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(Mark One)

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

FOR THE QUARTERLY PERIOD ENDED: MARCH 31, 2015

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: 001-35268

SYNERGY PHARMACEUTICALS INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

33-0505269

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

420 Lexington Avenue, Suite 2012, New York, New York 10170

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(212) 297-0020

(Registrant's telephone number)

(Former Name, Former Address and Former Fiscal Year, if changed since last report)

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

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

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

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

Smaller reporting company

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

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

The number of the registrant's shares of common stock outstanding was 100,045,737 as of May 8, 2015.

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NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for Synergy Pharmaceuticals Inc. may contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such forward-looking statements are characterized by future or conditional verbs such as “may,” “will,” “expect,” “plan” “intend,” “anticipate,” “believe,” “estimate” and “continue” or similar words. You should read statements that contain these words carefully because they discuss future expectations and plans, which contain projections of future results of operations or financial condition or state other forward-looking information. Such statements are only predictions and our actual results may differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements. We do not assume any obligation to update forward-looking statements as circumstances change and thus you should not unduly rely on these statements, which speak only as of the date of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

We believe that it is important to communicate future expectations to readers. However, there may be events in the future that we are not able to accurately predict or control. Risk factors that may cause such differences between predicted and actual results include, but are not limited to, those discussed in our Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014 and other periodic reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

These risk factors include the uncertainties associated with product development, the risk that products that appeared promising in early clinical trials do not demonstrate safety and efficacy in larger-scale clinical trials, the risk that we will not obtain approval to market our products, the risks associated with dependence upon key personnel and the need for additional financing.

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PART I—FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements

SYNERGY PHARMACEUTICALS INC.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(In thousands, except share amounts)

	March 31, 2015 (unaudited)	December 31, 2014
ASSETS		
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 78,718	\$ 146,470
Available-for-sale securities	99,910	49,897

Prepaid expenses and other current assets	3,649	3,836
Total Current Assets	182,277	200,203
Property and equipment, net	617	642
Security deposits	219	163
Deferred financing costs, net	11,719	12,336
Total Assets	\$ 194,832	\$ 213,344
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' DEFICIT		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 11,170	\$ 13,869
Accrued expenses	1,710	1,962
Interest payable on Senior Convertible Debentures	6,250	2,500
Total Current Liabilities	19,130	18,331
Senior Convertible Debentures	200,000	200,000
Derivative financial instruments, at estimated fair value-warrants	440	172
Total Liabilities	219,570	218,503
Commitments and contingencies	—	—
Stockholders' Deficit:		
Preferred stock, Authorized 20,000,000 shares and none outstanding, at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014	—	—
Common stock, par value of \$.0001 authorized 200,000,000 shares at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014. Issued and outstanding 97,952,062 shares and 96,609,764 shares at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively	10	11
Additional paid-in capital	269,526	261,715
Accumulated deficit	(294,274)	(266,885)
Total Stockholders' Deficit	(24,738)	(5,159)
Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Deficit	\$ 194,832	\$ 213,344

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

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SYNERGY PHARMACEUTICALS INC.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(Unaudited)

(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2015	Three Months Ended March 31, 2014
Revenues	\$ —	\$ —
Costs and Expenses:		
Research and development	18,198	13,299
General and administrative	4,606	3,178
Loss from Operations	(22,804)	(16,477)
Other Income /(Loss)		
Amortization of deferred financing costs	(617)	—
Interest and investment income/(expense), net (includes interest expense of \$3,750 on Senior Convertible Debentures for the three months ended March 31, 2015)	(3,700)	29
Change in fair value of derivative instruments—warrants	(268)	223
Total Other Income/(Loss)	(4,585)	252
Net loss	\$ (27,389)	\$ (16,225)
<i>Weighted Average Common Shares Outstanding</i>		
Basic and Diluted	96,683,525	92,056,124
<i>Net Loss per Common Share, Basic and Diluted</i>		
Net Loss per Common Share, Basic and Diluted	\$ (0.28)	\$ (0.18)

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SYNERGY PHARMACEUTICALS INC.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' DEFICIT

(In thousands, except share amounts)

	Common Shares	Common Stock, Par Value	Additional Paid in Capital	Deficit Accumulated	Total Stockholders' Deficit
Balance, December 31, 2014	96,609,764	\$ 10	\$ 261,716	\$ (266,885)	\$ (5,159)
Period ended 3/31/2015 is unaudited					
Common stock issued pursuant to a controlled equity "at-the-market" sales agreement	1,342,298	—	5,558	—	5,558
Fees and expenses related to controlled equity sales	—	—	(153)	—	(153)
Stock based compensation expense	—	—	2,405	—	2,405
Net loss for the period	—	—	—	(27,389)	(27,389)
Balance March 31, 2015	<u>97,952,062</u>	<u>\$ 10</u>	<u>\$ 269,526</u>	<u>\$ (294,274)</u>	<u>\$ (24,738)</u>

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

SYNERGY PHARMACEUTICALS INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS(Unaudited)
(In thousands)

