, quantity issues, or disruption to our suppliers, could materially harm our ability to manufacture our products until a new source of supply, if any, could be identified and qualified. Additionally, our suppliers may fail inspection or have other compliance issues with regulatory authorities that, even if unrelated to our supply chain and materials, may impact or cause delays in their ability to deliver agreed upon supplies in a timely manner which can have negative impacts on our business plans. We may be unable to find a sufficient alternative supply channel in a reasonable time or on commercially reasonable terms. Any performance failure on the part of our suppliers could delay the development and commercialization of our products, or interrupt production of then existing products that are already marketed, which would have a material adverse effect on our business. In particular, W.R. Grace & Co.-Conn. (Grace) is our single source for the supply of food-grade NRC. Our supply of NRC is subject to periodic renewals and these renewals are not guaranteed. In January 2019, Grace obtained patents related to the crystalline form of NRC which limit our ability to find alternatives for supply if we are unable to further extend our agreement with Grace. There is no guarantee that we will be able to continue to contract with Grace for the supply of NRC, or that such terms will be favorable to us.

Failure by outsourcing facilities that produce pharmaceutical-grade Niagen® and related finish products to adequately perform their obligations could harm our business or financial results.

We rely on contract manufacturers to manufacture pharmaceutical-grade Niagen® and 503B outsourcing facilities to compound and distribute pharmaceutical-grade Niagen® into intravenous, injectable and intravenous-push forms and then distribute the same. We do not control or direct the compounding process used by these outsourcing facilities. We rely on those manufacturers and outsourcing facilities for compliance with the applicable regulatory requirements. We have no control over the ability of third parties to maintain adequate quality control, quality assurance and qualified personnel. If the FDA or a comparable international regulatory authority does not approve these facilities for the manufacturing or compounding of these ingredients and products, respectively, or if it withdraws any such approval in the future, we may need to identify alternative manufacturing and compounding facilities, which would significantly impact our ability to meet consumer demand. In addition, our inability to identify or enter into satisfactory arrangements with any such alternative manufacturing and compounding facilities may result in a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. Further, our reliance on third-party manufacturers entails risks, including:

- inability to meet certain product specifications and quality requirements consistently;
- delay or inability to procure or expand sufficient manufacturing capacity;
- issues related to scale-up of manufacturing;
- costs and validation of new equipment and facilities required for scale-up;
- third-party manufacturers may not be able to execute necessary manufacturing procedures and other logistical support requirements appropriately;
- third-party manufacturers may fail to comply with cGMP requirements and other requirements by the FDA or other comparable regulatory authorities;
- inability for us to negotiate manufacturing agreements with third parties under commercially reasonable terms, if at all;
- breach, termination or non-renewal of manufacturing agreements with third parties in a manner or at a time that is costly or damaging to us the clinics with which we partner;
- third-party manufacturers may not devote sufficient resources to our products;
- we may not own, or may have to share, the intellectual property rights to any improvements made by third-party manufacturers in the manufacturing process;
- operations of third-party manufacturers or our suppliers could be disrupted by conditions unrelated to our business or operations, including the bankruptcy of the manufacturer or supplier; and
- logistics carrier disruptions or increased costs that are beyond our control.

Any adverse developments affecting manufacturing operations may result in lot failures, inventory shortages, shipment delays, product withdrawals or recalls or other interruptions in the supply of these products, which could prevent their delivery to clinics or other third parties administering or distributing pharmaceutical-grade Niagen®. We may also have to write off inventory, incur other charges and expenses to replace ingredients or dietary supplements that fail to meet specifications, undertake costly remediation efforts, or seek more costly manufacturing alternatives.

Any of these events could impact our ability to successfully commercialize any future products. Some of these events could be the basis for FDA action, including injunction, request for recall, seizure, total or partial suspension of production, or issuance of a Form 483 or Warning Letter.

Any failure by clinics administering Niagen Plus products could adversely affect our brand and reputation.

Although we are independent from the clinics that administer Niagen Plus products, which feature pharmaceutical-grade Niagen®, our brand may be negatively affected by issues arising at the clinic level. We advertise locations where consumers can receive Niagen Plus products, which may create an association between our brand and the services provided by these third-party clinics.

If clinics administering Niagen Plus products fail to adhere to proper medical protocols, engage in misleading marketing practices, or face regulatory scrutiny, our brand reputation could suffer, even if we are not directly responsible for their actions. Additionally, any adverse events or negative customer experiences at these clinics could erode consumer trust in our products and impact demand. While we seek to partner with reputable clinics, we cannot control their operations, and any issues at the clinic level could have a material adverse effect on our business and reputation.

Unfavorable publicity or consumer perception of our products and any similar products distributed by other companies could have a material adverse effect on our business.

We believe the dietary supplement and intravenous therapies market are highly dependent upon consumer perception regarding the safety, efficacy and quality of dietary supplements generally, as well as of products distributed specifically by us. Consumer perception of our products can be significantly influenced by scientific research or findings, regulatory investigations, litigation, national media attention, social media and other publicity regarding the consumption of dietary supplements. We cannot assure you that future scientific research, findings, regulatory proceedings, litigation, media attention or other research findings or publicity will be favorable to the dietary supplement market or any product, or consistent with earlier publicity. Future research reports, findings, regulatory proceedings, litigation, media attention or other publicity that are perceived as less favorable than, or that question, such earlier research reports, findings or publicity could have a material adverse effect on the demand for our products and consequently on our business, results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.

Our dependence upon consumer perceptions means that adverse scientific research reports, findings, regulatory proceedings, litigation, media attention or other publicity, if accurate or with merit, could have a material adverse effect on the demand for our products, the availability and pricing of our ingredients, and our business, results of operations, financial condition and cash flows. For example, negative publicity or consumer concerns regarding competitors' products — such as nicotinamide mononucleotide (NMN) or similar ingredients — could reduce consumer confidence in dietary supplements generally or in products within the same category, which could in turn adversely affect demand of our products. Further, adverse public reports or other media attention regarding the safety, efficacy and quality of dietary supplements in general, or our products specifically, or associating the consumption of dietary supplements with illness, could have such a material adverse effect. Even media attention that is immaterial or inaccurate can have an impact on our sales or financial results if widely disseminated to our customers. Any such adverse public reports or other media attention could arise even if the adverse effects associated with such products resulted from consumers' failure to consume such products appropriately or as directed and the content of such public reports and other media attention may be beyond our control.

We may incur material product liability claims or class action litigation, which could increase our costs and adversely affect our reputation, revenues and operating income.

As a consumer product and ingredient supplier we market and manufacture products designed for human and animal consumption. We are subject to product liability claims if the use of our products is alleged to have resulted in injury. Our products include ingredients classified as dietary supplements, or natural health products, and, in most cases, are not subject to pre-market regulatory approval in the United States. Previously unknown adverse reactions resulting from human consumption of these ingredients could occur. In addition, the products we sell are produced by third-party manufacturers and outsourcing facilities. As a marketer of products manufactured by third parties, we also may be liable for various product liability claims for products we do not manufacture. We have, and may in the future, be subject to various class action lawsuits and product liability claims, including, among others, that our products include inadequate instructions for use or inadequate warnings concerning possible side effects and interactions with other substances. A product liability claim or class action litigation against us could result in increased costs and could adversely affect our reputation with our customers, which, in turn, could have a materially adverse effect on our business, results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.

We utilize ingredients and components for our products from foreign suppliers, and may be negatively affected by the risks associated with international trade and importation issues.

The key ingredient in our products, Niagen®, is manufactured in the United States, however, we utilize ingredients and components for a number of our products from suppliers outside of the United States. Accordingly, the acquisition of these ingredients is subject to the risks generally associated with importing raw materials, including, among other factors, delays in shipments, changes in economic and political conditions, supply chain disruptions, quality assurance, health epidemics affecting the region of such suppliers, global instability, nonconformity to specifications or laws and regulations, tariffs, trade and/or labor disputes and foreign currency fluctuations. While we have a supplier certification program and audit and inspect our suppliers' facilities as necessary both in the United States and internationally, we cannot assure you that raw materials received from suppliers outside of the United States will conform to all specifications, laws and regulations. There have in the past been quality and safety issues in our industry with certain items imported from overseas. We may incur additional expenses and experience shipment delays due to preventative measures adopted by the U.S. governments, our suppliers and our company.

We may experience delays in the development in, or may never develop, any additional products to commercialize.

We have invested a substantial amount of our time and resources in developing various new products. Commercialization of these products will require additional development, clinical evaluation, regulatory approval, significant marketing efforts and substantial additional investment before they can provide us with any revenue. Despite our efforts, these products may not become commercially successful products for a number of reasons, including but not limited to:

- we may not be able to obtain or maintain regulatory approvals for our products, or the approved indication may be narrower than we seek;
- our products may not prove to be safe and effective in clinical trials;
- we may experience delays in our development program;
- we may rely on third-parties to develop and produce our products, which could lead to increased costs, unanticipated delays, or other negative impacts;
- any products that are approved may not be accepted in the marketplace;
- we may not be able to partner with clinics willing to distribute our products;
- prescriptions for our pharmaceutical-grade products, which require a prescription, may not be available;
- we may not have adequate financial or other resources to complete the development or to commence the commercialization of our products or will not have adequate financial or other resources to achieve significant commercialization of our products;
- we may not be able to manufacture any of our products in commercial quantities or at an acceptable cost;
- rapid technological change may make our products obsolete;
- we may be unable to effectively protect our intellectual property rights or we may become subject to claims that our activities have infringed the intellectual property rights of others; and
- we may be unable to obtain or defend patent rights for our products.

We may not be able to partner with others for technological capabilities and new products and services.

Our ability to remain competitive may depend, in part, on our ability to continue to seek partners that can offer technological improvements and improve existing products and services that are offered to our customers. We are committed to attempting to keep pace with technological change, to stay abreast of technology changes and to look for partners that will develop new products and services for our customer base. We cannot assure prospective or existing investors that we will be successful in finding partners or be able to continue to incorporate new developments in technology, to improve existing products and services, or to develop successful new products and services, nor can we be certain that newly developed products and services will perform satisfactorily or be widely accepted in the marketplace or that the costs involved in these efforts will not be substantial.

If we fail to maintain adequate quality standards for our products and services, our business may be adversely affected and our reputation harmed.

Dietary supplement, nutraceutical, food and beverage, functional food, analytical laboratories, pharmaceutical and cosmetic customers are often subject to rigorous quality standards to obtain and maintain regulatory approval of their products and the manufacturing processes that generate them. A failure to maintain, or, in some instances, upgrade our quality standards to meet our customers' needs, could cause damage to our reputation and potentially result in substantial sales losses.

If we experience product recalls, we may incur significant and unexpected costs, and our business reputation could be adversely affected.

We may be exposed to product recalls and adverse public relations if our products are alleged to be mislabeled or to cause injury or illness, or if we are alleged to have violated governmental regulations. A product recall could result in substantial and unexpected expenditures, which would reduce operating profit and cash flow. In addition, a product recall may require significant management attention. Product recalls may hurt the value of our brands and lead to decreased demand for our products. Product recalls also may lead to increased scrutiny by federal, state or international regulatory agencies of our operations and increased litigation and could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.

Demand for our products and services are subject to the commercial success of our customers' products, which may vary for reasons outside our control.

Even if we are successful in securing utilization of our products in a customer's manufacturing process, sales of many of our products and services remain dependent on the timing and volume of the customer's production, over which we have no control. The demand for our products depends on regulatory approvals and/or notifications and frequently depends on the commercial success of the customer's supported product. Regulatory processes are complex, lengthy, expensive, and can often take years to complete.

Risks Related to our Intellectual Property

Our ability to protect our intellectual property and proprietary technology through patents and other means is uncertain and may be inadequate, which may have a material and adverse effect on us.

Our success depends significantly on our ability to protect our proprietary rights to the technologies used in our products. We rely on patent protection, as well as a combination of copyright, trade secret and trademark laws and nondisclosure, confidentiality and other contractual restrictions to protect our proprietary technology, including our licensed technology. However, these legal means afford only limited protection and may not adequately protect our rights or permit us to gain or keep any competitive advantage. For example, our pending United States and foreign patent applications may not issue as patents in a form that will be advantageous to us or may issue and be subsequently successfully challenged by others and invalidated. In addition, our pending patent applications include claims to material aspects of our products and procedures that are not currently protected by issued patents. Both the patent application process and the process of managing patent disputes can be time consuming and expensive. Competitors may be able to design around our patents or develop products which provide outcomes which are comparable or even superior to ours. Steps that we have taken to protect our intellectual property and proprietary technology, including entering into confidentiality agreements and intellectual property assignment agreements with some of our officers, employees, consultants and advisors, may not provide us with meaningful protection for our trade secrets or other proprietary information in the event of unauthorized use or disclosure or other breaches of the agreements. Furthermore, the laws of foreign countries may not protect our intellectual property rights to the same extent as do the laws of the United States.

In the event a competitor infringes our licensed or pending patent or other intellectual property rights, enforcing those rights may be costly, uncertain, difficult and time consuming. Even if successful, litigation to enforce our intellectual property rights or to defend our patents against challenge could be expensive and time consuming and could divert our management's attention. In particular, the final outcome of our litigation with Elysium Health, Inc. and Elysium Health LLC (collectively, "Elysium") may have an adverse effect on our financial condition. See Note 15, *Commitments and Contingencies, Legal Proceedings* in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements, included in Item 8 of Part II of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. We may not have sufficient resources to enforce our intellectual property rights or to defend our patents rights against a challenge. The failure to obtain patents and/or protect our intellectual property rights could have a material and adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

Our patents and licenses may be subject to challenge on validity grounds, and our patent applications may be rejected.

We rely on our patents, patent applications, licenses and other intellectual property rights to give us a competitive advantage. Whether a patent is valid, or whether a patent application should be granted, is a complex matter of science and law, and therefore we cannot be certain that, if challenged, our patents, patent applications and/or other intellectual property rights would be upheld nor can we be certain we will prevail in an appeal. If one or more of those patents, patent applications, licenses and other intellectual property rights are invalidated, rejected or found unenforceable and we are unable to reverse that finding through an appeal, that could reduce or eliminate any competitive advantage we might otherwise have had.

We may become subject to claims of infringement or misappropriation of the intellectual property rights of others, which could prohibit us from developing our products, require us to obtain licenses from third parties or to develop non-infringing alternatives and subject us to substantial monetary damages.

Third parties could, in the future, assert infringement or misappropriation claims against us with respect to products we develop. Whether a product infringes a patent or misappropriates other intellectual property involves complex legal and factual issues, the determination of which is often uncertain. Therefore, we cannot be certain that we have not infringed the intellectual property rights of others. There may be third-party patents or patent applications with claims to materials, formulations, methods of manufacture or methods for use related to the use or manufacture of our products, and our potential competitors may assert that some aspect of our product infringes their patents. Because patent applications may take years to issue, there also may be applications now pending of which we are unaware that may later result in issued patents upon which our products could infringe. There also may be existing patents or pending patent applications of which we are unaware upon which our products may inadvertently infringe.

Any infringement or misappropriation claim could cause us to incur significant costs, place significant strain on our financial resources, divert management's attention from our business and harm our reputation. If the relevant patents in such claim were upheld as valid and enforceable and we were found to infringe them, we could be prohibited from manufacturing or selling any product that is found to infringe unless we could obtain licenses to use the technology covered by the patent or are able to design around the patent. We may be unable to obtain such a license on terms acceptable to us, if at all, and we may not be able to redesign our products to avoid infringement, which could materially impact our revenue. A court could also order us to pay compensatory damages for such infringement, plus prejudgment interest and could, in addition, treble the compensatory damages and award attorney fees. These damages could be substantial and could harm our reputation, business, financial condition and operating results. A court also could enter orders that temporarily, preliminarily or permanently enjoin us and our customers from making, using, or selling products, and could enter an order mandating that we undertake certain remedial activities. Depending on the nature of the relief ordered by the court, we could become liable for additional damages to third parties.

The prosecution and enforcement of patents licensed to us by third parties are not within our control. Without these technologies, our products may not be successful and our business would be harmed if the patents were infringed on or misappropriated without action by such third parties.

We have obtained licenses from third parties for patents and patent application rights related to ingredients and/or the products we are developing, allowing us to use intellectual property rights owned by or licensed to these third parties. We do not control the maintenance, prosecution, enforcement or strategy for many of these patents or patent application rights and as such are dependent in part on the owners of the intellectual property rights to maintain their viability. If any third-party licensor is unable to successfully maintain, prosecute or enforce the licensed patents and/or patent application rights related to our products, we may become subject to infringement or misappropriate claims or lose our competitive advantage. Without access to these technologies or suitable design-around or alternative technology options, our ability to conduct our business could be impaired significantly.

We may be subject to damages resulting from claims that we, our employees, or our independent contractors have wrongfully used or disclosed alleged trade secrets of others.

Some of our employees were previously employed at other dietary supplement, nutraceutical, food and beverage, functional food, analytical laboratories, pharmaceutical and cosmetic companies. We may also hire additional employees who are currently employed at other such companies, including our competitors. Additionally, consultants or other independent agents with which we may contract may be or have been in a contractual arrangement with one or more of our competitors. We may be subject to claims that these employees or independent contractors have used or disclosed such other party's trade secrets or other proprietary information. Litigation may be necessary to defend against these claims. Even if we are successful in defending against these claims, litigation could result in substantial costs and be a distraction to our management. If we fail to defend such claims, in addition to paying monetary damages, we may lose valuable intellectual property rights or personnel. A loss of key personnel or their work product could hamper or prevent our ability to market existing or new products, which could severely harm our business.

Risks Related to Regulatory Approval of Our Products and Other Government Regulations

Changes in government regulation, priorities or practices relating to the pharmaceutical, dietary supplement, food and cosmetic industry could affect our ability to comply with certain regulations and the demand for our products and services.

Governmental agencies throughout the world, including in the United States, strictly regulate the pharmaceutical, dietary supplement, food and cosmetic industries. Changes in regulation or regulatory priorities, such as a relaxation in regulatory requirements or the introduction of simplified drug approval procedures, or an increase in regulatory requirements that we may have difficulty satisfying or that make our services less competitive, could eliminate or substantially reduce the demand for our services or adversely impact our ability to comply with the new regulations. For example, recent FDA decisions, including the determination that nicotinamide mononucleotide (NMN) may be lawfully marketed as a dietary ingredient, if not overturned or superseded, may reflect a relaxation of prior regulatory positions and could result in additional competition or reduced demand for our products and services. Also, if the government makes efforts to contain drug costs and pharmaceutical and biotechnology company profits from new drugs, or if health insurers were to change their practices with respect to reimbursements for pharmaceutical products, our customers may spend less, or reduce their spending on research and development. For example, recent executive orders have sought to implement "most-favored nation" pricing policies for certain drug and pharmaceutical manufacturers, although the mechanisms by which these policies may be implemented have not yet been determined.

Compliance with stringent and changing global privacy and data security laws and regulations may increase our operating costs, expose us to liability, and restrict our ability to collect, use, transfer, and otherwise process data critical to our business. Any actual or perceived failure to comply could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition, or operations.

We process personal information and other sensitive information (including proprietary and confidential business information, trade secrets, intellectual property, patient and clinical trial data, genetic and health-related data, and sensitive third-party information) to operate our business. Accordingly, we are, or may become, subject to numerous federal, state, local, and foreign privacy and data security laws, regulations, guidance and industry standards as well as contracts and other obligations that apply to the processing of personal data by us and on our behalf. The legal framework for the processing of information worldwide is dynamic and complex, and we expect additional changes in laws, regulations, and regulatory interpretations. While we believe we have substantially compliant programs and controls in place to comply with privacy laws domestically and internationally, our efforts to comply with data privacy and cybersecurity laws is likely to impose additional costs on us, and we cannot predict whether the interpretations of the requirements, or changes in our practices in response to new requirements or interpretations of the requirements, could have a material adverse effect on our business.

We are subject to stringent and evolving global data protection laws, including the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the United Kingdom's GDPR (UK GDPR), which impose significant obligations and restrictions on the processing and cross-border transfer of personal data and may result in increased compliance costs, regulatory scrutiny, and liability. Following the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the EEA and the EU, we also have to comply with the UK-specific requirements related to data protection, including with respect to the transfer of personal data outside of the UK, which increases our regulatory compliance burden. Legal developments in Europe have increased the complexity and uncertainty regarding transfers of personal data from the European Economic Area ("EEA") and the UK to the United States. Although we use recognized transfer mechanisms, evolving regulatory guidance or enforcement actions could restrict or prohibit certain transfers and necessitate localized data processing at significant expense.

Other data privacy and security laws have been proposed at the federal, state, and local levels in recent years, which could further complicate compliance efforts and increase the risk of enforcement action against us because we may become subject to additional obligations, and the number of individuals or entities that can initiate actions against us may increase (including individuals, via a private right of action, and state actors).

Our use of personal information in connection with data analytics and emerging technologies, including artificial intelligence, may be subject to additional privacy constraints, including requirements relating to lawful bases for processing, transparency obligations, limitations on secondary uses, and automated decision-making oversight. Regulators in multiple jurisdictions have implemented or are considering new privacy and AI-specific legal frameworks, and any failure or perceived failure by us to comply with such requirements could lead to regulatory investigations, enforcement actions, fines, or restrictions on data use. We may also face enforcement risk where our partners, vendors, or service providers leverage AI in ways that involve personal data, even if we do not control the underlying technology.

We are subject to regulation by various federal, state, and local and foreign agencies that require us to comply with a wide variety of laws and regulations, including those regarding the manufacture of products, advertising and product label claims, the distribution of our products and environmental matters. Failure to comply with these laws and regulations could subject us to fines, penalties and additional costs.

Some of our operations are subject to regulation by various United States federal agencies and similar state and international agencies, including the Department of Commerce, the FDA, the FTC, the Department of Transportation and the Department of Agriculture, the California State Board of Pharmacy and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. These laws and regulations govern a wide variety of product activities, from design and development to labeling, manufacturing, handling, sales, distribution of products, and promoting and advertising products. If we fail to comply with any of these laws or regulations, we may be subject to fines or penalties, have to recall products and/or cease their manufacture and distribution, which would increase our costs and reduce our sales. We rely on outsourcing facilities for compounding our pharmaceutical-grade Niagen® ingredient. The bulk drug substances must appear on the FDA's "interim" list of bulk substances that may be used in compounding under Section 503B which are those bulk drug substances for which the FDA has determined there is a clinical need. If certain conditions are met, the FDA will exercise enforcement discretion concerning use of "interim" Category 1 substances pending evaluation of the substances for inclusion on the FDA's final list of bulk drug substances for which there is a clinical need. If the substances used in manufacturing and compounding our products are removed from this interim list or if the FDA determines not to place NRC on the final list of bulk drug substances for which there is a clinical need, it may subject us and our third-party partners to additional regulatory scrutiny.

We are pursuing an investigational new drug (IND) application with the FDA with respect to the potential for one of our patented NAD precursors to be used as a treatment for Ataxia telangiectasia (AT), a rare disease with less than 200,000 cases diagnosed in the U.S. per year, and have obtained Orphan Drug Designation (ODD) and Rare Pediatric Disease (RPD) designation from the FDA. There is no guarantee that our IND application will be successful, or that we will be able to successfully complete clinical trials or a new drug application for FDA approval for the use of our patented NAD precursor as a treatment for AT.

We are also subject to various federal, state, local and international laws and regulations that govern the handling, storage, transportation, disposal, manufacture, use and sale of substances that are or could be classified as toxic or hazardous substances. Some risk of contamination or injury from toxic or hazardous substances is inherent in our operations and the products we manufacture, sell, or distribute, for which we could be held liable. In addition, we may incur substantial costs to comply with current or future environmental, health and safety laws and regulations. Current or future environmental, health and safety laws and regulations may impair our research, development or production efforts. In addition, failure to comply with these laws and regulations may result in fines and penalties product recalls or the imposition of restrictions on our ability to carry on with or expand a portion or all of our operations, which could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition or results of operations.

Government regulations of our customers' business are extensive and are constantly changing. Changes in these regulations can significantly affect customer demand for our products and services.

The process by which our customers' industries are regulated is controlled by government agencies and depending on the market segment can be very expensive, time consuming, and uncertain. Changes in regulations or the enforcement practices of current regulations could have a negative impact on our customers and, in turn, our business. The FDA has broad authority to enforce provisions of federal law and related regulations, including cGMPs, and other regulations that will likely affect many of our customers. The FDA's discretionary enforcement authority may have a material impact on our results of operations, as lack of enforcement or an interpretation of the regulations that lessens the burden of compliance for the dietary supplement marketplace may cause a reduced demand for our products and services.

Changes in government regulation related to regulatory approvals to market and sell our goods could adversely affect our ability to generate revenues.

The industries within which we operate are subject to stringent and constantly evolving regulations by a wide range of authorities worldwide. We believe our products are following all applicable regulations in those jurisdictions within which they are sold or marketed. We cannot predict how regulations will evolve or what new requirements may arise in the future and, if so, whether or how such changes may affect any products that we are developing or may attempt to develop. Depending on how regulations evolve, our goods may be suspended or may not be able to be marketed and sold in the United States or in other markets until we have achieved appropriate regulatory compliance, as implemented by the FDA or other regulatory body. In certain markets and product categories, regulatory approval is a prerequisite for marketing and selling our products. These markets and categories may require adherence to specific regulatory standards, and any failure to obtain or maintain necessary approvals or changes in requirements in these regions could adversely impact our ability to sell our goods there. Satisfaction of regulatory requirements may take many years, is dependent upon the type, complexity and novelty of the product or service and would require the expenditure of substantial resources.

If regulatory clearance of a good that we propose to market and sell is granted, this clearance may be limited to those particular countries, states and conditions for which the good is demonstrated to be safe and effective, which could limit our ability to generate revenue. We cannot ensure that any good that we develop will meet all of the applicable regulatory requirements needed to receive marketing clearance. Failure to obtain regulatory approval will prevent commercialization of our goods where such clearance is necessary. There can be no assurance that we will obtain regulatory approval of our proposed goods that may require it.

Risks Related to the Securities Markets and Ownership of our Equity Securities

The market price of our common stock may be volatile and adversely affected by several factors.

The market price of our common stock could fluctuate significantly in response to various factors and events, including, but not limited to:

- our ability to develop and commercialize our products;
- our ability to integrate operations, technology, products and services;
- our ability to execute our business plan;
- our operating results are below expectations;
- our issuance of additional securities, including debt or equity or a combination thereof;
- announcements of technological innovations or new products by us or our competitors;
- acceptance of and demand for our products by consumers;
- media coverage or social media attention regarding our industry or us;
- litigation, arbitration, or other adverse non-judicial proceedings;
- disputes with or our inability to collect from significant customers;
- loss of any strategic relationship;
- industry developments, including, without limitation, changes in healthcare policies or practices;
- economic and other external factors, including effects of inflationary pressures or higher interest rates;
- reductions in purchases from our large customers;
- sales of our common stock by us, our insiders or other stockholders;
- short positions, hedging, or other transactions in our securities;
- period-to-period fluctuations in our financial results; and
- whether an active trading market in our common stock develops and is maintained.

In addition, the securities markets have from time to time experienced significant price and volume fluctuations that are unrelated to the operating performance of particular companies. These market fluctuations may also materially and adversely affect the market price of our common stock.

We have not paid cash dividends in the past and do not expect to pay cash dividends in the foreseeable future. Any return on investment may be limited to the value of our common stock.

We have never paid cash dividends on our capital stock and do not anticipate paying cash dividends on our capital stock in the foreseeable future. The payment of dividends on our capital stock will depend on our earnings, financial condition and other business and economic factors affecting us at such time as the board of directors may consider relevant. Our board has approved a stock repurchase program under which we may repurchase shares of our common stock, depending on our financial condition and the price of our common stock, but there is no guarantee that we will purchase additional shares in the future under this program, or the amounts we may repurchase, if any. If we do not pay dividends, our common stock may be less valuable because a return on your investment will only occur if the common stock price appreciates.

We have a significant number of outstanding options, unvested restricted stock units and unvested market performance stock units. Future sales of these shares could adversely affect the market price of our common stock.

As of December 31, 2025, we had outstanding options for an aggregate of approximately 9.2 million shares of common stock at a weighted average exercise price of \$3.68 per share and unvested restricted stock units and market performance stock units of approximately 0.3 million shares and 1.5 million shares, respectively.

Once these awards vest and in the case of stock options, once they are exercised - the resulting shares may be sold in the public market, subject to compliance with our insider trading policies and any applicable requirements under our equity incentive plans. While these policies and plans impose certain restrictions on the timing and method of sale, they generally permit holders to sell shares in the open market.

If our stock price increases, additional outstanding options may become in-the-money, which could result in increased option exercises and subsequent sales of shares. Sales of a significant number of shares, or the perception that such sales may occur, could adversely affect the market price of our common stock.

Our ability to use our net operating loss (NOL) carryforwards and certain other tax attributes may be limited.

Our federal net operating losses (NOLs) generated in taxable years beginning on or prior to December 31, 2017 could expire unused. Under current law, federal NOLs incurred in taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017, may be carried forward indefinitely, but the deductibility of such federal NOLs in tax years beginning after December 31, 2017, is limited to 80% of taxable income. It is uncertain if and to what extent various states will conform to federal tax laws. In addition, under Sections 382 and 383 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and corresponding provisions of state law, if a corporation undergoes an “ownership change,” which is generally defined as a greater than 50% change (by value) in its equity ownership over a three-year period, the corporation’s ability to use its pre-change NOL carryforwards and other pre-change tax attributes (such as research tax credits) to offset its post-change income or taxes may be limited. We may experience ownership changes in the future as a result of subsequent shifts in our stock ownership, some of which may be outside of our control. As a result, if we earn net taxable income, our ability to use our pre-ownership change NOL carryforwards to offset U.S. federal taxable income may be subject to limitations, which could potentially result in increased future tax liability to us. In addition, at the state level, there may be periods during which the use of NOLs is suspended or otherwise limited, which could accelerate or permanently increase state taxes owed.

Our bylaws, as amended (Bylaws) provide that the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware is the exclusive forum for certain disputes between us and our stockholders, which could limit our stockholders’ ability to obtain a favorable judicial forum for disputes with us or our directors, officers or employees.

Our Bylaws provide that the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware will be the sole and exclusive forum for the following types of actions or proceedings under Delaware statutory or common law: (i) any derivative action or proceeding brought on our behalf, (ii) any action asserting a claim of breach of a fiduciary duty owed by any of our directors or officers to our company or our stockholders, (iii) any action asserting a claim against our company arising pursuant to any provision of the Delaware General Corporation Law or our amended and restated certificate of incorporation or Bylaws, or (iv) any action asserting a claim against our company governed by the internal affairs doctrine.

This choice of forum provision may limit a stockholder's ability to bring certain claims in a judicial forum that it finds favorable for disputes with us or any of our directors, officers, other employees or stockholders, which may discourage lawsuits with respect to such claims, although our stockholders will not be deemed to have waived our compliance with federal securities laws and the rules and regulations thereunder. While the Delaware courts have determined that such choice of forum provisions are facially valid and several state trial courts have enforced such provisions, there is no guarantee that courts of appeal will affirm the enforceability of such provisions and a stockholder may nevertheless seek to bring a claim in a venue other than that designated in the exclusive forum provision. If a court were to find this choice of forum provision to be inapplicable or unenforceable in an action, we may incur additional costs associated with resolving such action in other jurisdictions, which could adversely affect our business and financial condition.

General Risks

We may become involved in securities class action litigation that could divert management's attention and harm our business.

The stock market has experienced extreme price and volume fluctuations. These fluctuations have often been unrelated or disproportionate to the operating performance of the companies involved. If these fluctuations occur in the future, the market price of our shares could fall regardless of our operating performance. In the past, following periods of volatility in the market price of a particular company's securities, securities class action litigation has often been brought against that company. If the market price or volume of our shares suffers extreme fluctuations, then we may become involved in this type of litigation, which would be expensive and divert management's attention and resources from managing our business.

As a public company, we may also from time to time make forward-looking statements about future operating results and provide some financial guidance to the public markets. Projections may not be made in a timely manner, or we might fail to reach expected performance levels and could materially affect the price of our shares. Any failure to meet published forward-looking statements that adversely affect the stock price could result in losses to investors, stockholder lawsuits or other litigation, sanctions or restrictions issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Our failure to establish and maintain effective internal control over financial reporting could result in material misstatements in our financial statements, our failure to meet our reporting obligations and cause investors to lose confidence in our reported financial information, which in turn could cause the trading price of our common stock to decline.

Maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting is necessary for us to produce reliable and timely financial statements and disclosures. If we identify material weaknesses in our internal controls and/or fail to establish and maintain effective controls and procedures and internal control over financial reporting, it could result in material misstatements in our financial statements and/or a failure to meet our reporting and financial obligations, each of which could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and the trading price of our common stock.

Environmental, social and governance matters may impact our business and reputation.

Companies across many industries are facing increased scrutiny, including by consumers, investors, employees and other stakeholders, as well as by governmental and non-governmental organizations surrounding environmental, social and governance (ESG) practices. This increased scrutiny and changing expectations with respect to the Company's ESG practices as well as new laws and regulations may result in additional costs or risks. The State of California passed the Climate Corporate Data Accountability Act and the Climate-Related Financial Risk Act that, if not overturned or amended, will impose broad climate-related disclosure obligations on certain companies doing business in California, starting in 2026. While we are not currently subject to these disclosure requirements, if we become subject to them in the future they could result in additional compliance costs and risks. New laws and regulations or more stringent interpretations of existing laws and regulations, such as those related to climate change, could affect the operation of our properties or result in significant additional expense and restrictions on our business operations. If we are unable to satisfy such new criteria, investors may conclude that our policies with respect to environmental, social, or corporate responsibility are inadequate. We risk damage to our brand and reputation in the event that our ESG procedures or standards do not meet or are perceived to not meet the standards set by various constituencies, which could lead to the loss of existing or potential customers and reduced sales.

Developing and achieving ESG initiatives may result in increased costs in our supply chain, fulfillment, and/or corporate business operations, and could deviate from our initial estimates and have a material adverse effect on our business and financial condition. Investor advocacy groups, certain institutional investors, investment funds and other influential investors have been increasingly focused on ESG practices and in recent years have placed increasing importance on the non-financial impacts of their investments. Topics taken into account in such assessments include, among others, the company's efforts and impacts on climate change and human rights, ethics and compliance with law and the role of the Company's board of directors in supervising various sustainability issues. If we do not achieve publicly announced ESG goals or our competitors' ESG performance metrics are perceived to be more favorable than ours, our reputation may be harmed, and potential or current investors may elect to invest with our competitors instead. Also in recent years, "anti-ESG" sentiment has gained momentum across the U.S., with several states and Congress having proposed or enacted "anti-ESG" policies, legislation, or initiatives, and the President having issued executive orders opposing diversity equity and inclusion ("DEI") initiatives in the private sector. Institutional investors and proxy advisory firms have also updated their guidelines and expectations with respect to ESG and DEI initiatives. Such anti-ESG and anti-DEI-related policies, legislation, initiatives, litigation, and scrutiny could result in us facing additional compliance obligations, becoming the subject of investigations and enforcement actions, or sustaining reputational harm, which could adversely impact our financial condition and results of operations. In light of investors' and other stakeholders' increased focus on ESG matters, there can be no certainty that we will manage such issues successfully, or that we will meet our investors' ESG expectations, which continue to evolve, and we may incur additional costs and our brand's ability to attract and retain qualified employees and business may be harmed.

Changes in tax laws or regulations that are applied adversely to us or our customers may have a material adverse effect on our business, cash flow, financial condition or results of operations.

New income, sales, use or other tax laws, statutes, rules, regulations or ordinances could be enacted at any time, which could adversely affect our business operations and financial performance. Further, existing tax laws, statutes, rules, regulations or ordinances could be interpreted, changed, modified or applied adversely to us. For example, the Trump administration and Congress have proposed various U.S. federal tax law changes, which if enacted could have a material impact on our business, cash flows, financial condition or results of operations. In addition, it is uncertain if and to what extent various states will conform to federal tax laws. Future tax reform legislation could have a material impact on the value of our deferred tax assets, could result in significant one-time charges, and could increase our future U.S. tax expense.

We have a limited operating history in China and our ability to develop successful channels in China will be subject to certain legal, political, economic and social uncertainties.

We intend to seek partners and paths to expand our operations in China, but there is no guarantee that we will be able to do so. Our ability to pursue successful expansion in China is subject to general, as well as industry-specific, economic, political and legal developments and risks in China, including the need to obtain and maintain required regulatory approvals. For example, certain products may require Blue Hat Registration or other regulatory authorizations, and there can be no assurance that we will be able to obtain such approvals in a timely manner, or at all. Failure to obtain required registrations or approvals could limit or prevent our ability to market and sell our products in China.

The Chinese government exercises significant control over the Chinese economy, including but not limited to, controlling capital investments, allocating resources, setting monetary policy, controlling and monitoring foreign exchange rates, implementing and overseeing tax regulations, providing preferential treatment to certain industry segments or companies and issuing necessary licenses to conduct business.

Our operations, whether through a new joint venture or otherwise, will be subject to laws and regulations applicable to foreign investment in China. There are uncertainties regarding the interpretation and enforcement of laws, rules and policies in China. Because many laws and regulations are relatively new, the interpretations of many laws, regulations and rules are not always uniform. Moreover, the interpretation of statutes and regulations may be subject to government policies reflecting domestic political agendas. Enforcement of existing laws or contracts based on existing law may be uncertain and sporadic. As a result of the foregoing, it may be difficult for us to obtain swift or equitable enforcement of laws ostensibly designed to protect companies like ours, which could have a material adverse effect on our business and results of operations.

Our shares of common stock may be thinly traded, so you may be unable to sell at or near ask prices or at all.

We cannot predict the extent to which an active public market for our common stock will develop or be sustained. This situation may be attributable to a number of factors, including the fact that we are a small company that is relatively unknown to stock analysts, stock brokers, institutional investors and others in the investment community who generate or influence sales volume, and that even if we came to the attention of such persons, they tend to be risk averse and would be reluctant to follow an unproven company such as ours or purchase or recommend the purchase of our shares until such time as we have become more seasoned and viable. As a consequence, there may be periods of several days or weeks when trading activity in our shares is minimal or non-existent, as compared to a seasoned issuer which has a large and steady volume of trading activity that will generally support continuous sales without an adverse effect on share price. We cannot assure you that a broader or more active public trading market for our common stock will develop or be sustained, or that current trading levels will be sustained or not diminish.

Stockholders may experience significant dilution if future equity offerings are used to fund operations or acquire complementary businesses.

If future operations or acquisitions are financed through the issuance of additional equity securities, stockholders could experience significant dilution. Securities issued in connection with future financing activities or potential acquisitions may have rights and preferences senior to the rights and preferences of our common stock. In addition, the issuance of shares of our common stock upon the exercise of outstanding options or warrants may result in dilution to our stockholders.

Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments

None.

Item 1C. Cybersecurity

Cybersecurity Risk Management and Strategy

We are a global bioscience company dedicated to healthy aging. In the ordinary course of our business, we may collect, process, store and transmit proprietary, confidential and sensitive information, including personal information (including health information), intellectual property, trade secrets, and proprietary business information owned or controlled by ourselves or other parties. We use our data centers and our networks, and those of third parties, to store and access our proprietary business and other sensitive information. We rely upon third parties service providers and technologies to operate critical business systems to process confidential and personal information in a variety of contexts, including, without limitation, third-party providers of cloud-based infrastructure, employee email, and other functions. We have established cybersecurity risk management policies and procedures aimed at safeguarding the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of our critical systems and information, including those involving third-party service providers. Further, we are actively working to enhance our policies and procedures into a more comprehensive cybersecurity risk management program, our current measures are designed to address cybersecurity risks effectively. Our cybersecurity risk management policies and procedures include the Incident Management Plan.

We design and assess our policies and procedures based on the National Institute of Standards and Technology Cybersecurity Framework (NIST CSF framework). This does not imply that we follow or meet any particular technical standards, specifications, or requirements, only that we use the NIST CSF framework as a guide to help us identify, assess, and manage cybersecurity risks relevant to our business. For example, we periodically perform independent third-party security audits and assess potential risks.

Our cybersecurity risk management policies and procedures are integrated into our overall enterprise risk management program, and shares common methodologies, reporting channels and governance processes that apply across the enterprise risk management program to other legal, compliance, strategic, operational, and financial risk areas.

Our cybersecurity risk management policies and procedures include:

- risk assessments designed to help identify material cybersecurity risks to our critical systems, information, products, services, and our broader enterprise IT environment;
- a security team, led by our Vice President of IT (VP of IT), principally responsible for managing our (1) cybersecurity risk assessment processes, (2) security controls, and (3) responses to cybersecurity incidents;
- the use of external service providers, where appropriate, to assess, test or otherwise assist with aspects of our security controls and designed to anticipate cyber-attacks and prevent breaches;
- cybersecurity awareness training of our employees, incident response personnel, and senior management;
- a cybersecurity incident response plan that includes procedures for responding to cybersecurity incidents; and
- a third-party risk management process for service providers, suppliers, and vendors.

We have not identified risks from known cybersecurity threats, including as a result of any prior cybersecurity incidents, that have materially affected or are reasonably likely to materially affect us, including our operations, business strategy, results of operations, or financial condition.

Cybersecurity Governance

Our Board considers cybersecurity risk as part of its risk oversight function. In connection with the Audit Committee's oversight of the Company's risk management, the Audit Committee reviews with management, as appropriate, the Company's cybersecurity risk exposure and the steps management has taken to monitor or mitigate such exposure, including reviewing risk assessments from management with respect to our information technology systems and procedures, and overseeing our cybersecurity risk management processes. In addition, management will update the Audit Committee and the full Board, as necessary, regarding cybersecurity incidents that we may experience.

Our management team, including our VP of IT, is responsible for assessing and managing our material risks from cybersecurity threats. The team has primary responsibility for our overall cybersecurity risk management policies and procedures and supervises both our internal cybersecurity personnel and our retained external cybersecurity consultants. Our management team's cybersecurity risk management is led by our VP of IT, who has experience across technology-enabled growth, information security, infrastructure, operations and compliance.

Our management team supervises efforts to prevent, detect, mitigate, and remediate cybersecurity risks and incidents through various means, which may include briefings from internal security personnel; threat intelligence and other information obtained from governmental, public or private sources, including external consultants engaged by us; and alerts and reports produced by security tools deployed in the IT environment.

Item 2. Properties

As of December 31, 2025, we lease (i) approximately 10,000 square feet of office space in Los Angeles, California with roughly one year remaining on the lease, (ii) approximately 20,000 square feet of space for a research and development laboratory in Longmont, Colorado with roughly five years remaining on the lease, and (iii) approximately 8,000 square feet of office space in Tustin, California with roughly three years remaining on the lease. We do not own any real estate. The below table illustrates the use of each property by our business segments.

<u>Business Segment</u>	<u>Property Used</u>
Consumer Products	All properties
Ingredients	All properties
Analytical Reference Standards and Services	All properties

For the year ended December 31, 2025, our total annual rent expense was approximately \$1,330,000.

Item 3. Legal Proceedings

The information set forth under the heading “Legal Proceedings” in Note 15, *Commitments and Contingencies*, in Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements in Item 8 of Part II of this Form 10-K, is incorporated herein by reference. For additional discussion of certain risks associated with legal proceedings, see Item 1A, Risk Factors.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

Not applicable.

PART II

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

Our common stock listed on The Nasdaq Capital Market (Nasdaq) under the symbol “NAGE”. On March 3, 2026, the closing sale price was \$4.99.

Holder of Our Common Stock

As of March 3, 2026, we had approximately 30 registered holders of record of our common stock, which does not include stockholders who hold shares in street name or stockholders whose shares may be held in trust by other entities.

Dividend Policy

We have not declared or paid any cash dividends on our common stock during either of the two most recent fiscal years and have no current intention to pay any cash dividends. Our ability to pay cash dividends is governed by applicable provisions of Delaware law and is subject to the discretion of our Board of Directors.

Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

On November 6, 2025, our board of directors approved a share repurchase program (the “Share Repurchase Program”) authorizing the Company to repurchase up to \$10 million of its common stock. The Share Repurchase Program permits the Company to purchase shares from time to time through a variety of methods, including in the open market, through privately negotiated transactions, or other means as determined by our management, in accordance with applicable securities laws. As part of the repurchase program, the Company may enter into a pre-arranged stock repurchase plan, which operates in accordance with guidelines specified under Rule 10b5-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Accordingly, any transactions under such stock repurchase plan would be completed in accordance with the terms of the plan, including specified price, volume, and timing conditions. The Share Repurchase Program expires October 31, 2027, and may be modified, suspended, or discontinued at any time. During the three months ended December 31, 2025, the Company repurchased 35,840 shares of common stock under the Share Repurchase Program.

A summary of the repurchase activity for the three months ended December 31, 2025 is as follows (dollars in millions, except per share amounts):

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of the Publicly Announced Plans or Programs	Maximum Dollar Value of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs
October 1-31, 2025	—	—	—	\$ 10,000,000
November 1-30, 2025	35,840	\$ 6.97	35,840	\$ 9,749,312
December 1-31, 2025	—	—	—	\$ 9,749,312
Total	35,840		35,840	

Recent Sales of Unregistered Securities; Use of Proceeds from Registered Securities

None.

Item 6. Reserved

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

The following discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes included elsewhere in this Form 10-K. Our actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of various factors, including those discussed below and elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. We encourage you to review the risks and uncertainties described in Part I. Item 1A. Risk Factors and Cautionary Notice Regarding Forward-Looking Statements.

Overview

Niagen Bioscience, Inc. and its wholly owned subsidiaries, ChromaDex, Inc., ChromaDex International, Inc., ChromaDex Analytics, Inc., ChromaDex Asia Limited, Asia Pacific Scientific, Inc., ChromaDex Asia Pacific Ventures Limited, ChromaDex Europa B.V., and ChromaDex Trading (Shanghai) Co., Ltd. (collectively, “Niagen Bioscience,” the “Company” or, in the first person as “we” “us” and “our”) are a global bioscience company dedicated to promoting healthy aging. Our team, which includes world-renowned scientists, is pioneering research on nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide (NAD⁺), an essential coenzyme that regulates cellular metabolism and is present in every cell of the human body. NAD⁺ levels naturally decline with age, by up to 65% between ages 30 and 70, and can also be impacted by poor diet, excess alcohol consumption, and certain disease states. Increasing NAD⁺ levels through NAD⁺ precursors, calorie restriction, or moderate exercise has been shown to support healthy cellular function. We are at the forefront of developing and commercializing effective methods to support NAD⁺ levels and promote healthy aging.

In 2013, we commercialized food-grade Niagen®, a proprietary form of nicotinamide riboside chloride (“NRC” or “NRCL,” commonly referred to as “NR”), a novel form of vitamin B3, as both a dietary and food ingredient. In 2017, we expanded our offerings with the launch of Tru Niagen®, a finished dietary supplement featuring Niagen®, available directly to consumers. In 2024, Niagen Plus products launched, which are products featuring pharmaceutical-grade Niagen®. We supply pharmaceutical-grade Niagen® to U.S. FDA-registered 503B outsourcing facilities, in addition to compound pharmacies abroad, which compound and distribute Niagen® intravenous (Niagen IV) and injectable Niagen® formulations for use under prescription. Food-grade Niagen® is authorized for human consumption as a dietary supplement and is generally recognized as safe (GRAS), while pharmaceutical-grade Niagen® is permitted by the FDA for compounding by 503B outsourcing facilities.

Our operations are subject to regulation by various state and federal agencies. Dietary supplements are subject to FDA, FTC and U.S. Department of Agriculture regulations relating to composition, labeling and advertising claims. These regulations may in some cases, particularly with respect to those applicable to new ingredients, require a notification that must be submitted to the FDA along with evidence of safety and similar regulations exist related to food additives.

Recent Activities

Queen's University Belfast Agreement

Effective December 16, 2025, the Company entered into an assignment agreement with Queen's University Belfast (QUB) that replaced the parties' prior intellectual property arrangements (the "Assignment Agreement"). Under the Assignment Agreement, QUB assigned to us all of its interest in certain patent rights that had been previously jointly owned with, or licensed from, QUB.

As a result of the transaction, we obtained full ownership of the applicable patent rights, terminated our prior royalty and license arrangements with QUB, and eliminated future royalty and sublicense obligations under those agreements. In connection with the Assignment Agreement, we recorded \$5.5 million of intangible assets and corresponding deferred consideration related to the patents acquired.

In addition, previously accrued royalty and license liabilities totaling approximately \$3.5 million were settled for consideration of approximately \$1.5 million. As a result, we recognized a gain of approximately \$2.0 million during the year ended December 31, 2025. The settlement consideration relates solely to royalty and license obligations incurred prior to termination of the agreements and is separate from the consideration attributable to the acquisition of patent rights. See Note 7. *Intangible Assets, Net* and Note 15. *Commitments and Contingencies* for further information.

Assets Held for Sale - Analytical Reference Standards and Services Segment

During the year ended December 31, 2025, we committed to a plan to sell substantially all of the assets of our analytical reference standards and services operating segment. As of December 31, 2025, the assets associated with this segment met the criteria to be classified as held for sale and were presented as assets held for sale in our consolidated balance sheets. The assets held for sale primarily consist of inventory, certain long-lived assets, customer lists and contracts, and a trade name.

On February 24, 2026, we entered into a definitive asset purchase agreement with a third party to sell substantially all of the assets of this operating segment for total consideration of approximately \$6.0 million, less working capital adjustments of approximately \$0.2 million. The buyer will assume operating liabilities arising after the closing date, while we will retain accounts receivable and accounts payable incurred prior to the date of the sale, related to the disposed assets.

In connection with the disposition, we entered into a transition services agreement pursuant to which we will continue to provide certain operational and administrative services to the buyer for a period of up to six months following the closing date. We will receive a service fee for these services, which will be recognized as the services are provided.

The results of operations of the analytical reference standards and services operating segment are included in continuing operations for all periods presented, as the disposition does not represent a strategic shift that will have a major effect on our operations or financial results, therefore it does not meet the criteria for discontinued operations treatment.

Results of Operations

Our results of operations for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024 are as follows:

<i>(In thousands)</i>	Year Ended December 31,	
	2025	2024
Sales	\$ 129,423	\$ 99,597
Cost of sales	46,234	38,011
Gross profit	83,189	61,586
Operating expenses (income)		
Sales and marketing	35,506	29,469
Research and development	6,330	6,016
General and administrative	27,057	18,375
Gain on settlement of royalty obligation	(1,983)	—
Nonoperating income (expenses):		
Interest income, net	2,127	1,129
IRS ERTC disallowance	(214)	—
Income before provision for income taxes	18,192	8,855
Provision for income taxes	810	305
Net income	\$ 17,382	\$ 8,550

Our income per share applicable to common stockholders for the years indicated is calculated as follows:

<i>(In thousands, except per share data)</i>	Year Ended December 31,	
	2025	2024
Numerator:		
Net income	17,382	8,550
Denominator:		
Weighted average common shares outstanding for basic earnings per share (1)	79,178	75,929
Plus: incremental shares from assumed exercise of options and assumed vesting of restricted stock (2)	6,258	2,196
Adjusted weighted average common shares outstanding for diluted earnings per share	85,436	78,125
Earnings Per Share:		
Basic net income per common share	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.11
Diluted net income per common share	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.11

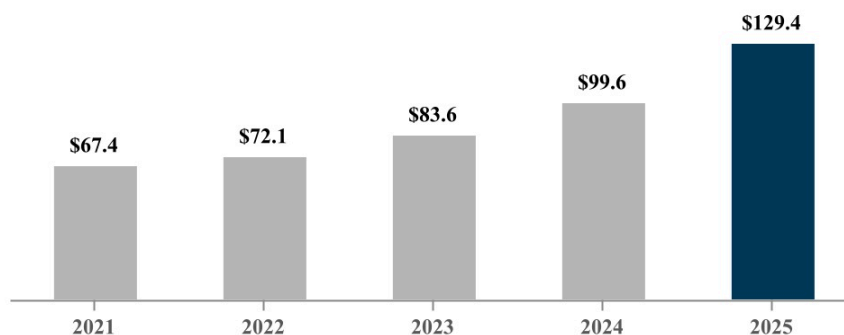
(1) Includes a weighted average of approximately 167,000 nonvested shares of restricted stock for each of the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, which are participating securities that feature voting and dividend rights.

(2) For the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, the Company had outstanding restricted stock awards and stock options. Restricted stock awards were dilutive and included in the calculation of diluted earnings per share, while certain stock options outstanding were anti-dilutive and, accordingly, were excluded from the calculation of weighted-average common shares outstanding. The following table presents the anti-dilutive stock options for the periods presented:

<i>(In thousands)</i>	Year Ended December 31,	
	2025	2024
Stock options	1,682	4,087

Net Sales. Net sales consist of gross sales less discounts and returns. Our total net sales grew from \$67.4 million in 2021 to \$129.4 million in 2025, representing a compound annual growth rate of 18%.

5-Year Net Sales Trend (In Millions)



Total net sales by reportable segment for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024 are as follows:

(\$ In thousands)

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2025	2024	% Change
Net sales:			
Consumer Products	\$ 97,672	\$ 76,772	27 %
Ingredients	28,675	19,814	45
Analytical reference standards and services	3,076	3,011	2
Total net sales	\$ 129,423	\$ 99,597	30 %

In 2025, our total net sales increased 30%, up \$29.8 million, from 2024. The pharmaceutical segment did not generate revenue during the periods presented.

- In 2025, Tru Niagen® sales increased by \$20.9 million, or 27%, compared to 2024. This growth was primarily driven by a \$16.2 million increase in sales from our e-commerce business, reflecting continued growth in consumer demand and effective digital marketing initiatives. The remaining increase was attributable to higher sales to distributor partners of approximately \$5.6 million. These increases were partially offset by a decline of approximately \$0.9 million in sales to A.S. Watson.
- In 2025, total ingredient sales increased by \$8.9 million, or 45%, compared to 2024. This growth was primarily driven by higher sales to existing food-grade Niagen® partners, which contributed approximately \$6.6 million. In addition, sales of pharmaceutical-grade Niagen® ingredient increased by \$2.1 million, reflecting the inclusion of a full year of post-launch sales activity compared to 2024.
- Net sales for our analytical reference standards and services segment increased slightly by approximately \$0.1 million in 2025 compared to 2024.

Cost of Sales. Costs of sales include raw materials, labor, overhead and delivery costs. The following table sets forth our total cost of sales by reportable segment:

(\$ In thousands)	Year Ended December 31,				
	2025		2024		Change % of net sales (in basis points)
	Amount	% of net sales	Amount	% of net sales	
Cost of sales:					
Consumer Products	\$ 32,784	34 %	\$ 27,478	36 %	(200)
Ingredients	11,119	39	7,808	39	—
Analytical reference standards and services	2,331	76	2,725	91	(1,500)
Total cost of sales	\$ 46,234	36 %	\$ 38,011	38 %	(200)

Total cost of sales, as a percentage of net sales, remained relatively stable improving a slight 200 basis points in 2025 compared to 2024. Changes in cost of sales, as a percentage of net sales, were primarily driven by the following:

- Cost of sales, as a percentage of net sales, for our consumer products segment can fluctuate due to business mix, product mix, inflationary costs, and optimization efforts in our supply chain, among other factors. For the year ended December 31, 2025, cost of sales as a percentage of net sales improved by 200 basis points compared to the same period in 2024. The improvement was attributable to a favorable shift in business mix and the use of lower-cost inventory purchases.
- Cost of sales as a percentage of net sales in our ingredients segment is influenced by various factors, including inventory purchase costs, fixed supply chain overhead, and transportation and storage expenses. For the year ended December 31, 2025, cost of sales for our ingredients segment as a percentage of net sales remained at 39%, unchanged from the prior year.
- Cost of sales as a percentage of net sales in our analytical reference standards and services segment is influenced by various factors, including inventory purchase costs, fixed supply chain overhead, and transportation and storage expenses. In 2025, cost of sales as a percentage of net sales improved by 1,500 basis points compared to 2024. Due to the segment's smaller scale, relatively small changes in cost structure have historically resulted in significant percentage variability. Net sales were relatively stable, while cost of sales declined modestly compared to the same period in 2024.

Gross Profit. Gross profit represents net sales less cost of sales and is affected by a number of factors, including business and product mix, pricing and costs of materials, labor, overhead, services and delivery. Since 2021, total gross profit increased from \$41.5 million to \$83.2 million in 2025, representing a compound annual growth rate of approximately 19%. For fiscal year 2025, gross profit increased \$21.6 million, or 35%, compared to 2024. Our overall gross margin percentage was 64.3% for fiscal year 2025, an increase of 250 basis points compared to 2024.

Gross Profit and Gross Margin Trends (\$ In Millions)



The following table sets forth our total gross profit by reportable segment:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2025	2024	% Change
<i>(\$ In thousands)</i>			
Gross profit:			
Consumer Products	\$ 64,888	\$ 49,294	32 %
Ingredients	17,556	12,006	46
Analytical reference standards and services	745	286	160
Total gross profit	\$ 83,189	\$ 61,586	35 %

For details supporting year-over-year changes in gross profit refer to the discussions above surrounding changes in our net sales and cost of sales for each segment.

Operating Expenses - Sales and Marketing. Sales and marketing expense consists of salaries, advertising, public relations, marketing expenses and commissions. Sales and marketing expense by reportable segment is as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2025		2024		Change
	Amount	% of net sales	Amount	% of net sales	% of net sales (in basis points)
<i>(\$ In thousands)</i>					
Advertising expenses:					
Consumer Products	\$ 12,655	13 %	\$ 11,102	14 %	(100)
Total advertising expenses	\$ 12,655	10 %	\$ 11,102	11 %	(100)
Marketing expenses:					
Consumer Products	\$ 11,490	12 %	\$ 8,346	11 %	100
Ingredients	102	—	195	1	(100)
Analytical reference standards and services	2	—	4	—	—
Total marketing expenses	\$ 11,594	9 %	\$ 8,545	9 %	—
Selling expenses:					
Consumer Products	\$ 10,766	11 %	\$ 9,285	12 %	(100)
Ingredients	144	1	40	—	100
Analytical reference standards and services	347	11	497	17	(600)
Total selling expenses	\$ 11,257	9 %	\$ 9,822	10 %	(100)
Total sales and marketing expenses:					
Consumer Products	\$ 34,911	36 %	\$ 28,733	37 %	(100)
Ingredients	246	1	235	1	—
Analytical reference standards and services	349	11	501	17	(600)
Total sales and marketing expenses	\$ 35,506	27 %	\$ 29,469	30 %	(300)

Total sales and marketing expenses increased by \$6.0 million, or 20%, to \$35.5 million in 2025 compared to \$29.5 million in 2024. As a percentage of net sales, total sales and marketing expenses improved to 27% in 2025 from 30% in 2024, reflecting improved operating leverage. Changes in sales and marketing expense, as a percentage of net sales, were primarily driven by the following:

- For our consumer products segment, sales and marketing expenses increased by \$6.2 million to \$34.9 million in 2025 compared to \$28.7 million in 2024. As a percentage of net sales, these expenses decreased to 36% of net sales in 2025 from 37% in 2024. The increase in spending was primarily driven by higher marketing investments, including public relations activities, personnel-related costs, professional services, and promotional initiatives, as well as increased advertising spend. Advertising expenses increased by \$1.6 million compared to 2024; however, advertising expense as a percentage of net sales improved by 100 basis points to 13%, reflecting improved efficiency of advertising spend. Selling expenses increased by \$1.5 million to \$10.8 million in 2025 compared to \$9.3 million in 2024. As a percentage of net sales, selling expenses decreased by 100 basis points to 11%, reflecting leverage from higher sales volumes.
- For our ingredients segment, sales and marketing expense remained approximately stable year-over-year at \$0.2 million. As a percentage of net sales, sales and marketing expenses remained nominal at 1%. Year-over-year changes in sales and marketing expenses primarily reflected the timing of marketing activities, including higher marketing investment in 2024 related to the launch of our pharmaceutical-grade Niagen® ingredient. Selling expenses increased modestly in 2025 compared to 2024 but remained minimal in absolute dollars and as a percentage of net sales.
- For our analytical reference standards and services segment, sales and marketing expense decreased to approximately \$0.3 million in 2025 from \$0.5 million in 2024. As a percentage of net sales, these expenses decreased to 11% in 2025 from 17% in 2024. The decrease was primarily driven by lower selling expenses, reflecting more efficient allocation of sales resources. Marketing expenses also declined year-over-year and remained minimal in absolute dollars and as a percentage of net sales.

For our pharmaceuticals segment, no sales and marketing expenses were incurred in 2025 and 2024, as the segment remains in the research and development stage and has not yet commenced commercial activities.

Operating Expenses - Research and Development. Research and development (R&D) expenses consist primarily of personnel-related costs, clinical trials, product development, and process development expenses. Prior-period amounts have been recast to conform to the current period segment presentation. R&D expenses by reportable segment were as follows:

(\$ In thousands)	Year Ended December 31,		
	2025	2024	% Change
R&D expenses:			
Consumer Products	\$ 3,166	\$ 3,384	(6)%
Ingredients	930	873	7
Pharmaceuticals	2,234	1,759	27
Total R&D expenses	\$ 6,330	\$ 6,016	5 %

- R&D expenses in our pharmaceuticals segment increased by \$0.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2025 compared to 2024. This increase primarily reflects continued research and development of an NAD⁺ precursor-based candidate for potential therapeutic applications in rare diseases.
- The remaining R&D expenses related to our Niagen® branded ingredient are allocated to the consumer products and ingredients segments based on recorded revenues. For the year ended December 31, 2025, total R&D expenses allocated to consumer products and ingredients segments decreased by \$0.2 million compared to 2024.

Operating Expenses - General and Administrative. General and administrative expense consists of general company administration, legal, royalties, IT, accounting and executive management expenses. General and administrative expenses are not allocated by segment and instead are classified under our Corporate and Other category. General and administrative expense for the years indicated were as follows:

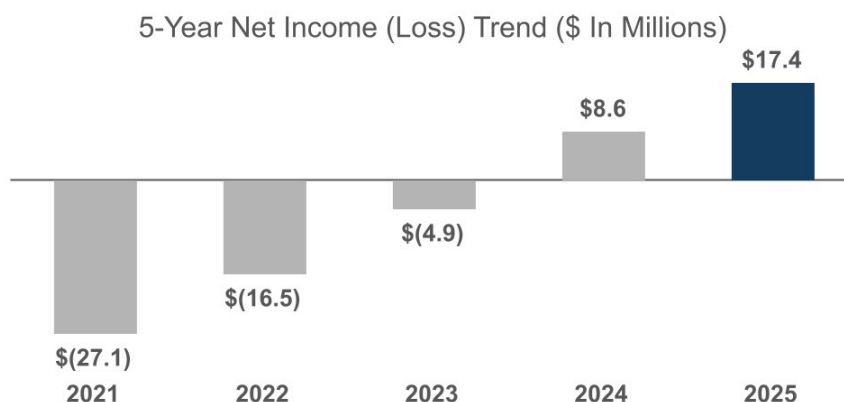
(\$ In thousands)	Year Ended December 31,		
	2025	2024	% Change
General and administrative	\$ 27,057	\$ 18,375	47 %

Total general and administrative expenses increased by \$8.7 million, or 47%, for the year ended December 31, 2025, compared to 2024. The increase was primarily driven by \$3.8 million in higher employee-related expenses and share-based compensation, \$1.5 million in increased professional and consulting fees, and \$2.9 million in higher royalty expense, with the remainder attributable to increases across various general and administrative cost categories. The increase in royalty expense was primarily due to the absence of a \$3.5 million reversal of previously accrued royalties and license maintenance fees recognized in the year ended December 31, 2024.

Operating income - Gain on settlement of royalty obligation. Operating income for the year ended December 31, 2025 consisted of a gain of approximately \$2.0 million related to the settlement of royalty and license obligations in connection with the Assignment Agreement with Queen’s University Belfast.

Nonoperating income (expenses). Interest income, net consists of interest earned from bank deposit accounts and investments in money market funds managed by banks less interest expenses from the line of credit arrangement and finance leases. Interest income, net totaled \$2.1 million and \$1.1 million for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively. Additionally, nonoperating expenses included approximately \$0.2 million related to the disallowance of previously claimed Employee Retention Tax Credits.

Net Income (Loss). Net income (loss) is gross profit less total operating expenses plus nonoperating income, net. Since 2021, total net loss has improved from \$(27.1) million to a net income of \$17.4 million in 2025. For the year ended December 31, 2025, net income improved \$8.8 million, or 103%, compared to prior year ended December 31, 2024.



Depreciation and Amortization. Depreciation expense was \$612,000 and \$663,000 for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively. We depreciate our assets on a straight-line basis, based on the estimated useful lives of the respective assets.

Amortization expense of intangible assets was \$173,000 and \$151,000 for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively. We amortize intangible assets using a straight-line method, generally over 10 years. For licensed patent rights, the useful lives are 10 years or the remaining term of the patents underlying licensing rights, whichever is shorter. The useful life of subsequent milestone payments that are capitalized match the remaining useful life of the initial licensing payment that was originally capitalized. Noncash lease expense related to right-of-use assets for the year ended December 31, 2025 was \$665,000 compared to \$670,000 for the year ended December 31, 2024.