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2015	Three Months Ended March 31, 2014
Cash Flows From Operating Activities:		
Net loss	\$ (27,389)	\$ (16,225)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	34	28
Amortization of deferred financing costs	617	—
Stock-based compensation expense	2,405	1,264
Accretion of discount/premium on available for sale securities	(13)	24
Change in fair value of derivative instruments—warrants	268	(223)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Security deposit	(56)	—
Distribution of non-cash item – ContraVir net assets	—	84
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(2,952)	(3,011)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	187	(1,860)
Accrued interest expense on Senior Convertible Debentures	3,750	—
Total Adjustments	<u>4,240</u>	<u>(3,694)</u>
Net Cash used in Operating Activities	<u>(23,149)</u>	<u>(19,919)</u>
Cash Flows From Investing Activities:		
Net purchases of available-for-sale securities	(50,000)	—
Additions to property and equipment	(8)	(28)
Repayment on ContraVir loan receivable	—	455
Net Cash (used in) / provided by Investing Activities	<u>(50,008)</u>	<u>427</u>
Cash Flows From Financing Activities:		
Proceeds of sale of common stock	5,558	22,606
Proceeds of sale of common stock — ContraVir	—	3,224
Fees and expenses – sale of common stock	(153)	(639)
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	—	36
Distribution associated with ContraVir Spinoff	—	(3,230)
Net Cash provided by Financing Activities	<u>5,405</u>	<u>21,997</u>
Net (decrease) / increase in cash and cash equivalents	(67,752)	2,505
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	146,470	18,130
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	<u>\$ 78,718</u>	<u>\$ 20,635</u>
Supplementary disclosure of cash flow information:		
Cash paid for taxes	\$ 122	\$ 30

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

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**SYNERGY PHARMACEUTICALS INC.
NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

(Unaudited)

1. Business Overview

Synergy Pharmaceuticals Inc. (the “Company” or “Synergy”) is a biopharmaceutical company focused on the development of novel therapies to treat gastrointestinal (GI) diseases and disorders. The Company’s proprietary platform technology is based on the naturally occurring human GI peptide — uroguanylin - a key regulator of normal GI physiology. Synergy has created two unique analogs of uroguanylin - plecanatide and SP-333 — both designed to mimic uroguanylin’s natural activity and target a variety of GI conditions. Plecanatide is currently in phase 3 clinical development for chronic idiopathic constipation and for irritable bowel syndrome with constipation. SP-333 has successfully completed a phase 2 study in patients with opioid-induced constipation and is presently being evaluated for the treatment of ulcerative colitis.

2. Basis of Presentation

These unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements include Synergy and its wholly-owned subsidiaries: (1) Synergy Advanced Pharmaceuticals, Inc., (2) ContraVir Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (through February 18, 2014) and (3) IgX, Ltd (Ireland—inactive). These unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared following the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) and United States generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”) for interim reporting. In the opinion of management, the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements include all adjustments, which include only normal recurring adjustments, necessary to present fairly Synergy’s interim financial information. The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014 contained in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 16, 2015. All intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated.

3. Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In April 2015, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued Accounting Standards Update (“ASU”) No. 2015-03 *Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs*, which changes the presentation of debt issuance costs in the financial statements. Under the standard, debt issuance costs are presented in the balance sheet as a direct deduction from the related debt liability rather than as an asset. In addition amortization of debt issuance costs are to be combined with interest expense in the statement of operations. The guidance is effective for annual and interim reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2015. We do not believe the adoption of this update will have a material effect on our financial position and results of operations.

In August 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued Accounting Standards Update (“ASU”) 2014-15, *Presentation of Financial Statements-Going Concern (Subtopic 205-40): Disclosure of Uncertainties about an Entity’s Ability to Continue as a Going Concern*, which defines management’s responsibility to assess an entity’s ability to continue as a going concern, and to provide related footnote disclosures if there is substantial doubt about its ability to continue as a going concern. The pronouncement is effective for annual reporting periods ending after December 15, 2016 with early adoption permitted. The adoption of this guidance is not expected to have a material impact on the Company’s financial statements.

4. Fair Value of Financial Instruments

Financial instruments consist of cash and cash equivalents, marketable securities, accounts payable, Senior Convertible Debentures and derivative instruments. These financial instruments are stated at their respective historical carrying amounts, which approximate fair value due to their short term nature, except for marketable securities and derivative instruments which are marked to market at the end of each reporting period.

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Financial instruments, consisting of cash and cash equivalents and accounts payable are stated at their respective historical carrying amounts, which approximate fair value due to their short term nature. Available-for-sale securities and derivative financial instruments are marked to market at the end of each reporting period.

The value of Senior Convertible Debentures is stated at its carrying value which approximates fair value at March 31, 2015.

5. Cash, Cash Equivalents and Available-for-sale Securities

All highly liquid investments with maturities of three months or less at the date of purchase are classified as cash equivalents. As of March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, the amount of cash and cash equivalents was \$78.7 million and \$146.5 million, respectively and consists of checking accounts and short-term money market mutual funds held at U.S. commercial banks.

The Company's available-for-sale securities as of March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014 consist of approximately \$99.9 million and \$49.9 million, respectively in U.S. Treasury securities with maturities of less than one year and have been classified and accounted for as available-for-sale. Management determines the appropriate classification of its investments at the time of purchase and reevaluates the available-for-sale designations as of each balance sheet date. As of March 31, 2015, there were no unrealized losses on available-for-sale securities. The Company recognized no net realized gains or losses for the three months ended March 31, 2015. The Company considers the declines in market value of its marketable securities investment portfolio to be temporary in nature. Fair values were determined for each individual security in the investment portfolio and marked to market. When evaluating the investments for other-than-temporary impairment, the Company reviews factors such as the length of time and extent to which fair value has been below cost basis, the financial condition of the issuer and any changes thereto, and the Company's intent to sell, or whether it is more likely than not it will be required to sell, the investment before recovery of the investment's amortized cost basis. During the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014, the Company did not recognize any impairment charges. As of March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, the Company did not consider any of its investments to be other-than-temporarily impaired.