Income Taxes. Deferred tax assets are reduced by a valuation allowance when, in the opinion of management, it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. For the year ended December 31, 2025, the Company's effective tax rate was 4.5%. The Company reduced its valuation allowance by approximately \$3.8 million to \$40.5 million as of December 31, 2025 from \$44.3 million as of December 31, 2024. For the year ended December 31, 2024, the Company maintained a full valuation allowance against the entire deferred income tax balance which resulted in an effective tax rate of 3.5%. As defined in ASC 740, Income Taxes, future realization of the tax benefit will depend on the existence of sufficient taxable income, including the expectation of continued future taxable income.

Trade Receivables. As of December 31, 2025, we had approximately \$9.7 million in trade receivables, compared to approximately \$7.8 million as of December 31, 2024. The increase in trade receivables is primarily attributable to higher net sales during the year ended December 31, 2025.

Inventories. As of December 31, 2025, we had approximately \$20.4 million in inventory, compared to approximately \$9.2 million as of December 31, 2024. The increase in inventory is primarily due to higher inventory levels maintained to support business growth and to build adequate reserves to meet increased demand.

As of December 31, 2025, our inventory consisted of approximately \$13.0 million of consumer products and \$7.5 million of bulk ingredients. Consumer products inventory consists of Tru Niagen® branded finished bottles of dietary supplement products and related work-in-process inventory. Bulk ingredients are proprietary compounds sold to customers in larger quantities, typically in kilograms, for use in the dietary supplement, food and beverage industries, as well as by 503B outsourcing facilities that compound our pharmaceutical-grade ingredient into intravenous and injectable forms.

We regularly review inventories on hand and reduce the carrying value for slow-moving and obsolete inventory, inventory not meeting quality standards, and inventory subject to expiration. Reductions in carrying value are based on current estimates of future product demand, market conditions and related management judgment. Any significant unanticipated changes in future product demand or market conditions that vary from current expectations could have an impact on the value of inventories. We continuously evaluate our supply chain and work with suppliers and manufacturing partners to improve sourcing and manufacturing efficiency, which we believe supports inventory cost management and gross margin performance.

Accounts Payable. As of December 31, 2025, we had \$10.8 million in accounts payable compared to approximately \$8.5 million as of December 31, 2024. The increase was primarily driven by higher accounts payable to inventory suppliers, reflecting increased inventory purchases, as well as changes in the timing of purchases and payments to our vendors.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

For the year ended December 31, 2025, we recorded a net income of approximately \$17.4 million and operating activities provided cash of \$13.5 million. While from inception through December 31, 2025 we have incurred aggregate losses of \$164.5 million, these losses were primarily due to expenses associated with the development and expansion of our operations and investments to protect our intellectual property, including litigation-related expenses. Historically, our operations were financed primarily through capital contributions, including the issuance of common stock in private placements, as well as cash generated from sales. As our operating results and cash generation have improved, our liquidity profile has strengthened.

Our board of directors periodically reviews our capital requirements in light of our operating performance, growth initiatives, and long-term business objectives. Our future capital requirements will be influenced by several factors, including cash flows from operations, sales growth, gross margin performance, planned investments in research and development and commercialization activities, and the timing and scale of potential strategic initiatives. While we currently expect to fund our operations primarily through existing cash resources and cash generated from operations, we may, from time to time, consider additional financing to support strategic investments or growth opportunities. Any such financing may include equity or debt financings, collaborative arrangements, or other sources of capital.

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As of December 31, 2025, our cash and cash equivalents totaled approximately \$64.8 million, including \$152,000 of restricted cash. Our cash and cash equivalents as of December 31, 2025 consisted of bank deposits and short-term investments of highly liquid investment-grade debt instruments with an original maturity of three months or less. In addition, as of December 31, 2025, we had purchase obligations of approximately \$23.4 million related to inventory purchase commitments and approximately \$3.2 million related to future minimum lease obligations to be paid over twelve months and five years, respectively, as well as fixed, unconditional deferred consideration obligations of approximately \$9.5 million and £0.4 million payable through 2038 in connection with the assignment of certain patent rights. As of December 31, 2025 and 2024, we had no material off-balance sheet arrangements and no borrowings outstanding under our line of credit. We believe that our current unrestricted cash and cash equivalents, together with cash expected to be generated from operations will be sufficient to meet our financial obligations as they become due over at least the next twelve months and beyond.

Net cash provided by operating activities. Cash provided by operating activities is net income adjusted for certain non-cash items and changes in operating assets and liabilities. Net cash provided by operating activities was \$13.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2025, compared to \$12.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2024, increasing \$1.4 million. Operating cash flow for the year ended December 31, 2025 was driven by improved operating results, partially offset by increased investment in working capital.

Net income for the year ended December 31, 2025 was \$17.4 million, compared to \$8.6 million in 2024. Net income was adjusted for several non-cash items, including \$6.1 million of share-based compensation expense and a \$2.0 million gain on the settlement of previously accrued royalty obligations related to the Queen's University Belfast patent assignment. In addition, the reversal of previously accrued royalty and license maintenance fees in 2024 did not recur in 2025.

Changes in working capital resulted in a net use of cash during 2025, primarily driven by inventory and accounts payable. Increased inventory purchases resulted in an \$11.6 million use of cash during the year, reflecting higher inventory levels maintained to support business growth. This compares to a \$5.3 million source of cash in 2024, when inventory balances declined. The increase in inventory was partially offset by a \$2.3 million source of cash from higher accounts payable balances, primarily related to inventory suppliers. Changes in prepaid expenses, deferred revenue, and other operating assets and liabilities had a less significant impact on operating cash flows.

Net cash used in investing activities. Investing cash flows consist primarily of capital expenditures and investment activities. Net cash used in investing activities was approximately \$0.3 million for the years ended December 31, 2025, compared to \$0.1 million for the years ended December 31, 2024.

Net cash provided by financing activities. Financing cash flows consist primarily of exercise of stock options through employee equity incentive plans and shares repurchases. Net cash provided by financing activities was \$6.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2025, compared to \$5.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2024, representing an increase of \$1.5 million. The increase in net cash provided by financing activities was primarily driven by a \$1.8 million increase in proceeds from stock option exercises in 2025, partially offset by a \$0.3 million of common stock repurchase in 2025.

Dividend Policy

We have not declared or paid any cash dividends on our common stock. We presently intend to retain earnings for use in our operations and to finance our business. Any change in our dividend policy is within the discretion of our board of directors and will depend, among other things, on our earnings, debt service and capital requirements, restrictions in financing agreements, if any, business conditions, legal restrictions and other factors that our board of directors deems relevant.

Stock Repurchase Program

On November 6, 2025, our board of directors approved a share repurchase program (the "Share Repurchase Program") authorizing the Company to repurchase up to \$10.0 million of its common stock. The Share Repurchase Program expires October 31, 2027, and may be modified, suspended, or discontinued at any time. During the three months ended December 31, 2025, the Company repurchased 35,840 shares of common stock under the Share Repurchase Program for aggregate purchases of approximately \$0.3 million.

Critical Accounting Estimates

The discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations are based on our financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. The preparation of these financial statements requires us to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses, and related disclosures. On an ongoing basis, we evaluate these estimates, including those related to deferred revenue recognition. We base our estimates on historical experience and other various assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions. For a summary of our significant accounting policies, including the accounting policy discussed below, see Note 2 of the Financial Statements, set forth in Item 8 of this Form 10-K.

Revenue recognition: We recognize revenue in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Topic 606 - Revenue for Contracts from Customers which provides a single, comprehensive set of criteria for revenue recognition within and across all industries.

The revenue standard provides a five-step framework for recognizing revenue as control of promised goods or services is transferred to a customer at an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. To determine revenue recognition for arrangements that are within the scope of the revenue standard, we perform the following five step analyses: (i) identify the contract; (ii) identify the performance obligations; (iii) determine the transaction price; (iv) allocate the transaction price to the performance obligations in the contract; and (v) recognize revenue when (or as) we satisfy a performance obligation. We recognize sales and the related cost of sales when the performance obligations are satisfied. The performance obligations are typically satisfied upon shipment of physical goods or as the services are performed over time. Discounts, returns and allowances related to sales, including an estimated reserve for the returns and allowances, are recorded as reduction of revenue.

Whenever we determine that goods or services promised in a contract should be accounted for as a combined performance obligation over time, we determine the period over which the performance obligations will be performed and revenue will be recognized. If we determine that the performance obligation is satisfied over time, any upfront payment received is initially recorded as deferred revenue on our consolidated balance sheets.

Revenue is then recognized utilizing the output method based on an estimated rate to allocate the transaction price for this performance obligation as products or services are supplied over the duration of the contract. We believe this most appropriately depicts our performance towards complete satisfaction of the performance obligation to our customer. Certain judgments affect the application of our revenue recognition policy. For example, when utilizing the output method, we estimate total delivery volume based on our current operating plan, forecast inputs received from the customer for expected purchases, minimum purchase commitments by the customer and historical experience with similar customer contracts. Accordingly, we may recognize a different amount of deferred revenue over the next 12-month period if our plan changes in the future or if our customer informs us of changes to their expected purchases. As of December 31, 2025 and 2024, we held deferred revenue balances of \$2.7 million and \$2.6 million, respectively.

Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

Not applicable.

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

Stockholders and the Board of Directors of Niagen Bioscience, Inc.
Los Angeles, California

Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheet of Niagen Bioscience, Inc. and Subsidiaries (the "Company") as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, the related consolidated statements of operations, stockholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the two years in the period ended December 31, 2025, and the related notes (collectively referred to as the "financial statements"). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the two years in the period ended December 31, 2025, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB) and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. As part of our audits, we are required to obtain an understanding of internal control over financial reporting but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion.

Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Critical Audit Matters

Critical audit matters are matters arising from the current period audit of the financial statements that were communicated or required to be communicated to the audit committee and that: (1) relate to accounts or disclosures that are material to the financial statements and (2) involved our especially challenging, subjective, or complex judgments. We determined that there are no critical audit matters.

/s/ Crowe LLP
Crowe LLP

We have served as the Company's auditor since 2024.

Costa Mesa, California
March 4, 2026

Niagen Bioscience, Inc. and Subsidiaries
Consolidated Balance Sheets
(In thousands, except par values)

	December 31,	
	2025	2024
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents, including restricted cash of \$152 for both periods presented	\$ 64,788	\$ 44,660
Trade receivables, net of allowances of \$147 and \$95, respectively	9,741	7,768
Inventories	20,424	9,192
Assets held for sale	541	—
Prepaid expenses and other assets	1,312	2,482
Total current assets	96,806	64,102
Leasehold improvements and equipment, net	1,323	1,719
Intangible assets, net	5,660	359
Right-of-use assets	2,192	1,730
Other long-term assets	425	368
Total assets	\$ 106,406	\$ 68,278
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 10,796	\$ 8,526
Accrued expenses	7,722	7,817
Current maturities of operating lease obligations	1,002	982
Current maturities of finance lease obligations	—	12
Customer deposits	399	611
Total current liabilities	19,919	17,948
Deferred revenue	2,674	2,579
Operating lease obligations, less current maturities	1,815	1,657
Deferred consideration liability	5,465	—
Total liabilities	29,873	22,184
Commitments and Contingencies (Notes 9 and 15)		
Stockholders' Equity		
Common stock, \$0.001 par value; authorized 150,000 shares; 79,714 shares and 77,330 shares issued and outstanding at December 31, 2025 and December 31, 2024, respectively.	79	77
Additional paid-in capital	240,991	227,931
Accumulated deficit	(164,528)	(181,910)
Cumulative translation adjustments	(9)	(4)
Total stockholders' equity	76,533	46,094
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 106,406	\$ 68,278

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

Niagen Bioscience, Inc. and Subsidiaries
Consolidated Statements of Operations
(In thousands, except per share data)

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2025	2024
Sales, net	\$ 129,423	\$ 99,597
Cost of sales	46,234	38,011
Gross profit	83,189	61,586
Operating expenses (income):		
Sales and marketing	35,506	29,469
Research and development	6,330	6,016
General and administrative	27,057	18,375
Gain on settlement of royalty obligation	(1,983)	—
Total operating expenses, net	66,910	53,860
Operating income	16,279	7,726
Nonoperating income (expenses):		
Interest income, net	2,127	1,129
IRS ERTC disallowance	(214)	—
Total nonoperating income, net	1,913	1,129
Income before provision for income taxes	18,192	8,855
Provision for income taxes	810	305
Net income	\$ 17,382	\$ 8,550
Net income per share attributable to common stockholders:		
Basic	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.11
Diluted	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.11
Weighted average common shares outstanding:		
Basic	79,178	75,929
Diluted	85,436	78,125

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

Niagen Bioscience, Inc. and Subsidiaries
Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity
(In thousands)

	Common Stock		Additional Paid-in Capital	Accumulated Deficit	Cumulative Translation Adjustments	Total Stockholders' Equity
	Shares	Amount				
Balance, January 1, 2024	74,981	\$ 75	\$ 218,845	\$ (190,460)	\$ (4)	\$ 28,456
Issuance of restricted stock	271	—	—	—	—	—
Exercise of stock options	2,053	2	5,430	—	—	5,432
Share-based compensation	25	—	3,656	—	—	3,656
Net income	—	—	—	8,550	—	8,550
Balance, December 31, 2024	77,330	\$ 77	\$ 227,931	\$ (181,910)	\$ (4)	\$ 46,094
Issuance of restricted stock	233	—	—	—	—	—
Exercise of stock options	2,187	2	7,244	—	—	7,246
Share-based compensation	—	—	6,067	—	—	6,067
Translation adjustment	—	—	—	—	(5)	(5)
Common stock repurchase	(36)	—	(251)	—	—	(251)
Net income	—	—	—	17,382	—	17,382
Balance, December 31, 2025	79,714	\$ 79	\$ 240,991	\$ (164,528)	\$ (9)	\$ 76,533

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

Niagen Bioscience, Inc. and Subsidiaries
Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
(In thousands)

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2025	2024
Cash Flows From Operating Activities		
Net income	\$ 17,382	\$ 8,550
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation of leasehold improvements and equipment	612	663
Amortization of intangibles	173	151
Noncash lease expense	665	670
Share-based compensation expense	6,067	3,656
Loss (gain) on sale or disposal of leasehold improvements and equipment	4	(19)
Allowance for (Recovery of) credit losses	(1,217)	(1,255)
Reversal of previously accrued royalties and license maintenance fees	—	(3,521)
Gain on settlement of royalty obligation	(1,983)	—
Interest accretion on deferred consideration	38	—
Non-cash financing costs	59	80
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Trade receivables	(756)	(1,279)
Inventories	(11,635)	5,333
Implementation costs for cloud computing arrangement	(66)	(83)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	1,121	(45)
Accounts payable	2,270	(1,067)
Accrued expenses	1,841	1,206
Deferred revenue	95	(732)
Customer deposits and other	(217)	416
Operating lease liabilities	(949)	(615)
Net cash provided by operating activities	13,504	12,109
Cash Flows From Investing Activities		
Purchases of leasehold improvements and equipment	(292)	(163)
Proceeds from the sale of leasehold improvements and equipment, net	—	20
Net cash used in investing activities	(292)	(143)
Cash Flows From Financing Activities		
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	7,246	5,432
Repurchase of common stock	(251)	—
Payment of debt issuance costs	(67)	(52)
Principal payments on finance leases	(12)	(11)
Net cash provided by financing activities	6,916	5,369
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	20,128	17,335
Cash and cash equivalents, including restricted cash of \$152 for both periods - beginning of year	44,660	27,325
Cash and cash equivalents, including restricted cash of \$152 for both periods - end of year	\$ 64,788	\$ 44,660
Supplemental Disclosures of Cash Flow Information		
Cash payments for interest on finance leases	\$ 1	\$ 1
Cash payments for principal on operating lease liabilities	\$ 873	\$ 600
Supplemental Schedule of Noncash Operating Activity		
Right-of-use assets and operating lease obligations incurred for entering into lease amendment	\$ 1,127	\$ —
Supplemental Schedule of Noncash Investing Activity		
Acquisition of patent intangible asset and deferred consideration liability	\$ 5,474	\$ —

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

Note 1. Nature of Business

Niagen Bioscience, Inc. (formerly ChromaDex Corporation) and its wholly owned subsidiaries, ChromaDex, Inc., ChromaDex International, Inc., ChromaDex Analytics, Inc., ChromaDex Asia Limited, Asia Pacific Scientific, Inc., ChromaDex Asia Pacific Ventures Limited, ChromaDex Europa B.V., and ChromaDex Trading (Shanghai) Co., Ltd. (collectively, “Niagen Bioscience” or the “Company”) are a global bioscience company dedicated to healthy aging. The Niagen Bioscience team, which includes world renowned scientists, is pioneering research on nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide (NAD⁺), an essential coenzyme that is a key regulator of cellular metabolism and is found in every cell of the human body. NAD⁺ levels in humans have been shown to decline with age, among other factors, and may be increased through administration of NAD⁺ precursors.

Niagen Bioscience is the innovator behind the NAD⁺ precursor nicotinamide riboside chloride (“NRC” or “NRCL,” commonly referred to as “NR”), commercialized as the flagship ingredient Niagen®, available in both food and pharmaceutical grades. Nicotinamide riboside chloride and other NAD⁺ precursors are protected by Niagen Bioscience’s patent and/or licensed rights portfolio. The Company delivers food-grade Niagen® as the sole or principal dietary ingredient in its dietary supplement consumer product line, Tru Niagen®. Furthermore, the Company develops and commercializes proprietary ingredient technologies, including food-grade Niagen® and pharmaceutical-grade Niagen®, and supplies these ingredients as raw materials to the manufacturers of consumer products and U.S. FDA-registered 503B outsourcing facilities, respectively. Throughout the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, the Company also provided natural product fine chemicals, known as phytochemicals, and related research and development services through its analytical reference standards and services operating segment. Certain assets associated with this operating segment were classified as held for sale as of December 31, 2025 and are presented as such on the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. Refer to Note 4. *Business Segments and Concentrations* for further information.

Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation: The financial statements and accompanying notes have been prepared on a consolidated basis and reflect the consolidated financial position of the Company and its wholly owned subsidiaries. All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated from these financial statements.

Use of Accounting Estimates: The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Revenue Recognition: The Company recognizes sales and the related cost of sales when the performance obligations are satisfied. The performance obligations are typically satisfied upon shipment of physical goods or as the services are performed over time. In addition to the satisfaction of the performance obligations, the following conditions are required for revenue recognition: an arrangement exists, there is a fixed price, and collectability is reasonably assured. Discounts, returns and allowances related to sales, including an estimated reserve for the returns and allowances, are recorded as reduction of revenue.

Whenever the Company determines that goods or services promised in a contract should be accounted for as a combined performance obligation over time, the Company determines the period over which the performance obligations will be performed and revenue will be recognized. If the Company determines that the performance obligation is satisfied over time, any upfront payment received is initially recorded as deferred revenue on its consolidated balance sheets.

Revenue is then recognized utilizing the output method based on an estimated rate to allocate the transaction price for this performance obligation as products are supplied over the duration of the contract. Certain judgments affect the application of the Company’s revenue recognition policy. For example, when utilizing the output method, the Company estimates total delivery volume based on the Company’s current operating plan, forecast inputs for expected purchases received from the customer, minimum purchase commitments by the customer and historical experience with similar customer contracts. Accordingly, the Company may recognize a different amount of deferred revenue over the next 12-month period if the Company’s plan changes in the future or if the customer informs the Company of changes to their expected purchases. As of December 31, 2025 and 2024, the Company held deferred revenue balances of \$2.7 million and \$2.6 million, respectively.

Net sales include revenue generated from shipping and handling charges billed to customers. The costs directly associated with shipping and handling are integrated as a component of cost of goods sold. Shipping and handling fees billed to customers and included in net sales for the years indicated are as follows:

(In thousands)	Year Ended December 31,	
	2025	2024
Shipping and handling fees billed	\$ 840	\$ 642

Taxes collected from customers and remitted to governmental authorities are excluded from revenue, which is presented on a net basis in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

Cash, Cash Equivalents and Restricted Cash: All highly liquid interest-bearing investments with short terms are classified as cash equivalents. The Company's investments primarily include investments in money market funds managed by banks. The carrying value of these cash equivalents approximate their fair value. As of December 31, 2025 and 2024, the Company had cash equivalents of \$54.4 million and \$37.3 million, respectively, concentrated in money market funds.

The Company classifies cash as restricted when its withdrawal or usage is constrained for a period exceeding three months. As of December 31, 2025 and 2024, \$152,000 of cash was classified as restricted, serving as collateral for letters of credit related to the Company's office space in Los Angeles, California. The lease for the Los Angeles, California office currently expires in March 2027.

Trade Receivables, net: Trade receivables are stated at their net realizable value, net of a sales allowance, an allowance for doubtful trade receivables and expected credit losses. Credit is extended to customers based on an evaluation of their financial condition and other factors. The Company establishes a sales allowance at the time of revenue recognition based on its history of adjustments and credits provided to customers. In determining the necessary allowance for doubtful trade receivables, the Company considers the current aging and financial condition of its customers, the amount of trade receivables in dispute, and current payment patterns. Trade receivables are written off against the allowance when management determines a balance is uncollectible and the Company no longer actively pursues collection of the receivable. Expected credit losses are estimated based upon historical information, current conditions and reasonable and supportable forecasts.

Credit Risk: Financial instruments that potentially expose the Company to concentration of credit risk consist primarily of cash and cash equivalents and trade receivables. Cash and cash equivalents, consist of bank deposits and money market funds managed by banks. The Company maintains several bank accounts for its operations primarily at three financial institutions in the U.S. and one financial institution in Hong Kong. The Company's U.S. bank accounts are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to \$250,000 at each institution. As of December 31, 2025, the Company had approximately \$63.4 million in cash deposits in excess of federally insured limits in U.S. bank accounts. All uninsured bank deposits are held at high quality credit institutions and management believes the Company is not exposed to significant credit risk due to the financial position of the depository institutions. The Company's trade receivables are derived from sales to its customers. The Company assesses credit risk of its customers through quantitative and qualitative analysis. From this analysis, the Company establishes credit limits and manages the risk exposure. The Company, however, may from time-to-time incur credit losses due to bankruptcy or other failures from its customers to pay.

Inventories: Inventories are comprised of work-in-process and finished goods. Inventories are stated at the lower of cost, determined by the first-in, first-out method, or net realizable value. The inventory on the balance sheet is recorded net of valuation allowances. Labor and overhead has been added to inventory that was manufactured or characterized by the Company. The Company's normal operating cycle for reference standards is longer than one year. During the year ended December 31, 2025, the assets associated with the analytical reference standards segment met the criteria to be classified as held for sale. Accordingly, these amounts are excluded from the current year inventory balances as presented in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. The Company regularly reviews inventories on hand and reduces the carrying value for slow-moving and obsolete inventory, inventory not meeting quality standards and inventory subject to expiration. The reduction of the carrying value for slow-moving and obsolete inventory is based on current estimates of future product demand, market conditions and related management judgment. Any significant unanticipated changes in future product demand or market conditions that vary from current expectations could have an impact on the value of inventories.

Leasehold Improvements and Equipment, net: Leasehold improvements and equipment are comprised of leasehold improvements, laboratory equipment, furniture and fixtures, computer equipment, construction in progress and implementations costs for cloud computing arrangements. Leasehold improvements and equipment are carried at cost and depreciated on the straight-line method over the lesser of the estimated useful life of each asset or lease term. Implementation costs related to a cloud computing arrangement are deferred or expensed as incurred, in accordance with the Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2018-15. Depreciation on equipment under finance lease is included with depreciation on owned assets. Maintenance and repairs are charged to operating expenses as incurred. Improvements and betterments, which extend the lives of the assets, are capitalized.

Intangible assets: Intangible assets include licensing rights and are accounted for based on the fair value of consideration given or the fair value of the net assets acquired, whichever is more reliable. Intangible assets with finite useful lives are amortized using the straight-line method over a period of 10 years, or, for licensed patent rights, the remaining term of the patents underlying licensing rights (considered to be the remaining useful life of the license), whichever is shorter. The present value of subsequent milestone payments is capitalized when the payment obligation is incurred and amortized over the remaining useful life established upon the initial payment.

The Company's long-lived assets are reviewed for impairment on a periodic basis or when changes in circumstances indicate the possibility that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. Long-lived assets are grouped at the lowest level for which identifiable cash flows are largely independent of the cash flows of other assets. If the forecast of undiscounted future cash flows is less than the carrying amount of the assets, an impairment charge would be recognized to reduce the carrying value of the assets to fair value. If a possible impairment is identified, the asset group's fair value is measured relying primarily on a discounted cash flow methodology. No assets were impaired during the years ended December 31, 2025 and December 31, 2024.

Customer Deposits: Customer deposits represent cash received from customers in advance of product shipment or delivery of services.

Income Taxes: Deferred taxes are provided on a liability method whereby deferred tax assets are recognized for deductible temporary differences and operating loss and tax credit carryforwards and deferred liabilities are recognized for taxable temporary differences. Temporary differences are the differences between the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and their tax bases. Deferred tax assets are reduced by a valuation allowance when, in the opinion of management, it is more-likely-than-not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are adjusted for the effects of changes in tax laws and rates on the date of enactment.

The Company has not recorded a reserve for any tax positions for which the ultimate deductibility is highly certain but for which there is uncertainty about the timing of such deductibility. The Company files tax returns in all appropriate jurisdictions, which include a U.S. federal tax return and various state tax returns. Open tax years for these jurisdictions are 2022 to 2025, which statutes expire in 2026 to 2029, respectively. When and if applicable, potential interest and penalty costs are accrued as incurred, with expenses recognized in general and administrative expenses in the statements of operations. The Company did not have any liability for unrecognized tax benefits as of December 31, 2025 or 2024.

Research and Development Costs: Research and development costs consist of direct and indirect costs associated with clinical trials, product development and process development activities. These costs are expensed as incurred. Amortization of certain patents is included within research and development expense and is recognized on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the related patents.

Advertising: The Company expenses the production costs of advertising the first time the advertising takes place. Advertising expense for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024 was approximately \$12.7 million and \$11.1 million, respectively, recorded within sales and marketing in the Company's Consolidated Statements of Operations.

Share-based Compensation: The Company grants equity awards to recipients through its 2017 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended (the "2017 Plan"), which was approved by stockholders and the Board of Directors. Under the 2017 Plan, the Board of Directors may grant restricted stock or stock options to employees and non-employees. The accounting treatment for share-based payments to employees and non-employees is substantially equivalent. The Company accounts for all share-based compensation costs under the fair value method.

The fair value of the Company's stock options is estimated at the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option valuation model. For the expected term, the Company uses SEC Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 107 simplified method for "plain vanilla" options with following characteristics: (i) the share options are granted price on the grant date; (ii) exercisability is conditional on performing service through the vesting date on most options; (iii) if an employee terminates service prior to vesting, the employee would forfeit the share options; (iv) if an employee terminates service after vesting, the employee would have 30 to 90 days to exercise the share options; and (v) the share options are nontransferable and non-hedgeable. The volatility assumption is based on the historical volatility of the Company's common stock with an equivalent remaining expected term. The dividend yield assumption is based on the Company's history and expectation of future dividend payouts on the common stock. The risk-free interest rate is based on the implied yield available on U.S. treasury zero-coupon issues with an equivalent remaining expected term.

Market conditions that affect vesting of stock options are considered in the grant-date fair value. The issues surrounding the valuation for such awards can be complex and consideration needs to be given for how the market condition should be incorporated into the valuation of the award. The Company considers using other valuation techniques, such as Monte Carlo simulations based on a lattice approach, to value awards with market conditions.

The fair value of restricted stock unit awards is determined at the grant date and is based on the market price on the grant date.

For option grants and restricted stock unit awards without performance conditions, the Company recognizes compensation expense over the requisite vesting period ratably, recognizing expense for each tranche of each grant starting on the grant date. For stock options that have both service and performance conditions, the Company recognizes compensation expense using the graded attribution method. Compensation expense for stock options with performance conditions is recognized only for those awards expected to vest. Compensation expense for market performance stock units is recognized over the derived service period and is not reversed if the market condition is not achieved; however, if the market condition is achieved, any remaining unrecognized compensation expense is accelerated in the period of achievement. The Company recognizes forfeitures when they occur.

Fair Value Measurement: The Company follows the provisions of the accounting standard which defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value and enhances fair value measurement disclosure. Fair value measurements are based on a three-tier hierarchy that prioritizes the use of observable inputs and minimizes the use on unobservable inputs. 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 included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly; and Level 3, defined as unobservable inputs for which little or no market data exists, therefore requiring an entity to develop its own assumptions. The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to Level 1 inputs and lowest priority to Level 3 inputs. As of December 31, 2025 and 2024, the Company did not have any Level 2 or Level 3 assets or liabilities.

Financial instruments: The estimated fair value of financial instruments has been determined based on the Company's assessment of available market information and appropriate valuation methodologies. The fair value of the Company's financial instruments that are included in current assets and current liabilities approximates their carrying value due to their short-term nature. The carrying amounts reported in the balance sheet for finance lease obligations are present values of the obligations, excluding the interest portion.

Loss and Gain Contingencies: The Company is periodically involved in routine litigation. As of the date the financial statements are issued, certain unresolved litigation matters may result in a loss or gain, depending on the occurrence or non-occurrence of future events. Management and legal counsel evaluate these matters to assess potential contingent liabilities and contingent gains.

Loss Contingencies - The Company continuously reviews pending litigation matters and assesses whether developments require updates to prior disclosures or previously recognized liabilities. If it is probable that a material loss has been incurred and the amount can be reasonably estimated, the Company accrues the estimated liability in its financial statements. If a potential material loss is reasonably possible but not probable, or if it is probable but cannot be reasonably estimated, the Company discloses the nature of the contingency and, if determinable and material, an estimate of the possible loss range. Assessing the likelihood and amount of potential losses requires significant judgment. If actual outcomes exceed management's estimates, the Company's financial condition and results of operations could be materially adversely affected.

Gain Contingencies - Potential litigation settlement gains are considered gain contingencies and are not recognized in the financial statements until they are realized. A gain is considered realized when the Company receives cash or readily convertible assets.

For further information on litigation matters, see Note 15, *Commitments and Contingencies — Legal Proceedings*.

Recent Accounting Standards Adopted by the Company:

In December 2023, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued ASU 2023-09, "Income Taxes (Topic 740): Improvements to Income Tax Disclosures." ASU 2023-09 is intended to enhance the transparency and decision usefulness of income tax disclosures. The amendments in ASU 2023-09 address investor requests for enhanced income tax information primarily through changes to the rate reconciliation and income taxes paid information. A public entity should apply the amendments in ASU 2023-09 prospectively to all annual periods beginning after December 15, 2024. Early adoption and retrospective application are permitted. The Company adopted ASU 2023-09 for its annual period ended December 31, 2025. The enhanced disclosures required by ASU 2023-09 are included in Note 12, *Income Taxes*, to the Company's consolidated financial statements for year ended December 31, 2025.

In March 2024, the FASB issued ASU 2024-02, "Codification Improvements," to amend the Codification to remove references to various concepts statements and impacts a variety of topics in the Codification. The amendments apply to all reporting entities within the scope of the affected accounting guidance, but in most instances the references removed are extraneous and not required to understand or apply the guidance. ASU 2024-02 is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2024, with early adoption permitted. The Company adopted ASU 2024-02 for its annual period ended December 31, 2025. The adoption of ASU 2024-02 did not have a material impact on the Company's results.

Accounting Standards Recently Issued but Not Yet Adopted by the Company:

In October 2023, the FASB issued ASU 2023-06, "Disclosure Improvements: Codification Amendments in Response to the SEC's Disclosure Update and Simplification Initiative," to amend certain disclosure and presentation requirements for a variety of topics within the Accounting Standards Codification (ASC). These amendments align the requirements in the ASC to the removal of certain disclosure requirements set out in Regulation S-X and Regulation S-K, announced by the SEC. The effective date for each amended topic in the ASC is either the date on which the SEC's removal of the related disclosure requirement from Regulation S-X or Regulation S-K becomes effective, or on June 30, 2027, if the SEC has not removed the requirements by that date. Early adoption is prohibited. The Company is currently evaluating the impact that the adoption of ASU 2023-06 may have on its consolidated financial statements and disclosures.

In November 2024, the FASB issued ASU 2024-03, "Income Statement (Topic 220): Reporting Comprehensive Income - Expense Disaggregation Disclosures, Disaggregation of Income Statement Expenses." ASU 2024-03 requires public companies to disclose additional information about certain expense categories, including purchases of inventory, employee compensation, depreciation, amortization, and depletion, in both interim and annual financial statements. The amendments in this ASU will be effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2026, and interim reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2027. Early adoption is permitted and is effective on either a prospective basis or retrospective basis. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of this standard.

In July 2025, the FASB issued ASU 2025-05, "Financial Instruments - Credit Losses (Topic 326): Measurement of Credit Losses for Accounts Receivable and Contract Assets". This standard introduces a practical expedient, and, if applicable, an accounting policy election to simplify the measurement of credit losses for certain receivables and contract assets. ASU 2025-05 is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2025, and interim reporting periods within those annual reporting periods. Early adoption is permitted in any interim or annual period in which financial statements have not yet been issued or made available for issuance. We are currently evaluating the impact of this standard and do not expect the adoption of this guidance to have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes.

In September 2025, the FASB issued ASU 2025-06, "Intangibles-Goodwill and Other - Internal-Use Software (Subtopic 350-40): Targeted Improvements to the Accounting for Internal-Use Software," which amends the guidance in ASC 350-40. The amendment modernizes the recognition and disclosure framework for internal-use software costs, removing the previous "development stage" model and requiring capitalization of software costs once a project is authorized, funded, and deemed probable to complete, with an added focus on evaluating any significant development uncertainty. The new standard is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2027 and interim periods within those annual reporting periods, and early adoption is permitted. We are currently evaluating the impact of this standard and do not expect the adoption of this guidance to have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes.

In December 2025, the FASB issued ASU 2025-11, “Interim Reporting (Topic 270): Narrow-Scope Improvements,” which clarifies the applicability and improves the navigability of the interim reporting guidance. The amendments also provide additional guidance on required interim disclosures, including a comprehensive listing of required interim disclosures and a new disclosure principle for reporting material events occurring after the most recent annual period. ASU 2025-11 is effective for interim reporting periods within annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2027 for public business entities, and early adoption is permitted for all entities. We are currently evaluating the impact of this standard and do not expect the adoption of this guidance to have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes.

In December 2025, the FASB issued ASU 2025-12, “Codification Improvements,” to address suggestions received from stakeholders on the Accounting Standards Codification and to make other incremental improvements to GAAP. The amendments is effective for all entities for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2026, and interim reporting periods within those annual reporting periods. Early adoption is permitted. We are currently evaluating the impact of this standard and do not expect the adoption of this guidance to have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes.

Note 3. Income Per Share Applicable to Common Stockholders

The following table sets forth the computations of income per share amounts applicable to common stockholders for the years indicated.

<i>(In thousands, except per share data)</i>	Year Ended December 31,	
	2025	2024
Numerator:		
Net income	17,382	8,550
Denominator:		
Weighted average common shares outstanding for basic earnings per share (1)	79,178	75,929
Plus: incremental shares from assumed exercise of options and assumed vesting of restricted stock (2)	6,258	2,196
Adjusted weighted average common shares outstanding for diluted earnings per share	85,436	78,125
Earnings Per Share:		
Basic net income per common share	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.11
Diluted net income per common share	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.11

(1) Includes a weighted average of approximately 167,000 nonvested shares of restricted stock for each of the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, which are participating securities that feature voting and dividend rights.

(2) For the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, the Company had outstanding restricted stock awards and stock options. Restricted stock awards were dilutive and included in the calculation of diluted earnings per share, while certain stock options outstanding were anti-dilutive and, accordingly, were excluded from the calculation of weighted-average common shares outstanding. The following table presents the anti-dilutive stock options for the periods presented:

<i>(In thousands)</i>	Year Ended December 31,	
	2025	2024
Stock options	1,682	4,087

Note 4. Business Segments and Concentrations

The Company's four reportable segments are as follows:

- *Consumer Products segment*: provides finished dietary supplement products that contain the Company's proprietary ingredients directly to consumers and distributors;
- *Ingredients segment*: develops and commercializes proprietary-based ingredient technologies, including food-grade Niagen® and pharmaceutical-grade Niagen®, and supplies these ingredients as raw materials to the manufacturers of consumer products and U.S. FDA-registered 503B outsourcing facilities, respectively;
- *Analytical Reference Standards and Services segment*: offers the supply of phytochemical reference standards and other research and development services; and
- *Pharmaceuticals segment*: pursues the pharmaceutical development of our NAD precursor portfolio for potential therapeutic applications in rare diseases, and currently conducts research and development activities, including clinical studies and regulatory planning.

During the year ended December 31, 2025, the Company identified the pharmaceuticals segment as a new reportable operating segment based on changes in internal reporting and the manner in which the Company's chief operating decision maker (CODM) evaluates operating performance. Segment information for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024 has been recast to reflect the current reportable segment structure for comparability purposes. The recast did not impact the Company's previously reported consolidated results of operations or financial position.

The Company's reportable segments are significant operating segments that offer differentiated products and services. This segment structure reflects the Company's current operational and financial management and provides the framework used by management to evaluate performance, allocate resources, and support the Company's strategic objectives while maintaining financial discipline.

The Company's CODM is a management group comprised of the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer. The CODM reviews monthly and quarterly financial information for each operating segment, including net sales, gross profit (loss), operating income (loss), and spending by segment, to evaluate operating performance and allocate resources. The CODM does not review assets by operating segment in evaluating performance, and therefore assets by segment are not disclosed. There are no intersegment sales that require elimination. The "Corporate and other" classification includes corporate items that are not allocated to the Company's reportable segments.

The following tables set forth financial information by segment:

Year Ended December 31, 2025 (In thousands)	Consumer Products segment	Ingredients segment	Analytical Reference Standards and Services segment	Pharmaceuticals segment	Corporate and other	Total
Net sales	\$ 97,672	\$ 28,675	\$ 3,076	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 129,423
Cost of sales	32,784	11,119	2,331	—	—	46,234
Gross profit	64,888	17,556	745	—	—	83,189
Operating expenses:						
Sales and marketing:						
Advertising	12,655	—	—	—	—	12,655
Marketing	11,490	102	2	—	—	11,594
Selling	10,766	144	347	—	—	11,257
Research and development	3,166	930	—	2,234	—	6,330
General and administrative	—	—	—	—	27,057	27,057
Gain on settlement of royalty obligation	(1,615)	(368)	—	—	—	(1,983)
Operating expenses	36,462	808	349	2,234	27,057	66,910
Operating income (loss)	\$ 28,426	\$ 16,748	\$ 396	\$ (2,234)	\$ (27,057)	\$ 16,279

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Year Ended December 31, 2024 <i>(In thousands)</i>	Consumer Products segment	Ingredients segment	Analytical Reference Standards and Services segment	Pharmaceuticals segment	Corporate and other	Total
Net sales	\$ 76,772	\$ 19,814	\$ 3,011	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 99,597
Cost of sales	27,478	7,808	2,725	—	—	38,011
Gross profit	49,294	12,006	286	—	—	61,586
Operating expenses:						
Sales and marketing:						
Advertising	11,102	—	—	—	—	11,102
Marketing	8,346	195	4	—	—	8,545
Selling	9,285	40	497	—	—	9,822
Research and development	3,384	873	—	1,759	—	6,016
General and administrative	—	—	—	—	18,375	18,375
Operating expenses	32,117	1,108	501	1,759	18,375	53,860
Operating income (loss)	\$ 17,177	\$ 10,898	\$ (215)	\$ (1,759)	\$ (18,375)	\$ 7,726

Disaggregation of revenue

The Company disaggregates its revenue from contracts with customers by type of goods or services for each of its segments, as the Company believes it best depicts how the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of its revenue and cash flows are affected by economic factors. The pharmaceuticals segment did not generate revenue during the periods presented. Disaggregated revenues are as follows:

Year Ended December 31, 2025 <i>(In thousands)</i>	Consumer Products Segment	Ingredients Segment	Analytical Reference Standards and Services Segment	Total
Tru Niagen®, Consumer Product	\$ 97,672	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 97,672
Food-grade Niagen®	—	24,110	—	24,110
Pharmaceutical-grade Niagen®	—	3,784	—	3,784
Subtotal Niagen® Related	97,672	27,894	—	125,566
Other Ingredients	—	781	—	781
Reference Standards	—	—	3,003	3,003
Consulting and Other	—	—	73	73
Subtotal Other Goods and Services	—	781	3,076	3,857
Total Net Sales	\$ 97,672	\$ 28,675	\$ 3,076	\$ 129,423

Year Ended December 31, 2024 <i>(In thousands)</i>	Consumer Products Segment	Ingredients Segment	Analytical Reference Standards and Services Segment	Total
Tru Niagen®, Consumer Product	\$ 76,772	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 76,772
Food-grade Niagen®	—	17,540	—	17,540
Pharmaceutical-grade Niagen®	—	1,700	—	1,700
Subtotal Niagen® Related	76,772	19,240	—	96,012
Other Ingredients	—	574	—	574
Reference Standards	—	—	2,891	2,891
Consulting and Other	—	—	120	120
Subtotal Other Goods and Services	—	574	3,011	3,585
Total Net Sales	\$ 76,772	\$ 19,814	\$ 3,011	\$ 99,597

Assets Held For Sale

During the year ended December 31, 2025, the Company committed to a plan to sell substantially all of the assets of its analytical reference standards and services operating segment to a third party. As of December 31, 2025, the assets associated with this operating segment met the criteria to be classified as held for sale and are presented as assets held for sale in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

The Company evaluated the long-lived assets of the analytical reference standards and services operating segment for impairment prior to classification as held for sale and recorded any required adjustments to reflect the assets at the lower of carrying value or estimated fair value less costs to sell. Depreciation and amortization of long-lived assets classified as held for sale ceased as of the classification date.

The assets classified as held for sale primarily consist of \$403,000 in inventory, \$138,000 of certain long-lived assets, customer lists and contracts, and a trade name. The buyer will assume operating liabilities arising after the closing date, while the Company will retain all accounts receivable and accounts payable incurred prior to the closing date related to the disposed assets.

On February 24, 2026, the Company entered into a definitive asset purchase agreement with a third party for total cash consideration of approximately \$6.0 million, less working capital adjustments of approximately \$0.2 million.

In connection with the disposition, the Company entered into a transition services agreement pursuant to which the Company will continue to provide certain operational and administrative services to the buyer for a period of up to six months following the closing date. The Company will receive a service fee for these services, which will be recognized as the services are provided.

The results of operations of the analytical reference standards and services operating segment are included in continuing operations for all periods presented, as the disposition does not represent a strategic shift that will have a major effect on the Company's operations or financial results, therefore it does not meet the criteria for discontinued operations treatment.

Geographical Concentrations

Net sales from international sources

The Company's net sales are predominantly generated in the United States, however, international sources collectively represent more than 10% of both total net sales and net sales for each business segment. These international sources span across Europe, North America, South America, Asia, and Oceania. Net sales from international sources detailed by each business segment are as follows:

<i>(In millions)</i>	Year Ended December 31,	
	2025	2024
Consumer Products Segment	\$ 20.2	\$ 19.8
Ingredients Segment	6.7	\$ 3.6
Analytical Reference Standards and Services Segment	0.9	\$ 0.9
Total net sales from international sources	<u>\$ 27.8</u>	<u>\$ 24.3</u>

Long-lived assets

The Company's long-lived assets are located within the United States.

Concentrations of Major Customers and Vendors

Disclosure of major customers

Major customers are defined as customers whose sales or trade receivables individually consist of more than 10% of total sales or total trade receivables, respectively. No customer accounted for more than 10% of the Company's net sales during the year ended December 31, 2025. Customers that represented more than 10% of net sales during the year ended December 31, 2024 are presented in the table below as a percentage of net sales.

Major Customers	Year Ended December 31,	
	2024	
A.S. Watson Group (1)		12.5 %
Customer A		11.7 %

(1) Customer was classified as a related party for part of the year ended December 31, 2024. See Note 5, *Related Party Transactions* for further details.

The percentage of the amounts due from major customers to total trade receivables, net as of the periods indicated were as follows:

Major Customers	As of December 31,	
	2025	2024
A.S. Watson Group (1)	23.0 %	47.6 %
Customer B	11.0 %	14.3 %
Customer C	*	10.3 %

* Represents less than 10%

(1) Customer was classified as a related party for part of the prior year. See Note 5, *Related Party Transactions* for further details.

For the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, the Company recorded recoveries of credit losses of approximately \$1.3 million in each year, totaling approximately \$2.6 million, related to a settlement arising from litigation. See Note 15, *Commitments and Contingencies — Legal Proceedings, 2. Elysium Health, LLC, (A) California Action* for further information.

As of December 31, 2025, concentration for the Company's outstanding trade receivables is significant, with approximately 34% of the total outstanding trade receivables aggregated among two customers. Whenever a significant concentration is present it poses a potential risk to the Company's financial performance and cash flows, as any adverse changes in the payment behavior or financial health of these major customers could impact the Company's cash flows and financial results.

The Company has determined that the current concentration is primarily due to the timing of purchases, and the Company does not consider the concentration of its trade receivables to be a significant risk. Nevertheless, to ensure prudence and safeguard against potential challenges arising from this concentration, the Company remains vigilant in monitoring the creditworthiness and payment behavior of these major customers. Furthermore, the Company continues to pursue new partnerships and business opportunities which helps to diversify its customer base and minimize the risk of an overreliance on any particular trade receivable. Despite the Company's risk mitigation efforts, there is no assurance that the Company will not experience delays or defaults in payment from its customers, which could result in an increase in the Company's bad debt expense, a reduction in cash flows, and a negative impact on its financial performance.

Disclosure of major vendor

The Company's major vendor who accounted for more than 10% of the Company's total accounts payable is as follows:

Major Vendor	As of December 31,	
	2025	2024
W.R. Grace & Co. - Conn	43.5 %	47.2 %

The Company has an exclusive manufacturing arrangement for the supply of Nicotinamide-beta-Riboside Chloride (NRCL) with W.R. Grace & Co. -Conn. (Grace). On July 25, 2025, the Company executed a Sales Agreement (the "Grace Supply Agreement") with Grace with an effective date of April 1, 2025. Grace holds patents related to the crystalline form of NR chloride that provide Grace with exclusive manufacturing rights for certain forms of NRCL, which limit the Company's ability to source alternative suppliers. Pursuant to the Grace Supply Agreement, Grace will exclusively supply the Company with NRCL meeting specified quality and technical requirements as defined in a previously executed quality agreement dated March 22, 2024. In addition, Grace is prohibited from selling NRCL to third parties and must notify the Company of any new business inquiries relating to the purchase of NRCL. The Company is contractually obligated to purchase minimum quantities of NRCL during each year of the agreement term.

The Grace Supply Agreement provides for an initial term through April 30, 2029, and will automatically renew for successive 12-month terms unless either party provides written notice of its intent not to renew. The Company provides rolling monthly forecasts of its anticipated purchase requirements for a 24-month period, of which the first 12 months are binding upon Grace's acceptance. Refer to Note 15. *Commitments and Contingencies - Purchase obligations* for more details. Any failure to extend the Grace Manufacturing Agreement on satisfactory terms could potentially have a material adverse impact on the Company's financial results and strategic position, as outlined in Item 1A. Risk Factors of this Annual Report on Form 10-K, "We rely on a single supplier, W.R. Grace, for NRC and a limited number of third-party suppliers for the raw materials required to produce our products."

Note 5. Related Party Transactions

Prior to August 20, 2024, A.S. Watson Group was considered a related party through common ownership by an enterprise that beneficially owned more than 10% of the Company's common stock. On August 20, 2024, this entity sold its ownership in the Company, and A.S. Watson Group ceased to be a related party as of that date. However, the Company has maintained its relationship with A.S. Watson Group. The Company had no trade receivables connected to related parties as of December 31, 2025 and December 31, 2024.

The sale of consumer products to related parties during the periods indicated are as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2025	2024
A.S. Watson Group (1)	\$— million	\$8.7 million

(1) Due to the change in ownership of A.S. Watson Group in 2024, sales after August 20, 2024, are excluded from the amounts presented above.

Note 6. Inventories

The Company's major classes of inventory and corresponding balances as of the periods indicated are as follows:

<i>(In thousands)</i>	As of December 31,	
	2025	2024
Consumer Products - Finished goods	\$ 9,860	\$ 5,811
Consumer Products - Work-in-process	3,094	2,130
Bulk ingredients	7,470	757
Reference standards (1)	—	494
Inventories	\$ 20,424	\$ 9,192

(1) As of December 31, 2025, \$0.4 million of inventory related to the analytical reference standards and services operating segment was classified as held for sale. Refer to Note 4. *Business Segments and Concentrations* for further information.

Note 7. Intangible Assets, Net

Effective December 16, 2025, the Company entered into an Assignment Agreement with Queen's University Belfast (QUB), pursuant to which all intellectual property rights previously jointly owned with, or licensed from, QUB were assigned exclusively to the Company. Concurrently, the Joint Ownership and Management Agreement License Agreement were terminated and all outstanding royalty and license obligations under those agreements were legally extinguished.

As a result of the Assignment Agreement, the Company acquired full ownership of certain identified patents. The acquired patents are accounted for as finite-lived intangible assets and were initially recognized at \$5.5 million, representing present value of fixed future payments due under the Assignment Agreement. Because the consideration includes deferred payments, the Company recorded a corresponding long-term liability for the present value of the future contractual obligations. Refer to Note 15. *Commitments and Contingencies*, for information regarding the future payment obligations under the Assignment Agreement.

The acquired patents are amortized on a straight-line basis over an estimated useful life of 10-years. Amortization expense is recorded within cost of goods sold and research and development expense based on the expected utilization of the underlying intellectual property in both the Company's current commercialization and manufacturing activities and future research and development efforts.

Intangible assets as of the periods indicated consisted of the following:

<i>(In thousands, except years)</i>	Weighted Average Life (Years)	As of December 31,	
		2025	2024
Healthspan Research LLC Acquisition	10	\$ 1,346	\$ 1,346
License agreements and other	10	6,370	1,013
Less: Accumulated amortization		(2,056)	(2,000)
Intangible assets, net		\$ 5,660	\$ 359

During the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, amortization expense was approximately \$173,000 and \$151,000, respectively. During the year ended December 31, 2025 the Company disposed of a fully depreciated intangible asset, resulting in the removal of the related gross carrying amount and accumulated amortization of \$117,000.

Estimated amortization expense for each of the years ended December 31, is as follows:

(In thousands)

Year	Amount (USD)
2026	\$ 698
2027	590
2028	560
2029	549
2030	549
Thereafter	2,714
	<u>\$ 5,660</u>

Note 8. Leasehold Improvements and Equipment, Net

Leasehold improvements and equipment as of the periods indicated consisted of the following:

<i>(In thousands)</i>	As of December 31,	
	2025	2024
Laboratory equipment (1)	\$ 2,463	\$ 3,076
Leasehold improvements	2,209	2,209
Computer equipment	694	574
Implementation costs - cloud computing arrangements	1,284	1,218
Furniture and fixtures	382	320
Construction in progress	45	86
	<u>7,077</u>	<u>7,483</u>
Less: Accumulated depreciation (1)	(5,754)	(5,764)
Leasehold improvements and equipment, net	<u>\$ 1,323</u>	<u>\$ 1,719</u>

(1) As of December 31, 2025, \$0.7 million of laboratory equipment and \$0.6 million of corresponding accumulated depreciation related to the analytical reference standards and services operating segment was classified as held for sale. Refer to Note 4. *Business Segments and Concentrations* for further information.

Depreciation expense on leasehold improvements and equipment for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024 was approximately \$612,000 and \$663,000, respectively. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the depreciable assets (ranging from three to ten years). Leasehold improvements are amortized on a straight-line basis over the shorter of their estimated useful lives or the remaining lease term.

During the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, the Company sold or disposed of certain leasehold improvements and equipment resulting in a loss of \$4,000 and gain \$19,000, respectively. At the time of sale or disposal, the related cost and accumulated depreciation were removed from the respective accounts.

Note 9. Leases

Operating Leases

The Company leases office space facilities and a research and development laboratory under non-cancelable operating leases with varying expirations extending through fiscal year 2029. The lease agreements provide for renewal options and rent escalation over the lease term as well as require the Company to pay maintenance, insurance and property taxes.

In March 2025, the Company amended its existing lease in Longmont, Colorado. In accordance with ASC 842, the amended lease agreement is considered to be modified and subject to lease modification guidance. The right-of-use (ROU) asset and lease liability related to the agreement were remeasured based on the change in the lease conditions such as rent payment and the discount rate as of the modification date lease terms. The modification resulted in the increase of approximately \$1.1 million to the related lease liability and ROU asset. The amended lease now extends through October 31, 2030.

As of December 31, 2025 and 2024, the Company had ROU assets of \$2.2 million and \$1.7 million, respectively, and corresponding operating lease liabilities of \$2.8 million and \$2.6 million, respectively.

The components of operating lease expense for the years indicated are as follows:

<i>(In thousands)</i>	Year Ended December 31,	
	2025	2024
Operating leases		
Operating lease expense	\$ 897	\$ 886
Variable lease expense (1)	415	411
Operating lease expense	1,312	1,297
Short-term lease rent expense	18	17
Total expense	<u>\$ 1,330</u>	<u>\$ 1,314</u>

1) Variable lease costs, including property taxes and insurance and common area maintenance fees, are classified in cost of services in the Company's Consolidated Statements of Operations.

As of December 31, 2025, the weighted average remaining lease term for operating leases is 3.4 years and the weighted average discount rate used to determine the operating lease liabilities is 7.7%.

Future minimum lease payments under operating leases as of December 31, 2025 are as follows:

<i>(In thousands)</i>	Amount
Year	
2026	\$ 1,183
2027	782
2028	657
2029	338
2030	263
Total	3,223
Less: Present value discount	(406)
Present value of total operating lease liabilities	2,817
Less: Current portion	(1,002)
Long-term obligations under operating leases	<u>\$ 1,815</u>

Note 10. Share-Based Compensation

Equity Plans

The Company grants awards to recipients through the 2017 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended (the "2017 Plan"), which was approved by stockholders and the Board of Directors. In June 2025, stockholders approved an amendment to the Company's 2017 Equity Incentive Plan to increase the number of shares available for issuance by 4.75 million shares of common stock. Pursuant to the latest amendment, the 2017 Plan provides for the issuance of shares that total no more than the sum of (i) 22,900,000 new shares, (ii) any returning shares such as forfeited, cancelled, or expired shares granted under either the 2017 Plan or the Second Amended and Restated 2007 Equity Incentive Plan and (iii) 500,000 shares pursuant to an inducement award. The number of shares available to be issued under the 2017 Plan will be reduced by (i) one share for each share that relates to an option or stock appreciation right award and (ii) 1.5 shares for each share which relates to an award other than a stock option or stock appreciation right award (a full-value award). As of December 31, 2025, there were approximately 6.4 million remaining shares available for issuance under this plan. Options expire 10 years from the date of grant.

General Vesting Conditions

Historically, the Company's stock options awards have been generally subject to a one-year cliff vesting period, after which one-third of the shares vest with the remaining shares vesting ratably each month over a two-year period subject to the applicable grantee's continued service. Beginning August 1, 2025, newly granted stock option awards will generally vest over four years at 25% per year on the anniversary of the grant date. Restricted stock unit (RSU) awards are generally subject to a three-year vesting period with one-third vesting per year on the anniversary of the grant date. The performance restricted stock units (PSUs) granted to the Chief Executive Officer are eligible to vest during a seven-year performance period based on the achievement and maintenance of certain volume weighted average price thresholds for a minimum of 60 Trading Days and upon certification by the Board's Compensation Committee and generally subject to the Chief Executive Officer's continued employment with the Company on the applicable vesting date. The award consists of five tranches with stock price hurdles ranging from \$15.00 to \$50.00 per share, with no interpolation between thresholds, and includes post-vesting transfer restrictions until the earlier of five years from the grant date and a change in control. Certain executive equity awards provide for accelerated vesting if there is a change in control or termination without cause.

Employee Stock Purchase Plan

On June 24, 2025, the Company's shareholders approved the Niagen Bioscience, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan ("ESPP"), pursuant to which 650,000 shares of the Company's common stock were reserved for issuance. The ESPP allows eligible officers and employees to purchase designated shares of the Company's stock through payroll deductions, up to 10% of their base salary or wages. The price of common stock purchased under the ESPP is equal to 85% of the lesser of (i) the closing price of a share of common stock on the purchase date, or (ii) the closing price of a share of common stock on the offering date. Offering periods under the ESPP will generally be in six month increments, commencing on January 1 and July 1 of each calendar year, with the administrator having the right to establish different offering periods. As of December 31, 2025, the Company had not yet extended its first offering period and 650,000 shares remained available for issuance. The first offering period under the ESPP commenced on January 1, 2026.

Share Repurchase Program

During the year ended December 31, 2025, the Company repurchased 35,840 shares of its common stock for an aggregate purchase price of \$0.3 million, which was recorded as reduction of common stock and additional paid-in capital.

Stock Options

The fair value of the Company's stock options that are not market- or performance-based was estimated at the date of grant using the Black-Scholes-based option valuation model. The table below outlines the weighted average assumptions for options granted during the years indicated:

Weighted Average:	Year Ended December 31,	
	2025	2024
Expected term (years)	6.4	6.4
Volatility	78.0 %	74.4 %
Risk-free rate	4.4 %	4.3 %
Dividend Yield	0 %	0 %

Market Performance Stock Units

The Company did not grant any market PSUs in the year ended December 31, 2024, and accordingly, no valuation activity was required for the period. On February 25, 2025, the Company granted 1,518,600 market based performance stock units (PSUs) to its Chief Executive Office under the 2017 Equity Incentive Plan.

The Company used the following weighted average assumptions in the Monte Carlo model for market PSUs granted during the year ended December 31, 2025:

Weighted Average:	Year Ended December 31, 2025
Discount Period	7.0 years
Expected volatility	76.7 %
Risk-free rate	4.1 %
Size Premium	1.7 %
Cost of Equity	22.1 %

Service Period Based Stock Options

The majority of options granted by the Company are comprised of service based options. These options vest ratably over the requisite service period of the award.

The following table summarizes activity of service period-based stock options during the years indicated:

<i>(In thousands except per-share data and remaining contractual term)</i>	Number of Options	Weighted Average		Aggregate Intrinsic Value
		Exercise Price	Remaining Contractual Term (Years)	
Outstanding at December 31, 2023	10,581	\$ 3.63	5.9	\$ 4
Options Granted	3,425	1.83		
Options Exercised	(2,053)	2.65		4,326
Options Forfeited / Expired	(2,576)	3.70		
Outstanding at December 31, 2024	9,377	\$ 3.17	6.1	\$ 22,988
Options Granted	1,512	6.45		
Options Exercised	(1,187)	4.83		7,373
Options Forfeited / Expired	(516)	5.10		
Outstanding at December 31, 2025	9,186	\$ 3.68	6.0	\$ 27,378 *
Exercisable at December 31, 2025	6,709	\$ 3.37	5.0	\$ 21,582 *

*The aggregate intrinsic values in the table above are based on the Company's stock price of \$6.36, which is the closing price of the Company's stock on the last day of business for the year ended December 31, 2025

Performance-Based Stock Options

The Company also grants stock option awards that are performance-based and vest based on the achievement of certain criteria established by the Compensation Committee. The related performance criteria has passed for these performance-based stock options and no further stock options are pending performance determinations. For performance criteria met, the applicable stock options vested and expense was recognized. For performance criteria not met, the compensation expense was not recognized and the applicable stock options were forfeited.

The following table summarizes the activity of performance-based stock options through December 31, 2024. The Company had no performance-based stock options outstanding as of December 31, 2024 or during the year ended December 31, 2025.

<i>(In thousands except per-share data and remaining contractual term)</i>	Number of Shares	Exercise Price	Weighted Average		Aggregate Intrinsic Value
			Remaining Contractual Term (Years)		
Outstanding at December 31, 2023	41	\$ 4.34	0.1		\$ —
Options Granted	—	—			
Options Exercised	—	—			—
Options Forfeited	(41)	4.34			
Outstanding at December 31, 2024	—	\$ —	—		\$ —

Market-Based Stock Options

The Company grants stock option awards that are market-based which have vesting conditions associated with a service condition as well as performance of the Company's stock price.

The following table summarizes activity of market-based stock options during the years indicated:

<i>(In thousands except per-share data and remaining contractual term)</i>	Number of Shares	Exercise Price	Weighted Average		Aggregate Intrinsic Value
			Remaining Contractual Term (Years)		
Outstanding at December 31, 2023	1,000	\$ 4.24	3.8		\$ —
Options Granted	—	—			
Options Exercised	—	—			—
Options Forfeited	—	—			
Outstanding at December 31, 2024	1,000	\$ 4.24	2.8		\$ 1,070
Options Granted	—	—			
Options Exercised	(1,000)	1.52			3,860
Options Forfeited	—	—			
Outstanding and Exercisable at December 31, 2025	—	\$ —	—		\$ —

Restricted Stock Units

The following table summarizes activity of restricted stock units during the years indicated:

<i>(In thousands except per share fair value)</i>	Number of Units	Weighted Average Fair Value
Unvested shares at December 31, 2023	589	\$ 2.08
Granted	479	1.52
Vested	(271)	2.34
Forfeited	(188)	1.70
Unvested shares at December 31, 2024	609	\$ 1.64
Granted	—	—
Vested	(233)	1.70
Forfeited	(108)	1.61
Unvested shares at December 31, 2025	268	\$ 1.61
Expected to vest as of December 31, 2025	268	\$ 1.61

Market Performance Stock Units

Prior to December 31, 2025 the Company had not granted market performance stock units. The following table summarizes activity of market performance stock units during the year ended December 31, 2025:

<i>(In thousands except per share fair value)</i>	Number of Units	Weighted Average Fair Value
Unvested shares at December 31, 2024	—	\$ —
Granted	1,519	3.44
Vested	—	—
Forfeited	—	—
Unvested shares at December 31, 2025	1,519	\$ 3.44
Expected to vest as of December 31, 2025	—	\$ —

Restricted Stock Awards

The following table summarizes activity of restricted stock awards during the years indicated:

<i>(In thousands except per share fair value)</i>	Number of Awards	Weighted Average Fair Value
Unvested shares at December 31, 2023	167	\$ 3.15
Granted	—	—
Vested	—	—
Forfeited	—	—
Unvested shares at December 31, 2024	167	\$ 3.15
Granted	—	—
Vested	—	—
Forfeited	—	—
Unvested shares at December 31, 2025	167	\$ 3.15
Expected to vest as of December 31, 2025	167	\$ 3.15

Share-based Compensation

Share-based compensation expenses for the years ended December 31, 2025 and December 31, 2024 were as follows:

<i>(In thousands)</i>	Year Ended December 31,	
	2025	2024
Share-based compensation expense		
Cost of sales	\$ 270	\$ 319
Sales and marketing	806	745
Research and development	561	718
General and administrative	4,430	1,874
Total	\$ 6,067	\$ 3,656

As of December 31, 2025, the Company expects to recognize future share-based compensation expense of approximately \$5.7 million related to unvested stock options, \$0.2 million for unvested RSUs, and for \$3.5 million unvested PSUs. These expenses will be recognized over weighted-average years of approximately 1.7 for options, 1.0 for RSUs, and 3.2 for PSUs.

Note 11. NHSc Revenue

On October 10, 2022, the Company and Société des Produits Nestlé SA, a société anonyme organized under the laws of Switzerland (NHSc), as successor-in-interest to NESTEC Ltd., entered into an amended and restated supply agreement (the “Supply Agreement”), which amends and restates the supply agreement, dated December 19, 2018, entered into by the Company and NESTEC Ltd. Pursuant to the Supply Agreement, NHSc and its affiliates will exclusively purchase nicotinamide riboside chloride (NRCL) from the Company and NHSc and its affiliates will have the non-exclusive right to manufacture, market, distribute, and sell products using NRCL for human use in the (i) medical nutritional, (ii) functional food and beverage and (iii) multi-ingredient dietary supplements categories sold under one of the NHSc brands (the “Approved Products”) world-wide, but excluding certain countries and ingredient combinations. The term of the Supply Agreement is five years, unless earlier terminated, and is subject to automatic extensions provided certain minimum purchases by NHSc are met.

In exchange for the rights granted in the Supply Agreement, NHSc committed to an initial purchase of NRCL totaling approximately \$2.0 million. NHSc fulfilled this commitment during the fourth quarter of 2022, with \$1.7 million involving a bill-and-hold arrangement. The Supply Agreement also provides for NHSc to pay a royalty to the Company at tiered percentage rates in the low-single digits based on worldwide annual net sales of the Approved Products, subject to certain deductions. Furthermore, the Supply Agreement provides for NHSc to pay the Company two separate one-time milestone payments in the low seven figures depending on whether NHSc achieves certain net sales targets in any contract year. During the year ended December 31, 2025, the Company earned \$30,000 in royalties, compared to no royalties during December 31, 2024. During the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, no milestone payments were earned.