6. Convertible Senior Notes

On November 3, 2014, Synergy closed a private offering of \$200 million aggregate principal amount of 7.50% Convertible Senior Notes due 2019 (including the full exercise of the over-allotment option granted to the initial purchasers to purchase an additional \$25 million aggregate principal amount of 7.50% Convertible Senior Notes due 2019, (the "Notes"). The net proceeds from the offering were \$187.3 million after deducting the initial purchasers' discounts and offering expenses.

The Notes are unsecured, senior obligations of Synergy and bear interest at a rate of 7.50% per year, payable semiannually in arrears on May 1 and November 1 of each year, beginning on May 1, 2015. Accrued interest as of March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014 was \$6.3 million and \$2.5 million, respectively. On May 1, 2015 Synergy made its first semiannual interest payment of \$7.4 million. The next semiannual payment of \$7.5 million is due November 1, 2015. The May 1, 2015 payment was slightly less than a full six months (178 days) because the Notes were issued November 3, 2014.

The Notes will mature on November 1, 2019, unless earlier purchased or converted. The Notes are convertible, at any time, into shares of Synergy's common stock at an initial conversion rate of 321.5434 shares per \$1,000 principal amount of notes, which is equivalent to an initial conversion price of \$3.11 per share.

Transaction costs associated with this financing of \$12.7 million have been deferred and will be recognized as expense over the expected term of the Notes, calculated using the effective interest rate method. Amortization expense for three months ended March 31, 2015 was \$6 million and there were no such expenses in the three months ended March 31, 2014. A summary of the deferred transaction cost balance, as of and during the periods indicated, is presented below:

(\$ in thousands)	
Deferred financing costs at issuance November 1, 2014	\$ 12,747
Less: amortization two months ended December 31, 2014	(411)
Deferred financing costs, Balance at December 31, 2014	\$ 12,336
Less: amortization three months ended March 31, 2015	(617)
Deferred financing costs, Balance at March 31, 2015	\$ 11,719

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7. Accounting for Shared-Based Payments

Stock Options

ASC Topic 718 "*Compensation—Stock Compensation*" requires companies to measure the cost of employee services received in exchange for the award of equity instruments based on the estimated fair value of the award at the date of grant. The expense is to be recognized over the period during which an employee is required to provide services in exchange for the award. Synergy accounts for shares of common stock, stock options and warrants issued to employees based on the fair value of the stock, stock option or warrant, if that value is more reliably measurable than the fair value of the consideration or services received.

The Company accounts for stock options issued and vesting to non-employees in accordance with ASC Topic 505-50 "*Equity - Based Payment to Non-Employees*" and accordingly the value of the stock compensation to non-employees is based upon the measurement date as determined at either a) the date at which a performance commitment is reached, or b) at the date at which the necessary performance to earn the equity instruments is complete. Accordingly the fair value of these options is being "marked to market" quarterly until the measurement date is determined.

Synergy adopted the 2008 Equity Compensation Incentive Plan (the "Plan") during the quarter ended September 30, 2008. Stock options granted under the Plan typically vest after three years of continuous service from the grant date and have a contractual term of ten years. On January 17, 2013, Synergy amended its 2008 Equity Compensation Incentive Plan and increased the number of shares of its

common stock reserved for issuance under the Plan from 7,500,000 to 15,000,000.

Stock-based compensation has been recognized in operating results as follow:

(\$ in thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2015	2014
Research and development	\$ 530	\$ 432
General and administrative	1,875	832
Total stock-based compensation expense	\$ 2,405	\$ 1,264

The unrecognized compensation cost related to non-vested stock options outstanding at March 31, 2015, net of expected forfeitures, was approximately \$8.1 million to be recognized over a weighted-average remaining vesting period of approximately 1.7 years. This unrecognized compensation cost does not include amounts related to 4,364,000 shares of stock options which vest upon a change of control.

The estimated fair value of stock option awards was determined on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option valuation model with the following weighted-average assumptions during the periods indicated.

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2015	Three Months Ended March 31, 2014
Risk-free interest rate	1.46%-2.02%	1.94%-2.52%
Dividend yield	—	—
Expected volatility	57%	60%
Expected term (in years)	6 years	6-9.3 years

A summary of stock option activity and of changes in stock options outstanding under the Plan is presented below:

	Number of Options	Exercise Price Per Share	Weighted Average Exercise Price Per Share	Intrinsic Value (in thousands)	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Term
Balance outstanding, December 31, 2014(1)	16,567,020	\$ 0.44-17.79	\$ 3.20	\$ 8,949	7.29 years
Granted	135,000	\$ 2.94-3.33	\$ 3.04		
Exercised	—	\$ —	\$ —		
Forfeited	(80,955)	\$ 8.34 – 9.45	\$ 9.26		
Balance outstanding, March 31, 2015(1)	16,621,065	\$ 0.44 - 17.79	\$ 3.16	\$ 26,233	7.09 years
Exercisable, at March 31, 2015	7,232,742	\$ 0.44 - 17.79	\$ 3.12	\$ 11,808	5.81 years

- (1) Number of options represented above includes 4,364,000 options vesting upon a change of control, granted during the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2010, at an exercise price of \$0.70 per share. Because the probability of a change of control transaction is not predictable no stock based compensation expense associated with these options has been recognized since the grant date.

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8. Stockholders' Deficit

On March 5, 2014, Synergy entered into Amendment No. 1 (the "Amendment") to its Controlled Equity Offering Sales Agreement, dated June 21, 2012 (as amended, the "Agreement"), with Cantor Fitzgerald & Co., as sales agent ("Cantor"), pursuant to which the Company may offer and sell, from time to time, through Cantor shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share (the "Shares"), up to an additional aggregate offering price of \$50.0 million. The Company will pay Cantor a selling agent fee of up to 3.0% of the gross sales price per share sold and has agreed to provide Cantor with customary indemnification and contribution rights.