Under the Supply Agreement, the Company will continue to recognize the deferred revenue balance received in connection with the original Nestec Ltd. agreement utilizing the output method. The Company initially recorded \$5.0 million in deferred revenue under the original agreement, which was received in connection with an upfront payment and a product launch fee. Deferred revenue will be recognized by the Company based on the percentage of NRCL kilograms delivered to-date compared to the total forecasted NRCL kilograms to be delivered for the duration of the contract term including renewal options as estimated by the Company. As a result of the updated forecast, the proportion of NRCL delivered to-date may increase or decline relative to the revised total expected output. Such changes in estimates may lead to an adjustment in the amount of deferred revenue recognized. The impact of the updated estimates on revenue recognized from deferred revenue for the years indicated and the corresponding deferred revenue balance for the periods indicated is as follows:

<i>(In thousands)</i>	Year Ended December 31,		At December 31,	
	2025	2024	2025	2024
Revenue (reversed) recognized from deferred revenue	\$ (95)	\$ 732		
Deferred revenue balance			\$ 2,674	\$ 2,579

Note 12. Income Taxes

Income before provision for income taxes was as follows:

(In thousands)

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2025	2024
Domestic	\$ 18,218	\$ 8,822
Foreign	(26)	33
Total	\$ 18,192	\$ 8,855

The provision for income taxes for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024 is summarized as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2025	2024
<i>(In thousands)</i>		
Current:		
State	\$ 810	\$ 305
	810	305
Deferred:		
	—	—
Total	\$ 810	\$ 305

A reconciliation of the federal statutory rate to the effective tax rate for income under ASU 2023-09 for the year ended December 31, 2025 is summarized as follows:

	Year Ended December 31, 2025	
	Amount (in thousands)	Percentage of pretax income
Income tax expense at statutory rate	\$ 3,820	(21.0)%
State and local income taxes, net of federal benefit ⁽¹⁾	651	(3.6)%
Foreign tax effects	6	— %
Tax credits	23	(0.1)%
Changes in valuation allowances	(3,262)	17.9 %
Equity compensation	(428)	2.3 %
Total income tax provision	\$ 810	(4.5)%

(1) State taxes in California made up the majority (greater than 50 percent) of the tax effect in this category.

A reconciliation of the federal statutory rate to the effective tax rate for income for the year ended December 31, 2024 is summarized as follows:

	Year Ended December 31, 2024	
	Amount (in thousands)	Percentage of pretax income
Income tax expense at statutory rate	\$ 1,852	(21.0)%
State and local income taxes, net of federal benefit	458	(5.2)
Permanent differences	(202)	2.3
Change in state tax rate	117	(1.3)
Change in valuation allowance	(2,111)	23.9
Federal to state differences	204	(1.7)
Other	(13)	(0.5)
Total income tax provision	305	(3.5)%

The Company's deferred tax assets and liabilities for the years indicated are summarized below:

<i>(In thousands)</i>	December 31,	
	2025	2024
Deferred tax assets:		
Net operating loss carryforward	\$ 34,046	\$ 35,224
Stock options and restricted stock	3,682	3,849
Inventory reserve	335	185
Allowance for doubtful accounts	37	25
Accrued expenses	1,420	1,746
Research and development expense	491	2,507
Deferred revenue	680	676
Leasehold improvements and equipment	161	124
Intangibles	112	102
Unrealized gain and loss	14	—
State bonus depreciation	12	—
State section 174	322	—
Operating leases	162	238
	41,474	44,676
Less: Valuation allowance	(40,467)	(44,290)
Total deferred tax assets	1,007	386
Deferred tax liabilities:		
162(m) limitation	(835)	—
Prepaid expenses	(172)	(386)
Total deferred tax liabilities	(1,007)	(386)
Net deferred tax assets (liabilities)	\$ —	\$ —

For the year ended December 31, 2025, the Company's effective tax rate was 4.5%. The Company reduced its valuation allowance by approximately \$3.8 million, to \$40.5 million as of December 31, 2025 from \$44.3 million as of December 31, 2024. For the year ended December 31, 2024, the Company maintained a full valuation allowance against the entire deferred income tax balance which resulted in an effective tax rate of 3.5%. For the year ended December 31, 2024, the Company identified \$36,750 in U.S. taxable income on global intangible low-taxed income (GILTI). For the year ended December 31, 2025, the Company identified no U.S. taxable income on GILTI.

As of December 31, 2025, the Company's net operating loss (NOL) carryforwards for federal and state income tax purposes are approximately \$128.5 million and \$105.8 million, respectively, portions of which were reduced in the year ended December 31, 2025 for both federal and state. During the year ended December 31, 2025, \$4.7 million of federal NOL carryforwards and \$0.8 million of state NOL carryforwards were reduced against taxable income. The Company's federal NOL carryforward of \$103.6 million generated in tax years beginning after December 31, 2017 may be carried forward indefinitely but the deductibility of such NOL carryforwards in taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017, is limited to 80% of taxable income.

The Company did not pay any federal income taxes for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively. The Company paid state income taxes of \$1,024,000 and \$23,000 for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively.

Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "IRC"), generally imposes an annual limitation on the amount of NOL carryforwards and associated built-in losses that may be used to offset taxable income when a corporation has undergone certain changes in stock ownership. The Company's ability to utilize NOL carryforwards and built-in losses may be limited, under this section or otherwise, by the Company's issuance of common stock or by other changes in stock ownership. The Company has performed an analysis of IRC Section 382 and concluded that the Company did not undergo an ownership change. The Company will continue to analyze the potential impact of any additional transactions undertaken upon the utilization of the net operating losses on a go forward basis. To the extent the Company's use of NOL carryforwards and associated built-in losses is significantly limited in the future due to additional changes in stock ownership, the Company's income could be subject to U.S. corporate income tax earlier than it would if the Company were able to use NOL carryforwards and built-in losses without such annual limitation, which could result in lower profits and the loss of the majority of the benefits from these attributes.

During the first quarter of 2024, the Company was notified that it was selected for examination by the IRS for its federal income tax return for the fiscal year 2021 period. The examination was completed in the third quarter of 2024, with no changes recommended. The Company is currently not under examination by the Internal Revenue Service or any other major income tax jurisdiction. The Company has not identified any material uncertain tax positions requiring a reserve as of December 31, 2025 and December 31, 2024.

Note 13. Line of Credit and Other Available Sources of Financing

Line of Credit

The Company maintains a revolving credit facility with Western Alliance Bank that provides for borrowings of up to \$10.0 million, subject to a borrowing base formula and customary terms and conditions. Borrowings bear interest at a floating rate equal to (a) the greater of (i) 6.00% per annum or (ii) the Prime Rate (as published by The Wall Street Journal or as otherwise announced by the lender), plus (b) 1.00%. During the existence of an event of default, the interest rate increases by an additional 5.00%.

The facility includes a \$3.0 million letter of credit sublimit. Letters of credit are subject to a fee of 2.00% per annum on the face amount, plus applicable amendment, transfer and cancellation fees, and reduce availability under the revolving credit line. As of December 31, 2025, approximately \$2.1 million was outstanding under a letter of credit issued pursuant to the facility.

The facility matures on November 12, 2027. As of December 31, 2025, the Company had no outstanding borrowings under the revolving credit facility.

If the Company draws from the line of credit, its obligations under the Credit Agreement are secured by a security interest in substantially all of the Company's current and future personal property assets, including intellectual property. Any borrowings, interest or other fees or obligations that the Company owes will become due and payable on the maturity date. If the Company draws from the line of credit, the Company would also become subject to the affirmative and restrictive covenants under the Credit Agreement, including those related to financial reporting, maintenance of required cash levels at Western Alliance Bank, payment of taxes and insurance, maintenance of inventory, restrictions on property dispositions, business combinations, and incurrence of additional indebtedness. As the Company had no borrowings outstanding as of December 31, 2025, these covenants were not applicable.

Debt Issuance Costs

For the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, the Company incurred debt issuance costs of approximately \$67,000 and \$52,000, respectively, in connection with this line of credit arrangement and had an unamortized balance of approximately \$47,000 and \$39,000 as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively. For the line of credit arrangement, the Company elected a policy to keep the debt issuance costs as an asset, regardless of whether an amount is drawn. The remaining unamortized deferred asset will be amortized over the remaining life of the line of credit arrangement.

Other Available Sources of Financing

In June 2023, the Company filed a new \$125 million registration statement on Form S-3 with the SEC, utilizing a “shelf” registration process. Under this shelf registration process, the Company may sell securities from time to time, including up to \$47.8 million pursuant to the At Market Issuance Sales Agreement, dated as of June 12, 2020, and amended November 20, 2024 with Raymond James & Associates, Inc. and Roth Capital Partners, LLC as sales agents (as amended, the ATM Facility). As of December 31, 2025, approximately \$47.8 million remains available under the ATM Facility. The Company’s potential use of the ATM facility is subject to the satisfaction of various conditions in the ATM Facility agreement as well as market conditions. As a result, the Company’s ability to rely on the ATM Facility to raise liquidity is limited.

Note 14. Joint Venture

On September 30, 2022, Asia Pacific Scientific, Inc., an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, and Hong Kong (China) Taikuk Group Ltd (Taikuk) entered into a shareholders agreement (the “Shareholders Agreement”) to establish a joint venture for the potential commercialization of Tru Niagen® products in Mainland China. Under the Shareholders Agreement, Taikuk was to receive an 11% non-voting equity interest in the joint venture upon the achievement of specified regulatory milestones, including obtaining “Blue Hat” registration in China. The equity interest was subject to performance-based vesting conditions and was accounted for under ASC 718 as nonemployee share-based compensation. No equity interest vested, and no amounts were recognized in the Company’s consolidated financial statements.

On September 27, 2024, the Company elected not to extend the regulatory registration period. As a result, the required regulatory approvals were not obtained. On December 16, 2024, the Company exercised its contractual right to repurchase the 11% non-voting equity interest for nominal consideration, thereby terminating the shareholders agreement and the joint venture arrangement. As of December 31, 2024, ChromaDex Asia Pacific Ventures Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company.

Note 15. Commitments and Contingencies***Purchase obligations***

The Company has an exclusive manufacturing arrangement for the supply of Nicotinamide-beta-Riboside Chloride (NRCL) with W.R. Grace & Co. -Conn. (Grace). On July 25, 2025, the Company executed a Sales Agreement (the “Grace Supply Agreement”) with Grace with an effective date of April 1, 2025. Grace holds patents related to the crystalline form of NR chloride that provide Grace with exclusive manufacturing rights for certain forms of NRCL.

Pursuant to the Grace Supply Agreement, Grace will exclusively supply the Company with NRCL meeting specified quality and technical requirements as defined in a previously executed quality agreement dated March 22, 2024. In addition, Grace is prohibited from selling NRCL to third parties and must notify the Company of any new business inquiries relating to the purchase of NRCL. The Company is contractually obligated to purchase minimum quantities of NRCL during each year of the agreement term.

The Grace Supply Agreement provides for an initial term through April 30, 2029, and will automatically renew for successive 12-month terms unless either party provides written notice of its intent not to renew. The Company provides rolling monthly forecasts of its anticipated purchase requirements for a 24-month period, of which the first 12 months are binding upon Grace’s acceptance.

Future minimum payments under inventory purchase obligations as of December 31, 2025 are as follows:

(In thousands)

Year	Amount
2026	\$ 23,408
	<u>\$ 23,408</u>

Patent Assignment Deferred Payment Obligations

Effective December 16, 2025, the Company executed an Assignment Agreement with QUB, pursuant to which all intellectual property rights previously jointly owned with, or licensed from, QUB under the Joint Ownership and Management Agreement (JOMA) and related License Agreement were assigned exclusively to the Company. Concurrently, the JOMA and License Agreement were terminated, and the Company was legally released from all outstanding royalty and license obligations under those agreements.

In connection with the termination of the prior agreements, previously accrued royalty and license liabilities totalling approximately \$3.5 million were settled for total consideration of approximately \$1.5 million. As a result of this settlement, the Company recognized a gain of approximately \$2.0 million during the year ended December 31, 2025. The settlement consideration relates solely to royalty and license obligations incurred prior to termination of the agreements and is separate from the consideration attributable to the acquisition of patent rights.

As part of the consideration for the patent assignment, the Company is obligated to make fixed, unconditional future cash payments through 2037. The deferred payments are solely attributable to the acquisition of patent rights and are separate from amounts paid to settle previously accrued royalty obligations.

Under the Assignment Agreement, certain payments are denominated in U.S. dollars but are required to be settled in British pounds sterling (GBP), using the rolling average currency exchange rate for the five calendar years immediately preceding the month in which each payment first becomes due. As a result, the ultimate GBP amount payable for these obligations is subject to foreign currency exchange fluctuations.

The Company's payment obligations under the Assignment Agreement consist of (i) recurring annual payments due beginning in 2026 through 2038 and (ii) two fixed, lump-sum payments due in 2034 and 2037. These obligations are recorded at present value as of the assignment date, with subsequent accretion recognized as interest expense over the term of the arrangement. Refer to Note 7, *Intangible Assets, Net*, for additional information regarding the accounting for the acquired patents and related deferred consideration.

The Company's payment obligations under the Assignment Agreement, based on the year in which the obligations are incurred, as of December 31, 2025, are as follows:

(In thousands)

Year	Payment obligations (1)	
	Denominated in USD	Denominated in GBP
2026	\$ 500	£ 35
2027	500	35
2028	500	35
2029	500	35
2030	500	35
Thereafter (2)	7,000	245
	<u>\$ 9,500</u>	<u>£ 420</u>

(1) Amounts represent contractual obligations incurred in the periods presented. Payments are generally due in January of the subsequent year. Amounts are denominated in the stated currency and have not been translated into U.S. dollars.

(2) The "Thereafter" amounts include recurring annual payments due for the years 2031 through 2037, as well as fixed lump-sum payments of \$1.5 million due in 2034 and \$2.0 million due in 2037.

Royalties

The Company has various licensing agreements with leading research universities and other patent holders, pursuant to which the Company acquired patents related to certain products the Company offers to its customers. These agreements afford for royalty payments based on contractual minimums and expire at various dates ranging from 2026 through 2039, often correlated to the expiration date of each patent. In addition, the Company is required to pay a range of 1% to 5% of sales related to the licensed products under these agreements.

On November 27, 2024, the Company entered into a Supplemental Agreement (the “Supplemental Agreement”) with the Trustees of Dartmouth College (“Dartmouth,” and together with the Company, the “Parties”). The Supplemental Agreement supplements the exclusive license agreements entered into between the Parties dated July 13, 2012 (as amended and restated as of March 13, 2017 and December 29, 2020, the “2012 Agreement”) and May 16, 2014 (together with the 2012 Agreement, the “Exclusive License Agreements”) pursuant to which the Company received an exclusive license under Dartmouth-owned U.S. patents (the “Dartmouth Patents”).

Under the Supplemental Agreement, Dartmouth agreed, subject to certain conditions specified in the Supplemental Agreement and the fulfillment of the Company’s obligations under the Agreement, (i) to waive certain accrued but unpaid royalties, license fees, and maintenance expenses owed by the Company under the Exclusive License Agreements, which totaled an aggregate of \$3.5 million, and (ii) that no additional royalties, license fees, maintenance or other expenses or other payments will be assessed by Dartmouth or payable by the Company to Dartmouth for the Dartmouth Patents after the effective date of the Agreement. The waiver was contingent upon the Company securing a bond (the “Appeal Bond”) for the amount of the fee judgment, if any, related to the Delaware patent infringement case against Elysium Health, Inc. filed by the Company and Dartmouth relating to the Dartmouth Patents. On November 21, 2024, the Appeal Bond was secured through a letter of credit issued on behalf of the Company, which was supported by the Company’s line of credit. See Note 13, *Line of Credit and Other Available Sources of Financing* for more information regarding the letter of credit issuance and its connection to the line of credit. As a result, for the year ended December 31, 2024, the Company reversed \$3.5 million of previously accrued royalties, license fees, and maintenance expenses under accrued expenses in its Consolidated Balance Sheets and recorded a reduction in royalty expense, license fees, and maintenance expenses in general and administrative expenses in its Consolidated Statements of Operations. For information regarding the Delaware patent infringement case against Elysium Health, Inc. see *Legal Proceedings* below.

Excluding the reversed royalties in December 31, 2024, total royalty expense including license maintenance fees for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024 was approximately \$1.2 million for both years.

As of December 31, 2025, future minimum royalties including license maintenance fees for the next five years are as follows:

(In thousands)

Year	Amount
2026	\$ 100
2027	92
2028	50
2029	50
2030	50
	<u>\$ 342</u>

Legal proceedings

1. U.S. Food and Drug Administration

On February 3, 2026, Niagen Bioscience Inc. filed a complaint in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia against the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and certain federal officials in their official capacities. The lawsuit challenges the FDA response letters issued in September 2025 concerning the regulatory status of nicotinamide mononucleotide (NMN) under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. The complaint alleges that FDA’s interpretation of the statutory provisions governing dietary supplements is contrary to law and arbitrary and capricious under the Administrative Procedure Act. The Company seeks declaratory and injunctive relief, including an order vacating the challenged portions of the FDA response letters and enjoining FDA from applying the interpretation at issue. The complaint does not seek monetary damages. The Company cannot predict the outcome of this matter. No accrual has been recorded in the accompanying consolidated financial statements related to this proceeding.

2. Elysium Health, LLC

(A) California Action

On December 29, 2016, Niagen Bioscience commenced litigation against Elysium Health, Inc. (together with Elysium Health, LLC, “Elysium”) in the United States District Court for the Central District of California. On January 25, 2017, Elysium filed an answer and counterclaims in response to the Complaint (together with the Complaint, the “California Action”). The claims in the litigation encompassed alleged breaches by each of Elysium and Niagen of a supply agreement between the parties and related disputes. Over the course of the California Action, the parties each filed amended pleadings several times and each engaged in several rounds of motions to dismiss and one round of motion for judgment on the pleadings with respect to various claims.

On December 24, 2024, the parties reached a binding settlement agreement (the “Settlement Agreement”) to resolve the California Action in full. On December 27, 2024, the court vacated an earlier judgment in the California Action and entered an amended judgment consistent with the terms of the parties’ Settlement Agreement. Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement and the December 27, 2024 judgment: (i) Elysium must pay a total of \$2,650,000 to Niagen Bioscience to resolve the California Action and the Appeals (the “Settlement Payment”); (ii) the \$2,650,000 Settlement Payment shall be paid in two equal installments of \$1,325,000 each, the first of which was to be paid on or before December 31, 2024 (the “First Installment”), and the second of which is to be paid on or before March 31, 2025 (the “Second Installment”); (iii) if Elysium fails to timely pay either installment of the Settlement Payment, Niagen Bioscience shall be entitled to recover from Elysium reasonable attorney’s fees and interest. The December 27, 2024 judgment also provides that the district court shall retain jurisdiction of the California Action until April 30, 2025 for the purposes of enforcing the terms of the December 27, 2024 judgment and the Settlement Agreement.

On December 27, 2024, Niagen Bioscience received from Elysium payment of the First Installment in the amount of \$1,325,000, which Niagen Bioscience recorded as a recovery of credit losses within general and administrative expense in its Consolidated Statements of Operations. On December 30, 2024, pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, the parties filed with the Ninth Circuit a stipulated motion to voluntarily dismiss the pending Appeals, and on December 31, 2024, the Ninth Circuit dismissed the Appeals. On March 28, 2025, the Company received from Elysium payment of the Second Installment in the amount of \$1,325,000, which the Company recorded as a recovery of credit losses within general and administrative expense in its Consolidated Statement of Operations. On April 4, 2025, the Company filed an acknowledgment of satisfaction of judgment, confirming that the December 27, 2024 judgment has been fully satisfied.

(B) Delaware - Patent Infringement Action

On September 17, 2018, Niagen Bioscience and Trustees of Dartmouth College filed a patent infringement complaint in the United States District Court for the District of Delaware against Elysium Health, Inc. The complaint alleges that Elysium’s BASIS® dietary supplement infringes U.S. Patent Nos. 8,197,807 (‘807 Patent) and 8,383,086 (‘086 Patent) that comprise compositions containing isolated nicotinamide riboside held by Dartmouth and licensed exclusively to Niagen Bioscience. On October 23, 2018, Elysium filed an answer to the complaint. The answer asserts various affirmative defenses and denies that Plaintiffs are entitled to any relief.

On November 7, 2018, Elysium filed a motion to stay the patent infringement proceedings pending resolution of (1) the inter partes review of the ‘807 Patent and the ‘086 Patent before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB) and (2) the outcome of the litigation in the California Action. Niagen Bioscience filed an opposition brief on November 21, 2018 detailing the issues with Elysium’s motion to stay. In particular, Niagen Bioscience argued that given claim 2 of the ‘086 Patent was only included in the PTAB’s inter partes review for procedural reasons the PTAB was unlikely to invalidate claim 2 and therefore litigation in Delaware would continue regardless. In addition, Niagen Bioscience argued that the litigation in the California Action is unlikely to have a significant effect on the ongoing patent litigation. After the PTAB released its written decision upholding claim 2 of the ‘086 Patent, proving right Niagen Bioscience’s prediction, Niagen Bioscience informed the Delaware court of the PTAB’s decision on January 17, 2019. On June 19, 2019, the Delaware court granted in part and denied in part Elysium’s motion, ordering that the case was stayed pending the resolution of Elysium’s patent misuse counterclaim in the California Action.

On November 1, 2019, Niagen Bioscience filed a motion to lift the stay due to changed circumstances in the California Action, among other reasons. Briefing on the motion was completed on November 22, 2019. On January 6, 2020, the Delaware court issued an oral order instructing the parties to submit a joint status report after the January 13, 2020 motions hearing in the California Action. The joint status report was submitted on January 30, 2020. On February 4, 2020, the Delaware court issued an order granting Niagen Bioscience's motion to lift the stay and setting a scheduling conference for March 10, 2020. On March 19, 2020, the Delaware court entered a scheduling order, which, among other things, set the claim-construction hearing for December 17, 2020 and trial for the week of September 27, 2021. On April 17, 2020, Niagen Bioscience served infringement contentions. Elysium filed a Second Amended Answer on July 10, 2020.

On April 24, 2020, Niagen Bioscience moved for leave to amend the complaint to add Healthspan Research, LLC as a plaintiff. On May 5, 2020, Elysium filed its opposition to Niagen Bioscience's motion for leave to amend and moved to dismiss Niagen Bioscience for alleged lack of standing. Niagen Bioscience filed its opposition to Elysium's motion to dismiss and reply in support of its motion to amend on May 19, 2020. Elysium filed its reply in support of its motion to dismiss on May 26, 2020. The Court held a hearing on the motion for leave to amend the complaint and Elysium's motion to dismiss on September 16, 2020. On December 15, 2020, the Court entered orders (i) granting in part and denying in part Elysium's motion to dismiss Niagen Bioscience for alleged lack of standing; and (ii) denying Niagen Bioscience's motion for leave to amend. Niagen Bioscience filed a motion for reargument on December 29, 2020. Elysium filed a response to the motion for reargument on January 28, 2021. Niagen Bioscience filed a motion for leave to file a reply on February 8, 2021. Elysium filed a response to the motion for leave to file a reply on February 12, 2021. Niagen Bioscience filed a reply to the motion for leave to file a reply on February 19, 2021. The Court granted the motion for leave to file the reply on April 26, 2021, and denied the motion for reargument on April 27, 2021.

On July 22, 2020 the parties filed a Joint Claim Construction Chart and respective motions for claim construction. The parties filed a Joint Claim Construction Brief on November 5, 2020. The Court held a Markman hearing on claim-construction issues on December 17, 2020. The Court entered a claim-construction ruling on January 5, 2021.

Fact discovery closed on January 26, 2021. Opening expert reports were served on February 9, 2021. Responsive expert reports were served on March 9, 2021. Reply expert reports were served on March 30, 2021. Both parties filed dispositive and *Daubert* motions on April 27, 2021.

On September 21, 2021, the Court granted Elysium's motion for summary judgment that the claims of the '807 and '086 patents are invalid based on patent-ineligible subject matter. Niagen Bioscience filed a notice of appeal on November 2, 2021. Niagen Bioscience's opening brief was filed on February 2, 2022. Elysium's response brief was filed on April 11, 2022. Niagen Bioscience's reply brief was filed on May 9, 2022. Oral argument occurred on December 6, 2022. On February 13, 2023, the court of appeals issued a decision affirming the district court's decision. On March 15, 2023, Niagen Bioscience filed a petition for a panel rehearing and/or rehearing en banc. On April 10, 2023, the court of appeals invited Elysium to file a response to the petition and on April 24, 2023, Elysium filed a response to the petition. On May 10, 2023, the court of appeals denied the petition. On May 17, 2023, the court of appeals issued the mandate. On June 16, 2023, Elysium filed a bill of costs and a motion for attorneys' fees and costs. On June 30, 2023, Niagen Bioscience filed objections to Elysium's bill of costs. On July 21, 2023, Niagen Bioscience filed a response to Elysium's motion for attorneys' fees and costs. On July 28, 2023, Niagen Bioscience filed an application for an extension of time to September 7, 2023 to file a petition for writ of certiorari. On August 1, 2023, the Supreme Court granted the requested extension. On August 14, 2023, Elysium filed a reply in support of its motion for attorneys' fees and costs. On September 7, 2023, Niagen Bioscience filed a petition for writ of certiorari. On October 16, 2023, the Supreme Court denied the petition. On March 25, 2024, the Court granted Elysium's motion for attorneys' fees and costs. On April 9, 2024, the Court entered a stipulated schedule and procedure for resolving the amount of fees and costs. On May 23, 2024, Elysium filed its opening brief. On June 6, 2024, Niagen Bioscience filed its response brief. On June 13, 2024, Elysium filed its reply brief. On August 20, 2024, the Court issued a ruling on the parties' disputes regarding the amount of fees and costs and instructed the parties to meet and confer about the next steps in light of the ruling. On October 1, 2024, the parties submitted a joint motion for entry of judgment. On October 28, 2024, the court issued its final judgment resolving the amount of fees and costs granting \$9.2 million, plus judgment interest on this amount calculated at a rate of 5.02% compounded annually on any unpaid balance for the period from March 25, 2024, until Niagen Bioscience pays the total sum owed. On December 4, 2024, Niagen Bioscience filed an unopposed motion in the district court to approve bond and stay enforcement under Rule 62. On December 6, 2024, the Court granted the motion.

On November 25, 2024, Niagen Bioscience appealed the final judgment to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. On February 26, 2025, Niagen Bioscience filed its opening appeal brief. Elysium filed its response brief on March 21, 2025. Niagen Bioscience filed its reply brief on April 25, 2025. The Federal Circuit has not yet scheduled oral argument. In connection with the Court's current ruling and the Company's filed appeal, management has assessed that it is reasonably possible a contingent liability will be incurred. If the Company is successful in its appeal, no liability would be incurred. The Company believes the Court abused its discretion in granting the award. However, if the Company is not successful, the Company may be liable for the aggregate amount sought by Elysium, which, inclusive of Niagen Bioscience's estimates for post-judgment interest through the anticipated appeal, is approximately \$10.4 million. As of December 31, 2025, the Company has not recorded an accrual for this matter, as the ultimate resolution remains uncertain.

3. Contingencies

In September 2019, the Company received a letter from a licensor stating that the Company owed the licensor \$1.6 million plus interest for sublicense fees as a result of the Company entering into a supply agreement with a customer. After reviewing the relevant facts and circumstances, the Company believes that the Company does not owe any sublicense fees to the licensor and has corresponded with the licensor to resolve the matter. The Company does not believe that the ultimate resolution of this matter will be material to the Company's results of operations, financial condition or cash flows.

In December 2025, a retail partner in Asia initiated a recall and withdrawal from sale of certain units of the Company's Tru Niagen Immune Daily Defense product in Hong Kong and Singapore, asserting that the product contained more than the label claimed amount of 1,000 I.U. of Vitamin D3 and therefore did not comply with applicable local regulatory requirements. In February 2026, the retail partner alleged that the Company breached certain supply agreements in connection with this matter and indicated that it is in the process of quantifying alleged losses and damages. The Company believes it has complied with its contractual obligations and applicable regulatory requirements and intends to defend itself vigorously. At this time, the Company believes that a loss is reasonably possible; however, the amount or range of any potential loss cannot be reasonably estimated.

Note 16. Employee Retention Tax Credit

In March 2020, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) was signed into law, providing numerous tax provisions and other stimulus measures, including the Employee Retention Tax Credit (ERTC): a refundable tax credit against certain employment taxes for qualifying businesses keeping employees on their payroll during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Company determined its qualification for the ERTC in the last three quarters of 2020 and all three quarters of 2021, and filed a claim for the credit in August 2022. During the quarter ended September 30, 2022, the Company recorded an aggregate benefit of approximately \$2.1 million to reflect the ERTC for all eligible quarters.

No amounts related to the ERTC were collected during the year ended December 31, 2024, and approximately \$0.7 million was collected during the year ended December 31, 2025.

On November 20, 2025 the Company received an IRS Letter 106C - Claim of Partial Disallowance, relating to its ERTC claim for the quarter ended June 30, 2021. As a result of the partial disallowance, the Company reassessed its remaining ERTC receivable and determined that approximately \$0.2 million of the previously recorded ERTC benefit was no longer realizable. Accordingly, the Company reversed the related prepaid and other assets and associated accrued expenses. As of December 31, 2025, no amounts related to an ERTC benefit or related commissions payable were remaining in the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets.

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

None.

Item 9A. Controls and Procedures

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Our management, with the participation of our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, carried out an evaluation of the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as of December 31, 2025. Pursuant to Rule 13a-15(e) promulgated by the Commission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), “disclosure controls and procedures” means controls and other procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file with the Commission is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Commission’s rules and forms. “Disclosure controls and procedures” include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information that we are required to disclose in the reports we file with the Commission is accumulated and communicated to our principal executive officer and principal financial officer as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Based on their evaluation, our principal executive officer and principal financial officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of December 31, 2025.

This annual report does not include an attestation report of the Company's 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 Section 404(c) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act that permits the Company to provide only management's report in this annual report.

Management Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act. Our internal control over financial reporting is designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of consolidated financial statements for external purposes in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Our internal control over financial reporting include those policies and procedures that:

(i) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of our assets;

(ii) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit the preparation of our consolidated financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, and that our receipts and expenditures are being made only in accordance with authorizations of our management and directors; and

(iii) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of our assets that could have a material effect on the consolidated financial statements.

Our management, including the undersigned principal executive officer and principal financial officer, assessed the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2025. In conducting its assessment, our management used the criteria issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission in *Internal Control-Integrated Framework in 2013*. Based on this assessment, our management concluded that, as of December 31, 2025, our internal control over financial reporting was effective in providing reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting, as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) promulgated under the Exchange Act, that occurred during the fourth fiscal quarter of 2025 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

Inherent Limitations on Disclosure Controls and Procedures

The effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures is subject to various inherent limitations, including cost limitations, judgments used in decision making, assumptions about the likelihood of future events, the soundness of our systems, the possibility of human error, and the risk of fraud. Moreover, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions and the risk that the degree of compliance with policies or procedures may deteriorate over time. Because of these limitations, there can be no assurance that any system of disclosure controls and procedures, no matter how well conceived, will be successful in preventing all errors or fraud or in making all material information known in a timely manner to the appropriate levels of management.

Inherent Limitations on Internal Control

Internal control over financial reporting cannot provide absolute assurance of achieving financial reporting objectives because of its inherent limitations, including the possibility of human error and circumvention by collusion or overriding of control. Accordingly, even an effective internal control system may not prevent or detect material misstatements on a timely basis. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that the controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate. Accordingly, our internal control over financial reporting is designed to provide reasonable assurance of achieving their objectives.

Item 9B. Other Information

During the quarter ended December 31, 2025, no director or officer, as defined in Rule 16a-1(f), adopted or terminated a "Rule 10b5-1 trading arrangement" or a "non-Rule 10b5-1 trading arrangement," each as defined in Regulation S-K Item 408.

Item 9C. Disclosures regarding Foreign Jurisdictions that Prevent Inspections

Not Applicable.

PART III

Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance

Information required by this item will be contained in the Proxy Statement as follows:

- The information relating to our executive officers is to be included in the section entitled "Information about our Executive Officers,"
- The information relating to our directors and nominees for director is to be included in the section entitled "Election of Directors" and "Information Regarding the Board of Directors and Corporate Governance,"
- The information relating to our audit committee and audit committee financial expert is to be included in the section "Information Regarding the Board of Directors and Corporate Governance," and
- The information relating to our insider trading policies and procedures required by Item 408(b) of Regulation S-K is to be included in the section "Our Insider Trading Policy," and
- If required, the information regarding compliance with Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act is to be included in the section entitled "Delinquent Section 16(a) Reports."

Such information will be included in the Proxy Statement and is incorporated herein by reference.

We have adopted a written Code of Business Conduct and Ethics (Code of Conduct) that applies to all officers, directors and employees, including our principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller, or persons performing similar functions. The Code of Conduct is available on our website at www.niagenbioscience.com. If we make any substantive amendments to the Code of Conduct or grant any waiver from a provision of the Code of Conduct to any executive officer or director, we will promptly disclose the nature of the amendment or waiver on our website in lieu of filing such waiver or amendment in a Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item 11. Executive Compensation

Information required by this item will be contained in the Proxy Statement under the caption “Executive Officers and Management Compensation” and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters

Information required by this item will be contained in the Proxy Statement under the caption “Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management” and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence

Information required by this item will be contained in the Proxy Statement under the caption “Certain Relationships and Related Transactions” and “Information Regarding the Board of Directors and Corporate Governance” and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 14. Principal Accountant Fees and Services

Our independent registered public accounting firm is Crowe LLP, Audit Firm ID: 173.

The information required by this item is to be included in our Proxy Statement under the caption “Ratification of the Appointment of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm” and is incorporated herein by reference.

PART IV

Item 15. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules

(a)(1) Financial Statements

Reference is made to Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

(a)(2) Financial Statement Schedules

All schedules have been omitted because they are not required or because the required information is given in the Financial Statements or Notes thereto set forth under Part II, Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

(a)(3) List of Exhibits

INDEX TO EXHIBITS

Exhibit No.	Description	Incorporated by Reference				Filed or Furnished Herewith
		Form	File Number	Exhibit	Filing Date	
2.1	Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of May 21, 2008, among Cody, CDI Acquisition, Inc. and ChromaDex, Inc. as amended on June 10, 2008	8-K	333-140056	2.1	6/24/2008	
3.1	Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Registrant	10-K	001-37752	3.1	3/15/2018	
3.2	Certificate of Amendment to the Company’s Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation	8-K	000-53290	3.1	3/19/2025	

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		Form	File Number	Exhibit	Filing Date	
3.3	Amended and Restated Bylaws of Niagen Bioscience, Inc.	8-K	000-53290	3.2	3/19/2025	
4.1	Form of Stock Certificate representing shares of the Registrant's Common Stock	10-Q	001-37752	4.1	5/7/2025	
4.2	Description of Common Stock of the Registrant	10-K	001-37752	4.6	3/10/2020	
4.3	Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of May 9, 2019, by and among the Registrant and the parties thereto	8-K	001-37752	99.2	5/10/2019	
4.4	Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of August 15, 2019, by and among the Registrant and the parties thereto	8-K	001-37752	99.1	8/15/2019	
4.5	Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of April 27, 2020, by and among the Registrant and the parties thereto	8-K	001-37752	99.2	4/29/2020	
4.6	Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of September 30, 2022, by and among the Registrant and the parties thereto	8-K	001-37752	10.3	10/3/2022	
10.1	Second Amended and Restated 2007 Equity Incentive Plan effective March 13, 2007, as amended May 20, 2010 (1)+	DEF 14A	000-53290	Appendix B	5/4/2010	
10.2	Form of Stock Option Agreement under the ChromaDex, Inc. Second Amended and Restated 2007 Equity Incentive Plan(1)+	8-K	333-140056	10.3	6/24/2008	
10.3	Form of Restricted Stock Purchase Agreement under the ChromaDex, Inc. 2007 Equity Incentive Plan(1)+	8-K	333-140056	10.4	6/24/2008	
10.4	Niagen Bioscience, Inc. 2017 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended +	8-K	001-37752	10.1	6/27/2025	
10.5	Form of Stock Option Agreement under Niagen Bioscience, Inc. 2017 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended +	10-Q	001-37752	10.6	5/7/2025	
10.6	Form of Restricted Stock Purchase Agreement under the Niagen Bioscience, Inc. 2017 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended	10-Q	001-37752	10.7	5/7/2025	
10.7	Niagen Bioscience, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan +	8-K	001-37752	10.2	6/27/2025	
10.8	First Amendment to Niagen Bioscience, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan, as amended +					X
10.9	Amended and Restated Employment Agreement dated April 19, 2010, by and between Frank L. Jaksch, Jr. and ChromaDex, Inc. (1)+	8-K	000-53290	10.1	4/22/2010	
11.0	Amendment, dated June 22, 2018, to the Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, by and between Frank L. Jaksch Jr. and ChromaDex, Inc. +	8-K	001-37752	10.2	6/28/2018	
11.1	Waiver of bonus compensation agreement dated February 13, 2023, by and between Frank L. Jaksch Jr. and ChromaDex, Inc. +	10-K	001-37752	10.6	3/8/2023	
11.2	Restated and Amended License Agreement, effective as of June 3, 2015 between the University of Mississippi and ChromaDex, Inc.*	10-Q	000-53290	10.2	8/13/2015	
10.9	License Agreement, effective as of October 15, 2014 between University of Mississippi and ChromaDex, Inc.*	10-K	000-53290	10.40	3/19/2015	
10.10	First Amendment to Exclusive License Agreement, effective as of July 6, 2015, between University of Mississippi and ChromaDex, Inc.	10-Q	001-37752	10.7	11/10/2016	

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		Form	File Number	Exhibit	Filing Date	
10.11	Lease Agreement, made as of April 14, 2016, by and between Longmont Diagonal Investments LLC and ChromaDex Analytics, Inc.	8-K	000-53290	10.1	4/20/2016	
10.12	First Amendment to Lease Agreement, dated August 3, 2020, by and between ChromaDex Analytics, Inc. and 62 1625-1751 S. Fordham LLC and 64 1625-1751 S. Fordham LLC	10-Q	001-37752	10.8	11/4/2020	
10.13	Second Amendment to Lease Agreement, dated March 11 2025, by and between ChromaDex Analytics, Inc. and 62 1625-1751 S. Fordham LLC and 64 1625-1751 S. Fordham LLC	10-Q	001-37752	10.3	5/7/2025	
10.14	Form of Indemnity Agreement, between the Registrant and each of its existing directors and executive officers +					X
10.15	Form of Restricted Stock Award Agreement for Robert Fried +	10-Q	001-37752	10.3	5/11/2017	
10.16	Amended and Restated Executive Employment Agreement, dated June 22, 2018, by and between Robert Fried and the Registrant +	8-K	001-37752	10.1	6/28/2018	
10.17	Amendment to Amended and Restated Executive Employment Agreement, dated February 25, 2025, by and between Robert Fried and the Registrant	8-K	001-37752	10.1	2/27/2025	
10.18	Performance Stock Unit Award Agreement, dated February 25, 2025, by and between Robert Fried and the Registrant	8-K	001-37752	10.2	2/27/2025	
10.19	Lease, dated July 6, 2017, by and between 10900 WILSHIRE L.L.C and ChromaDex, Inc.	10-K	001-37752	10.50	3/7/2019	
10.20	First Amendment to Lease, dated February 7, 2018, by and between 10900 WILSHIRE L.L.C and ChromaDex, Inc.	10-K	001-37752	10.51	3/7/2019	
10.21	Second Amendment to Lease, dated June 30, 2018, by and between 10900 WILSHIRE L.L.C and ChromaDex, Inc.	10-K	001-37752	10.52	3/7/2019	
10.22	Third Amendment to Lease, dated November 9, 2018, by and between 10900 WILSHIRE L.L.C and ChromaDex, Inc.	10-K	001-37752	10.53	3/7/2019	
10.23	Fourth Amendment to Lease, dated December 20, 2018, by and between 10900 WILSHIRE L.L.C and ChromaDex, Inc.	10-K	001-37752	10.24	3/6/2024	
10.24	Fifth Amendment to Lease, dated May 21, 2021, by and between 10900 WILSHIRE L.L.C and ChromaDex, Inc.	10-Q	001-37752	10.1	8/3/2021	
10.25	Sixth Amendment to Lease, dated October 11, 2023, by and between 10900 WILSHIRE L.L.C and ChromaDex, Inc.	10-Q	001-37752	10.1	11/8/2023	
10.26	Securities Purchase Agreement dated April 26, 2017, by and among the Company and the Purchasers	8-K	001-37752	99.1	4/27/2017	
10.27	Amended and Restated Supply Agreement, dated October 10, 2022, by and between the Company, Nestec Ltd. and NHSc **	10-Q	001-37752	10.6	11/2/2022	
10.28	First Amendment to the Amended and Restated Supply Agreement, dated August 16, 2023, by and between the Company, Nestec Ltd. and NHSc **	10-Q	001-37752	10.2	11/8/2023	
10.29	At Market Issuance Sales Agreement, dated as of June 12, 2020, by and among ChromaDex Corporation, B. Riley FBR, Inc. and Raymond James & Associates, Inc.	S-3	333-237144	1.2	6/12/2020	

Exhibit No.	Description	Incorporated by Reference				Filed or Furnished Herewith
		Form	File Number	Exhibit	Filing Date	
10.30	Amendment No. 1, dated November 20, 2024, to the At Market Issuance Sale Agreement, dated June 12, 2020	8-K	001-37752	1.1	11/21/2024	
10.31	Business Financing Agreement, dated November 12, 2019, by and between ChromaDex Corporation and Western Alliance Bank	10-K	001-37752	10.45	3/10/2020	
10.32	First Modification to Business Financing Agreement dated October 7, 2020, by and between ChromaDex Corporation and Western Alliance Bank	10-K	001-37752	10.43	3/12/2021	
10.33	Second Modification to Business Financing Agreement dated November 10, 2021, by and between ChromaDex Corporation and Western Alliance Bank	10-K	001-37752	10.42	3/14/2022	
10.34	Consent to Business Financing Agreement, dated January 14, 2021, by and among Western Alliance Bank and ChromaDex Corporation	10-Q	001-37752	10.4	5/6/2021	
10.35	Third Modification to Business Financing Agreement dated December 11, 2021 by and among Western Alliance Bank, ChromaDex Corporation, ChromaDex, Inc. and ChromaDex Analytics, Inc.	8-K	001-37752	10.1	12/14/2021	
10.36	Fourth Modification to Business Financing Agreement dated November 9, 2023 by and among Western Alliance Bank, ChromaDex Corporation, ChromaDex, Inc. and ChromaDex Analytics, Inc.	8-K	001-37752	10.1	12/13/2023	
10.37	Fifth Modification to Business Financing Agreement dated December 8, 2023 by and among Western Alliance Bank, ChromaDex Corporation, ChromaDex Inc. and ChromaDex Analytics, Inc.	8-K	001-37752	10.2	12/13/2023	
10.38	Sixth Modification to Business Financing Agreement dated November 18, 2024 by and among Western Alliance Bank, ChromaDex Corporation, ChromaDex, Inc. and ChromaDex Analytics, Inc.	10-K	001-37752	10.38	3/4/2025	
10.39	Seventh Modification to Business Financing Agreement dated March 24, 2025 by and among Western Alliance Bank, Niagen Bioscience, Inc., ChromaDex, Inc. and ChromaDex Analytics, Inc.	10-Q	001-37752	10.4	5/7/2025	
10.40	Eighth Modification to Business Financing Agreement dated November 12, 2025 by and among Western Alliance Bank, Niagen Bioscience, Inc., ChromaDex, Inc. and ChromaDex Analytics, Inc.					X
10.41	Manufacturing and Supply Agreement, dated as of January 1, 2016, by and between ChromaDex, Inc. and W.R. Grace & Co.-Conn. **	10-Q	001-37752	10.1	11/4/2020	
10.42	First Amendment to Manufacturing and Supply Agreement, dated as of February 27, 2017, by and between ChromaDex, Inc. and W.R. Grace & Co.-Conn. **	10-Q	001-37752	10.2	11/4/2020	
10.43	Second Amendment to Manufacturing and Supply Agreement, dated as of January 1, 2018, by and between ChromaDex, Inc. and W.R. Grace & Co.-Conn. **	10-Q	001-37752	10.3	11/4/2020	
10.44	Third Amendment to Manufacturing and Supply Agreement, dated as of January 1, 2019, by and between ChromaDex, Inc. and W.R. Grace & Co.-Conn. **	10-Q	001-37752	10.4	11/4/2020	
10.45	Fourth Amendment to Manufacturing and Supply Agreement, dated as of April 15, 2019, by and between ChromaDex, Inc. and W.R. Grace & Co.-Conn. **	10-Q	001-37752	10.5	11/4/2020	

Exhibit No.	Description	Incorporated by Reference				Filed or Furnished Herewith
		Form	File Number	Exhibit	Filing Date	
10.46	Fifth Amendment to Manufacturing and Supply Agreement, dated as of January 1, 2020, by and between ChromaDex, Inc. and W.R. Grace & Co.-Conn. **	10-Q	001-37752	10.6	11/4/2020	
10.47	Sixth Amendment to Manufacturing and Supply Agreement, dated as of September 17, 2020, by and between ChromaDex, Inc. and W.R. Grace & Co.-Conn. **	10-Q	001-37752	10.7	11/4/2020	
10.48	Seventh Amendment to Manufacturing and Supply Agreement, dated as of August 2, 2021, by and between ChromaDex, Inc. and W.R. Grace & Co.-Conn. **	10-Q	001-37752	10.3	8/3/2021	
10.49	Eighth Amendment to Manufacturing and Supply Agreement, dated as of December 14, 2022, by and between ChromaDex, Inc. and W.R. Grace & Co.-Conn.**	10-K	001-37752	10.50	3/8/2023	
10.50	Ninth Amendment to Manufacturing and Supply Agreement, dated as of November 2, 2023, by and between ChromaDex, Inc. and W.R. Grace & Co.-Conn.**	10-Q	001-37752	10.3	11/8/2023	
10.51	Tenth Amendment to Manufacturing and Supply Agreement, dated as of January 1, 2025, by and between ChromaDex Inc. and W.R. Grace & Co.-Conn.**	10-Q	001-37752	10.2	10/31/2024	
10.52	Sales Agreement, dated July 25, 2025, by and between ChromaDex, Inc. and W. R. Grace & Co.-Conn. *	8-K	001-37752	10.1	7/29/2025	
10.53	Exclusive License Agreement, dated September 8, 2011, by and between ChromaDex, Inc. and The Regents of the University of California **	10-Q	001-37752	10.1	11/3/2021	
10.54	Lease, dated November 24, 2021, by and between Flight Phase I Owner, LLC and ChromaDex Corporation	10-K	001-37752	10.59	3/14/2022	
10.55	First Amendment to the Joint Ownership Management Agreement, effective March 9, 2022, between Queen's University of Belfast and ChromaDex, Inc.	10-Q	001-37752	10.5	5/12/2022	
10.56	Joint Ownership Management Agreement, effective October 9, 2015, between Queen's University of Belfast and ChromaDex, Inc.	10-Q	001-37752	10.6	5/12/2022	
10.57	Assignment Agreement, dated December 18, 2025, by and between ChromaDex, Inc. and Queen's University Belfast**	8-K	001-37752	10.1	12/22/2025	
10.58	Securities Purchase Agreement, dated September 30, 2022, by and among the Company and the Purchasers	8-K	001-37752	10.2	10/3/2022	
10.59	Securities Purchase Agreement, dated as of October 10, 2022, by and between the Company and the Purchaser *	8-K	001-37752	10.1	10/11/2022	
10.60	Executive Employment Agreement, dated January 1, 2023, by and between Brianna Gerber and the Registrant +	8-K	001-37752	10.1	1/5/2023	
10.61	Letter Agreement and Consulting Agreement, dated as of June 25, 2024, by and between the Company and Brianna Gerber	8-K	001-37752	10.1	6/25/2024	
10.62	Amended and Restated Non-Employee Director Compensation Policy +	10-Q	001-37752	10.8	5/7/2025	

Exhibit No.	Description	Incorporated by Reference				Filed or Furnished Herewith
		Form	File Number	Exhibit	Filing Date	
10.63	Amended and Restated Incentive Compensation Recoupment Policy +	10-Q	001-37752	10.9	5/7/2025	
10.64	Offer Letter, dated September 10, 2024, by and between Ozan Pamir and ChromaDex, Inc. +	8-K	001-37752	10.1	9/20/2024	
10.65	Offer Letter, dated June 27, 2024, by and between Carlos Lopez and ChromaDex, Inc. +	8-K	001-37752	10.60	3/4/2025	
19.1	Insider Trading Policy					X
21.1	Subsidiaries of Niagen Bioscience, Inc.					X
23.1	Consent of Crowe, LLP, Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm					X
24.1	Power of Attorney (included on the signature page of this Annual Report on Form 10-K)					X
31.1	Certification of the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to §240.13a-14 or §240.15d-14 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended					X
31.2	Certification of the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to §240.13a-14 or §240.15d-14 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended					X
32.1	Certification pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 (as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002)					X
97.1	Dodd-Frank Clawback Policy +					X
101.INS	Inline XBRL Instance Document - the instance document does not appear in the Interactive Data File because its XBRL tags are embedded within the Inline XBRL document.					
101.SCH	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document					
101.CAL	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document					
101.DEF	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document					
101.LAB	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document					
101.PRE	Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document					
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File - formatted in Inline XBRL and included in Exhibit 101					

- (1) Plan and related Forms were assumed by Niagen Bioscience, Inc. pursuant to Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of May 21, 2008, among Niagen Bioscience, Inc. (formerly ChromaDex Corporation), Cody Resources, Inc., CDI Acquisition, Inc. and ChromaDex, Inc.
- (2) Schedules have been omitted pursuant to Item 601(a)(5) of Regulation S-K. Niagen Bioscience, Inc. undertakes to furnish supplemental copies of any of the omitted schedules upon request by the Securities and Exchange Commission; provided, however, that Niagen Bioscience, Inc. may request confidential treatment pursuant to Rule 24b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, for any schedule so furnished.
- + Indicates management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.
- * This Exhibit has been granted confidential treatment and has been filed separately with the Commission. The confidential portions of this Exhibit have been omitted and are marked by an asterisk.
- ** Certain portions of this exhibit are omitted because they are both not material and are the type that the Registrant treats as private or confidential.

Item 16. Form 10-K Summary

None.

**FIRST AMENDMENT TO
NIAGEN BIOSCIENCE, INC.
EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE PLAN**

WHEREAS, Niagen Bioscience, Inc. (the “**Company**”) maintains the Niagen Bioscience, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan (as amended, the “**Plan**”);

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 20 of the Plan, the Compensation Committee (the “**Committee**”) of the Board of Directors (the “**Board**”) of the Company may at any time amend the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Committee desires to amend the Plan as set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Section 20 of the Plan, effective as of November 21, 2025, Section 8(e) is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

“(e) In the event a Participant makes a hardship withdrawal of employee deferral contributions under a 401(k) profit sharing plan of the Company, a Subsidiary, or a Parent or an affiliate or any other plan qualified under Section 401(a) of the Code that contains a Code Section 401(k) feature, to the extent required by such plan or applicable law, such Participant’s payroll deductions and the purchase of Shares under the Plan shall be cancelled. If a Participant who elects a hardship withdrawal under such a 401(k)-profit sharing plan or such other plan has a cash balance accumulated in his or her account at the time of the withdrawal that has not already been applied to purchase Shares, such cash balance shall be returned to the Participant as soon as administratively practicable. The cancellation of Participant’s election in accordance with this Section 8(e) to purchase Shares in an offering shall not have any effect upon such Participant’s eligibility to participate in a subsequent offering or in any similar plan which may hereafter be adopted by the Company.”

FURTHER, pursuant to Section 20 of the Plan, effective as of November 21, 2025, Section 9(a) is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

“(a) A Participant’s election to purchase Shares shall be exercised automatically on each Purchase Date following a Participant’s election, and the maximum number of whole Shares subject to such Option shall be purchased for such Participant at the applicable Option price with the accumulated payroll deductions in such Participant’s account. If all or any portion of the whole Shares cannot reasonably be purchased on the Purchase Date in the sole discretion of the Committee because of unavailability or any other reason, the Company shall return any remaining payroll deduction balance credited to each Participant. Shares shall be credited to the Participant’s account as soon as administratively feasible after the Purchase Date.”

FURTHER, pursuant to Section 20 of the Plan, effective as of November 21, 2025, the last sentence of the second paragraph of Section 10 is deleted in its entirety;

FURTHER, pursuant to Section 20 of the Plan, effective as of November 21, 2025, Section 11 is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

“11. Limitations of Number of Shares Which May Be Purchased.

Notwithstanding any provisions of the Plan to the contrary, no individual shall be granted an Option under the Plan:

- (i) if, immediately after the grant, such individual (or any other person whose stock would be attributed to such individual pursuant to Section 424(d) of the Code) would own stock and/or hold outstanding Options to purchase stock possessing five percent (5%) or more of the total combined voting power or value of all classes of stock of the Company or of any Subsidiary or Parent;
- (ii) which permits such individual’s right to purchase stock under all employee stock purchase plans (as described in Section 423 of the Code) of the Company and any Subsidiary or Parent to accrue at a rate which exceeds twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) of fair market value of such stock (determined at the time such option is granted) for any calendar year in which such option is outstanding at any time; or
- (iii) which permits an Eligible Employee to purchase more Shares during any one Purchase Period pursuant to the Plan than prescribed by the Committee, from time to time, in accordance with Code Section 423.”

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Committee has approved the amendment to the Plan as set forth herein, the Committee has authorized the undersigned officer of the Company to execute this amendment, and the undersigned has caused this amendment to be executed this 21st day of November, 2025.

NIAGEN BIOSCIENCE, INC.

By: /s/ Carlos Lopez

Name: Carlos Lopez

Its: Senior Vice President, General Counsel

INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

This Indemnity Agreement (this “*Agreement*”) dated as of _____, 20____, is made by and between Niagen Bioscience, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “*Company*”), and _____ (“*Indemnitee*”).

Recitals

A. The Company desires to attract and retain the services of highly qualified individuals as directors, officers, employees and agents.

B. The Company’s Bylaws, as amended (the “*Bylaws*”), require that the Company indemnify its directors and officers, and empowers the Company to indemnify its employees and other agents, as authorized by the Delaware General Corporation Law, as amended (the “*Code*”), under which the Company is organized and such Bylaws expressly provide that the indemnification provided therein is not exclusive and contemplates that the Company may enter into separate agreements with its directors, officers and other persons to set forth specific indemnification provisions.

C. Indemnitee does not regard the protection currently provided by applicable law, the Bylaws, the Company’s other governing documents, and available insurance as adequate under the present circumstances, and the Company has determined that Indemnitee and other directors, officers, employees and agents of the Company may not be willing to serve or continue to serve in such capacities without additional protection.

D. The Company desires and has requested Indemnitee to serve or continue to serve as a director, officer, employee or agent of the Company, as the case may be, and has proffered this Agreement to Indemnitee as an additional inducement to serve in such capacity.

E. Indemnitee is willing to serve, or to continue to serve, as a director, officer, employee or agent of the Company, as the case may be, if Indemnitee is furnished the indemnity provided for herein by the Company.

Agreement

Now Therefore, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements set forth herein, the parties hereto, intending to be legally bound, hereby agree as follows:

1. Definitions.

(a) **Agent.** For purposes of this Agreement, the term “*Agent*” of the Company means any person who: (i) is or was a director, officer, employee, agent, or other fiduciary of the Company or a subsidiary of the Company; or (ii) is or was serving at the request or for the convenience of, or representing the interests of, the Company or a subsidiary of the Company, as a director, officer, employee, agent, or other fiduciary of a foreign or domestic corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise.

(b) **Change in Control.** For purposes of this Agreement, a “*Change in Control*” shall be deemed to have occurred if (i) any “person” (as such term is used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “*Exchange Act*”), other than a trustee or other fiduciary holding securities under an employee benefit plan of the Company or a corporation owned directly or indirectly by the stockholders of the Company in substantially the same proportions as their ownership of stock of the Company, is or becomes the “beneficial owner” (as defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act), directly or indirectly, of securities of the Company representing 20% or more of the total voting power represented by the Company’s then outstanding Voting Securities, (ii) individuals who on the date of this Agreement are members of the Board (the “*Incumbent Board*”) cease for any reason to constitute at least a majority of the members of the Board (*provided, however*, that if the appointment or election (or nomination for election) of any new Board member was approved or recommended by a majority vote of the members of the Incumbent Board then still in office, such new member shall be considered as a member of the Incumbent Board), or (iii) the stockholders of the Company approve a merger or consolidation of the Company with any other corporation, other than a merger or consolidation which would result in the Voting Securities of the Company outstanding immediately prior thereto continuing to represent (either by remaining outstanding or by being converted into Voting Securities of the surviving entity) at least 80% of the total voting power represented by the Voting Securities of the Company or such surviving entity outstanding

immediately after such merger or consolidation, or the stockholders of the Company approve a plan of complete liquidation of the Company or an agreement for the sale or disposition by the Company of (in one transaction or a series of transactions) all or substantially all of the Company's assets.

(c) **Expenses.** For purposes of this Agreement, the term "**Expenses**" shall be broadly construed and shall include, without limitation, all direct and indirect costs of any type or nature whatsoever (including, without limitation, all attorneys', witness, or other professional fees and related disbursements, and other out-of-pocket costs of whatever nature, actually and reasonably incurred by Indemnitee in connection with the investigation, defense or appeal of a proceeding or establishing or enforcing a right to indemnification under this Agreement, the Code or otherwise. The term "**Expenses**" shall also include reasonable compensation for time spent by Indemnitee for which he or she is not compensated by the Company or any subsidiary or third party: (i) for any period during which Indemnitee is not an Agent, in the employment of, or providing services for compensation to, the Company or any subsidiary; and (ii) if the rate of compensation and estimated time involved is approved by the directors of the Company who are not parties to any action with respect to which Expenses are incurred, for Indemnitee while an Agent of, employed by, or providing services for compensation to, the Company or any subsidiary.

(d) **Independent Counsel.** For purposes of this Agreement, the term "**Independent Counsel**" means a law firm, or a partner (or, if applicable, member) of such a law firm, that is experienced in matters of corporation law and neither presently is, nor in the past five (5) years has been, retained to represent: (i) the Company or Indemnitee in any matter material to either such party, or (ii) any other party to the proceeding giving rise to a claim for indemnification hereunder. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the term "**Independent Counsel**"

shall not include any person who, under the applicable standards of professional conduct then prevailing, would have a conflict of interest in representing either the Company or Indemnitee in an action to determine Indemnitee's rights under this Agreement. The Company will pay the reasonable fees and expenses of the Independent Counsel referred to above and to fully indemnify such counsel against any and all expenses, claims, liabilities and damages arising out of or relating to this Agreement or its engagement pursuant hereto.

(e) **Liabilities.** For purposes of this Agreement, the term "**Liabilities**" shall be broadly construed and shall include, without limitation, judgments, damages, deficiencies, liabilities, losses, penalties, excise taxes, fines, assessments and amounts paid in settlement, including any interest and any federal, state, local or foreign taxes imposed as a result of the actual or deemed receipt of any payment under this Agreement.

(f) **Proceedings.** For purposes of this Agreement, the term "**proceeding**" shall be broadly construed and shall include, without limitation, any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit, claim, counterclaim, cross claim, arbitration, mediation, alternate dispute resolution mechanism, investigation, inquiry, administrative hearing, or any other actual, threatened or completed proceeding, whether brought in the right of the Company or otherwise and whether of a civil, criminal, administrative or investigative nature, and whether formal or informal in any case, in which Indemnitee was, is or will be involved as a party, potential party, non-party witness, or otherwise by reason of: (i) the fact that Indemnitee is or was a director or officer of the Company; (ii) the fact that any action was taken by Indemnitee (or a failure to take action by Indemnitee) or of any action (or failure to act) on Indemnitee's part while acting as an Agent; or (iii) the fact that Indemnitee is or was serving at the request of the Company as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan, or other enterprise, and in any such case described above, whether or not serving in any such capacity at the time any liability or Expense is incurred for which indemnification, reimbursement, or advancement of Expenses may be provided under this Agreement. If the Indemnitee believes in good faith that a given situation may lead to or culminate in the institution of a proceeding, this shall be considered a proceeding under this paragraph.

(g) **Subsidiary.** For purposes of this Agreement, the term "**subsidiary**" means any corporation, limited liability company, or other entity, of which more than 50% of the outstanding voting securities or equity interests are owned, directly or indirectly, by the Company and one or more of its subsidiaries, and any other corporation, limited liability company, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise of which Indemnitee is or was serving at the request of the Company as an Agent.

(h) **Voting Securities.** For purposes of this Agreement, "**Voting Securities**" shall mean any securities of the Company that vote generally in the election of directors.

2. **Agreement to Serve.** Indemnitee will serve, or continue to serve, as the case may be, as an Agent, faithfully and to the best of his or her ability, at the will of such entity designated by the Company and at the request of the Company (or under separate agreement, if such agreement exists), in the capacity Indemnitee currently serves such entity, so long as Indemnitee is duly appointed or elected and qualified in accordance with the applicable

provisions of the governance documents of such entity, or until such time as Indemnitee tenders his or her resignation in writing; provided, however, that nothing contained in this Agreement is intended as an employment agreement between Indemnitee and the Company or any of its subsidiaries or to create any right to continued employment of Indemnitee with the Company or any of its subsidiaries in any capacity.

The Company acknowledges that it has entered into this Agreement and assumes the obligations imposed on it hereby, in addition to and separate from its obligations to Indemnitee under the Bylaws, to induce Indemnitee to serve, or continue to serve, as an Agent, and the Company acknowledges that Indemnitee is relying upon this Agreement in serving as an Agent.

3. Indemnification.

(a) Indemnification in Third Party Proceedings. Subject to Section 10 below, the Company shall indemnify Indemnitee to the fullest extent permitted by the Code, as the same may be amended from time to time (but, to the fullest extent of the law, only to the extent that such amendment permits Indemnitee to broader indemnification rights than the Code permitted prior to adoption of such amendment), if Indemnitee is a party to or threatened to be made a party to or otherwise involved in any proceeding, other than a proceeding by or in the right of the Company to procure a judgment in its favor, for any and all Expenses and Liabilities (including all interest, assessments and other charges paid or payable in connection with or in respect of such Expenses and Liabilities) incurred by Indemnitee in connection with the investigation, defense, settlement or appeal of such proceeding, if Indemnitee acted in good faith and in a manner Indemnitee reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Company and, in the case of a criminal proceeding had no reasonable cause to believe that Indemnitee's conduct was unlawful. The parties hereto intend that this Agreement shall provide to the fullest extent permitted by law for indemnification in excess of that expressly permitted by statute, including, without limitation, any indemnification provided by the Certificate of Incorporation of the Company, the Bylaws, vote of its stockholders or disinterested directors, or applicable law.

(b) Indemnification in Derivative Actions and Direct Actions by the Company. Subject to Section 10 below, the Company shall indemnify Indemnitee to the fullest extent permitted by the Code, as the same may be amended from time to time (but, fullest extent permitted by applicable law, only to the extent that such amendment permits Indemnitee to broader indemnification rights than the Code permitted prior to adoption of such amendment), if Indemnitee is a party to or threatened to be made a party to or otherwise involved in any proceeding by or in the right of the Company to procure a judgment in its favor, against any and all Expenses actually and reasonably incurred by Indemnitee in connection with the investigation, defense, settlement, or appeal of such proceedings, if Indemnitee acted in good faith and in a manner Indemnitee reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Company. No indemnification for Expenses shall be made under this Section 3(b) in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which Indemnitee shall have been finally adjudged by a court competent jurisdiction to be liable to the Company, unless and only to the extent that the Chancery Court of the State of Delaware or any court in which the proceeding was brought shall

determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case, Indemnitee is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnification.

4. Indemnification of Expenses of Successful Party. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, in circumstances where indemnification is not available under Section 3(a) or 3(b), as the case may be, to the fullest extent permitted by law and to the extent that Indemnitee is a party to (or a participant in) any proceeding and has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any proceeding or in defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, in whole or part, including the dismissal of any action without prejudice, the Company shall indemnify Indemnitee against all Expenses and Liabilities in connection with the investigation, defense or appeal of such proceeding. If Indemnitee is not wholly successful in such proceeding but is successful, on the merits or otherwise, as to one or more but less than all claims, issues or matters in such proceeding, the Company shall indemnify Indemnitee against all Expenses and Liabilities incurred by Indemnitee or on Indemnitee's behalf in connection with or related to each successfully resolved claim, issue or matter to the fullest extent permitted by law.