From January 1, 2015 through March 31, 2015, Synergy sold 1,342,298 shares of common stock, pursuant to the Agreement with Cantor, yielding gross proceeds of \$5.6 million, at an average selling price of \$4.14 per share. Selling agent fees related to above financings from January 1, 2015 through March 31, 2015 were \$0.15 million. (See subsequent event for additional sales under this agreement.)

9. Research and Development Expense

Research and development costs include expenditures in connection with an in-house research and development laboratory, salaries and staff costs, application and filing for regulatory approval of proposed products, purchased in-process research and development, regulatory and scientific consulting fees, as well as contract research, patient costs, drug formulation and tableting, data collection, monitoring, and clinical insurance.

In accordance with FASB ASC Topic 730-10-55, *Research and Development*, Synergy recorded prepaid research and development costs of approximately \$3.1 million as of March 31, 2015 and \$3.6 as of December 31, 2014, for nonrefundable pre-payments for production of drug substance and analytical testing services for its drug candidates. In accordance with this guidance, Synergy expenses these costs when drug compound is delivered and services are performed.

10. Derivative Financial Instruments

Synergy Derivative Financial Instruments

Effective January 1, 2009, the Company adopted provisions of ASC Topic 815-40, "Derivatives and Hedging: Contracts in Entity's Own Equity" ("ASC Topic 815-40"). ASC Topic 815-40 clarifies the determination of whether an instrument issued by an entity (or an embedded feature in the instrument) is indexed to an entity's own stock, which would qualify as a scope exception under ASC Topic 815-10.

Based upon the Company's analysis of the criteria contained in ASC Topic 815-40, Synergy has determined that certain warrants issued in connection with sale of its common stock must be classified as derivative instruments. In accordance with ASC Topic 815-40, these warrants are also being re-measured at each balance sheet date based on estimated fair value, and any resultant changes in fair value are being recorded in the Company's statement of operations. The Company estimates the fair value of certain warrants using the *Black-Scholes* option pricing model in order to determine the associated derivative instrument liability and change in fair value described above. The range of assumptions used to determine the fair value of the warrants at each period end were:

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2015	Three Months Ended March 31, 2014
Fair value of Synergy common stock	\$ 4.62	\$ 5.31
Expected warrant term	0.25 to 2.9 years	1.25 to 3.9 years
Risk-free interest rate	0.03% to 0.89%	0.13% to 1.32%
Expected volatility	57%	60%
Dividend yield	—	—

Fair value of stock is the closing market price of the Company's common stock at the end of each reporting period when the derivative instruments are marked to market. Expected volatility is a management estimate of future volatility, over the expected warrant term, based on historical volatility of Synergy's common stock. The warrants have a transferability provision and based on guidance provided in SAB 107 for instruments issued with such a provision, Synergy used the full contractual term as the expected term of the warrants. The risk free rate is based on the U.S. Treasury security rates for maturities consistent with the expected remaining term of the warrants at the date quarterly revaluation.

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The following table sets forth the components of changes in the Synergy's outstanding warrants which were deemed derivative financial instruments and the associated liability balance for the periods indicated:

Date	Description	Warrants	Derivative Instrument Liability (in thousands)
12/31/2014	Balance of derivative financial instruments liability	858,469	\$ 172
3/31/2015	Change in fair value of warrants during the quarter	—	268
3/31/2015	Balance of derivative financial instruments liability	858,469	\$ 440

Synergy Fair Value Measurements

The following table presents the Company's liabilities that are measured and recognized at fair value on a recurring basis classified under the appropriate level of the fair value hierarchy as of December 31, 2014 and March 31, 2015:

(\$ in thousands)

Description	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets and Liabilities (Level 1)			Balance as of December 31, 2014	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets and Liabilities (Level 1)			Balance as of March 31, 2015
	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)		Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)			
Derivative liabilities related to Warrants	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 172	\$ 172	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 440	\$ 440

The following table sets forth a summary of changes in the fair value of the Company's Level 3 liabilities for the three months ended March 31, 2015:

(Gain) or loss
recognized in

Description	Balance at December 31, 2014	Fair Value of warrants upon issuance	earning from Change in Fair Value	Balance as of March 31, 2015
Derivative liabilities related to Warrants	\$ 172	\$ —	\$ 268	\$ 440

The unrealized gains or losses on the derivative liabilities are recorded as a change in fair value of derivative liabilities in the Company's statement of operations. A financial instrument's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. At each reporting period, Synergy reviews the assets and liabilities that are subject to ASC Topic 815-40. At each reporting period, all assets and liabilities for which the fair value measurement is based on significant unobservable inputs or instruments which trade infrequently and therefore have little or no price transparency are classified as Level 3.

11. Loss per Share

Basic and diluted net loss per share is presented in conformity with ASC Topic 260, Earnings per Share, ("ASC Topic 260") for periods presented. In accordance with ASC Topic 260, basic and diluted net loss per common share was determined by dividing net loss applicable to common stockholders by the weighted-average common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted weighted-average shares are the same as basic weighted-average shares because shares issuable pursuant to the exercise of stock options and warrants would be antidilutive. For the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014 the effect of 16,621,065 and 11,646,060, respectively outstanding stock options, at the end of each period, were excluded from the calculation of diluted loss per share because the effect was antidilutive. For the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014, the effect of 5,951,071 and 6,013,571, respectively outstanding warrants (which include warrants accounted for as equity and derivative liabilities) were excluded from the calculation of diluted loss per share because the effect was antidilutive.

12. Subsequent Events

From April 1, 2015 through May 8, 2015, Synergy sold an additional 2,093,700 shares of common stock, under Synergy's Amended Controlled Equity Sales Agreement with Cantor Fitzgerald & Co. (the Agreement, see footnote 8). These sales yielded gross proceeds of \$9.1 million, at an average selling price of \$4.35 per share. Selling agent fees related to above financings were \$0.25 million. As of May 10, 2015, Synergy has \$25.8 million of common stock available unsold under the Agreement.

On May 1, 2015 Synergy made its first semiannual interest payment of \$7.4 million on the Senior Convertible Notes (see footnote 6).

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ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with our condensed consolidated financial statements and other financial information appearing elsewhere in this quarterly report. In addition to historical information, the following discussion and other parts of this quarterly report contain forward-looking statements. You can identify these statements by forward-looking words such as "plan," "may," "will," "expect," "intend," "anticipate," "believe," "estimate" and "continue" or similar words. Forward-looking statements include information concerning possible or assumed future business success or financial results. You should read statements that contain these words carefully because they discuss future expectations and plans, which contain projections of future results of operations or financial condition or state other forward-looking information. We believe that it is important to communicate future expectations to investors. However, there may be events in the future that we are not able to accurately predict or control. Accordingly, we do not undertake any obligation to update any forward-looking statements for any reason, even if new information becomes available or other events occur in the future and thus you should not unduly rely on these statements.

The forward-looking statements included herein are based on current expectations that involve a number of risks and uncertainties set forth under "Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014 and other periodic reports filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), on March 16, 2015. Accordingly, to the extent that this Report contains forward-looking statements regarding the financial condition, operating results, business prospects or any other aspect of the Company, please be advised that the Company's actual financial condition, operating results and business performance may differ materially from that projected or estimated by the Company in forward-looking statements and thus you should not unduly rely on these statements.

Business Overview

We are a biopharmaceutical company focused primarily on the development of drugs to treat gastrointestinal, or GI, disorders and diseases. Our lead product candidate is plecanatide (formerly called SP-304), a phase 3 guanylate cyclase C, or GC-C, receptor agonist, designed to treat GI disorders, primarily chronic idiopathic constipation, or CIC, and constipation-predominant irritable bowel syndrome, or IBS-C. CIC and IBS-C are functional gastrointestinal disorders that afflict millions of individuals worldwide. CIC is primarily characterized by constipation symptoms with straining, bloating and abdominal discomfort reported by a majority of such patients. IBS-C is characterized by frequent and recurring abdominal pain and/or discomfort associated with chronic constipation. Plecanatide is currently completing two phase 3 registration trials in CIC patients, and has begun the first of two phase 3 registration trials in IBS-C patients. Our second drug in the clinic, SP-333 is a next-generation uroguanylin analog in development for the treatment of opioid induced constipation, or OIC, and mild-to-moderate ulcerative colitis. SP-333 is designed to be a highly potent and proteolytically stable analog of the naturally occurring GI peptide, uroguanylin, displaying significant resistance to proteolysis in gastric intestinal fluids. We completed

phase 1 single- and multiple-ascending dose studies in healthy volunteers, as well as reporting positive data from a phase 2 clinical trial of SP-333 in OIC patients. We have also announced the start of a phase 1b proof-of-concept trial of SP-333 in patients with ulcerative colitis. We have additionally been developing a unique formulation of SP-333 for use in patients with ulcerative colitis.

Recent Developments

On January 8, 2015 and January 29, 2015 we announced that we had completed patient enrollment in the first and second of two pivotal phase 3 trials, respectively, which are evaluating the safety and efficacy of two plecanatide doses (3.0 and 6.0 mg) in patients with CIC. Each trial is a randomized, 12-week, double-blind, placebo-controlled phase 3 trial evaluating plecanatide, once-daily oral tablets, in approximately 1350 adult patients with CIC. We expect to release top-line data results from the first phase 3 CIC trial in second quarter of 2015, and top-line results from the second phase 3 CIC trial in the third quarter of 2015. In the fourth quarter of 2015, we plan to file our first new drug application (NDA) with FDA for plecanatide to treat CIC.

Plecanatide

Plecanatide is a synthetic analog of uroguanylin, a natural human peptide that regulates ion and fluid transport in the intestine. Orally-administered, plecanatide binds to the same receptors on the inside of the gastrointestinal tract as uroguanylin, and we believe it is capable of restoring the normal balance of fluid, thus restoring the regular function of the intestine in patients suffering from GI disorders such as CIC and IBS-C.

Constipation can be the by-product of other disease states, as well as due to certain drug therapies (e.g., narcotics) or anatomic anomalies. CIC, in contrast, is defined as having no identifiable causes. Patients diagnosed with CIC have experienced symptoms for 6 months or more, and commonly have less than 3 bowel movements a week and often less than one. They suffer from very hard stool and abdominal symptoms such as bloating, discomfort, gas, and a feeling of incomplete evacuation. The prescription drugs currently available have significant side effects and are generally only effective in less than half of patients treated. Plecanatide offers hope for a more effective and tolerable treatment that can relieve the significant burden which CIC places on patients' lives.

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On January 2, 2013, we announced positive results from our large phase 2 multicenter clinical trial of our lead investigational drug plecanatide in patients with CIC. On May 15, 2013, at Digestive Disease Week 2013, we presented a late-breaking abstract, the title of which is: "Plecanatide, a Novel Guanylate Cyclase C (GC-C) Receptor Agonist, is Efficacious and Safe in Patients with Chronic Idiopathic Constipation (CIC): Results from a 951-Patient, 12-Week, Multi-Center Trial."

Phase 3 Clinical Trial for CIC

On November 13, 2013, we announced the start of the first of two planned pivotal Phase 3 clinical trials to confirm the safety and efficacy of plecanatide in adult patients with CIC. The pivotal Phase 3 trial is a randomized, double-blind, clinical trial to compare a 12-week, dose-ranging regimen of plecanatide (3.0 and 6.0mg) against placebo in adult patients with CIC. The study was expected to be conducted at approximately 180 sites in the United States and Canada and we expected to enroll approximately 1,350 patients with CIC. The primary endpoint of the study is the proportion of patients who are overall responders for the 12-week treatment period.

On April 28, 2014, we initiated our second pivotal Phase 3 clinical trial for plecanatide in CIC patients. The primary objective of this trial is to confirm the safety and efficacy of plecanatide, a GC-C receptor agonist and once-daily oral treatment, in adult patients with CIC. This Phase 3 trial is a randomized, double-blind clinical trial to compare a 12-week, dose-ranging regimen of plecanatide (3.0 and 6.0mg) against placebo in adult patients with CIC. The study was expected to be conducted at approximately 180 sites in the United States and we expected to enroll approximately 1,350 patients with CIC. The primary endpoint of the study is the proportion of patients who are overall responders for the 12-week treatment period.

On January 8, 2015 and January 29, 2015 we announced that we had completed patient enrollment in the first and second of two pivotal phase 3 trials, respectively, which are evaluating the safety and efficacy of two plecanatide doses (3.0 and 6.0 mg) in patients with CIC. Each trial is a randomized, 12-week, double-blind, placebo-controlled phase 3 trial evaluating approximately 1350 adult patients with CIC. We expect to announce top-line data results from the first phase 3 CIC trial in the second quarter of 2015, and top-line results from the second phase 3 CIC trial in the third quarter of 2015. In the fourth quarter of this year, we plan to file our first NDA with the FDA for plecanatide in the CIC indication.

Phase 2b Clinical Trial for IBS-C

In addition to CIC, plecanatide is also being developed to treat IBS-C. IBS is generally characterized by symptoms of abdominal pain or discomfort such as cramping, bloating, gas, and constipation or diarrhea or both. IBS-C is the subtype of IBS that plecanatide is being developed to treat. IBS is one of the most commonly diagnosed GI illnesses in the United States. As many as 14% of, or up to 42 million, adult Americans suffer from IBS. Depending on the criteria used to define bowel habit predominance, it is estimated that 16% to 30% of IBS patients (approximately 7 to 13 million) experience symptoms consistent with the IBS-C subtype.

IBS profoundly impacts patients' physical, social and working lives. A quarter of patients describe their abdominal pain as constant. IBS is one of the most common reasons for work or school absenteeism, second only to the common cold. Fewer than 1 in 10 patients say they are satisfied with available IBS treatments. Healthcare systems spend billions of dollars annually to diagnose and treat this disorder. In the U.S., the annual cost of IBS treatment is estimated to be as much as \$8 billion in direct medical costs, including doctor and hospital visits and diagnostic procedures.

On December 27, 2012, we commenced a Phase 2b dose-ranging trial of plecanatide to treat patients with IBS-C. This study was conducted at 70 sites in the U.S. To qualify for enrollment, patients had to meet the Rome III criteria for IBS-C as modified for this study. Abdominal pain is a major part of this syndrome and patients need to have pain scores of 3 or more (on a scale of 1 to 10) for 3 days in each of the two pre-treatment weeks. Qualified patients were randomized to receive 0.3, 1, 3 or 9 mg of plecanatide or placebo once daily for 12 weeks, and were seen at the clinical sites once a month during the study.

On April 30, 2014, we announced positive top-line results from our Phase 2b dose-ranging trial assessing plecanatide's safety and efficacy in 424 patients with IBS-C. The primary objective of this trial was to determine an effective, safe and well tolerated dose for plecanatide Phase 3 trials with IBS-C patients.

On October 20, 2014, we presented additional positive results from our phase 2b dose-ranging study assessing plecanatide's safety and efficacy in patients with IBS-C. The data were presented at the American College of Gastroenterology's 2014 Annual Scientific Meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Plecanatide 1.0, 3.0 and 9.0 mg doses demonstrated statistically significant improvement in complete spontaneous bowel movement (CSBM) frequency, the trial's primary endpoint, with the highest two doses showing the greatest response (increase from baseline of 2.12, 2.74, 2.44 and 1.27 for 1.0, 3.0, 9.0 mg and placebo dose groups, respectively). Increasing efficacy was also observed at the higher dose range in other key secondary endpoints including overall responder rate (the end point for FDA approval) and abdominal pain responder rate. All doses were safe and well tolerated with no treatment-related serious adverse events.

On December 18, 2014, we announced the initiation of the first of two planned pivotal phase 3 clinical trials evaluating the safety and efficacy of 3.0 and 6.0 mg plecanatide, once-daily oral tablets, for the treatment of irritable bowel syndrome with constipation (IBS-C), consistent with the ongoing CIC registration trials. IBS-C patients successfully completing either of the 12-week placebo-controlled registration trials will be offered enrollment into a long-term safety trial in order to support the ongoing long-term safety database for the CIC indication.

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SP-333

We are developing a second-generation GC-C receptor analog, SP-333, for the treatment of opioid induced constipation, or OIC, and for inflammatory bowel disease, or IBD. SP-333 is a synthetic analog of uroguanylin, a natriuretic peptide that is normally produced in the body's intestinal tract. Deficiency of this peptide is thought to be one of the primary reasons for the formation of polyps that can lead to colon cancer, as well as debilitating and difficult-to-treat GI inflammatory disorders such as ulcerative colitis and Crohn's disease.

On September 7, 2012, we submitted an Investigational New Drug, or IND, application for clinical evaluation of SP-333 to treat IBD. On December 28, 2012, we successfully completed a Phase 1 placebo-controlled, dose-escalating, single-dose study of 70 healthy adult volunteers. In January 2013, we commenced a multiple-ascending oral-dosing study of healthy volunteers in a Phase 1 trial of SP-333, which was completed during the quarter ended June 30, 2013.

On October 30, 2013 we announced the start of the Phase 2 clinical trial to evaluate the safety and efficacy of SP-333 in adult patients with OIC. The multi-center, randomized, double-blind clinical trial compares a 4-week, dose-ranging regimen of SP-333 (1.0, 3.0 and 6.0mg) against placebo in adult patients taking opioid analgesics for chronic, non-cancer pain for at least three months.

On November 19, 2014 we announced positive top-line results from a phase 2 trial assessing safety, efficacy and dose-response of three different once-daily oral SP-333 tablets (1.0, 3.0 and 6.0 mg) compared with placebo in 289 patients with OIC. Preliminary analysis of the data indicates SP-333 met the study's primary endpoint and demonstrated statistically significant improvement in mean change from baseline in the number of spontaneous bowel movements (SBMs) during Week 4 of the treatment period. SP-333 was safe and well tolerated at all doses.

We continue to advance our ongoing phase 1b exploratory study of SP-333 in patients with mild-to-moderate ulcerative colitis. Our double-blind, placebo-controlled, four-week study is being conducted in the United States and is expected to enroll approximately 24 patients.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2015 AND MARCH 31, 2014

We had no revenues during the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014 because we do not have any commercial biopharmaceutical products and we do not expect to have such products for several years, if at all.

Research and development expenses for the three months ended March 31, 2015 ("Current Year Quarter") increased approximately \$4.9 million or 37%, to approximately \$18.2 million from approximately \$13.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014 ("Prior Year Quarter"). This increase in research and development expenses was largely attributable to ongoing development of our plecanatide product candidates. The following table sets forth our research and development expenses directly related to our product candidates for the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014. These direct expenses were external costs associated with chemistry, manufacturing and controls including costs of drug substance and product formulation, as well as preclinical studies and clinical trial costs, as follows:

(\$ in thousands)

Drug candidates	Three Months Ended	
	March 31,	
	2015	2014
Plecanatide	\$ 14,503	\$ 8,728
SP-333	1,593	2,938
Total direct costs	16,096	11,666
Total indirect costs	2,102	1,633
Total Research and Development	\$ 18,198	\$ 13,299

Indirect research and development costs related to in-house staff compensation, facilities, depreciation, stock-based compensation and research and development support services are not directly allocated to specific drug candidates. Indirect costs were \$2.1 million in the Current Year Quarter, as compared to \$1.6 million during the Prior Year Quarter primarily due to higher stock based compensation expenses.

General and administrative expenses increased \$1.4 million or 44%, to \$4.6 million for the Current Quarter from approximately \$3.2 million for the Prior Quarter. These increased expenses were primarily the result of higher stock based compensation and facility expenses of \$3.6 million for the Current Year Quarter, as compared to \$2.0 million for the Prior Year Quarter, partially offset by lower legal expenses of \$0.4 million in the Current Year Quarter, as compared to \$0.6 million for the Prior Year Quarter.

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Net loss for the Current Year Quarter was \$27.4 million as compared to a net loss of a \$16.2 million incurred for the Prior Year Quarter. This increase in our net loss of \$11.2 million or 69% was a result of the increases in operating expenses discussed above, plus a) interest expense of \$3.75 million on Senior Convertible Debentures for Current Year Quarter with none in Prior Year Quarter, b) offsetting by a gain from changes in fair value of derivative instruments-warrants of \$0.3 million during the Current Year Quarter, as compared to a loss on derivative instruments-warrants of \$0.3 million during the Prior Year Quarter.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

As of March 31, 2015, we had \$78.7 million in cash and cash equivalents and \$99.9 million in available for sale securities, compared to \$146.5 million in cash and cash equivalents and \$49.9 million in available for sale securities as of December 31, 2014. Net cash used in operating activities was \$23.1 million and 19.9 million, respectively, for the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014. \$5.4 million and \$22 million, respectively was provided by financing transactions, net of fees and expenses, for the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014. As of March 31, 2015, we had working capital of \$163.2 million, as compared to working capital of \$ 181.9 million on December 31, 2014.

From January 1, 2015 through March 31, 2015, we sold 1,342,298 shares of common stock, pursuant to the Agreement (the Agreement, see footnote 8) with Cantor, yielding gross proceeds of \$5.6 million, at an average selling price of \$4.14 per share. Selling agent fees related to above financings from January 1, 2015 through March 31, 2015 were \$0.2 million.

From April 1, 2015 through May 8, 2015, we sold an additional 2,093,700 shares of common stock. These sales yielded gross proceeds of \$9.1 million, at an average selling price of \$4.35 per share and selling agent fees related to above financings were \$0.25 million. As of May 10, 2015, Synergy has \$25.8 million of common stock available for issuance under the Agreement.

On May 1, 2015 we made our first semiannual interest payment of \$7.4 million, on our 7.50% Convertible Senior Notes. The next semiannual payment of \$7.5 million is due on November 1, 2015. The May 1, 2015 payment was slightly less than a full six months (178 days) because the Notes were issued November 3, 2014.

We will be required to raise additional capital to continue the development and commercialization of current product candidates and to continue to fund operations at the current cash expenditure levels. We cannot be certain that additional funding will be available on acceptable terms, or at all. Recently worldwide economic conditions and the international equity and credit markets have significantly deteriorated and may remain difficult for the foreseeable future. These developments will make it more difficult to obtain additional equity or credit financing, when needed. To the extent that we raise additional funds by issuing equity securities, our stockholders may experience significant dilution. Any debt financing, if available, may involve restrictive covenants that impact our ability to conduct delay, scale back or discontinue the development and/or commercialization of one or more product candidates; (ii) seek collaborators for product candidates at an earlier stage than otherwise would be desirable and on terms that are less favorable than might otherwise be available; or (iii) relinquish or otherwise dispose of rights to technologies, product candidates or products that we would otherwise seek to develop or commercialize its self on unfavorable terms

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Financial Reporting Release No. 60 requires all companies to include a discussion of critical accounting policies or methods used in the preparation of financial statements. Our accounting policies are described in ITEM 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA of our Annual Report on Form 10-K as of and for year ended December 31, 2014, filed with the SEC on March 16, 2015. There have been no other changes to our critical accounting policies since December 31, 2014.

CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS AND COMMITMENTS

For a discussion of our contractual obligations see (i) our Financial Statements and Notes To Consolidated Financial Statements

—Note 6. *Commitments and Contingencies*, and (ii) Item 7 Management Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations— *Contractual Obligations and Commitment* , included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K as of December 31, 2014, filed on March 16, 2015. There have been no material changes in our contractual obligations and commitments since filing December 31, 2014.

OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS

We had no off-balance sheet arrangements as of March 31, 2015.

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ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

Our exposure to market risk on the fair values of certain assets is related to credit risk associated with securities held in money market mutual funds, U.S. Treasury Bills, U.S. Government Agency Notes and Bonds, and the FDIC insurance limit on our bank balances. As of March 31, 2015, we held approximately \$78.7 million in checking and money market mutual funds and available-for-sale securities of \$99.9 million in U.S. Treasury securities and U.S. Government Agency Notes. Our cash and cash equivalents balances are in excess of federally insured limits. We believe our cash, cash equivalents and available-for-sale securities do not contain excessive risk, however we cannot provide absolute assurance that in the future our investments will not be subject to adverse changes in market value.

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Based on an evaluation of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) required by paragraph (b) of Rule 13a-15 or Rule 15d-15, our Chief Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer have concluded that as of March 31, 2015, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective in ensuring that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Commission's rules and forms. Disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitations, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports we file under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate. Management recognizes that any controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable assurance of achieving their objectives and management necessarily applies its judgment in evaluating the cost-benefit relationship of possible controls and procedures.

CHANGES IN INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

As required by Rule 13a-15(d) of the Exchange Act, our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and our Principal Financial Officer, conducted an evaluation of the internal control over financial reporting to determine whether any changes occurred during the period covered by this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting. Based on that evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer concluded there were no changes in our internal controls over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) under the Exchange Act) that could significantly affect internal controls over financial reporting during the quarter ended March 31, 2015.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

There have been no material changes from the legal proceedings disclosed in our Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, filed on March 16, 2015.

ITEM 1a. RISK FACTORS

There have been no material changes in our risk factors since the filing on March 16, 2015 of our Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014.

ITEM 2. PROPERTIES

There have been no material changes in our properties since the filing on March 16, 2015 of our Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014.

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ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

CERTIFICATIONS

I, Gary S. Jacob, certify that:

- 1) I have reviewed this report on Form 10-Q of Synergy Pharmaceuticals 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 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 we 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 and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions);
 - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: May 11, 2015

/s/ GARY S. JACOB

Gary S. Jacob

President, Chairman of Board, and Chief Executive Officer

CERTIFICATIONS

I, Bernard F. Denoyer, certify that:

- 1) I have reviewed this report on Form 10-Q of Synergy Pharmaceuticals 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 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 we 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 and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions);
 - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: May 11, 2015

/s/ BERNARD F. DENOYER

Bernard F. Denoyer

Senior Vice President, Finance

**CERTIFICATION OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
SYNERGY PHARMACEUTICALS INC.
FORM 10-Q FOR THE QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31, 2015
PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350, AS ADOPTED
PURSUANT TO SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I am the Chief Executive Officer of Synergy Pharmaceuticals Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"). I am delivering this certificate in connection with the Form 10-Q of the Company for the quarter ended March 31, 2015 and filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Form 10-Q").

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the Form 10-Q fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and that the information contained in the Form 10-Q fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: May 11, 2015

/s/ GARY S. JACOB

Gary S. Jacob

President, Chairman of Board, and Chief Executive Officer

**CERTIFICATION OF SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, FINANCE
SYNERGY PHARMACEUTICALS INC.
FORM 10-Q FOR THE QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31, 2015
PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350, AS ADOPTED
PURSUANT TO SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I am the Senior Vice President, Finance of Synergy Pharmaceuticals Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"). I am delivering this certificate in connection with the Form 10-Q of the Company for the quarter ended March 31, 2015 and filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Form 10-Q").

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the Form 10-Q fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and that the information contained in the Form 10-Q fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: May 11, 2015

/s/ BERNARD F. DENOYER

Bernard F. Denoyer

Senior Vice President, Finance