5. Partial Indemnification; Witness Indemnification. If Indemnitee is entitled under any provision of this Agreement to indemnification by the Company for some or a portion of any Expenses and Liabilities incurred by Indemnitee in the investigation, defense, settlement or appeal of a proceeding, but is precluded by applicable law or the specific terms of this Agreement to indemnification for the total amount thereof, the Company shall nevertheless indemnify Indemnitee for the portion thereof to which Indemnitee is entitled. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law and to the extent that Indemnitee is, by reason of Indemnitee's acting as an Agent, a witness or otherwise asked to participate in any proceeding to which Indemnitee is not a party, Indemnitee shall be indemnified against all Expenses incurred by Indemnitee or on Indemnitee's behalf in connection therewith.

6. Advancement of Expenses. To the extent not prohibited by law, the Company shall advance the Expenses incurred by

Indemnitee in connection with any proceeding, and such advancement shall be made within twenty (20) days after the receipt by the Company of a statement or statements requesting such advances (which shall include invoices received by Indemnitee in connection with such Expenses but, in the case of invoices in connection with legal services, any references to legal work performed or to expenditures made that would cause Indemnitee to waive any privilege accorded by applicable law shall not be included with the invoice) and upon request of the Company, an undertaking to repay the advancement of Expenses if and to the extent that it is ultimately determined by a court of competent jurisdiction in a final judgment, not subject to appeal, that Indemnitee is not entitled to be indemnified by the Company. Advances shall be unsecured, interest free and without regard to Indemnitee's ability to repay the Expenses. Advances shall include any and all Expenses incurred by Indemnitee pursuing an action to enforce Indemnitee's right to indemnification under this Agreement or otherwise and this right of advancement, including expenses incurred preparing and forwarding statements to the Company to support the advances claimed. Indemnitee acknowledges that the execution and delivery of this Agreement shall constitute an undertaking providing that Indemnitee shall, to the fullest extent required by law, repay the advance (without interest) if and

to the extent that it is ultimately determined by a court of competent jurisdiction in a final judgment, not subject to appeal, that Indemnitee is not entitled to be indemnified by the Company. The right to advances under this Section shall continue until final disposition of any proceeding, including any appeal therein. This Section 6 shall not apply to any claim made by Indemnitee for which indemnity is excluded pursuant to Section 10(b).

7. Notice and Other Indemnification Procedures.

(a) Notification of Proceeding. Indemnitee will notify the Company in writing promptly upon being served with any summons, citation, subpoena, complaint, indictment, information or other document relating to any proceeding or matter which may be subject to indemnification or advancement of Expenses covered hereunder. The written notification to the Company shall include a description of the nature of the proceeding and the facts underlying the proceeding. The failure of Indemnitee to so notify the Company shall not relieve the Company of any obligation which it may have to Indemnitee under this Agreement or otherwise and any delay in so notifying the Company shall not constitute a waiver by Indemnitee of any rights under this Agreement.

(b) Request for Indemnification Payments. To obtain indemnification under this Agreement, Indemnitee shall submit to the Company a written request, including therein or therewith such documentation and information as is reasonably available to Indemnitee and is reasonably necessary to determine whether and to what extent Indemnitee is entitled to indemnification under the terms of this Agreement, and shall request payment thereof by the Company.

(c) Determination of Right to Indemnification Payments. Upon written request by Indemnitee for indemnification pursuant to Section 7(b) hereof, a determination with respect to Indemnitee's entitlement thereto shall be made in the specific case by one of the following four methods, which shall be at the election of the Board of Directors: (1) by a majority vote of the disinterested directors, even though less than a quorum, (2) by a committee of disinterested directors designated by a majority vote of the disinterested directors, even though less than a quorum, (3) if there are no disinterested directors or if the disinterested directors so direct, by Independent Counsel in a written opinion to the Board of Directors, a copy of which shall be delivered to the Indemnitee, or (4) if so directed by the Board of Directors, by the stockholders of the Company; *provided, however*, that if there has been a Change in Control, then such determination shall be made by Independent Counsel selected by Indemnitee and approved by the Company (which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld). For purposes hereof, disinterested directors are those members of the board of directors of the Company who are not parties to the action, suit or proceeding in respect of which indemnification is sought by Indemnitee. Indemnification payments requested by Indemnitee under Section 3 hereof shall be made by the Company no later than sixty (60) days after receipt of the written request of Indemnitee. Claims for advancement of Expenses shall be made under the provisions of Section 6 herein.

(d) Application for Enforcement. In the event the Company fails to make timely payments as set forth in Sections 6 or 7(c) above, Indemnitee shall have the right to apply

to any court of competent jurisdiction for the purpose of enforcing Indemnitee's right to indemnification or advancement of Expenses pursuant to this Agreement. In such an enforcement hearing or proceeding, the burden of proof shall be on the Company to prove that indemnification or advancement of Expenses to Indemnitee is not required under this Agreement or permitted by applicable law. Any determination by the Company (including its Board of Directors, a committee thereof, Independent Counsel) or stockholders of the Company, that Indemnitee is not entitled to indemnification hereunder, shall not be a defense by the Company to the action nor create any presumption that Indemnitee is not entitled to indemnification or advancement of Expenses hereunder.

(e) Indemnification of Certain Expenses. The Company shall indemnify Indemnitee against all Expenses incurred in connection with any hearing or proceeding under this Section 7 unless the Company prevails in such hearing or proceeding on the merits in all material respects.

8. Assumption of Defense. In the event the Company shall be requested by Indemnitee to pay the Expenses of any proceeding, the Company, if appropriate, shall be entitled to assume the defense of such proceeding, or to participate to the extent permissible in such proceeding, with counsel reasonably acceptable to Indemnitee. Upon assumption of the defense by the Company and the retention of such counsel by the Company, the Company shall not be liable to Indemnitee under this Agreement for any fees of counsel subsequently incurred by Indemnitee with respect to the same proceeding, provided that Indemnitee shall have the right to employ separate counsel in such proceeding at Indemnitee's sole cost and expense. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if Indemnitee's counsel delivers a written notice to the Company stating that such counsel has reasonably concluded that there may be a conflict of interest between the Company and Indemnitee in the conduct of any such defense or the Company shall not, in fact, have employed counsel or otherwise actively pursued the defense of such proceeding within a reasonable time, then in any such event the fees and Expenses of Indemnitee's counsel to defend such proceeding shall be subject to the indemnification and advancement of Expenses provisions of this Agreement.

9. Insurance. To the extent that the Company maintains an insurance policy or policies providing liability insurance for Agents ("**D&O Insurance**"), Indemnitee shall be covered by such policy or policies in accordance with its or their terms to the maximum extent of the coverage available for any such Agent under such policy or policies. If, at the time of the receipt of a notice of a claim pursuant to the terms hereof, the Company has D&O Insurance in effect or otherwise potentially available, the Company shall give prompt notice of the commencement of such proceeding to the insurers in accordance with the procedures set forth in the respective policies. The Company shall thereafter take all necessary or desirable action to cause such insurers to pay, on behalf of Indemnitee, all amounts payable as a result of such proceeding in accordance with the terms of such policies.

In the event of a change of control of the Company or the Company dissolving or liquidating (including being placed into receivership or entering the federal bankruptcy process and the like), the Company shall maintain in force any and all insurance policies then maintained

by the Company in providing insurance in respect of Indemnitee (directors' and officers' liability, fiduciary, employment practices or otherwise) for a period of at least six years thereafter (a "**Tail Policy**"). If such coverage is not placed with the incumbent insurance carriers using the policies that were in place at the time of the change of control or insolvency event, the Tail Policy shall be substantially comparable in scope and amount as the expiring policies, and the insurance carriers for the Tail Policy shall have an AM Best rating that is the same or better than the AM Best ratings of the expiring policies.

10. Exceptions.

(a) Certain Matters. Any provision herein to the contrary notwithstanding, the Company shall not be obligated pursuant to the terms of this Agreement to indemnify Indemnitee on account of any proceeding with respect to: (i) remuneration paid to Indemnitee if it is determined by final judgment or other final adjudication that such remuneration was in violation of law (and, in this respect, both the Company and Indemnitee have been advised that the Securities and Exchange Commission believes that indemnification for liabilities arising under the federal securities laws is against public policy and is, therefore, unenforceable and that claims for indemnification should be submitted to appropriate courts for adjudication, as indicated in Section 10(d) below); (ii) a final judgment rendered against Indemnitee for an accounting, disgorgement or repayment of profits made from the purchase or sale by Indemnitee of securities of the Company against Indemnitee or in connection with a settlement by or on behalf of Indemnitee to the extent it is acknowledged by Indemnitee and the Company that such amount paid in settlement resulted from Indemnitee's conduct from which Indemnitee received monetary personal profit, pursuant to the provisions of Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act or other provisions of any federal, state or local statute or rules and regulations thereunder; (iii) a final judgment or other final adjudication that Indemnitee's conduct was in bad faith, knowingly fraudulent or deliberately dishonest or constituted willful misconduct (but only to the extent of such specific determination); or (iv) on account of conduct that is established by a final judgment as constituting a breach of Indemnitee's duty of loyalty to the Company or resulting in any personal profit or advantage to which Indemnitee is not legally entitled. For purposes of the foregoing sentence, a final judgment or other adjudication may be reached in either the underlying proceeding or action in connection with which indemnification is sought or a separate proceeding or action to establish rights and liabilities under this Agreement.

(b) Claims Initiated by Indemnitee. Any provision herein to the contrary notwithstanding, the Company shall not be obligated to indemnify or advance Expenses to Indemnitee with respect to proceedings or claims initiated or brought by Indemnitee against the Company or its Agents and not by way of defense, except (i) with respect to proceedings brought to establish or enforce a right to indemnification or advancement under this Agreement or under any other agreement, provision in the Bylaws or the Certificate of Incorporation or applicable law, or (ii) with respect to any other proceeding initiated by Indemnitee that is either approved by the Board of Directors or Indemnitee's participation is required by applicable law. However,

indemnification or advancement of Expenses may be provided by the Company in specific cases if the Board of Directors determines it to be appropriate.

(c) **Unauthorized Settlements.** Any provision herein to the contrary notwithstanding, the Company shall not be obligated pursuant to the terms of this Agreement to indemnify Indemnitee under this Agreement for any amounts paid in settlement of a proceeding effected without the Company's written consent. Neither the Company nor Indemnitee shall unreasonably withhold consent to any proposed settlement; provided, however, that the Company may in any event decline to consent to (or to otherwise admit or agree to any liability for indemnification hereunder in respect of) any proposed settlement if the Company is also a party in such proceeding and determines in good faith that such settlement is not in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders.

(d) **Securities Act Liabilities.** Any provision herein to the contrary notwithstanding, the Company shall not be obligated pursuant to the terms of this Agreement to indemnify Indemnitee or otherwise act in violation of any undertaking appearing in and required by the rules and regulations promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "**Securities Act**"), or in any registration statement filed with the SEC under the Securities Act. Indemnitee acknowledges that paragraph (h) of Item 512 of Regulation S-K currently generally requires the Company to undertake in connection with any registration statement filed under the Securities Act to submit the issue of the enforceability of Indemnitee's rights under this Agreement in connection with any liability under the Securities Act on public policy grounds to a court of appropriate jurisdiction and to be governed by any final adjudication of such issue. Indemnitee specifically agrees that any such undertaking shall supersede the provisions of this Agreement and to be bound by any such undertaking.

(e) **Prior Payments** Any provision herein to the contrary notwithstanding, the Company shall not be obligated pursuant to the terms of this Agreement to indemnify or advance Expenses to Indemnitee under this Agreement for which payment has actually been made to or on behalf of Indemnitee under any insurance policy or other indemnity provision, except with respect to any excess beyond the amount paid under any insurance policy or indemnity policy.

11. Nonexclusivity and Survival of Rights. The provisions for indemnification and advancement of Expenses set forth in this Agreement shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights which Indemnitee may at any time be entitled under any provision of applicable law, the Company's Certificate of Incorporation, the Bylaws or other agreements, both as to action in Indemnitee's official capacity and Indemnitee's action as an Agent, in any court in which a proceeding is brought, and Indemnitee's rights hereunder shall continue after Indemnitee has ceased acting as an Agent and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors, administrators and assigns of Indemnitee. The obligations and duties of the Company to Indemnitee under this Agreement shall be binding on the Company and its successors and assigns until terminated in accordance with its terms. The Company shall require any successor (whether direct or indirect, by purchase, merger, consolidation or otherwise) to all or substantially all of the business or assets of the Company, expressly to assume and agree to perform this Agreement in the same

manner and to the same extent that the Company would be required to perform if no such succession had taken place.

No amendment, alteration or repeal of this Agreement or of any provision hereof shall limit or restrict any right of Indemnitee under this Agreement in respect of any action taken or omitted by such Indemnitee in his or her corporate status prior to such amendment, alteration or repeal. To the extent that a change in the Code, whether by statute or judicial decision, permits greater indemnification or advancement of Expenses than would be afforded currently under the Company's Certificate of Incorporation, the Bylaws and this Agreement, it is the intent of the parties hereto that Indemnitee shall enjoy by this Agreement the greater benefits so afforded by such change. No right or remedy herein conferred is intended to be exclusive of any other right or remedy, and every other right and remedy shall be cumulative and in addition to every other right and remedy given hereunder or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or otherwise. The assertion or employment of any right or remedy hereunder, or otherwise, by Indemnitee shall not prevent the concurrent assertion or employment of any other right or remedy by Indemnitee.

12. Term. This Agreement shall continue until and terminate upon the later of: (a) five (5) years after the date that Indemnitee shall have ceased to serve as an Agent; or (b) one (1) year after the final termination of any proceeding, including any appeal then pending, in respect to which Indemnitee was granted rights of indemnification or advancement of Expenses hereunder.

No legal action shall be brought and no cause of action shall be asserted by or in the right of the Company against an Indemnitee or an Indemnitee's estate, spouse, heirs, executors or personal or legal representatives after the expiration of five (5) years from the date of accrual of such cause of action, and any claim or cause of action of the Company shall be extinguished and deemed released unless asserted by the timely filing of a legal action within such five-year period; provided, however, that if any shorter period of limitations is otherwise applicable to such cause of action, such shorter period shall govern.

13. Subrogation. In the event of payment under this Agreement, the Company shall be subrogated to the extent of such payment to all of the rights of recovery of Indemnitee, who, at the request and expense of the Company, shall execute all papers

required and shall do everything that may be reasonably necessary to secure such rights, including the execution of such documents necessary to enable the Company effectively to bring suit to enforce such rights.

14. Interpretation of Agreement. It is understood that the parties hereto intend this Agreement to be interpreted and enforced so as to provide indemnification and advancement of Expenses to Indemnitee to the fullest extent now or hereafter permitted by law.

15. Severability. If any provision of this Agreement shall be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable for any reason whatsoever, (a) the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions of the Agreement (including without limitation, all portions of any paragraphs of this Agreement containing any such provision held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, that are not themselves invalid, illegal or unenforceable) shall not in any way be

affected or impaired thereby; and (b) to the fullest extent possible, the provisions of this Agreement (including, without limitation, all portions of any paragraph of this Agreement containing any such provision held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, that are not themselves invalid, illegal or unenforceable) shall be construed so as to give effect to the intent manifested by the provision held invalid, illegal or unenforceable and to give effect to Section 14 hereof.

16. Amendment and Waiver. No supplement, modification, amendment, or cancellation of this Agreement shall be binding unless executed in writing by the parties hereto. No waiver of any of the provisions of this Agreement shall be deemed or shall constitute a waiver of any other provision hereof (whether or not similar) nor shall such waiver constitute a continuing waiver. The observance of any term of this Agreement may be waived (either generally or in a particular instance and either retroactively or prospectively), only with the written consent of the waiving party.

17. Notice. Except as otherwise provided herein, any notice or demand which, by the provisions hereof, is required or which may be given to or served upon the parties hereto shall be in writing and, if by electronic transmission, shall be deemed to have been validly served, given or delivered when sent, if by overnight delivery, courier or personal delivery, shall be deemed to have been validly served, given or delivered upon actual delivery and, if mailed, shall be deemed to have been validly served, given or delivered three (3) business days after deposit in the United States mail, as registered or certified mail, with proper postage prepaid and addressed to the party or parties to be notified at the addresses set forth on the signature page of this Agreement (or such other address(es) as a party may designate for itself by like notice). If to the Company, notices and demands shall be delivered to the attention of the Secretary of the Company.

18. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed exclusively by and construed according to the laws of the State of Delaware, as applied to contracts between Delaware residents entered into and to be performed entirely within Delaware.

19. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall for all purposes be deemed to be an original but all of which together shall constitute but one and the same Agreement. Only one such counterpart need be produced to evidence the existence of this Agreement.

20. Headings. The headings of the sections of this Agreement are inserted for convenience only and shall not be deemed to constitute part of this Agreement or to affect the construction hereof.

21. Entire Agreement. Subject to Section 11 hereof, this Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior agreements, including any previously executed written indemnification agreement, understandings and negotiations, written and oral, between the parties with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement; provided, however, that this Agreement is a supplement to and in furtherance of the Company's Certificate of Incorporation, the Bylaws, the Code and any other applicable law, and shall not be deemed a substitute therefor, and does not diminish or abrogate any rights of Indemnitee thereunder.

22. Contribution. To the fullest extent permissible under applicable law, if the indemnification provided for in this Agreement is unavailable to Indemnitee for any reason whatsoever, the Company, in lieu of indemnifying Indemnitee, shall contribute to the amount incurred by Indemnitee, whether for judgments, fines, penalties, excise taxes, amounts paid or to be paid in settlement and/or for Expenses, in connection with any claim relating to an indemnifiable event under this Agreement, in such proportion as is deemed fair and reasonable in light of all of the circumstances of such proceeding in order to reflect (i) the relative benefits received by the Company and Indemnitee as a result of the event(s) and/or transaction(s) giving cause to such proceeding; and/or (ii) the relative fault of the Company and Indemnitee in connection with such event(s) and/or transaction(s).

23. Consent to Jurisdiction. The Company and Indemnitee hereby irrevocably and unconditionally (i) agree that any action or proceeding arising out of or in connection with this Agreement shall be brought only in the Chancery Court of the State of Delaware (the "*Delaware Court*"), and not in any other state or federal court in the United States of America or any court in any

other country, (ii) consent to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Delaware Court for purposes of any action or proceeding arising out of or in connection with this Agreement, (iii) agree to appoint, to the extent such party is not otherwise subject to service of process in the State of Delaware, an agent in the State of Delaware as such party's agent for acceptance of legal process in connection with any such action or proceeding against such party with the same legal force and validity as if served upon such party personally within the State of Delaware, (iv) waive any objection to the laying of venue of any such action or proceeding in the Delaware Court, and (v) waive, and agree not to plead or to make, any claim that any such action or proceeding brought in the Delaware Court has been brought in an improper or inconvenient forum.

In Witness Whereof, the parties hereto have entered into this Agreement effective as of the date first above written.

NIAGEN BIOSCIENCE, INC.

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

INDEMNITEE

Signature of Indemnitee

Print or Type Name of Indemnitee

8TH MODIFICATION TO BUSINESS FINANCING AGREEMENT

This 8th Modification to Business Financing Agreement (this "**Amendment**") is entered into as of November 12, 2025, by and among WESTERN ALLIANCE BANK, an Arizona corporation ("**Lender**"), NIAGEN BIOSCIENCE, INC., a Delaware corporation (formerly known as CHROMADEX CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation), CHROMADEX, INC., a California corporation, and CHROMADEX ANALYTICS, INC., a Nevada corporation (individually and collectively, "**Borrower**").

RECITALS

- A. Borrower is indebted to Lender pursuant to, among other documents, a Business Financing Agreement, dated November 12, 2019, by and among Borrower, HEALTHSPAN RESEARCH LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("**Released Borrower**") and Lender (as amended prior to the date hereof, and as may be further amended, amended and restated, supplemented, or otherwise modified from time to time, the "**Business Financing Agreement**"; capitalized terms used without definition herein shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Business Financing Agreement). Pursuant to that certain Consent Agreement dated January 14, 2021, by and among Borrower, Lender, and Released Borrower, Released Borrower was released by Lender from its Obligations under the Business Financing Agreement and the other Loan Documents. Hereinafter, all indebtedness owing by Borrower to Lender shall be referred to as the "Indebtedness" and the Business Financing Agreement and any and all other documents executed by Borrower in favor of Lender shall be referred to as the "Existing Documents".
- B. Borrower has requested that Lender extend the Maturity Date and make certain other changes to the Business Financing Agreement, and Lender is willing to do so on the terms and conditions set forth herein.
- C. Now therefore, for good and valuable consideration, the parties hereto hereby agree as follows:
1. Amendments to Business Financing Agreement. Subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 5 of this Amendment, the Business Financing Agreement is hereby amended as follows:
 - (a) Section 2.2(b) is amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

"(b) Revolving Facility Fee. Borrower shall pay the Revolving Facility Fee to Lender promptly on the Eighth Modification Closing Date and each anniversary of the Eighth Modification Closing Date."
 - (b) Section 4.7 is amended by replacing the words "Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000)" with the words "Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000)".
 - (c) Section 4.14(k) is deleted in its entirety.
 - (d) Section 4.17(b) is amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

"(b) Cash. Borrower shall maintain at all times on and after the Eighth Modification Closing Date, tested as of each Month End occurring on or after November 30, 2025, unrestricted and unencumbered cash at Lender equal to or greater than (i) so long as such unrestricted and unencumbered cash at Lender is equal to or greater than \$10,000,000, the product of (A) fifty percent (50%) multiplied by (B) the difference of (x) the cash and cash equivalents reflected on Borrower's balance sheet, minus (y) cash maintained in accounts outside of the United States in an amount not to exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000), or (ii) if such unrestricted and unencumbered cash at Lender is less than \$10,000,000, then all cash of Borrower shall be held on deposit at Lender, other than cash maintained in accounts outside of the United States in an amount not to exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000)."
 - (e) Section 11 is amended by replacing the notice information for each of Borrower and Lender with the notice information contained on the signature pages for each party to this Amendment.
 - (f) Section 13.1 is amended by inserting the following defined term in alphabetical order as follows:

"Eighth Modification Closing Date" means November 12, 2025."

(g) In Section 13.1, the definition of "Maturity Date" is amended by replacing the words "November 12, 2025" with the words "November 12, 2027".

(h) In Section 13.1, the definition of "Revolving Facility Fee" is amended by replacing the words "one half of one percent (0.50%)" with the words "one tenth of one percent (0.10%)".

(i) Exhibit A (Compliance Certificate). The Compliance Certificate is amended in its entirety and replaced with the Compliance Certificate in the form of Exhibit A attached hereto.

2. CONSISTENT CHANGES. The Existing Documents are each hereby amended wherever necessary to reflect the changes described above.

3. NO DEFENSES OF BORROWER/GENERAL RELEASE. Borrower agrees that, as of this date, it has no defenses against the obligations to pay any amounts under the Indebtedness. Each Borrower (each, a "**Releasing Party**") acknowledges that Lender would not enter into this Amendment without Releasing Party's assurance that it has no claims against Lender or any of Lender's officers, directors, employees or agents. Except for the obligations arising hereafter under this Amendment, each Releasing Party releases Lender, and each of Lender's and entity's officers, directors and employees from any known or unknown claims that Releasing Party now has against Lender of any nature, including any claims that Releasing Party, its successors, counsel, and advisors may in the future discover they would have now had if they had known facts not now known to them, whether founded in contract, in tort or pursuant to any other theory of liability, including but not limited to any claims arising out of or related to the Agreement or the transactions contemplated thereby. Releasing Party waives the provisions of California Civil Code section 1542, which states:

A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS WHICH THE CREDITOR OR RELEASING PARTY DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS OR HER FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE AND THAT, IF KNOWN BY HIM OR HER, MUST HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS OR HER SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR OR RELEASED PARTY.

The provisions, waivers and releases set forth in this section are binding upon each Releasing Party and its shareholders, agents, employees, assigns and successors in interest. The provisions, waivers and releases of this section shall inure to the benefit of Lender and its agents, employees, officers, directors, assigns and successors in interest. The provisions of this section shall survive payment in full of the Obligations, full performance of all the terms of this Amendment and the Business Financing Agreement, and/or Lender's actions to exercise any remedy available under the Business Financing Agreement or otherwise.

4. CONTINUING VALIDITY. Borrower understands and agrees that in modifying the existing Indebtedness, Lender is relying upon Borrower's representations, warranties, and agreements, as set forth in the Existing Documents. Except as expressly modified pursuant to this Amendment, the terms of the Existing Documents remain unchanged and in full force and effect. Lender's agreement to modifications to the existing Indebtedness pursuant to this Amendment in no way shall obligate Lender to make any future modifications to the Indebtedness. Nothing in this Amendment shall constitute a satisfaction of the Indebtedness. It is the intention of Lender and Borrower to retain as liable parties all makers and endorsers of Existing Documents, unless the party is expressly released by Lender in writing. No maker, endorser, or guarantor will be released by virtue of this Amendment. The terms of this paragraph apply not only to this Amendment, but also to any subsequent Business Financing Agreement modifications.

5. CONDITIONS PRECEDENT. The effectiveness of this Amendment is conditioned upon the receipt by Lender of the following:

- (a) the due execution and delivery of this Amendment by each party hereto; and
- (b) the Revolving Facility Fee.

6. NOTICE OF FINAL AGREEMENT. BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT EACH PARTY REPRESENTS AND AGREES THAT: (A) THIS WRITTEN AGREEMENT REPRESENTS THE FINAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PARTIES, (B) THERE ARE NO UNWRITTEN ORAL AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE PARTIES, AND (C) THIS WRITTEN AGREEMENT MAY NOT BE CONTRADICTED BY EVIDENCE OF ANY PRIOR, CONTEMPORANEOUS, OR SUBSEQUENT ORAL AGREEMENTS OR UNDERSTANDINGS OF THE PARTIES.

7. COUNTERSIGNATURE. This Amendment shall become effective only when executed by Lender and Borrower.

Signature Page Follows

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Borrower and Lender have executed this Agreement on the day and year above written.

BORROWER:

NIAGEN BIOSCIENCE, A DELAWARE CORPORATION

By /s/ Ozan Pamir
Name: Ozan Pamir
Title: Chief Financial Officer

CHROMADEX, INC., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION

By /s/ Ozan Pamir
Name: Ozan Pamir
Title: Chief Financial Officer

CHROMADEX ANALYTICS, INC., A NEVADA CORPORATION

By /s/ Ozan Pamir
Name: Ozan Pamir
Title: Chief Financial Officer

Address for Notices:
c/o Niagen Bioscience
10900 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 650 Los Angeles, California 90024
Email:**
Attn: Ozan Pamir, Chief Financial Officer

LENDER:

WESTERN ALLIANCE BANK, AN ARIZONA CORPORATION

By /s/ Christian Andrade
Name: Christian Andrade
Title: Vice President

Address for Notices:
Western Alliance Bank
One East Washington Street, Ste 1400 Phoenix, Arizona 85004
Attn: Chris Gordon
Email: ***

Signature Page to 8th Modification to Business Financing Agreement

EXHIBIT A COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATE

TO: WESTERN ALLIANCE BANK, an Arizona corporation (the “Lender”)

FROM: NIAGEN BIOSCIENCE, INC., CHROMADEX, INC., and CHROMADEX ANALYTICS, INC.
(collectively, “Borrower”)

The undersigned authorized officer of Borrower hereby certifies that in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Business Financing Agreement dated as of November 12, 2019 among Borrower and Lender (as amended prior to the date hereof, and as may be further amended, amended and restated, supplemented, or otherwise modified from time to time, the “Agreement”), (i) Borrower is in complete compliance for the period ending ____ with all required covenants except as noted below and (ii) all representations and warranties of Borrower stated in the Agreement are true and correct in all material respects as of the date hereof. Attached herewith are the required documents supporting the above certification. The Officer further certifies that these are prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and are consistently applied from one period to the next except as explained in an accompanying letter or footnotes.

Please indicate compliance status by circling Yes/No under “Complies” column.

<u>Reporting Covenant</u>	<u>Required</u>	<u>Complies</u>	
Monthly financial statements (consolidated) with Compliance Certificate	Monthly within 30 days (quarterly within 45 days if no advances outstanding)	Yes	No
Annual financial statements (CPA Audited)	FYE within 180 days	Yes	No
Bank statements for outside accounts	Monthly within 15 days	Yes	No
Borrowing Base Certificates, A/R & A/P Agings, sales or billings journal, cash receipts report, deferred revenue report, and inventory report	Monthly within 15 days (quarterly within 45 days if no advances outstanding) and, when a Streamline Period is not in Effect, at the date of each Advance (other than inventory reports)	Yes	No
Board approved budget	FYE within 75 days and as amended/updated	Yes	No
<u>Financial Covenant</u>		<u>Complies</u>	
Unrestricted cash at Lender (monthly)	50% of cash on ___% balance sheet ¹	Yes	No
<u>Streamline Threshold</u>		<u>Complies</u>	
Quick Ratio	1.15:1.00 ___:1.00	Yes	No

¹ Subject to maintenance of unrestricted cash of not less than \$10MM; otherwise all cash, other than \$2MM in foreign accounts.

Comments Regarding Exceptions: See Attached.

Sincerely,
NIAGEN BIOSCIENCE, INC.

SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE
CHROMADEX, INC.

SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE
CHROMADEX ANALYTICS, INC.

SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE

BANK USE ONLY

Received by: ___ AUTHORIZED SIGNER

Date: ___

Verified: ___ AUTHORIZED SIGNER

Date: ___

Compliance Status Yes No

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Statement of Purpose

Niagen Bioscience, Inc. (the “**Company**”) has adopted this Insider Trading Policy (the “**Policy**”) in order to take an active role in the prevention of insider trading violations by officers, directors, employees and other related individuals of the Company and its subsidiaries. The Company’s Board of Directors has adopted this Policy to promote compliance with U.S. federal, state and foreign securities laws that prohibit certain persons who are aware of material nonpublic information about a company from: (i) engaging in transactions in the securities of that company; or (ii) providing material nonpublic information to other persons who may trade on the basis of that information.

Persons Subject to this Policy*Transactions by Officers, Directors and Employees*

The Policy applies to you—namely, the officers, directors and all other employees of the Company or its subsidiaries, together with additional persons specially designated by the Company. All references in this Policy to the words “**you**” and “**your**” should be so understood.

Transactions by Family Members and Others

This Policy also applies to your family members who reside in your household (including a spouse, a child, a child away at college, stepchildren, grandchildren, parents, stepparents, grandparents, siblings and in-laws), anyone else who lives in your household, and any family members who does not live in your household but whose transactions in Company securities are directed by you or are subject to your influence or control, such as parents or children who consult with you before they trade in Company securities (collectively referred to as “**Family Members**”). You are responsible for the transactions of these other persons and therefore you should make them aware of the need to confer with you before they trade in Company securities, and you should treat all such transactions for the purposes of this Policy and applicable securities laws as if the transactions were for your own account. This Policy does not, however, apply to personal securities transactions of Family Members where the purchase or sale decision is made by a third party not controlled by, influenced by or related to you or your Family Members.

Transactions by Entities that You Influence or Control

This Policy also applies to any entities that you influence or control, including any corporations, partnerships or trusts (collectively referred to as “**Controlled Entities**”), and transactions by these Controlled Entities should be treated for the purposes of this Policy and applicable securities laws as if they were for your own account.

Transactions by Designated Insiders

The Company may also designate that other persons should be subject to this Policy from time-to-time, such as contractors or consultants who have access to material nonpublic information.

All of the persons described above who are subject to this Policy are referred to in this Policy as “**Insiders**”.

Covered Transactions

This Policy applies to all transactions in Company securities, including common stock, stock appreciation rights, options and any other securities the Company may issue from time to time, such as preferred stock, notes, warrants and convertible securities, as well as to derivative securities relating to Company securities, whether or not issued by the Company, such as publicly-traded options or swaps related to the Company’s securities.

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This Policy applies to the trading of securities in any form of transaction, including but not limited to: (i) purchases and sales of Company securities in public markets; (ii) sales of Company securities obtained through the exercise of employee stock appreciation rights or stock options granted by the Company; (iii) making or receiving gifts of Company securities, including charitable donations; (iv) exercises or conversions of derivative transactions; or (v) offers or proposals to conduct any of the transactions listed above.

This Policy continues to apply to transactions in Company securities even after termination of service to the Company. If an individual is in possession of material nonpublic information when his or her service to the Company terminates, that individual may not engage in transactions in Company securities until that information has become public or is no longer material.

Prohibited Transactions

The Use of Material Nonpublic Information in Any Form

No Insider shall engage in any transaction involving Company securities, including any offer to purchase or offer to sell, during any period while the Insider possesses material nonpublic information (described under “Definition of Material Nonpublic Information” below) concerning the Company or its subsidiaries, or recommend that others engage in transactions in any Company securities.

No Insider shall disclose (“tip”) material nonpublic information about the Company or its subsidiaries to any other person within the Company whose jobs do not require them to have that information, or outside the Company to other persons, including but not limited to, family, friends, business associates, investors, and consulting firms, unless any such disclosure is made in accordance with the Company’s policies regarding the protection and authorized disclosure of information regarding the Company contained in the Company’s Confidential Company Information Policy (Policy 7.41).

No Insider shall engage in any transaction involving the purchase or sale of another company’s securities while in possession of material nonpublic information about such company when that information is obtained in the course of employment with, or the performance of services on behalf of, the Company or any of its subsidiaries, until the information becomes public or is no longer material.

Confidentiality of Company Information

All Insiders must maintain the confidentiality of nonpublic Company information for competitive, security and other business reasons, as well as to comply with securities laws. The unauthorized disclosure of such information is forbidden, as set forth in this Policy and the Company’s Confidential Company Information Policy (Policy 7.41).

Rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) and The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC (**Nasdaq**) govern the timing and nature of the Company’s disclosure of material nonpublic information to outsiders or the public. Violation of these rules could result in substantial liability for you, the Company and its management. For this reason, the Company permits only specifically designated representatives of the Company to discuss the Company with the news media, securities analysts and investors. If you receive inquiries of this nature, refer them to Investor Relations.

Other Prohibited Transactions

It is against Company policy for Insiders to engage in speculative transactions in Company securities, or certain other transactions that may permit an investor to benefit from the material nonpublic information of the Company or its subsidiaries. As such, it is against Company policy for Insiders to engage in any of the following activities with respect to any Company securities:

- **Short Sales.** Insiders may not sell Company securities short.

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- *Options trading.* Insiders may not buy or sell puts or calls or other derivative securities on Company securities.
- *Trading on margin or pledging.* Insiders may not hold Company securities in a margin account or pledge Company securities as collateral for a loan.
- *Hedging.* Insiders may not enter into hedging or monetization transactions or similar arrangements (including but not limited to such as prepaid variable forwards, equity swaps, collars and exchange funds) with respect to Company securities.

Open Trading Window and Black-Out Periods

Insiders are prohibited from buying, selling or otherwise effecting transactions in any Company securities or derivative securities involving Company securities except during the trading window which begins at the open of market on the trading day after one full trading day has elapsed following the public disclosure of the Company’s financial results for the preceding calendar quarter or year and ending at the close of market on the 14th calendar day prior to the end of the then current quarter (the “**Open Window**”). Periods outside of an Open Window are referred to as a “**Blackout Period**.” As an example, if the Company reports on its third quarter financial results in a given year after the market closes on November 10 and the fourth quarter ends on December 31, the applicable Open Window for that quarter would start on the market’s open on November 12 and extend until the market’s close on December 17.

In addition, from time to time, the Company, through the Insider Trading Compliance Manager, may impose special Blackout Periods during which certain persons and their Family Members and Controlled Entities will be prohibited from buying, selling or otherwise effecting transactions in any Company securities or derivative securities involving Company securities, even though the trading window would otherwise be open. If a special Blackout Period is imposed, the Company will notify affected individuals, who should thereafter not engage in any transaction involving the purchase or sale of Company securities and should not disclose to others the existence of a special Blackout Period.

It should be noted that even during the Open Window, any person possessing material nonpublic information of the Company, or its subsidiaries cannot engage in any transaction in Company securities until the open of market on the trading day after one full trading day has elapsed following the public disclosure of such information, whether or not the Company has notified such person of the existence of a black-out period.

Additional Restrictions Applicable to Certain Persons

Those persons identified on **Exhibit A**, as may be amended from time to time by the Insider Trading Compliance Manager (as defined under “Insider Trading Compliance Manager” below) (each, a “**Covered Person**”), as well as the Family Members and Controlled Entities of such persons, are likely to be in possession of material nonpublic information on a regular basis and are, therefore, subject to the following additional policies.

Short-Term Trading

Covered Persons and their Family Members and Controlled Entities are prohibited from engaging in “short-swing” transactions with respect to Company securities, defined as a purchase and a sale of Company securities (or a sale and a purchase of Company securities) within a six-month period.

Pre-clearance of Transactions

Covered Persons and their Family Members and Controlled Entities are prohibited from trading in Company securities, even during the Open Window, unless they have obtained pre-clearance to commence trading in Company securities from the Insider Trading Compliance Manager. Other Insiders are encouraged to pre-clear trades in Company securities with the Insider Trading Compliance Manager. All requests for pre-clearance must be submitted to the Insider Trading Compliance Manager at least two business days prior to making the proposed transaction. If a transaction is approved, it may

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be executed at any time after approval is received and before the earlier of (i) seven calendar days after the approval is granted and (ii) when such person becomes in possession of material nonpublic information (the “**Approved Trading Period**”). If the transaction does not occur during the Approved Trading Period, pre-clearance of the transaction must be re-requested. Approval is automatically withdrawn if the Covered Person acquires material nonpublic information concerning the Company before the occurrence of the proposed transaction. In addition, the Insider Trading Compliance Manager may revoke pre-clearance at any time before the occurrence of the transaction.

The Insider Trading Compliance Manager is under no obligation to approve a trade submitted for pre-clearance and may determine not to permit the trade.

From time to time, the Company may find it necessary to require pre-clearance of trades in Company securities for certain Insiders, in addition to Covered Persons. If this becomes necessary, the Company will notify affected individuals, who should thereafter comply with the pre-clearance procedures described herein.

The Insider Trading Compliance Manager may not trade in Company securities unless the Company’s Chief Financial Officer, in consultation with the Company’s outside counsel, has approved the trade in accordance with the procedures set forth herein.

Exemptions from this Policy

Adoption and Effect of Rule 10b5-1 Trading Plans

The Company permits directors, officers and other employees to adopt trading plans in accordance with Rule 10b5-1(c) promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (a “**10b5-1 trading plan**”). The restrictions on trading set forth in this Policy shall not apply to trades made pursuant to a 10b5-1 trading plan, provided that the plan complies with the requirements set forth herein.

A person may not enter into a 10b5-1 trading plan during a black-out period or while such person is in possession of material nonpublic information. Once the plan is adopted, such person may not exercise any influence over the amount of securities to be traded, the price at which the securities are to be traded or the date of the trade. Accordingly, the plan must either specify these terms or delegate discretion to decide such terms to a third party. The plan must include a cooling-off period before trading can commence that, for directors or officers, ends on the later of 90 days after the adoption of the Rule 10b5-1 plan or two business days following the disclosure of the Company’s financial results in an SEC periodic report for the fiscal quarter in which the plan was adopted (but in any event, the required cooling-off period is subject to a maximum of 120 days after adoption of the plan), and for persons other than directors or officers, 30 days following the adoption or modification of a Rule 10b5-1 plan. A person may not enter into overlapping Rule 10b5-1 plans (subject to certain exceptions) and may only enter into one single-trade Rule 10b5-1 plan during any 12-month period (subject to certain exceptions). Directors and officers must include a representation in their Rule 10b5-1 plan certifying that: (i) they are not aware of any material nonpublic information; and (ii) they are adopting the plan in good faith and not as part of a plan or scheme to evade the prohibitions in Rule 10b-5. All persons entering into a Rule 10b5-1 plan must act in good faith with respect to that plan.

All 10b5-1 trading plans must be pre-approved and submitted for approval to the Insider Trading Compliance Manager at least five days prior to entry into the 10b5-1 trading plan, and any amendment, modification or termination of an existing 10b5-1 plan must be pre-approved, in writing by the Insider Trading Compliance Manager.

Employee Stock Purchase Plan

This Policy does not apply to purchases of Company securities in the Company employee stock purchase plan (“**ESPP**”) resulting from the periodic contribution of money to the ESPP pursuant to the election made at the time of enrollment in the ESPP. This Policy also does not apply to purchases of Company Securities resulting from lump sum contributions to the ESPP, provided that elections to participate by lump sum payment were made at the beginning of the applicable enrollment period.

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This Policy does apply, however, to elections to participate in the plan for any enrollment period (and any changes to such election), and to sales or other transactions involving Company securities purchased pursuant to the ESPP.

Additional Exemptions

The following transactions are exempt from the Open Window and Blackout Period restrictions set forth above, but Covered Persons, and their Family Members and Controlled Entities, must obtain pre-clearance before engaging in these transactions regardless of when they are executed.

The exercise of stock options under Company equity plans with either (i) a cash payment of the exercise price, or (ii) the surrender of shares to the Company in payment of the exercise price, in each case in a manner permitted by the applicable equity award agreement, is exempt from the restrictions on not trading during Blackout Periods set forth in this Policy since the other party to these transactions is the Company. This exemption does not apply to the sale of any shares issued upon such exercise and it does not apply to a “broker assisted” cashless exercise of options, which is accomplished by a sale of a portion of the shares issued upon exercise of an option.

The withholding of shares to satisfy a tax obligation upon the vesting of restricted stock or restricted stock units or upon the exercise of stock options is exempt from the restrictions on trading during Blackout Periods set forth in this Policy, as is the vesting of Company stock options, restricted stock, restricted stock units and stock appreciation rights. Broker assisted cashless exercises, however, which involve the broker selling some or all of the shares underlying stock options on the open market to satisfy the exercise price, are subject to all of the restrictions on trading set forth in this Policy.

In addition, bona fide gifts of Company securities are exempt from the Open Window and Blackout Period restrictions of this Policy, unless the person making the gift has reason to believe that the recipient intends to sell the Company’s securities (i) while such person is aware of material non-public information or (ii) during a current Blackout Period.

Consequences for Violation

Penalties for trading on or communicating material nonpublic information can be severe, both for the individuals involved in such unlawful conduct and their employers and supervisors, and may include jail time, criminal fines, and civil penalties or enforcement injunctions. These violations are pursued vigorously by the SEC, U.S. Attorneys and state and foreign enforcement authorities. In addition, a person who tips others (a “**tipper**”) may also be liable for transactions engaged in by those to whom he or she has disclosed material nonpublic information (each, a “**tippee**”). Tippers can be subject to the same penalties and sanctions as the tippees, and the SEC has imposed large penalties even when the tipper did not profit from the transaction. Furthermore, the SEC can seek substantial civil penalties from any person who directly or indirectly controls a person who has committed an insider trading violation, which would apply to the Company as well as management and supervisory personnel. These control persons can be subject to SEC penalties, even for violations that result in a small or no profit. Given the severity of potential penalties, compliance with this Policy is absolutely mandatory.

Employees who violate this Policy are subject to disciplinary action by the Company, including termination of employment.

Individual Responsibility

Every Insider has the individual responsibility to comply with this Policy and the applicable laws of his or her country of residence. An Insider may, from time to time, have to forego a proposed transaction in Company securities even if he or she planned to execute the transaction before learning of the material nonpublic information and even though the Insider believes he or she may suffer an economic loss or forego anticipated profit by waiting.

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Insider Trading Compliance Manager

The Company's Chief Financial Officer, or, in his or her absence, the General Counsel, shall serve as the Insider Trading Compliance Manager (the "**Insider Trading Compliance Manager**"). The Insider Trading Compliance Manager is responsible for overseeing this Policy's implementation and enforcement. The duties of the Insider Trading Compliance Manager include, but are not limited to:

- Causing the circulation of this Policy (and/or a summary thereof) to all Insiders on an annual basis and providing the Policy and other appropriate materials to new Insiders.
- Responding to pre-clearance requests.
- Responding to requests to approve 10b5-1 plans.
- Responding to any questions relating to the Policy, including whether information constitutes material nonpublic information.
- Imposing and notifying Insiders of special black-out periods and expanded pre-clearance requirements.
- Periodically reviewing **Exhibit A** to determine whether it needs to be updated.
- Assisting, as requested, in the preparation and filing of Section 16 reports (Forms 3, 4 and 5) for Section 16 reporting persons and serving as the designated recipient at the Company of copies of such reports.
- Periodically reminding all Section 16 reporting persons regarding their obligations to report.
- Coordinating with Company counsel regarding compliance activities with respect to Rule 144 requirements.
- Coordinating with Company counsel regarding changing requirements and recommendations for compliance with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "**Exchange Act**") and insider trading laws to ensure that the Policy is amended as necessary to comply with such requirements.
- Providing a reporting system with an effective mechanism for the protection of whistleblowers.

Actions to be performed by the Insider Trading Compliance Manager hereunder may be performed by his or her designee, provided that pre-clearance and 10b5-1 trading plan approval authority may only be delegated to another employee whom the Insider Trading Compliance Manager has a reasonable basis to conclude is adequately familiar with applicable securities laws.

Questions regarding this Policy should be directed to the Insider Trading Compliance Manager.

Additional Securities Law Matters

Section 16

Directors, officers and greater than 10% beneficial owners of the Company's common stock (each, a "**Section 16 Insider**") will also be required to comply with the reporting obligations and limitations on short-swing transactions set forth in Section 16 of the Exchange Act. The practical effect of these provisions is that (i) Section 16 Insiders will be required to report transactions in Company securities, including gifts (usually within two business days of the date of the transaction) and (ii) Section 16 Insiders who purchase and sell Company securities within a six-month period (subject to certain exceptions set forth in the SEC rules) will be required to disgorge all profits to the Company, regardless of whether they were in possession of any material nonpublic information at the time of such transaction.

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Rule 144

If you are a director or an executive officer, you may be deemed to be an “affiliate” of the Company. Consequently, shares of Company common stock held by you may be considered to be “restricted securities” or “control securities,” the sale of which are subject to compliance with Rule 144 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (or any other applicable exemption under the federal securities laws). If this is the case, note that Rule 144 places limits on the number of shares you may be able to sell and provides that certain procedures must be followed before you can sell shares of Company common stock. Contact the Insider Trading Compliance Manager for more information on Rule 144.

Definition of Material Nonpublic Information

Nonpublic information is information that is not generally known or available to the public. The Company considers information to be available to the public only when (i) it has been released to the public by the Company through appropriate channels (e.g., press release, Form 8-K), and (ii) sufficient time has elapsed to permit the marketplace to absorb and evaluate the information. Generally, information will be considered nonpublic until one full trading day has lapsed following the Company’s release of such information.

Information should be regarded as material if there is a substantial likelihood that it would be considered important to a reasonable investor in making a decision to buy, hold or sell securities. Any information that impacts price, whether it is positive or negative, should be considered material. There is no bright-line standard for assessing materiality; rather, materiality is based on an assessment of all of the facts and circumstances. Material information is not limited to historical facts, and may also include projections and forecasts about the future. Either positive or negative information may be material.

Common examples of material information include, but are not limited to:

- Significant new products, discoveries, or advances in research.
- Reports of financial results or projections by the Company’s officers of future earnings or losses.
- The gain or loss of a substantial customer or supplier.
- Changes in management, directors, or auditors.
- Development of a significant new product, process or service.
- News of a pending or proposed change of control of the Company, merger, acquisition, tender offer, exchange offer, significant sale of assets or the disposition of a subsidiary.
- The declaration of a stock split, changes in dividend policy, or the contemplated or proposed offering, redemption or repurchase of securities.
- Impending bankruptcy, extraordinary borrowings, or financial liquidity problems.
- The establishment of a repurchase program for Company securities.
- A significant cybersecurity incident.
- Significant litigation related to the Company.

Federal, state and Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) investigators will scrutinize a questionable trade after the fact with the benefit of hindsight, so Insiders should always err on the side of deciding that the information is material and not trade. Questions concerning whether nonpublic information is material can be directed to the Insider Trading Compliance Manager.

SUBSIDIARIES OF THE REGISTRANT*(As of December 31, 2025)*

Entity Name	President Company / Owner	Jurisdiction of Formation
ChromaDex, Inc.	Niagen Bioscience, Inc.	California
ChromaDex International, Inc.	Niagen Bioscience, Inc.	Cayman Islands
ChromaDex Analytics, Inc.	ChromaDex, Inc.	Nevada
ChromaDex Europa B.V.	ChromaDex, Inc.	Netherlands
NAD Pharmaceuticals Corp.	ChromaDex, Inc.	Nevada
ChromaDex UK Limited	ChromaDex, Inc.	United Kingdom
Asia Pacific Scientific, Inc.	ChromaDex International, Inc.	Cayman Islands
ChromaDex Asia Limited	ChromaDex International, Inc.	Hong Kong
ChromaDex Asia Pacific Ventures Limited	Asia Pacific Scientific, Inc.	Hong Kong
ChromaDex Trading (Shanghai) Co., Ltd.	ChromaDex Asia Limited	China

Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm's Consent

We consent to the incorporation by reference in Registration Statements on Form S-8 (Nos. 333-289418, 333-289417, 333-272830, 333-248104, 333-226972, 333-223889, 333-221247, 333-221246, 333-196434, 333-168029 and 333-154402) and Form S-3 (Nos. 333-272828, 333-268148, 333-238570, 333-233729, 333-222064, 333-221245, 333-218634 and 333-176636) of Niagen Bioscience, Inc. of our report dated March 4, 2026 relating to the consolidated financial statements, appearing in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

/s/ Crowe LLP
Crowe LLP
Costa Mesa, California
March 4, 2026

Certification of the Principal Executive Officer
Pursuant to
§240.13a-14 or §240.15d-14 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended

I, Robert Fried, certify that:

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

Date: March 4, 2026

/s/ ROBERT FRIED

Robert Fried
Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)

Certification of the Principal Financial Officer
Pursuant to
§240.13a-14 or §240.15d-14 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended

I, Ozan Pamir, certify that:

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

Date: March 4, 2026

/s/ OZAN PAMIR

Ozan Pamir
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350
(as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes–Oxley Act of 2002)

In connection with this annual report of Niagen Bioscience, Inc. (the “Company”) on Form 10–K for the year ending December 31, 2025 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the “Report”), we, Robert Fried, Chief Executive Officer of the Company, and Ozan Pamir, Chief Financial Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes–Oxley Act of 2002, that, to our knowledge:

1. The Report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
2. The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and result of operations of the Company.

Date: March 4, 2026

/s/ ROBERT FRIED

Robert Fried
Chief Executive Officer

/s/ OZAN PAMIR

Ozan Pamir
Chief Financial Officer

This certification accompanies the Form 10-K to which it relates, is not deemed filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and is not to be incorporated by reference into any filing of Niagen Bioscience, Inc. under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (whether made before or after the date of the Form 10-K), irrespective of any general incorporation language contained in such filing.

NIAGEN BIOSCIENCE, INC.
Dodd-Frank Clawback Policy

The Board of Directors (the “**Board**”) of Niagen Bioscience, Inc. (the “**Company**”) believes that it is in the best interests of the Company and its shareholders to adopt this Dodd-Frank Clawback Policy (this “**Policy**”), which provides for the recovery of certain incentive compensation in the event of an Accounting Restatement (as defined below). This Policy is designed to comply with, and shall be interpreted and enforced to be consistent with, the requirements of Section 954 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010 (“**Dodd-Frank**”), Section 10D of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “**Exchange Act**”), Rule 10D-1 promulgated under the Exchange Act (“**Rule 10D-1**”) and Nasdaq Listing Rule 5608 (the “**Listing Standards**”).

1. Administration

Except as specifically set forth herein, this Policy shall be administered by the Board or, if so designated by the Board, a committee thereof (the Board or such committee charged with administration of this Policy, the “**Administrator**”). The Administrator is authorized to interpret and construe this Policy and to make all determinations necessary, appropriate or advisable for the administration of this Policy, and may rescind and amend its regulations from time to time, in each case, consistent with this Policy. Any determinations made by the Administrator shall be final and binding on the Company and all affected individuals and need not be uniform with respect to each individual covered by this Policy. In the administration of this Policy, the Administrator is authorized and directed to consult with the full Board or such other committees of the Board, such as the Audit Committee, Compensation Committee or the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, as may be necessary or appropriate as to matters within the scope of such other committee’s responsibility and authority. Subject to any limitation at applicable law, the Administrator may authorize and empower any officer or employee of the Company to take any and all actions necessary or appropriate to carry out the purpose and intent of this Policy (other than with respect to any recovery under this Policy involving such officer or employee).

2. Definitions

As used in this Policy, the following definitions shall apply:

- “**Accounting Restatement**” means an accounting restatement of the Company’s financial statements filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Exchange Act, or the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, due to the Company’s material noncompliance with any financial reporting requirement under U.S. securities laws, including any required accounting restatement to correct an error in previously issued financial statements that is material to the previously issued financial statements, or that would result in a material misstatement if the error were corrected in the current period or left uncorrected in the current period.
 - “**Administrator**” has the meaning set forth in Section 1 hereof.
 - “**Applicable Period**” means the three completed fiscal years immediately preceding the date on which the Company is required to prepare an Accounting Restatement, as well as any transition period (that results from a change in the Company’s fiscal year) within or immediately following those three completed fiscal years (except that a transition period that comprises a period of at least nine months shall count as a completed fiscal year). The date on which the Company is required to prepare an Accounting Restatement is the earlier to occur of (a) the date the Board, a committee of the Board, or the
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officer or officers of the Company authorized to take such action if Board action is not required, concludes, or reasonably should have concluded, that the Company is required to prepare an Accounting Restatement or (b) the date a court, regulator or other legally authorized body directs the Company to prepare an Accounting Restatement, in each case regardless of if or when the restated financial statements are filed.

- “**Covered Executives**” means the Company’s current and former executive officers, as determined by the Administrator in accordance with the definition of executive officer set forth in Dodd-Frank, Rule 10D-1 and the Listing Standards.

- “**Erroneously Awarded Compensation**” has the meaning set forth in Section 5 of this Policy.

- A “**Financial Reporting Measure**” is any measure that is determined and presented in accordance with the accounting principles used in preparing the Company’s financial statements, and any measure that is derived wholly or in part from such measure. Financial Reporting Measures include but are not limited to the following and any measures derived from the following: Company stock price; total shareholder return (“**TSR**”); revenues; net income; operating income; profitability of one or more reportable segments; financial ratios (e.g., accounts receivable turnover and inventory turnover rates); earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (“**EBITDA**”); funds from operations and adjusted funds from operations; liquidity measures (e.g., working capital, operating cash flow); return measures (e.g., return on invested capital, return on assets); earnings measures (e.g., earnings per share); sales per square foot or same store sales, where sales is subject to an Accounting Restatement; revenue per user, or average revenue per user, where revenue is subject to an Accounting Restatement; cost per employee, where cost is subject to an Accounting Restatement; any of such financial reporting measures relative to a peer group, where the Company’s financial reporting measure is subject to an Accounting Restatement; and tax basis income. A Financial Reporting Measure need not be presented within the Company’s financial statements or included in a filing with the Securities Exchange Commission.

- “**Incentive-Based Compensation**” means any compensation that is granted, earned or vested based wholly or in part upon the attainment of a Financial Reporting Measure. Incentive-Based Compensation is “**received**” for purposes of this Policy in the Company’s fiscal period during which the Financial Reporting Measure specified in the Incentive-Based Compensation award is attained, even if the payment, vesting or settlement of such Incentive-Based Compensation occurs after the end of that period.

3. Covered Executives; Incentive-Based Compensation

This Policy applies to Incentive-Based Compensation received by a Covered Executive (a) after beginning services as a Covered Executive; (b) if that person served as a Covered Executive at any time during the performance period for such Incentive-Based Compensation; and (c) while the Company had a listed class of securities on a national securities exchange.

4. Required Recoupment of Erroneously Awarded Compensation in the Event of an Accounting Restatement

In the event the Company is required to prepare an Accounting Restatement, the Company shall promptly recoup the amount of any Erroneously Awarded Compensation received by any Covered Executive, as calculated pursuant to Section 5 hereof, during the Applicable Period. Such recovery shall

be made without regard to any individual knowledge or responsibility related to the Accounting Restatement or the Erroneously Awarded Compensation, and regardless of whether the Company's or a Covered Executive's misconduct or other action or omission was the cause for such Accounting Restatement.

5. Erroneously Awarded Compensation: Amount Subject to Recovery

The amount of "**Erroneously Awarded Compensation**" subject to recovery under this Policy is the amount of Incentive-Based Compensation received by the Covered Executive that exceeds the amount of Incentive-Based Compensation that would have been received by the Covered Executive had it been determined based on the Accounting Restatement.

Erroneously Awarded Compensation shall be computed by the Administrator without regard to any taxes paid by the Covered Executive in respect of the Erroneously Awarded Compensation.

By way of example, with respect to any compensation plans or programs that take into account Incentive-Based Compensation, the amount of Erroneously Awarded Compensation subject to recovery hereunder includes, but is not limited to, the amount contributed to any notional account based on Erroneously Awarded Compensation and any earnings accrued to date on that notional amount.

For Incentive-Based Compensation based on stock price or TSR: (a) the Administrator shall determine the amount of Erroneously Awarded Compensation based on a reasonable estimate of the effect of the Accounting Restatement on the stock price or TSR upon which the Incentive-Based Compensation was received; and (b) the Company shall maintain documentation of the determination of that reasonable estimate and provide such documentation to The Nasdaq Global Market ("**Nasdaq**").

6. Method of Recoupment

The Administrator shall determine, in its sole discretion, the method for promptly recouping Erroneously Awarded Compensation hereunder, which may include without limitation (a) seeking reimbursement of all or part of any cash or equity-based award, (b) cancelling prior cash or equity-based awards, whether vested or unvested or paid or unpaid, (c) cancelling or offsetting against any planned future cash or equity-based awards, (d) forfeiture of deferred compensation, subject to compliance with Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code and the regulations promulgated thereunder and (e) any other method authorized by applicable law or contract. Subject to compliance with any applicable law, the Administrator may affect recovery under this Policy from any amount otherwise payable to the Covered Executive, including amounts payable to such individual under any otherwise applicable Company plan or program. To the extent that a Covered Executive is required to repay any Incentive-Based Compensation, or to take any other action required or appropriate to effectuate recoupment in accordance with this Policy, then the Covered Executive shall promptly repay such Incentive-Based Compensation and shall promptly take all such other actions, upon the Administrator's demand or within a specified time period (and with or without interest), as determined by the Administrator in its sole discretion.

The Company is authorized and directed pursuant to this Policy to recoup Erroneously Awarded Compensation in compliance with this Policy unless the Compensation Committee of the Board has determined in good faith that recovery would be impracticable solely for the following limited reasons, and subject to the following procedural and disclosure requirements:

- The direct expense paid to a third party to assist in enforcing this Policy would exceed the applicable Erroneously Awarded Compensation. Before concluding that it would be impracticable to recover any amount of Erroneously Awarded Compensation based on expense of enforcement, the Administrator must make a reasonable attempt to recover such erroneously awarded compensation, document such reasonable attempt(s) to recover and provide that documentation to Nasdaq;

- Recovery would violate home country law of the issuer where that law was adopted prior to November 28, 2022. Before concluding that it would be impracticable to recover any amount of Erroneously Awarded Compensation based on violation of home country law of the issuer, the Administrator must satisfy the applicable opinion and disclosure requirements of Dodd-Frank, Rule 10D-1 and the Listing Standards; or

- Recovery would likely cause an otherwise tax-qualified retirement plan, under which benefits are broadly available to employees of the Company, to fail to meet the requirements of 26 U.S.C. 401(a)(13) or 26 U.S.C. 411(a) and regulations thereunder, in accordance with Dodd-Frank and the Listing Standards.

7. No Indemnification of Covered Executives

Notwithstanding the terms of any indemnification or insurance policy or any contractual arrangement with any Covered Executive that may be interpreted to the contrary, in no event shall the Company or any of its affiliates indemnify any Covered Executives against the loss of any Erroneously Awarded Compensation, including any payment or reimbursement for the cost of third-party insurance purchased by any Covered Executives to cover potential clawback obligations under this Policy.

8. Administrator Indemnification

Any members of the Administrator, and any other members of the Board who assist in the administration of this Policy, shall not be personally liable for any action, determination or interpretation made with respect to this Policy and shall be fully indemnified by the Company to the fullest extent permitted under applicable law, Company policy, and/or the Company's organizational documents with respect to any such action, determination or interpretation. The foregoing sentence shall not limit any other rights to indemnification of the members of the Board under applicable law Company policy, and/or the Company's organizational documents.

9. Acknowledgement by Covered Executives

The Company shall provide notice and seek written acknowledgement of this Policy from each Covered Executive, provided that the failure to provide such notice or obtain such acknowledgement shall have no impact on the applicability or enforceability of this Policy.

10. Effective Date; Retroactive Application

This Policy is adopted as of November 7, 2023, and shall apply to all Incentive-Based Compensation that is received by Covered Executives on or after October 2, 2023 (the “**Effective Date**”), even if such Incentive-Based Compensation was approved, awarded, granted or paid to Covered Executives prior to the Effective Date or prior to the date of the Policy’s adoption. Without limiting the generality of the provisions of this Policy concerning the method of recoupment of Incentive-Based Compensation, and subject to applicable law, the Board may affect recovery under this Policy from any amount of compensation approved, awarded, granted, payable or paid to the Covered Executive prior to, on or after the Effective Date.

11. Amendment; Termination

The Board may amend, modify, supplement, rescind or replace all or any portion of this Policy at any time and from time to time in its discretion, and shall amend this Policy as it deems necessary to comply with Dodd-Frank or any other applicable law, or any rules or standards adopted by a national securities exchange on which the Company’s securities are listed, including, but not limited to, the Listing Standards.

12. Other Recoupment Rights; Company Claims

The Board may require that any equity or equity-linked award agreement or similar agreement entered into on or after the Effective Date shall, as a condition to the grant of any benefit thereunder, require a Covered Executive to agree to abide by the terms of this Policy. The Board intends that this Policy shall be applied to the fullest extent of the law. Any right of recoupment under this Policy is in addition to, and not in lieu of, any other remedies or rights of recoupment that may be available to the Company under applicable law or pursuant to the terms of any similar policy in any employment agreement, equity award agreement, or similar agreement, plan or program, and shall not limit any other right, remedy or enforcement mechanism available to the Company under any local, state or federal law, regulation, agreement or other authority to reduce, eliminate or recover Incentive-Based Compensation or other compensation from any current, former or future Covered Executive. Nothing herein shall limit the authority of the Board to impose additional requirements or conditions that may give rise to the Company’s right to forfeit or recoup any compensation. To the extent that applicable law (including, without limitation, Dodd-Frank), the Listing Standards, court order or court-approved settlement requires recovery of Erroneously Awarded Compensation in additional circumstances beyond those specified in this Policy, nothing in this Policy shall be deemed to limit or restrict the right or obligation of the Company to recover Erroneously Awarded Compensation or other compensation to the fullest extent required by applicable law and/or the Listing Standards.

Nothing contained in this Policy, and no recoupment or recovery as contemplated by this Policy, shall limit any claims, damages or other legal remedies the Company or any of its affiliates may have against a Covered Executive arising out of or resulting from any actions or omissions by the Covered Executive.

13. Governing Law

This Policy shall be governed by the laws of the State of California, excluding any conflict or choice of law or principle that might otherwise refer construction or interpretation of this Policy to the substantive law of another jurisdiction.

14. Section 409A

Although the Company does not guarantee any particular tax treatment to any Covered Executive, in the event of recoupment of any Erroneously Awarded Compensation from any Covered Executive pursuant to this Policy by offset from or reduction of any amount that is payable and/or to be provided to the Covered Executive that is considered “non-qualified deferred compensation” under Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the regulations and guidance promulgated thereunder (collectively, “**Section 409A**”), to the extent determined by the Board, it is intended that such offset and/or reduction shall be implemented in a manner intended to avoid imposition of penalties under Section 409A.

15. Successors

This Policy shall be binding and enforceable against all Covered Executives and their beneficiaries, heirs, executors, administrators or other legal representatives.

16. Exhibit Filing Requirement

It is intended that the Company shall make such disclosures with respect to Incentive-Based Compensation subject to this Policy, and any actions taken or omitted to be taken hereunder, with the Securities Exchange Commission and Nasdaq, in each case, as may be required under any applicable requirements, rules or standards thereof.

NNIAGEN BIOSCIENCE, INC.
DODD-FRANK CLAWBACK POLICY
Covered Executive Acknowledgment

I, _____, acknowledge that I am a “Covered Executive” as defined in the Niagen Bioscience, Inc. (the “Company”) Dodd-Frank Clawback Policy (the “Policy”) to which this Covered Executive Acknowledgment is appended, and that the Policy applies to me as a Covered Executive under the Policy. I affirm that I have received, and have read and familiarized myself with, the Policy, and that I accept and agree to be subject to the terms and conditions of the Policy, including any amendment thereto. If the Company’s Board of Directors, or an authorized committee thereof (*e.g.*, the Compensation Committee) determines that any amounts granted, awarded, earned or paid to me must be forfeited or reimbursed to the Company pursuant to the Policy, I will promptly take any and all actions necessary to effectuate such forfeiture and/or reimbursement.

(Signature of Covered Executive) _____
(Date)

Name:

Title: