

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

(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, 2023

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: 001-37478

NATERA, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)

01-0894487

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

13011 McCallen Pass

Building A Suite 100

Austin, TX

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

78753

(Zip Code)

(650) 249-9090

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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

Title of each class

Trading Symbol(s)

Name of each exchange on which registered

Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share

NTRA

The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC (Nasdaq Global Select Market)

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 every Interactive Data File required to be submitted 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 such files). Yes ☒ No ☐

Indicate by check mark 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

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Non-accelerated filer

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Accelerated filer

☐

Smaller reporting company

☐

Emerging growth company

☐

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. ☐

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

As of May 1, 2023, the number of outstanding shares of the registrant's common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share, was 114,301,688.

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SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This report contains forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements are contained principally in the sections titled “Risk Factors” and “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations,” but are also contained elsewhere in this report. Forward-looking statements include information concerning our future results of operations and financial position, strategy and plans, and our expectations for future operations. Forward-looking statements include all statements that are not historical facts and, in some cases, can be identified by terms such as “believe,” “may,” “will,” “estimate,” “continue,” “anticipate,” “design,” “intend,” “expect,” “could,” “plan,” “potential,” “predict,” “seek,” “should,” “would” or the negative version of these words and similar expressions.

These forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements concerning the following:

- our expectations regarding revenue, expenses and other operating results;
- our expectation that, for the foreseeable future, a significant portion of our revenues will be derived from sales of Panorama and Horizon;
- our ability to increase demand and reimbursement for our tests, particularly Panorama, Horizon, Signatera and Prospera;
- our expectation that Panorama will be adopted for the screening of microdeletions and that third-party payer reimbursement will be available for this testing, including our expectations that the results from our single nucleotide polymorphism-based Microdeletion and Aneuploidy RegisTry, or SMART, Study may support broader use of and reimbursement for the use of Panorama for microdeletions;
- our expectations of the reliability, accuracy, and performance of our tests, as well as expectations of the benefits of our tests to patients, providers, and payers;
- our ability to successfully develop additional revenue opportunities, expand our product offerings to include new tests, and expand adoption of our current and future technologies through Constellation, our cloud-based distribution model;
- our efforts to successfully develop and commercialize our oncology and organ health products;
- our ability to comply with federal, state, and foreign regulatory requirements, programs and policies and to successfully operate our business in response to changes in such requirements, programs and policies;
- our ability to respond to, defend, or otherwise favorably resolve litigation or other proceedings, including investigations, subpoenas, demands, disputes, requests for information, and other regulatory or administrative actions or proceedings;
- the effect of improvements in our cost of goods sold;
- our estimates of the total addressable markets for our current and potential product offerings;
- our ability and expectations regarding obtaining, maintaining and expanding third-party payer coverage of, and reimbursement for, our tests;
- the effect of changes in the way we account for our revenue;
- the scope of protection we establish and maintain for, and developments or disputes concerning, our intellectual property or other proprietary rights;
- our ability to successfully compete in the markets we serve;
- our reliance on collaborators such as medical institutions, contract laboratories, laboratory partners, and other third parties;
- our ability to operate our laboratory facilities and meet expected demand, and to successfully scale our operations;
- our reliance on a limited number of suppliers, including sole source suppliers, which may impact our ability to maintain a continued supply of laboratory instruments and materials and to run our tests;
- our expectations of the rate of adoption of Panorama, Horizon and of any of our other current or future tests by laboratories, clinics, clinicians, payers, and patients;
- our ability to complete clinical studies and publish compelling clinical data in peer-reviewed medical publications regarding our current and future tests, and the effect of such data or publications on professional society or practice guidelines or coverage and reimbursement determinations from third-party payers, including our SMART and CIRCULATE-Japan studies and our ongoing and planned trials in oncology and organ health;
- our reliance on our partners to market and offer our tests in the United States and in international markets;

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- our expectations regarding acquisitions, dispositions and other strategic transactions;
- our expectations regarding the conversion of our outstanding 2.25% convertible senior notes due 2027, or the Convertible Notes, in the aggregate principal amount of \$287.5 million and our ability to make debt service payments under the Convertible Notes if such Convertible Notes are not converted;
- our ability to control our operating expenses and fund our working capital requirements;
- the factors that may impact our financial results; and
- anticipated trends and challenges in our business and the markets in which we operate.

Forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause our actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements, including those discussed in Part II, Item 1A, “Risk Factors” in this report and Part I, Item 1A, “Risk Factors” in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 1, 2023. Given these uncertainties, you should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. In light of the significant uncertainties in these forward-looking statements, you should not regard these statements as a representation or warranty by us or any other person that we will achieve our objectives and plans in any specified time frame, or at all. You should read this report completely and with the understanding that our actual future results may be materially different from what we expect.

Also, forward-looking statements represent our beliefs and assumptions only as of the date of this report. Any forward-looking statement made by us in this report speaks only as of the date on which it is made. Except as required by law, we disclaim any obligation to update these forward-looking statements publicly, or to update the reasons actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements, even if new information becomes available in the future.

As used in this quarterly report on Form 10-Q, the terms “Natera,” “Registrant,” “Company,” “we,” “us,” and “our” mean Natera, Inc. and its subsidiaries unless the context indicates otherwise.

PART I – FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Natera, Inc.

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets

(Unaudited)

(in thousands except par value)

	March 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	\$ 403,154	\$ 466,091
Short-term investments	408,858	432,301
Accounts receivable, net of allowance of \$5,134 and \$3,830 at March 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022, respectively	246,785	244,385
Inventory	40,683	35,406
Prepaid expenses and other current assets, net	29,988	33,634
Total current assets	1,129,468	1,211,817
Property and equipment, net	100,587	92,453
Operating lease right-of-use assets	69,537	71,874
Other assets	19,288	18,330
Total assets	<u>\$ 1,318,880</u>	<u>\$ 1,394,474</u>
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 36,123	\$ 31,148
Accrued compensation	39,231	44,010
Other accrued liabilities	118,638	144,214
Deferred revenue, current portion	16,579	10,777
Short-term debt financing	80,398	80,350
Total current liabilities	290,969	310,499
Long-term debt financing	281,973	281,653
Deferred revenue, long-term portion	21,511	20,001
Operating lease liabilities, long-term portion	73,854	76,577
Total liabilities	668,307	688,730
Commitments and contingencies (Note 8)		
Stockholders' equity:		
Common stock, \$0.0001 par value: 750,000 shares authorized at both March 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022; 113,359 and 111,255 shares issued and outstanding at March 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022, respectively	11	11
Additional paid-in capital	2,741,932	2,664,730
Accumulated deficit	(2,079,572)	(1,942,635)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(11,798)	(16,362)
Total stockholders' equity	650,573	705,744
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	<u>\$ 1,318,880</u>	<u>\$ 1,394,474</u>

See accompanying notes to the unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements.

Natera, Inc.
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss
(Unaudited)

(in thousands, except per share data)

	Three months ended March 31,	
	2023	2022
Revenues		
Product revenues	\$ 237,797	\$ 190,002
Licensing and other revenues	3,959	4,131
Total revenues	241,756	194,133
Cost and expenses		
Cost of product revenues	147,754	102,670
Cost of licensing and other revenues	370	545
Research and development	82,306	80,414
Selling, general and administrative	149,627	147,634
Total cost and expenses	380,057	331,263
Loss from operations	(138,301)	(137,130)
Interest expense	(3,061)	(2,087)
Interest and other income, net	4,585	801
Loss before income taxes	(136,777)	(138,416)
Income tax expense	(160)	(179)
Net loss	\$ (136,937)	\$ (138,595)
Unrealized gain (loss) on available-for-sale securities, net of tax	4,564	(11,617)
Comprehensive loss	\$ (132,373)	\$ (150,212)
Net loss per share (Note 12):		
Basic and diluted	\$ (1.23)	\$ (1.45)
Weighted-average number of shares used in computing basic and diluted net loss per share:		
Basic and diluted	111,767	95,578

See accompanying notes to the unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements.

Natera, Inc.
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity
(Unaudited)
(in thousands)

	Three months ended March 31, 2022					
	Common Stock Shares	Common Stock Amount	Additional Paid-in Capital	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	Accumulated Deficit	Total Stockholders' Equity
Balance as of December 31, 2021	95,140	\$ 10	\$ 2,050,417	\$ (2,287)	\$ (1,394,836)	\$ 653,304
Issuance of common stock upon exercise of stock options	631	—	4,156	—	—	4,156
Vesting of restricted stock units	488	—	—	—	—	—
Stock-based compensation	—	—	35,087	—	—	35,087
Unrealized loss on available-for sale securities	—	—	—	(11,617)	—	(11,617)
Net loss	—	—	—	—	(138,595)	(138,595)
Balance as of March 31, 2022	96,259	\$ 10	\$ 2,089,660	\$ (13,904)	\$ (1,533,431)	\$ 542,335

	Three months ended March 31, 2023					
	Common Stock Shares	Common Stock Amount	Additional Paid-in Capital	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	Accumulated Deficit	Total Stockholders' Equity
Balance as of December 31, 2022	111,255	\$ 11	\$ 2,664,730	\$ (16,362)	\$ (1,942,635)	\$ 705,744
Issuance of common stock upon exercise of stock options	169	—	2,301	—	—	2,301
Issuance of common stock for IPR&D acquisition	336	—	14,435	—	—	14,435
Vesting of restricted stock units	1,250	—	—	—	—	—
Stock-based compensation	—	—	40,695	—	—	40,695
Issuance of common stock for bonus	349	—	19,771	—	—	19,771
Unrealized gain on available-for sale securities	—	—	—	4,564	—	4,564
Net loss	—	—	—	—	(136,937)	(136,937)
Balance as of March 31, 2023	113,359	\$ 11	\$ 2,741,932	\$ (11,798)	\$ (2,079,572)	\$ 650,573

See accompanying notes to the unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements.

Natera, Inc.
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31,	
	2023	2022
	<i>(in thousands)</i>	
Operating activities		
Net loss	\$ (136,937)	\$ (138,595)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	5,077	3,002
Expensed in-process research and development	2,679	—
Premium amortization and discount accretion on investment securities	787	1,790
Stock-based compensation	40,695	35,087
Non-cash lease expense	3,806	3,305
Amortization of debt discount and issuance cost	320	312
Foreign exchange adjustment	265	(281)
Loss on investments	—	46
Amortization of other assets	—	143
Non-cash interest expense	48	4
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	(2,400)	(45,788)
Inventory	(5,277)	1,860
Prepaid expenses and other assets	2,338	(6,366)
Accounts payable	5,762	(7,557)
Accrued compensation	14,993	(8,545)
Operating lease liabilities	(2,177)	(2,765)
Other accrued liabilities	(18,181)	21,336
Deferred revenue	7,312	5,735
Cash used in operating activities	<u>(80,890)</u>	<u>(137,277)</u>
Investing activities		
Purchases of investments	—	(24,977)
Proceeds from sale of investments	—	166,895
Proceeds from maturity of investments	27,250	81,000
Purchases of property and equipment, net	(11,598)	(15,885)
Cash provided by investing activities	<u>15,652</u>	<u>207,033</u>
Financing activities		
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	2,301	4,156
Cash provided by financing activities	<u>2,301</u>	<u>4,156</u>
Net change in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	(62,937)	73,912
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash, beginning of period	466,091	84,614
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash, end of period	<u>\$ 403,154</u>	<u>\$ 158,526</u>
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:		
Cash paid for interest	\$ 1,124	\$ 159
Non-cash investing and financing activities:		
Purchases of property and equipment in accounts payable and accruals	\$ 1,613	\$ 2,096
Issuance of common stock for IPR&D acquisition	\$ 14,435	\$ —
Issuance of common stock for bonus	\$ 19,771	\$ —

See accompanying notes to the unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements.

Natera, Inc.
Notes to Unaudited Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

1. Description of Business

Natera, Inc. (the “Company”) was formed in the state of California as Gene Security Network, LLC in November 2003 and incorporated in the state of Delaware in January 2007. The Company is a diagnostics company with proprietary molecular and bioinformatics technology that it is applying to change the management of disease worldwide. The Company’s cell-free DNA (“cfDNA”) technology combines its novel molecular assays, which reliably measure many informative regions across the genome from samples as small as a single cell, with its statistical algorithms which incorporate data available from the broader scientific community to identify genetic variations covering a wide range of serious conditions with high accuracy and coverage. The Company’s technology has been proven clinically and commercially in the women’s health space, in which it develops and commercializes non- or minimally-invasive tests to evaluate risk for, and thereby enable early detection of, a wide range of genetic conditions, such as Down syndrome. The Company is now translating its success in women’s health and applying its core technology to the oncology market, in which it is commercializing a personalized blood-based DNA test to detect molecular residual disease and monitor disease recurrence, as well as to the organ health market, initially with a test to assess kidney transplants for rejection. The Company operates laboratories in Austin, Texas and San Carlos, California certified under the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (“CLIA”) providing a host of cell-free DNA-based molecular testing services. The Company determines its operating segments based on the way it organizes its business to make operating decisions and assess performance. The Company operates one segment, the development and commercialization of molecular testing services, applying its proprietary technology in the fields of women’s health, oncology and organ health.

The Company's key product offerings include its Panorama Non-Invasive Prenatal Test (“NIPT”) that screens for chromosomal abnormalities of a fetus as well as in twin pregnancies, typically with a blood draw from the mother; Horizon Carrier Screening (“HCS”) to determine carrier status for a large number of severe genetic diseases that could be passed on to the carrier’s children; Signatera molecular residual disease (“MRD”) test, which detects circulating tumor DNA in patients previously diagnosed with cancer to assess molecular residual disease and monitor for recurrence; and Prospera, to assess organ transplant rejection. All testing is available principally in the United States. The Company also offers its Panorama test to customers outside of the United States, primarily in Europe. The Company also offers Constellation, a cloud-based software platform that enables laboratory customers to gain access through the cloud to the Company’s algorithms and bioinformatics in order to validate and launch their own tests based on the Company’s technology.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

During the three months ended March 31, 2023, there were no material changes to the Company’s significant accounting policies as disclosed in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022 (filed on March 1, 2023).

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (“U.S. GAAP”) for interim financial information. The unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial information includes only adjustments of a normal recurring nature necessary for a fair presentation of the Company’s results of operations, financial position, changes in stockholders’ equity, and cash flows. The results of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2023, are not necessarily indicative of the results for the full year or the results for any future periods. The condensed consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2022 has been derived from audited financial statements at that date. These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements, and related notes for the year ended December 31, 2022 included in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 1, 2023.

Some items in the prior period financial statements were reclassified to conform to the current presentation.

Liquidity Matters

The Company has incurred net losses since its inception and anticipates net losses and negative operating cash flows for the near future. The Company had a net loss of \$136.9 million for the three months ended March 31, 2023 and an accumulated deficit of \$2.1 billion as of March 31, 2023. As of March 31, 2023, the Company had \$403.2 million in cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash, \$408.9 million in marketable securities, \$80.4 million outstanding balance on its Credit Line (as defined in Note 10, *Debt*) including accrued interest and \$287.5 million of outstanding principal on its 2.25% Convertible Senior Notes (the “Convertible Notes”). As of March 31, 2023, the Company had \$70.0 million remaining and available on its Credit Line.

While the Company has introduced multiple products that are generating revenues, these revenues have not been sufficient to fund all operations. Accordingly, the Company has funded the portion of operating costs that exceeds revenues through a combination of equity issuances, debt issuances, and other financings.

The Company continues to develop and commercialize future products and invest in the growth of its business and, consequently, will need to generate additional revenues to achieve future profitability and will need to raise additional equity or debt financing. If the Company raises additional funds by issuing equity securities, its stockholders will experience dilution. Additional debt financing, if available, may involve covenants restricting its operations or its ability to incur additional debt. Any additional debt financing or additional equity that the Company raises may contain terms that are not favorable to it or its stockholders and requires significant debt service payments, which diverts resources from other activities. Additional financing may not be available at all, or in amounts or on terms acceptable to the Company. If the Company is unable to obtain additional financing, it may be required to delay the development and commercialization of its products and significantly scale back its business and operations.

On September 10, 2021, the Company entered into an agreement with a third party for an asset acquisition where the acquired asset was in-process research and development primarily in exchange for an equity consideration payment. In addition, pursuant to the agreement, certain employees of the third party became employees of the Company. The third party was a biotechnology company focused on oncology. The total upfront acquisition consideration amounts to \$35.6 million composed of the issuance of 276,346 shares of the Company's common stock with a fair value of \$30.9 million, approximately \$3.9 million of cash consideration, assumed net liabilities of \$0.2 million, as well as \$0.6 million of acquisition related legal and accounting costs directly attributable to the acquisition of the asset. The Company accounted for the transaction as an asset acquisition as substantially all of the estimated fair value of the gross assets acquired was concentrated in a single identified in-process research and development asset (“IPR&D”) thus satisfying the requirements of the screen test in ASU 2017-01. The estimated fair value of the acquired workforce was not significant. The Company concluded the acquired IPR&D has no alternative-future use and accordingly expensed approximately \$35.6 million, on the day the transaction closed as research and development expense, which is reflected in its consolidated statement of operations.

Further, additional consideration aggregating up to approximately \$35.0 million was estimated to be paid via issuance of an estimated 269,547 additional Natera common shares, consistent with the registration statement filed with the SEC on September 10, 2021, upon achievement of defined milestones relating to product development, commercial launch and continued employment of certain selling shareholders, each of which will be revalued at each reporting date and amount of compensation expense will be adjusted accordingly. In November 2022, the terms of the payment for any remaining consideration were modified, resulting in \$10.0 million of consideration paid in December 2022 and \$15.0 million consideration paid in March 2023, with such consideration primarily consisting of Natera common stock.

In November 2022, the Company completed an underwritten equity offering and sold 13,144,500 shares of its common stock at a price of \$35 per share to the public. Before estimated offering expenses of \$0.5 million, the Company received proceeds of approximately \$433.2 million net of the underwriting discount.

Based on the Company's current business plan, the Company believes that its existing cash and marketable securities will be sufficient to meet its anticipated cash requirements for at least 12 months after May 9, 2023.

Principles of Consolidation

The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements include all the accounts of the Company and its subsidiaries. The Company established a subsidiary that operates in the state of Texas to support the Company's laboratory and operational functions. The Company established a subsidiary that operates in Canada following the acquisition of the IPR&D asset, which includes a lease for the laboratory space located in Canada. All intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions about future events that affect the amounts of assets and liabilities reported, disclosures about contingent assets and liabilities, and reported amounts of revenues and expenses. Significant items subject to such estimates include the allowance for doubtful accounts, average selling price expected to be received from insurance payors, the operating right-of-use assets and the associated lease liabilities, the average useful life for property and equipment, deferred revenues associated with unsatisfied performance obligations, accrued liability for potential refund requests, stock-based compensation, the fair value of options, income tax uncertainties, and the expected consideration to be received from contracts with customers. These estimates and assumptions are based on management's best estimates and judgment. Management regularly evaluates its estimates and assumptions using historical experience and other factors, including contractual terms and statutory limits; however, actual results could differ from these estimates and could have an adverse effect on the Company's financial statements.

Revenue

The total consideration which the Company expects to be entitled to receive from patients and insurance carriers in exchange for the Company's products is a significant estimate determined by calculating the average selling price based on the contractual pricing agreed to with each insurance carrier for each test (CPT code) performed adjusted for variable consideration related to historical percent of cases allowed, historical percent of patient responsibility collected, and historical percent of contract price collected from insurance carriers. The Company uses the expected-value approach of estimating variable consideration. The Company also considers recent trends, past events not expected to recur, and future known changes such as anticipated contractual pricing changes or changes to insurance coverage. For insurance carriers with similar reimbursement characteristics, the Company uses a portfolio approach to estimate the effects of variable consideration. The Company also applies a constraint to the estimated variable consideration when it assesses it is probable that a significant reversal in the amount of cumulative revenue may occur in future periods.

When assessing the total consideration for insurance carriers and patients, a certain percentage of revenues is further constrained for estimated refunds.

Allowance for doubtful accounts

The allowance for doubtful accounts for trade accounts receivable and other receivables is based on the Company's assessment of the collectability of customer accounts. The Company regularly reviews the allowance by considering factors such as historical experience, credit quality, the age of the accounts receivable balances, and current economic conditions that may affect a customer's ability to pay.

Appropriate provision has been made for lifetime expected credit losses in accordance with ASC Topic 326-20, *Financial Instruments—Credit Losses* ("Topic 326"), for trade receivables and available-for-sale debt securities. The Company's estimate of expected credit losses includes consideration of past events, current conditions and forecasts of future economic conditions.

Inventory

Inventory is recorded at the lower of cost or net realizable value, determined on a first-in, first-out basis. The Company uses judgment to analyze and determine if the composition of its inventory is obsolete, slow-moving or unsalable and frequently reviews such determinations. A write down of specifically identified unusable, obsolete, slow-moving or known unsalable inventory in the period is first recognized by using a number of factors including product expiration dates and scrapped inventory. Any write-down of inventory to net realizable value establishes a new cost basis and will be maintained even if certain circumstances suggest the inventory is recoverable in subsequent periods. Costs associated with the write-down of inventory are recorded to cost of revenue on our consolidated statements of operations. The Company makes assumptions about future demand, market conditions and the release of new products that may supersede older products. However, if actual market conditions are less favorable than anticipated, additional inventory write-downs may be required.

Investments and financial instruments

The Company classifies its investments as Level 1 or 2 within the fair value hierarchy. Fair values determined by Level 1 inputs utilize quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets that the Company has the ability to access. Fair values determined by Level 2 inputs utilize data points that are observable such as quoted prices, interest rates and yield curves. The Company holds Level 2 securities which are initially valued at the transaction price and subsequently valued by a third-party service provider using inputs other than quoted prices that are observable either directly or indirectly, such as yield curve, volatility factors, credit spreads, default rates, loss severity, current market and contractual prices for the underlying instruments or debt, broker and dealer quotes, as well as other relevant economic measures. The Company performs certain procedures to corroborate the fair value of these holdings.

Other accrued liabilities

The Company's uses estimates, judgments, and assumptions in several areas including, but not limited to, estimates of progress to date for certain contracts with vendors, liabilities related to clinical trials, payroll and related expenses, marketing liabilities, reserves associated with insurance and general overpayments, tax-related liabilities, and other operating expenses. Estimates consist of historical trends, analytical procedures, review of supporting documentation, inquiries with supply partners and vendors, and other relevant assumptions. Although the Company believes its estimates, assumptions, and judgment are reasonable, it is based upon information presently available and are subject to change.

Credit Losses

Appropriate provision has been made for lifetime expected credit losses in accordance with ASC Topic 326-20, *Financial Instruments—Credit Losses* (“Topic 326”), for trade receivables and available-for-sale debt securities. The Company’s estimate of expected credit losses includes consideration of past events, current conditions, and forecasts of future economic conditions. See Note 6, *Balance Sheet Components*, for a roll-forward of the allowances for credit losses related to trade accounts receivable and other receivables for the three months ended March 31, 2023 and 2022.

Available-for-sale debt securities. The amended guidance from ASU 2016-13 requires the measurement of expected credit losses for available-for-sale debt securities held at the reporting date over the remaining life based on historical experience, current conditions, and reasonable and supportable forecasts. The Company evaluated its investment portfolio under the available-for-sale debt securities impairment model guidance and determined the Company’s investment portfolio is composed of low-risk, investment grade securities.

Investments

Investments consist primarily of debt securities such as U.S. Treasuries, U.S. agency and municipal bonds. Management determines the appropriate classification of securities at the time of purchase and re-evaluates such determination at each balance sheet date. The Company generally classifies its entire investment portfolio as available-for-sale. The Company views its available-for-sale portfolio as available for use in current operations. Accordingly, the Company classifies all investments as short-term, irrespective of maturity date. Available-for-sale securities are carried at fair value, with unrealized gains and losses reported in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), which is a separate component of stockholders’ equity.

Related Party

On December 6, 2021, the Company participated along with certain other investors in the series B financing of MyOme, Inc. (“MyOme”), and purchased preferred shares and warrants in exchange for a cash payment of approximately \$4.0 million. The Company’s investment in MyOme is recorded at cost and no impairment was identified as of March 31, 2023. The following are the Company’s related persons and the basis of each such related person’s relationship with MyOme:

- Matthew Rabinowitz, the Company’s executive chairman and co-founder, is the chairman of the board and founder of MyOme, and a beneficial holder of approximately 28.6% of the outstanding shares of MyOme on a fully dilutive basis;
- Jonathan Sheena, the Company’s co-founder and a member of the Company’s board of directors, is a stockholder and a member of the board of directors of Myome;
- Daniel Rabinowitz, the Company’s Secretary and Chief Legal Officer, is a stockholder of Myome; and
- Roelof Botha, the Lead Independent Director of the Company’s board of directors, is a managing member of Sequoia Capital. Certain funds affiliated with Sequoia Capital also participated in MyOme’s series B financing.

Fair Value

The Company discloses the fair value of financial instruments for financial assets and liabilities for which the value is practicable to estimate. Fair value is defined as the price that would be received upon the sale of an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date (exit price).

Risk and Uncertainties

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to credit risk consist of cash, accounts receivable and investments. The Company limits its exposure to credit loss by placing its cash in financial institutions with high credit ratings. The Company's cash may consist of deposits held with banks that may at times exceed federally insured limits of \$250,000 per customer. The Company performs evaluations of the relative credit standing of these financial institutions and limits the amount of credit exposure with any one institution.

The Company performs evaluations of financial conditions for insurance carriers, patients, clinics and laboratory partners and generally does not require collateral to support credit sales. For the three months ended March 31, 2023, and 2022, there were no customers exceeding 10% of total revenues on an individual basis. As of March 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022, there were no customers with an outstanding balance exceeding 10% of net accounts receivable.

Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)

Comprehensive loss and its components encompass all changes in equity other than those with stockholders, and include net loss, unrealized gains and losses on available-for-sale marketable securities and foreign currency translation adjustments.

	Three months ended March 31,	
	2023	2022
	(in thousands)	
Beginning balance	\$ (16,362)	\$ (2,287)
Net unrealized gain (loss) on available-for-sale securities, net of tax and foreign currency translation adjustment	4,564	(11,617)
Ending balance	<u>\$ (11,798)</u>	<u>\$ (13,904)</u>

The change in net unrealized loss on available-for-sale securities is due to increased market volatility. The Company has assessed the unrealized loss position for available-for-sale securities and determined that an allowance for an other than temporary impairment was not necessary.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

From time to time, new accounting pronouncements are issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") under its accounting standard codifications or other standard setting bodies and adopted by the Company as of the specified effective date. Unless otherwise discussed below, the Company believes that the impact of accounting standards updates recently issued that are not yet effective will not have a material impact on its financial position or results of operations upon adoption.

New Accounting Pronouncements Not Yet Adopted

In March 2020, ASU 2020-04, *Reference Rate Reform (Topic 848)* was issued which provides temporary optional guidance to ease the potential burden in accounting for reference rate reform. The new guidance provides optional expedients and exceptions for applying generally accepted accounting principles to transactions affected by reference rate reform if certain criteria are met. These transactions include contract modifications, hedging relationships, and sale or transfer of debt securities classified as held-to-maturity. The Company does not expect adoption of this standard to have a material impact on its consolidated financial statements.

3. Revenue Recognition

The Company recognizes revenues when, or as, performance obligations in the contracts are satisfied, in the amount reflecting the expected consideration to be received from the goods or services transferred to the customers.

Product Revenues

Product revenues are derived from contracts with insurance carriers, laboratory partners and patients in connection with sales primarily related to prenatal genetic tests. The Company enters into contracts with insurance carriers with primarily payment terms related to tests provided to the patients who have health insurance coverage. Insurance carriers are considered as third-party payers on behalf of the patients, and the patients are considered as the customers who receive genetic test services. Tests may be billed to insurance carriers, patients, or a combination of insurance carriers and patients. Further, the Company sells tests to a number of domestic and international laboratory partners and identifies the laboratory partners as customers provided that there is a test services agreement between the two parties.

Additionally, the Company enters into agreements with pharmaceutical companies to utilize the Company's Signatera tests typically to study new cancer treatments or to validate the outcomes of clinical trials for which the pharmaceutical companies are identified as customers. Such arrangements generally involve performing whole exome sequencing ("WES") services and the testing of patient samples to detect cancer mutations using its Signatera test. Each test is billable to customers and the personalized cancer profile also makes each test distinct within the context of the contract as customers can exercise control over the test results upon delivery. The Company allocates the contract price to each test using the stand-alone selling price for each service and recognizes the test processing revenue as individual test results are delivered to customers.

A performance obligation represents a promise in a contract to transfer a distinct good or service to a customer, which represents a unit of accounting in accordance with ASC 606. A performance obligation is considered distinct from other obligations in a contract when it provides a benefit to the customer either on its own or together with other resources that are readily available to the customer and is separately identified in the contract. The Company considers a performance obligation satisfied once the Company has transferred control of a good or service to the customer, meaning the customer has the ability to use and obtain the benefit of the good or service. A portion of the consideration should be allocated to each distinct performance obligation and recognized as revenue when, or as, the performance obligation is satisfied. The Company evaluates its contracts with insurance carriers, laboratory partners and patients and identifies the performance obligations in those contracts, which are the delivery of the test results.

The total consideration which the Company expects to collect in exchange for the Company's products is an estimate and may be fixed or variable. Consideration includes reimbursement from both patients and insurance carriers, adjusted for variable consideration related to disallowed cases, discounts, refunds and doubtful accounts, and is estimated using the expected value approach. For insurance carriers with similar reimbursement characteristics, the Company uses a portfolio of relevant historical data to estimate variable consideration and total collections for the Company's products. The Company constrains the estimated variable consideration when it assesses it is probable that a significant reversal in the amount of cumulative revenue recognized may occur in future periods. The consideration expected from laboratory partners usually includes a fixed amount, but it can be variable depending on the volume of tests performed, and the Company determines the variable consideration using the expected value approach. For insurance carriers, laboratory partners and patients, the Company allocates the total consideration to a single performance obligation, which is the delivery of the test results to the customers.

When assessing the total consideration for insurance carriers and patients, a certain percentage of revenues is further constrained for estimated refunds.

The Company generally bills an insurance carrier, a laboratory partner or a patient upon delivery of test results. The Company also bills patients directly for out-of-pocket costs involving co-pays and deductibles that they are responsible for. Tests billed to insurance carriers and directly to patients usually take an average of 18 months to collect payment, and for tests billed to laboratory distribution partners, the average collection cycle takes approximately two to three months. At times, the Company may or may not get reimbursed for the full amount billed. Further, the Company may not get

reimbursed at all for tests performed if such tests are not covered under the insurance carrier's reimbursement policies or the Company is not a qualified provider to the insurance carrier, or if the tests were not previously authorized.

Product revenue is recognized in an amount equal to the total consideration (as described above) at a point in time when the test results are delivered. Collection of cash attributable to such product revenue can take an average of 18 months from the time the revenue is recognized and during this time management routinely reassesses its estimates of actual to expected cash collections, which are based on historical collection rates and adjusted for current information and trends. To the extent cash collections for tests delivered in prior periods are trending higher than expectations, the Company will increase revenue recognized when sufficient evidence is obtained to conclude the additional revenue will not result in a reversal of revenue in a future period. If cash collections for tests delivered in prior periods are trending below expectations, the Company will reduce revenue to the amount expected to be collected based on the latest information and expectations. Increases or decreases to the amount of cash expected to be collected for tests delivered in prior periods are recognized in product revenue with a corresponding impact to accounts receivable during the period such determination is made. During the quarter ended March 31, 2023, the Company reduced revenue by a net of \$9.2 million for tests delivered in prior periods, which decreased revenue and increased net loss by a corresponding amount and increased loss per share by \$0.08. During the quarter ended March 31, 2022, the Company increased revenue by a net of \$6.4 million for tests delivered in prior periods, which increased revenue and decreased net loss by a corresponding amount and decreased loss per share by \$0.06.

Product revenue is constrained via refunds estimated to be paid to insurance carriers. Such refunds are recognized in accrued liabilities until they are either paid to the respective insurance carrier or it is determined the refund will not ultimately be paid, at which time the related accrual is reduced with a corresponding increase to revenue. During the three months ended March 31, 2023 and 2022, the reserves for refunds to insurance carriers were reduced and product revenue increased by \$5.7 million and \$1.4 million, respectively, for amounts the Company determined would not be refunded to insurance carriers. The increased revenue and corresponding decreased net loss resulted in a decreased loss per share by \$0.05 and \$0.01 for the three months ended March 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Licensing and Other Revenues

The Company recognizes licensing revenues from its cloud-based distribution service offering, Constellation, by granting licenses to its licensees to use certain of the Company's proprietary intellectual properties and cloud-based software and IVD kits. The Company also recognizes revenues from its strategic collaboration agreements, such as those with BGI Genomics Co., Ltd. and Foundation Medicine, Inc. During the three months ended March 31, 2023, the Company began recognizing licensing revenue through agreements with pharmaceutical companies in support of potential clinical trials managed by the pharmaceutical companies.

Constellation

The laboratory partners with whom the Company enters into a licensing arrangement represent the licensees and are identified as customers. The licensees do not have the right to possess the Company's software, but rather receive services through the cloud software. These arrangements often include: (i) the delivery of the services through the cloud software, (ii) the necessary support and training, and (iii) the IVD kits to be consumed as tests are processed. The Company does not consider the software as a service, the support or the training as being distinct in the context of such arrangements, and therefore they are combined as a single performance obligation. The software, support and training are delivered simultaneously to the licensees over the term of the arrangement.

The Company bills the majority of licensees, who process the tests in their laboratories, a fixed price for each test processed. Licensing revenues are recognized as the performance obligations are satisfied (i.e., upon the delivery of each test) and reported in licensing and other revenues in the Company's statements of operations and comprehensive loss.

BGI Genomics

In February 2019, the Company entered into a License Agreement (the "BGI Genomics Agreement") with BGI Genomics to develop, manufacture, and commercialize NGS-based genetic testing assays for clinical and commercial use.

The BGI Genomics Agreement has a term of ten years and expires in February 2029. According to the BGI Genomics Agreement, the Company is entitled to a total of \$50.0 million, comprised of upfront technology license fees, prepaid royalties relating to future sales of licensed products and performance of assay interpretation services, and milestone payments. In 2022, \$8.5 million of revenue was recognized for ongoing completion of performance obligations. Through March 31, 2023, the Company had received \$44.0 million. As of March 31, 2023, the project related performance obligations have been fulfilled and the remaining revenue allocated to this performance obligation of \$0.1 million has been recognized. The Company began recognizing royalty revenue during the three months ended March 31, 2023 of \$0.6 million.

As required by the BGI Genomics Agreement, in June 2019 the Company prepaid \$6.0 million to BGI Genomics for future sequencing services and \$4.0 million for future sequencing equipment. These advance payments for equipment and services to be received in future periods, which was assessed as a standalone transaction that did not reduce revenue, aggregated to \$10.0 million and was originally recorded in long-term advances on the Company's Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet and will be periodically assessed for impairment. During the year ending December 31, 2022, \$4.0 million was reclassified as prepaid expenses and other current assets. During the quarter ending March 31, 2023, \$1.6 million in equipment and services was received which brought the remaining advance payments to \$8.4 million with \$2.4 million recorded in prepaid expenses and other current assets and \$6.0 million recorded in other assets.

Pursuant to the BGI Genomics Agreement, the Company licensed its intellectual property to and will provide development services for BGI. Following completion of development services, the Company will provide assay interpretation services over the term of the agreement. The Company concluded that the license is not a distinct performance obligation as it does not have a stand-alone value to BGI Genomics apart from the related development services. Therefore, license and related development services, for each of the NIPT and Oncology products, represents a single performance obligation.

The Company is responsible for granting a license to specified intellectual property and performing certain development activities to customize its genetic testing assays for oncology and NIPT for use with BGI Genomics' sequencing instruments and proprietary technology platform. Revenue associated with these performance obligations is recognized over time using the input method, based on costs incurred to perform the development services, since the level of costs incurred over time best reflect the transfer of development services. Revenue associated with the assay interpretation services will be recognized upon delivery of these services. Funds received in advance are recorded as deferred revenue and will be recognized as the related services are delivered.

The initial transaction price was primarily comprised of license and milestone fees. The Company constrains the estimated variable consideration when it assesses it is probable that a significant reversal in the amount of cumulative revenue recognized may occur in future periods. Certain milestone and license fees were constrained and not included in the transaction price due to the uncertainties of research and development. The Company re-evaluates the transaction price, including the estimated variable consideration included in the transaction price and all constrained amounts, in each reporting period and as uncertain events are resolved or other changes in circumstances occur. The allocation of the transaction price was performed based on standalone selling prices, which are based on estimated amounts that the Company would charge for a performance obligation if it were sold separately.

In accordance with ASC 340-40, any incremental costs incurred to obtain a contract with a customer are required to be capitalized and amortized over the period in which the goods and services are transferred to the customer. The incremental costs incurred in connection with the BGI Genomics arrangement are not material on an accumulated basis and therefore will not be capitalized but will be expensed as incurred.

Foundation Medicine, Inc.

In August 2019, the Company entered into a License and Collaboration Agreement (the “Foundation Medicine Agreement”) with Foundation Medicine to develop and commercialize personalized circulating tumor DNA monitoring assays, for use by biopharmaceutical and clinical customers who order Foundation Medicine’s FoundationOne CDx. The Foundation Medicine Agreement has an initial term of five years, expiring in August 2024, with automatic renewals thereafter for successive one-year terms, unless the Foundation Medicine Agreement is earlier terminated in accordance with its terms. Natera and Foundation Medicine will share the revenues generated from both biopharmaceutical and clinical customers in accordance with the terms of the Foundation Medicine Agreement. The Foundation Medicine Agreement provides for approximately \$13.3 million in upfront licensing fees and prepaid revenues payable to the Company, and up to approximately \$32.0 million in minimum annual payments and payments tied to the Company’s achievement of certain developmental, regulatory, and commercial milestones. As of December 31, 2022, the Company has invoiced and received a payment of \$16.8 million for all milestones achieved through December 2022. As of March 31, 2023, the Company has invoiced and received payment of \$19.3 million for all milestones achieved through March 2023. As of March 31, 2023, the performance obligations of the agreement have been fulfilled and the remaining revenue of \$0.2 million has been recognized.

Pursuant to the Foundation Medicine Agreement, the Company will provide development services in conjunction with granting the use of the Company’s intellectual property. Following completion of those development services, the Company is currently providing research use only assay testing services over the term of the agreement. The Company has concluded that the license is not a distinct performance obligation as it is highly interrelated and interdependent with the related development services. Therefore, license and related development services represent a single performance obligation.

The Company is responsible for providing the technology license and certain development services that are required to customize its proprietary Signatera test to work with Foundation Medicine’s FoundationOne CDx. The intellectual property has been licensed to Foundation Medicine for the customized test. In addition, the Company is responsible for delivering clinical study plans in order to demonstrate efficacy of the customized test which commenced in the second quarter of 2021. Revenues associated with each of the performance obligations are recognized over time using the input method, based on costs incurred to perform the development services, since the level of costs incurred over time best reflect the transfer of development services. Revenue associated with the assay testing services will be recognized upon delivery of these services. Funds received in advance are recorded as deferred revenue and will be recognized as the related services are delivered.

The initial transaction price was primarily comprised of license and milestone fees. The Company constrains the estimated variable consideration when it assesses it is probable that a significant reversal in the amount of cumulative revenue recognized may occur in future periods. Certain milestone fees were constrained and not included in the transaction price due to the uncertainties of research and development. The Company re-evaluates the transaction price, including the estimated variable consideration included in the transaction price and all constrained amounts, in each reporting period and as uncertain events are resolved or other changes in circumstances occur. The allocation of the transaction price was performed based on standalone selling prices, which are based on estimated amounts that the Company would charge for a performance obligation if it were sold separately.

In accordance with ASC 340-40, any incremental costs incurred to obtain a contract with a customer are required to be capitalized and amortized over the period in which the goods and services are transferred to the customer. The Company has elected to apply a practical expedient under ASC 340-40 to recognize the incremental costs of obtaining a contract as an expense when incurred provided that the amortization period of such costs, if capitalized, is one year or less.

Disaggregation of Revenues

The Company measures its performance results primarily based on revenues recognized from the three categories described below. The following table shows disaggregation of revenues by payer types:

	Three months ended March 31,	
	2023	2022
<i>(in thousands)</i>		
Insurance carriers	\$ 210,378	\$ 164,742
Laboratory and other partners	22,805	20,737
Patients	8,573	8,654
Total revenues	<u>\$ 241,756</u>	<u>\$ 194,133</u>

The following table presents total revenues by geographic area based on the location of the Company's payers:

	Three months ended March 31,	
	2023	2022
<i>(in thousands)</i>		
United States	\$ 233,254	\$ 187,217
Americas, excluding U.S.	1,158	741
Europe, Middle East, India, Africa	5,196	3,691
Asia Pacific and Other	2,148	2,484
Total revenues	<u>\$ 241,756</u>	<u>\$ 194,133</u>

The following table summarizes the Company's beginning and ending balances of accounts receivable and deferred revenues:

	Balance at March 31, 2023	Balance at December 31, 2022
<i>(in thousands)</i>		
Assets:		
Accounts receivable, net	<u>\$ 246,785</u>	<u>\$ 244,385</u>
Liabilities:		
Deferred revenue, current portion	\$ 16,579	\$ 10,777
Deferred revenue, long-term portion	<u>21,511</u>	<u>20,001</u>
Total deferred revenues	<u>\$ 38,090</u>	<u>\$ 30,778</u>

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The following table summarizes the changes in the balance of deferred revenues during the three months ended March 31, 2023 and 2022:

	March 31, 2023	March 31, 2022
(in thousands)		
Beginning balance	\$ 30,778	\$ 28,722
Increase in deferred revenues	12,100	10,508
Revenue recognized during the period that was included in deferred revenues at the beginning of the period	(3,988)	(3,889)
Revenue recognized from performance obligations satisfied within the same period	(800)	(884)
Ending balance	<u>\$ 38,090</u>	<u>\$ 34,457</u>

During the three months ended March 31, 2023, revenue recognized that was included in the deferred revenue balance at the beginning of the period totaled \$4.0 million. This balance consisted of approximately a net \$0.3 million related to BGI Genomics and Foundation Medicine and \$3.7 million related to genetic testing services. The current portion of deferred revenue includes \$14.2 million from genetic testing services and \$2.4 million from the Foundation Medicine Agreement as of March 31, 2023. The non-current portion of deferred revenue includes \$19.8 million from the BGI Genomics Agreement and \$1.7 million from the Foundation Medicine Agreement as of March 31, 2023.

4. Fair Value Measurements

The Company's financial assets and liabilities carried at fair value are comprised of investment assets that include money market and investments.

The fair value accounting guidance requires that assets and liabilities be carried at fair value and classified in one of the following three categories:

Level I: Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities that the Company has the ability to access.

Level II: Observable market-based inputs or unobservable inputs that are corroborated by market data, such as quoted prices, interest rates, and yield curves.

Level III: Inputs that are unobservable data points that are not corroborated by market data.

This hierarchy requires the Company to use observable market data, when available, and to minimize the use of unobservable inputs when determining fair value.

Assets and Liabilities That Are Measured at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis

The following table represents the fair value hierarchy for the Company's financial assets and financial liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis:

	March 31, 2023				December 31, 2022			
	Level I	Level II	Level III	Total	Level I	Level II	Level III	Total
<i>(in thousands)</i>								
Financial Assets:								
Money market deposits	\$ 246,954	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 246,954	\$ 283,358	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 283,358
Liquid demand deposits	126,986	—	—	126,986	125,596	—	—	125,596
U.S. Treasury securities	334,404	—	—	334,404	346,057	—	—	346,057
Corporate bonds and notes	—	18,719	—	18,719	—	23,529	—	23,529
Municipal securities	—	55,735	—	55,735	—	62,715	—	62,715
Total financial assets	\$ 708,344	\$ 74,454	\$ —	\$ 782,798	\$ 755,011	\$ 86,244	\$ —	\$ 841,255

Fair Value of Short-Term and Long-Term Debt:

As of March 31, 2023, the estimated fair value of the total principal outstanding and accrued interest of the Credit Line, which are not presented at fair value on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets for both March 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022, was \$80.4 million, and were based upon observable Level 1 inputs, including the interest rate based on the 30-day SOFR average, plus 1.21%.

As of March 31, 2023, the estimated fair value of the Convertible Notes, which are not presented at fair value on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets as of March 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022, was \$466.6 million and \$358.4 million, respectively, based upon observable, Level 2 inputs, including pricing information from recent trades of the Convertible Notes. See Note 10, *Debt*, for additional details.

5. Financial Instruments

The Company elected to invest a portion of its cash assets in conservative, income earning, and liquid investments. Cash equivalents and investments, all of which are classified as available-for-sale securities, consisted of the following:

	March 31, 2023			December 31, 2022			
	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Loss	Estimated Fair Value	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gain	Gross Unrealized Loss	Estimated Fair Value
<i>(in thousands)</i>							
Money market deposits	\$ 246,954	\$ —	\$ 246,954	\$ 283,358	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 283,358
Liquid demand deposits	126,986	—	126,986	125,596	—	—	125,596
U.S. Treasury securities (1)	342,958	(8,554)	334,404	358,385	—	(12,328)	346,057
Corporate bonds and notes (1)	19,014	(295)	18,719	24,045	—	(516)	23,529
Municipal securities	58,388	(2,653)	55,735	65,973	1	(3,259)	62,715
Total	\$ 794,300	\$ (11,502)	\$ 782,798	\$ 857,357	\$ 1	\$ (16,103)	\$ 841,255
Classified as:							
Cash equivalents (2)			373,940				408,954
Short-term investments			408,858				432,301
Total			\$ 782,798				\$ 841,255

- (1) Per the Company's investment policy, all debt securities are classified as short-term investments irrespective of holding period.
- (2) Cash equivalents includes money market deposits and liquid demand deposits.

The Company invests in U.S. Treasuries, U.S. agency and high-quality municipal bonds which mature at par value and are all paying their coupons on schedule. The Company has therefore concluded there is currently no other than temporary impairment of its investments and will continue to recognize unrealized gains and losses in other comprehensive income (loss). During the three months ended March 31, 2023, the Company did not sell any investments. The Company uses the specific investment identification method to calculate realized gains and losses and amounts reclassified out of other comprehensive income to net income. As of March 31, 2023, the Company had 56 investments in an unrealized loss position in its portfolio. An allowance for credit losses was not necessary as the decrease in the fair market value for a majority of the available-for-sale securities was as a result of a significant average yield rate increase for similar securities as of March 31, 2023. The Company has assessed the unrealized loss position for available-for-sale debt securities for which an allowance for credit losses has not been recorded and concluded any such losses are temporary and not indicative of an impairment.

The following table presents debt securities available-for-sale that were in an unrealized loss position as of March 31, 2023, aggregated by major security type in a continuous loss position. There were no debt securities available-for-sale in an unrealized loss position for less than 12 months as of March 31, 2023.

	Total	
	Fair Value	Unrealized Loss
U.S. Treasury securities	\$ 334,404	\$ (8,554)
Corporate bonds and notes	18,719	(295)
Municipal securities	55,735	(2,653)
Total	<u>\$ 408,858</u>	<u>\$ (11,502)</u>

The following table summarizes the Company's portfolio of available-for-sale securities by contractual maturity as of March 31, 2023:

	March 31, 2023	
	Amortized Cost	Fair Value
	(in thousands)	
Less than or equal to one year	\$ 349,114	\$ 341,858
Greater than one year but less than five years	71,246	67,000
Total	<u>\$ 420,360</u>	<u>\$ 408,858</u>

6. Balance Sheet Components

Credit Losses

The following is a roll-forward of the allowances for credit losses related to trade accounts receivable and other receivables for the three months ended March 31, 2023 and 2022:

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31,	
	2023	2022
	(in thousands)	
Beginning balance	\$ 3,830	\$ 2,429
Provision for credit losses	1,304	331
Write-offs	—	(368)
Total	<u>\$ 5,134</u>	<u>\$ 2,392</u>

Property and Equipment, net

The Company's property and equipment consisted of the following:

	Useful Life	March 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
		<i>(in thousands)</i>	
Machinery and equipment	3-5 years	\$ 74,852	\$ 66,262
Computer equipment	3 years	1,700	1,308
Purchased and capitalized software held for internal use	3 years	6,739	5,464
Leasehold improvements	Lesser of useful life or lease term	29,761	29,747
Construction-in-process		28,148	25,370
		141,200	128,151
Less: Accumulated depreciation and amortization		(40,613)	(35,698)
Total Property and Equipment, net		<u>\$ 100,587</u>	<u>\$ 92,453</u>

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

During the three months ended March 31, 2023, the increase in net property and equipment was due to expansion projects and purchases of new equipment for the Company's laboratories located in Texas and California to expand testing capabilities, offset by depreciation expense of \$5.1 million recorded in the three months ended March 31, 2023. Depreciation expense of \$3.0 million was recorded in the three months ended March 31, 2022. The Company did not incur any impairment charges during the three months ended in either March 31, 2023 or 2022.

Other Accrued Liabilities

The Company's other accrued liabilities consisted of the following:

	March 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
	<i>(in thousands)</i>	
Reserves for refunds to insurance carriers	\$ 14,271	\$ 18,948
Accrued charges for third-party testing	13,707	17,036
Testing and laboratory materials from suppliers	15,203	13,281
Marketing and corporate affairs	7,604	8,943
Legal, audit and consulting fees	21,793	36,710
Accrued shipping charges	1,004	485
Sales and income tax payable	5,091	4,319
Accrued third-party service fees	10,184	6,631
Clinical trials and studies	11,373	23,301
Operating lease liabilities, current portion	9,308	7,639
Property and equipment purchases	1,777	1,821
Other accrued interest	2,695	1,078
Other accrued expenses	4,628	4,022
Total other accrued liabilities	<u>\$ 118,638</u>	<u>\$ 144,214</u>

Reserves for refunds to insurance carriers include overpayments from and amounts to be refunded to insurance carriers, and additional amounts that the Company estimates for potential refund requests during the period. When the Company releases these previously accrued amounts, they are recognized as product revenues in the condensed statements.

of operations and comprehensive loss. The following table summarizes the reserve balance and activities for refunds to insurance carriers for the three months ended March 31, 2023:

	March 31, 2023	March 31, 2022
	(in thousands)	
Beginning balance	\$ 18,948	\$ 17,210
Additional reserves	2,384	3,502
Refunds to carriers	(350)	(1,991)
Reserves released to revenue	(6,711)	(1,395)
Ending balance	<u>\$ 14,271</u>	<u>\$ 17,326</u>

7. Leases

Operating Leases

In September 2015, the Company's subsidiary entered into a long-term lease agreement for laboratory and office space totaling approximately 94,000 square feet in Austin, Texas. The original lease term was 132 months beginning in December 2015 and expiring in November 2026 with monthly payments beginning in December 2016. In December 2021, the Company entered into an amendment of the Austin lease agreement which extended the lease of the current premises through March 2033. The amendment also includes two additional office spaces (the "First Expansion Premises" and the "Second Expansion Premises"). The First Expansion Premises consists of 32,500 rentable square feet and commenced in February 2022. The Second Expansion Premises consists of 65,222 rentable square feet and commenced in September 2022. The terms of the First and Second Expansion Premises expire in March 2033.

In October 2016, the Company entered into a lease directly with its landlord for laboratory and office spaces at its facilities located in San Carlos, California. The Company currently occupies approximately 136,000 square feet comprised of two office spaces (the "First Space" and the "Second Space"). The First Space covers approximately 88,000 square feet, and the Second Space totals approximately 48,000 square feet. The term of this lease is approximately 84 months and expires in October 2023. This lease contains an option to renew the lease term for five years, but the fair market rent amount upon renewal is not available from the landlord. In January 2021, the Company entered into an amendment of the lease to extend the term for 48 months to October 2027. The combined annual rent for the First Space and Second Space will be \$9.3 million commencing in October 2023.

The Company entered into a lease agreement commencing June 2018 for its cord blood tissue storage facility in Tukwila, Washington that covers approximately 10,000 square feet. The lease term is 62 months expiring in July 2023. The Company has the option to extend this lease for five years, and the fair market rent upon renewal is not determinable. However, since the Company sold its business related to cord blood and tissue storage in September 2019, the Company has subleased the facility and does not intend to exercise its option to renew the facility upon expiration.

In addition, the Company entered into a sublease agreement in June 2019 with a third party to sublease 25,879 square feet of space located on the third floor of the San Carlos, California building while maintaining its primary obligation as the intermediate lessor. The term of this lease is approximately 48 months commencing in October 2019 and expiring in September 2023. The annual lease payment starts at \$1.9 million and began escalating annually commencing in October 2020. An amendment of the San Carlos sublease agreement was entered in February 2021 and the third party surrendered 25,879 rentable square feet in the fourth quarter of 2021.

The Company entered into a lease agreement in November 2020 to lease 11,395 square feet of space located in South San Francisco, California over a 36-month term. The premises are used for general office, laboratory and research use. The annual lease payment starts at \$0.9 million and will escalate annually commencing in December 2021. In December 2022, the Company exercised the renewal option of the South San Francisco lease agreement. In January 2023, the Company entered in an amendment to extend the lease term of the South San Francisco premises by three years, through November 2026.

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As part of the IPR&D asset acquisition in September 2021, the Company inherited a 24-month lease for 7,107 square feet of laboratory space in Canada. The annual lease payment starts at \$0.2 million and will expire in August 2023.

The Company has also historically entered into leases of individual workspaces and storage spaces at various locations on both a month-to-month basis without an established lease term, and more recently for certain locations, has committed to terms approximating one to five years. For the facilities without a committed lease term, the Company has elected to not recognize them as right-of-use assets on the condensed consolidated balance sheets as they are all considered short-term leases. For individual workspaces where the committed lease term exceeds one year, the Company has recorded a right-of-use asset on the condensed consolidated balance sheets.

For the three months ended March 31, 2023, the Company did not have any noncash operating activities related to additional right-of-use assets accounted for as new leases under ASC 842. For the three months ended March 31, 2022, the Company had noncash operating activities of \$7.5 million primarily related to additional right-of-use assets primarily as a result of the San Carlos lease extension which was accounted for as a modification under ASC 842.

The operating lease right-of-use assets are classified as noncurrent assets in the balance sheet. The corresponding lease liabilities are separated into current and long-term portions as follows:

	March 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
	<i>(in thousands)</i>	
Operating lease liabilities, current portion included in other accrued liabilities	\$ 9,308	\$ 7,639
Operating lease liabilities, long-term portion	73,854	76,577
Total operating lease liabilities	<u>\$ 83,162</u>	<u>\$ 84,216</u>

The initial recognition of the operating lease liabilities was measured as the present value of the future minimum lease payments using a discount rate determined as of January 1, 2019. The operating right-of-use assets was calculated as the operating lease liabilities discounted at the present value, less the amount of unamortized tenant improvement allowance and deferred rent. The discount rate used was the Company's incremental borrowing rate given that the implicit rate to each lease was not readily determinable. In accordance with ASC 842, the incremental borrowing rate was estimated as the annual percentage yield resulting from a corporate debt financing over a loan term approximating the remaining term of each lease, with the effect of certain credit risk rating. As of March 31, 2023, the weighted-average remaining lease term was 7.35 years and the weighted-average discount rate was 6.67%.

The Company continues to recognize lease expense on a straight-line basis. The lease expense includes the amortization of the right-of-assets with the associated interest component estimated by applying the effective interest method. For the three months ended March 31, 2023 and 2022, total lease expense of \$3.8 million and \$3.3 million was recognized in the condensed statements of operations and comprehensive loss, respectively. Cash paid for amounts in the measurement of operating lease liabilities totaled \$2.2 million and \$2.8 million for the three months ended March 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

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The present value of the future annual minimum lease payments under all non-cancellable operating leases as of March 31, 2023 are as follows:

	Operating Leases
	<i>(in thousands)</i>
As of March 31, 2023	
2023 (remaining 9 months)	\$ 10,266
2024	16,007
2025	16,352
2026	16,732
2027	13,676
2028 and thereafter	33,998
	107,031
Less: imputed interest	(23,869)
Operating lease liabilities	<u>\$ 83,162</u>

8. Commitments and Contingencies

Legal Proceedings

The Company is involved in legal matters, including investigations, subpoenas, demands, disputes, litigation, requests for information, and other regulatory or administrative actions or proceedings, including those with respect to intellectual property, testing and test performance, billing, reimbursement, marketing, short seller and media allegations, employment, and other matters.

An independent committee of the Company's board of directors initiated and has completed an internal investigation into the allegations made in a March 2022 short seller report, with the assistance of the law firm of WilmerHale LLP. WilmerHale had access to company executives, personnel, records, communications, and documents. Based on the investigation, the independent committee, on behalf of the board, has concluded that the allegations of wrongdoing against the Company in the report were unfounded.

The Company is responding to ongoing regulatory and governmental investigations, subpoenas and inquiries, and contesting its current legal matters, but cannot provide any assurance as to the ultimate outcome with respect to any of the foregoing. There are many uncertainties associated with these matters. Such matters may cause the Company to incur costly litigation and/or substantial settlement charges, divert management attention, result in adverse judgments, fines, penalties, injunctions or other relief, and may result in loss of customer or investor confidence regardless of their merit or ultimate outcome. In addition, the resolution of any intellectual property litigation may require the Company to make royalty payments, which could adversely affect gross margins in future periods. If any of the foregoing were to occur, the Company's business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flows, prospects, or stock price could be adversely affected.

The Company assesses legal contingencies to determine the degree of probability and range of possible loss for potential accrual in its financial statements. When evaluating legal contingencies, the Company may be unable to provide a meaningful estimate due to a number of factors, including the procedural status of the matter in question, the presence of complex or novel legal theories, and/or the ongoing discovery and development of information important to the matters. In addition, damage amounts claimed in litigation or other matters may be unsupported, exaggerated or unrelated to possible outcomes, and as such are not meaningful indicators of its potential liability. Loss contingencies, including claims and legal actions arising in the ordinary course of business, are recorded as liabilities when the likelihood of loss is probable and an amount or range of loss can be reasonably estimated. During the periods presented, the Company does not believe there are such matters that will have a material effect on the financial statements.

Intellectual Property Litigation Matters.

The Company has been involved in two patent litigations against CareDx, Inc. ("CareDx") in the United States District Court for the District of Delaware ("CareDx Patent Cases"). In the first CareDx Patent Case, CareDx alleged, in a complaint filed jointly with the Board of Trustees of the Leland Stanford Junior University ("Stanford") in March 2019 and amended in March 2020, that the Company infringed three patents (the "CareDx Patents"). The complaint sought unspecified damages and injunctive relief. In September 2021, the Court granted the Company's motion for summary judgment, finding all three CareDx Patents invalid. This finding was affirmed on appeal by the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. CareDx's petition for rehearing by the Federal Circuit was denied, and CareDx has filed a petition for certiorari to the United States Supreme Court. In the second CareDx Patent Case, the Company alleges, in suits filed in January 2020 and May 2022, infringement by CareDx of three of the Company's patents, seeking unspecified damages and injunctive relief. The case is currently pending and is scheduled for trial in January 2024.

In January 2020, the Company filed suit against ArcherDX, Inc. ("ArcherDX") in the United States District Court for the District of Delaware. In January 2021, the Company named an additional Archer DX entity, ArcherDx LLC, and Invitae Corp. as defendants. The Company alleges that certain ArcherDX products infringe three of the Company's patents (the "ArcherDX case"), and is seeking unspecified monetary damages and injunctive relief. Trial began in May 2023.

The Company is the subject of a lawsuit filed against it by Ravgen, Inc. (“Ravgen”) in June 2020 in the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, alleging infringement of two Ravgen patents. The complaint seeks monetary damages and injunctive relief. Various parties, including Natera, have filed petitions challenging the validity of the asserted patents with the United States Patent and Trademark Office, all of which were instituted for review, and some of which were decided in favor of upholding the challenged claims. The petitions filed by the Company and certain others remain pending. The lawsuit against the Company is presently stayed.

In October 2020, the Company filed suit against Genosity Inc. (“Genosity”), in the United States District Court for the District of Delaware, alleging that various Genosity products infringe one of the Company’s patents and seeking unspecified monetary damages and injunctive relief. The case has been stayed pending the entry of a final judgment in the ArcherDX Litigation, in which the subject patent is also asserted.

In January 2021, the Company filed suit against Inivata, Inc. and Inivata Ltd. (collectively “Inivata”) in the United States District Court for the District of Delaware. The complaint, amended by the Company in May 2021, alleges that various Inivata oncology products infringe two of the Company’s patents and seeks unspecified monetary damages and injunctive relief. Inivata filed a motion to dismiss the Company’s amended complaint, which the Court denied. In December 2022, the Company filed a second suit against Inivata in the same district court, alleging that certain of Inivata’s oncology products additionally infringe a third patent of the Company’s, and seeking unspecified monetary damages and injunctive relief. The two suits have been consolidated. Inivata has filed a motion to dismiss the Company’s second complaint, which motion is currently pending before the Court.

The Company is the subject of lawsuits filed against it by Invitae Corp. (“Invitae”) in the United States District Court of the District of Delaware alleging, in complaints filed in May and November of 2021, infringement of three patents and seeking monetary damages and injunctive relief. Trial is currently scheduled for March 2024.

Other Litigation Matters.

CareDx filed suit against the Company in April 2019 in the United States District Court for the District of Delaware, alleging false advertising, and related claims based on statements describing studies that concern the Company’s technology and CareDx’s technology, seeking unspecified damages and injunctive relief. The Company filed a counterclaim against CareDx in the United States District Court for the District of Delaware, alleging false advertising, unfair competition and deceptive trade practices and seeking unspecified damages and injunctive relief. In March 2022, after trial, the jury returned a verdict that Natera was liable to CareDx and found damages of \$44.9 million. The jury also returned a verdict against CareDx, finding that CareDx had engaged in false advertising. The Company has filed a motion for judgment as a matter of law, requesting that the Court set aside the portions of the jury verdict adverse to Natera and issue a judgment accordingly. Because the Court has not issued an order of judgment, and because the motion for judgment as a matter of law remains pending, Natera does not consider a loss related to this matter to be probable and estimable.

In May 2021, Guardant, Inc. (“Guardant”) filed suit against the Company in the United States District Court of the Northern District of California alleging false advertising and related claims and seeking unspecified damages and injunctive relief. Also in May 2021, the Company filed suit against Guardant in the Western District of Texas, alleging false advertising and related claims. The Company has voluntarily dismissed its Texas suit against Guardant and has asserted the claims from the Texas action as counterclaims in the California action, seeking unspecified damages and injunctive relief. In August 2021, Guardant moved to dismiss the Company’s counterclaims, which motion was denied in all material respects. Trial is currently scheduled for July 2023.

In November 2021, a purported class action lawsuit was filed against the Company in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, by a patient alleging various causes of action relating to the Company’s patient billing and seeks, among other relief, class certification, injunctive relief, restitution and/or disgorgement, attorneys’ fees, and costs. In May 2023, the Court granted the Company’s motion to dismiss the lawsuit, and the case was dismissed without prejudice.

In February 2022, two purported class action lawsuits were filed against the Company in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California. Each suit was filed by an individual patient alleging various causes of action

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related to the marketing of Panorama and seeking, among other relief, class certification, monetary damages, attorneys' fees, and costs. These matters have been consolidated. The Company filed a motion to dismiss the consolidated lawsuit, which resulted in the plaintiffs filing an amended complaint in April 2023.

In March 2022, a purported class action lawsuit was filed against the Company and certain of its management in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of New York, asserting claims under Sections 11, 12, and 15 of the Securities Act of 1933. The complaint alleges, among other things, that the Company failed to disclose certain information regarding its Panorama test. The complaint seeks, among other relief, monetary damages, attorneys' fees, and costs. This matter has been dismissed and the claims raised in this matter have been included in the lawsuit discussed below.

A purported class action lawsuit was filed against the Company and certain of its management in the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, asserting claims under Sections 10(b) and 20(a) of the Securities Act of 1934 and Rule 10b-5 thereunder. The complaint, filed in April 2022 and amended in October 2022 (to include, among others, the claims raised in the lawsuit discussed in the preceding paragraph), alleges, among other things, that the management defendants made materially false or misleading statements, and/or omitted material information that was required to be disclosed, about certain of the Company's products and operations. The complaint seeks, among other relief, monetary damages, attorneys' fees, and costs. The Company has filed a motion to dismiss this lawsuit, which is currently pending before the Court.

Director and Officer Indemnifications

As permitted under Delaware law, and as set forth in the Company's Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation and its Amended and Restated Bylaws, the Company indemnifies its directors, executive officers, other officers, employees and other agents for certain events or occurrences that may arise while in such capacity. The maximum potential future payments the Company could be required to make under this indemnification is unlimited; however, the Company has insurance policies that may limit its exposure and may enable it to recover a portion of any future amounts paid. Assuming the applicability of coverage, the willingness of the insurer to assume coverage, and subject to certain retention, loss limits and other policy provisions, the Company believes any obligations under this indemnification would not be material, other than standard retention amounts for securities related claims. However, no assurances can be given that the covering insurers will not attempt to dispute the validity, applicability, or amount of coverage without expensive litigation against these insurers, in which case the Company may incur substantial liabilities as a result of these indemnification obligations.

Third-Party Payer Reimbursement Audits

From time to time, the Company receives recoupment requests from third-party payers for alleged overpayments. The Company disagrees with the contentions of pending requests and/or has recorded an estimated reserve for the alleged overpayments if probable and estimable.

Contractual Commitments

The following table sets forth the Company's material contractual commitments as of March 31, 2023 with a remaining term of at least one year:

Party	Commitments	Expiry Date
	(in thousands)	
Laboratory instruments supplier	\$ 15,048	December 2024
Material suppliers	21,753	March 2028
Application service providers	15,957	March 2026
Other material suppliers	20,041	Various
Total	<u>\$ 72,799</u>	

9. Stock-Based Compensation

2015 Equity Incentive Plan

General. The Company's board of directors adopted its 2015 Equity Incentive Plan (the "2015 Plan") in June 2015. The 2015 Plan replaced the Company's prior stock plans.

Share Reserve. The initial number of shares of the Company's common stock available for issuance under the 2015 Plan was 3,451,495 shares. The number of shares reserved for issuance under the 2015 Plan will be increased automatically on the first business day of each fiscal year, commencing in 2016, by a number equal to the smallest of:

- 3,500,000 shares;
- 4% of the shares of common stock outstanding on the last business day of the prior fiscal year; or
- the number of shares determined by the Company's board of directors.

Stock options vest as determined by the compensation committee. In general, they will vest over a four-year period following the date of grant. Stock options expire at the time determined by the compensation committee but in no event more than ten years after they are granted. These awards generally expire earlier if the participant's service terminates earlier.

Restricted Shares and Stock Units. Restricted shares and stock units ("RSUs") may be awarded under the 2015 Plan in return for any lawful consideration, and participants who receive restricted shares or stock units generally are not required to pay cash for their awards. In general, these awards will be subject to vesting. Vesting may be based on length of service, the attainment of performance-based milestones or a combination of both, as determined by the compensation committee.

Employee Stock Purchase Plan

During the period ended March 31, 2023, there have not been any changes to the Company's 2015 Natera, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the "ESPP") as disclosed in Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022. The Company has made 4,183,261 shares available for issuance under the Plan as of March 31, 2023, a number that is automatically increased on the first business day of each fiscal year of the Company during the term of the ESPP by the least of (i) 1% of the total number of shares of common stock actually issued and outstanding on the last business day of the prior fiscal year, (ii) 880,000 shares of common stock (subject to the ESPP), or (iii) a number of shares of common stock determined by the Company's board of directors.

The first offering period of 2023 started on November 1, 2022 and will end on April 30, 2023. As of March 31, 2023, no shares have been purchased in the first offering period.

Stock Options and Restricted Stock Units

The following table summarizes option and RSU activity for the three months ended March 31, 2023:

	Outstanding Options and RSUs				
	Shares Available for Grant	Number of Shares Outstanding	Weighted-Average Exercise Price	Weighted-Average Remaining Contractual Life (in years)	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
(in thousands, except for contractual life and exercise price)					
Balance at December 31, 2022	3,263	5,300	\$ 21.11	4.84	\$ 131,385
Additional shares authorized	3,500	—			
Options granted	(317)	317	\$ 44.17		
Options exercised	—	(169)	\$ 13.63		
RSUs granted	(5,369)	—			
RSUs forfeited/cancelled	250	—			
Balance at March 31, 2023	1,327	5,448	\$ 22.69	4.93	\$ 199,854
Exercisable at March 31, 2023		4,541	\$ 13.25	4.15	\$ 194,651
Vested and expected to vest at March 31, 2023		5,392	\$ 22.21	4.89	\$ 199,545

Performance-based Awards

The Company grants certain senior-level executives performance stock options and units which vest based on either market and time-based service conditions or performance and time-based service conditions, which are referred to herein as performance-based awards. The Company assessed the performance-based awards with the appropriate valuation method and has recognized the applicable stock-based compensation expense.

The Company has recognized \$7.3 million and \$13.5 million in stock-based compensation for performance-based awards for the three months ended March 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. There were no performance-based awards with market conditions and a fair value estimated using a Monte Carlo simulation model granted in the three months ended March 31, 2023 and 2022.

Restricted Stock Units

The following table summarizes unvested RSU for the three months ended March 31, 2023:

	Shares	Weighted-Average Grant Date Fair Value
(in thousands, except for grant date fair value)		
Balance at December 31, 2022	6,836	\$ 57.12
Granted	5,369	\$ 44.75
Vested	(1,599)	\$ 57.36
Cancelled/forfeited	(250)	\$ 51.95
Balance at March 31, 2023	10,356	\$ 50.75

Stock-Based Compensation Expense

Stock based compensation is related to stock options and RSUs granted to the Company's employees and is measured at the grant date based on the fair value of the award. The fair value is recognized as expense over the requisite service period, which is generally the vesting period of the respective awards on a straight-line basis. If awards have both

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a service condition and performance or market condition, then an accelerated expense method is used. No compensation cost is recognized when the requisite service has not been met and the awards are therefore forfeited.

Employee stock-based compensation expense is calculated based on awards ultimately expected to vest and has been reduced for estimated forfeitures. Forfeitures are estimated at the time of grant and revised, if necessary, in subsequent periods, if actual forfeitures differ from those estimates. Non-employee stock-based compensation expense is not adjusted for estimated forfeitures up until the occurrence of the actual forfeiture of the associated awards.

The following tables present the effect of employee and non-employee stock-based compensation expense on selected statements of operations line items for the three months ended March 31, 2023 and 2022.

	Three months ended March 31,					
	2023			2022		
	Employee	Non-Employee	Total	Employee	Non-Employee	Total
	<i>(in thousands)</i>					
Cost of revenues	\$ 2,554	\$ 2	\$ 2,556	\$ 1,716	\$ —	\$ 1,716
Research and development	14,315	543	14,858	9,006	415	9,421
Selling, general and administrative	22,959	322	23,281	23,875	75	23,950
Total	<u>\$ 39,828</u>	<u>\$ 867</u>	<u>\$ 40,695</u>	<u>\$ 34,597</u>	<u>\$ 490</u>	<u>\$ 35,087</u>

As of March 31, 2023, approximately \$424.9 million of unrecognized compensation expense, adjusted for estimated forfeitures, related to unvested option awards and RSUs will be recognized over a weighted-average period of approximately 2.9 years.

Valuation of Stock Option Grants to Employees and Non-employees

The Company utilizes the Black-Scholes option pricing model when estimating the fair value of stock options. For the three months ended March 31, 2023, the following valuation assumptions were applied on both the employee and non-employee options.

	Three months ended March 31,					
	2023			2022		
Expected term (years)	5.20	—	6.00	5.12	—	10.00
Expected volatility	68.61%	—	70.07 %	55.91%	—	62.30 %
Expected dividend rate			0.00 %			0.00 %
Risk-free interest rate	3.41%	—	3.58 %	1.62%	—	1.78 %

Stock-based compensation expense related to stock options granted to non-employees is recognized as the stock option is earned and the services are rendered. The Company believes that the estimated fair value of the stock options is more readily measurable than the fair value of the services rendered.

10. Debt

Credit Line Agreement

In September 2015, the Company entered into a credit line with UBS (the “Credit Line”) providing for a \$50.0 million revolving line of credit which was fully drawn down in 2016. The Credit Line was amended in July 2017 and bears interest at 30-day LIBOR plus 1.10%. The interest rate was subsequently changed to the 30-day Secured Overnight Financing Rate (“SOFR”) average, plus 1.21%. The SOFR rate is variable. The interest rate as of March 31, 2023 was 5.84%. The Credit Line was subsequently increased from \$50.0 million to \$150.0 million in 2020. In November 2022, the Company drew down \$30.0 million from the \$100.0 million available from the Credit Line. The Credit Line is secured by a first priority lien and security interest in the Company’s money market and marketable securities held in its managed

investment account with UBS. UBS has the right to demand full or partial payment of the Credit Line obligations and terminate the Credit Line, in its discretion and without cause, at any time. As of March 31, 2023, the Company has drawn down a total of \$80.0 million and there is \$70.0 million remaining and available on the Credit Line.

For the three months ended March 31, 2023 and 2022, the Company recorded interest expense on the Credit Line of \$1.1 million and \$0.2 million, respectively. Interest payments on the Credit Line were made within the same periods. As of March 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022, the total principal amount outstanding with accrued interest was \$80.4 million.

Convertible Notes

In April 2020, the Company issued \$287.5 million aggregate principal amount of Convertible Notes due 2027 in a private placement offering to qualified institutional buyers pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. The Convertible Notes are senior, unsecured obligations of the Company and bear interest at a rate of 2.25% per year, payable in cash semi-annually. The Convertible Notes mature in May 2027, unless earlier converted, repurchased or redeemed in accordance with their terms. Upon conversion, the Convertible Notes are convertible into cash, shares of the Company's common stock or a combination of cash and shares of the Company's common stock, at the Company's election.

The Company received net proceeds from the Convertible Notes of \$278.3 million, after deducting the initial purchasers' discounts and debt issuance costs. The Company used approximately \$79.2 million of the net proceeds from the Convertible Notes offering to repay its obligations under the 2017 Term Loan with OrbiMed.

The holders of the Convertible Notes may convert all or a portion of their Convertible Notes at their option at any time prior to the close of business on the business day immediately preceding February 1, 2027 in multiples of \$1,000 principal amount, under any the following circumstances:

- During any fiscal quarter commencing after March 31, 2020 (and only during such fiscal quarter), if the last reported sale price of the Company's common stock for at least 20 trading days (whether or not consecutive) during the period of 30 consecutive trading days ending on, and including, the last trading day of the immediately preceding fiscal quarter is greater than or equal to 130% of the conversion price on each applicable trading day.
- During the five business day period after any five consecutive trading day period in which the trading price per \$1,000 principal amount of Convertible Notes for each trading day of that five-day consecutive trading period was less than 98% of the product of the last reported sale price of the Company's common stock and the conversion rate on each such trading day.
- If the Company calls any or all of the Convertible Notes for redemption at any time prior to the close of business on the second business day prior to the redemption date.
- Upon the occurrence of certain distributions.
- Upon the occurrence of specified corporate transactions.

The Convertible Notes are convertible into shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share, at an initial conversion rate of 25.7785 shares of common stock per \$1,000 principal amount of the Convertible Notes, which is equivalent to an initial conversion price of approximately \$38.79 per share of common stock, convertible to 7,411,704 shares of common stock. The conversion rate and corresponding conversion price are subject to adjustment upon the occurrence of certain events but will not be adjusted for any accrued or unpaid interest. The holders of the Convertible Notes who redeem their Convertible Notes in connection with a make-whole fundamental change are, under certain circumstances, entitled to an increase in the conversion rate. Additionally, in the event of a fundamental change, the holders of the Convertible Notes may require the Company to repurchase for cash all or a portion of their Convertible Notes at a price equal to 100% of the principal amount, plus any accrued and unpaid interest.

The Company may not redeem the Convertible Notes prior to May 2024, and no sinking fund is provided for the Convertible Notes. The Company may redeem for cash all or any portion of the Convertible Notes, at the Company's option, on or after May 2024, if the last reported sale price of the Company's common stock has been at least 130% of the

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conversion price then in effect for at least 20 trading days during any 30 consecutive trading day period ending on the trading day immediately preceding the date on which the Company provides notice of redemption. The redemption price will be equal to 100% of the principal amount of the Convertible Notes to be redeemed plus accrued and unpaid interest.

Upon adoption of ASU 2020-06, the Company allocated all of the debt discount to long-term debt. The debt discount is amortized to interest expense using the effective interest method, computed to be 2.72%, over the life of the Convertible Notes or approximately its seven-year term. The outstanding Convertible Notes balances as of March 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022 are summarized in the following table:

	March 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
	<i>(in thousands)</i>	
Long-Term Debt		
Outstanding Principal	\$ 287,500	\$ 287,500
Unamortized debt discount and issuance cost	(5,527)	(5,847)
Net carrying amount	<u>\$ 281,973</u>	<u>\$ 281,653</u>

The following tables present total interest expense recognized related to the Convertible Notes during the three months ended March 31, 2023 and 2022:

	Three months ended March 31,	
	2023	2022
	<i>(in thousands)</i>	
Cash interest expense		
Contractual interest expense	\$ 1,617	\$ 1,617
Non-cash interest expense		
Amortization of debt discount and debt issuance cost	320	312
Total interest expense	<u>\$ 1,937</u>	<u>\$ 1,929</u>

11. Income Taxes

During the three months ended March 31, 2023 and 2022, the Company recorded total income tax expense of approximately \$160,000 and \$179,000, respectively. The income tax expense is primarily attributable to state income tax and foreign income tax expenses resulting from testing to clinics and licenses of cloud-based software and intellectual property that are based in a foreign country. Due to the Company's history of cumulative operating losses, the Company concluded that, after considering all the available objective evidence, it is not more likely than not that all of the Company's net deferred tax assets will be realized. Accordingly, all of the Company's deferred tax assets, which includes net operating loss carryforwards and tax credits related primarily to research and development, continue to be subjected to a full valuation allowance as of March 31, 2023. The Company will continue to maintain a full valuation allowance until there is sufficient evidence to support recoverability of its deferred tax assets.

Interest and/or penalties related to income tax matters are recognized as a component of income tax expense. As of March 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022, there were no accrued interest and penalties related to uncertain tax positions.

12. Net Loss per Share

The Convertible Notes are convertible by the holders as of March 31, 2023. Upon conversion, the Company has the option to pay cash, issue shares of common stock, or any combination thereof for the aggregate amount due upon conversion. If converted, the shares issued to settle the Convertible Notes would exceed the Convertible Note principle by \$96.6 million based on the closing price of the Company's common stock as of March 31, 2023. Since the Company is in a net loss position in the periods presented, the shares which would be issued upon conversion of the Convertible Notes are excluded from the net loss per share calculation as it would have an antidilutive effect. As such, the 7.4 million shares underlying the conversion option of the Convertible Notes have been excluded from the calculation of diluted earnings per share. If converted, the Company does not intend to settle the obligation in cash.

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The following table shows total outstanding potentially dilutive shares excluded from the computation of diluted loss per share as their effect would be anti-dilutive, as of March 31, 2023 and 2022:

	March 31,	
	2023	2022
	<i>(in thousands)</i>	
Options to purchase common stock	5,448	5,481
Performance-based awards and restricted stock units	10,356	7,490
Employee stock purchase plan	197	230
Convertible Notes	7,411	7,411
Earnouts for development with acquired Canadian entity	—	811
Total	23,412	21,423

13. Subsequent Events

None.

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

You should read the following discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations in conjunction with our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and related notes included in Part I, Item 1 of this report. Our actual results could differ materially from those discussed below. Factors that could cause or contribute to such differences include, but are not limited to, those identified below and those discussed in "Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 1, 2023.

Overview

We are a diagnostics company with proprietary molecular and bioinformatics technology that we are applying to change the management of disease worldwide. We began in the women's health space, in which we develop and commercialize non- or minimally- invasive tests to evaluate risk for, and thereby enable early detection of, a wide range of genetic conditions, such as Down syndrome. Our technology is now also being used in the oncology market, in which we are commercializing, among others, a personalized blood-based DNA test to detect molecular residual disease and monitor disease recurrence, as well as in the organ health market, with tests to assess organ transplant rejection. We seek to enable even wider adoption of our technology through Constellation, our global cloud-based distribution model. In addition to our direct sales force in the United States, we have a global network of over 100 laboratory and distribution partners, including many of the largest international laboratories.

We currently provide a comprehensive suite of products in women's health, as well as our oncology and organ health products, and our Constellation cloud-based platform. We generate a majority of our revenues from the sale of Panorama, our non-invasive prenatal test ("NIPT"), as well as Horizon, our Carrier Screening ("HCS") test. In addition to Panorama and Horizon, our product offerings in women's health include Spectrum Preimplantation Genetics, our Anora miscarriage test, and Vistara single-gene NIPT, as well as our Empower hereditary cancer screening test, which we also plan to offer to oncologists through our oncology sales channel. We also offer our Signatera molecular residual disease test for oncology applications, which we commercialize as a test run in our CLIA (as defined below) laboratory and offer on a research use only basis to research laboratories and pharmaceutical companies; and our Prospera organ transplant assessment tests.

We process tests in our laboratories certified under the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 ("CLIA") in Austin, Texas and San Carlos, California. A portion of our testing is performed by third-party laboratories. Our customers include independent laboratories, national and regional reference laboratories, medical centers and physician practices for our screening tests, and research laboratories and pharmaceutical companies. We market and sell our tests through our direct sales force and, for our women's health tests, through our laboratory distribution partners. We bill clinics, laboratory distribution partners, patients, pharmaceutical companies and insurance payers for the tests we perform. In cases where we bill laboratory distribution partners, our partners in turn bill clinics, patients and insurers. The majority of our revenue comes from insurers with whom we have in-network contracts. Such insurers reimburse us for our tests pursuant to our in-network contracts with them, based on positive coverage determinations, which means that the insurer has determined that the test in general is medically necessary for this category of patient.

In addition to offering tests to be performed at our laboratories, either directly or through our laboratory distribution partners, we also establish licensing arrangements with laboratories under Constellation, our cloud-based distribution model, whereby our laboratory licensees run the molecular workflows themselves and then access our bioinformatics algorithms through our cloud-based software. This cloud-based distribution model results in lower revenues and gross profit per test than cases in which we process a test ourselves; however, because we do not incur the costs of processing the tests, our costs per test under this model are also lower. We began entering into these licensing arrangements starting in the fourth quarter of 2015.

The principal focus of our commercial operations is to offer our tests through both our direct sales force and laboratory distribution partners, and our Constellation licensees under our cloud-based distribution model. The number of tests that we accession is a key indicator that we use to assess our business. A test is accessioned when we receive the test

at our laboratory, the relevant information about the test is entered into our computer system, and the test sample is routed into the appropriate workflow. This number is a subset of the number of tests that we process, which includes tests distributed through our Constellation licensees. The number of tests that we process is a key metric as it tracks overall volume growth, particularly as our laboratory partners may transition from sending samples to our laboratory to our cloud-based distribution model, as a result of which our tests accessioned would decrease but our tests processed would remain unchanged.

During the three months ended March 31, 2023, we processed approximately 626,200 tests, comprised of approximately 607,700 tests accessioned in our laboratory, compared to approximately 489,300 tests processed, comprised of approximately 473,200 tests accessioned in our laboratory, during the three months ended March 31, 2022. This increase in volume primarily represents continued commercial growth of Panorama and HCS, both as tests performed in our laboratory as well as through our Constellation software platform.

The percent of our revenues attributable to our U.S. direct sales force for the three months ended March 31, 2023 was 91%, a slight increase compared to 90% for the three months ended March 31, 2022. The percent of our revenues attributable to U.S. laboratory distribution partners for the three months ended March 31, 2023 was 5%, a decrease from 7% in the same period in the prior year. Our ability to increase our revenues and gross profit will depend on our ability to further penetrate the U.S. market with our direct sales force. The percent of our revenues attributable to international laboratory distribution partners and other international sales for the three months ended March 31, 2023 was 4%, an increase from 3% for the three months ended March 31, 2022, due primarily to the decrease in US laboratory distribution partners as a percentage of revenue.

For the three months ended March 31, 2023, total revenues were \$241.8 million, compared to \$194.1 million in the three months ended March 31, 2022. Product revenues accounted for \$237.8 million, 98% of total revenues for the three months ended March 31, 2023 compared to \$190.0 million representing 98% of total revenues for the three months ended March 31, 2022. For the three months ended March 31, 2023 and 2022, no customers exceeded 10% of the total revenues on an individual basis. Revenues from customers outside the United States were \$8.5 million, representing approximately 4% of total revenues for the three months ended March 31, 2023. For the three months ended March 31, 2022, revenues from customers outside the United States were \$6.9 million, representing approximately 3% total revenues. Most of our revenues have been denominated in U.S. dollars, though we generate some revenue in foreign currency, primarily denominated in Euros and Singapore Dollars.

Our net loss for the three months ended March 31, 2023 and 2022 was \$136.9 million and \$138.6 million, respectively. This included non-cash stock compensation expense of \$40.7 million and \$35.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. As of March 31, 2023, we had an accumulated deficit of \$2.1 billion.

Components of the Results of Operations

Revenues

We generate revenues from the sale of our tests, primarily from the sale of our Panorama and HCS tests. Our two primary distribution channels are our direct sales force and our laboratory partners. In cases where we promote our tests through our direct sales force, we generally bill directly to a patient, clinic or insurance carrier, or a combination of the insurance carrier and patient, for the fees.

Sales of our clinical tests are recorded as product revenues. Revenues recognized from tests processed through our Constellation model, from the Qiagen LC (“Qiagen”), BGI Genomics Co. Ltd., and Foundation Medicine, Inc. agreements (collectively the “Strategic Partnership Agreements”) are reported in licensing and other revenues.

In cases where we sell our tests through our laboratory partners, the majority of our laboratory partners bill the patient, clinic or insurance carrier for the performance of our tests, and we are entitled to either a fixed price per test or a percentage of their collections.

Our ability to increase our revenues will depend on our ability to further penetrate the domestic and international markets and, in particular, generate sales through our direct sales force, develop and commercialize additional tests, obtain reimbursement from additional third-party payers and increase our reimbursement rate for tests performed. In particular, our financial performance depends on reimbursement for Panorama in the average risk population and for microdeletions. There has been a significant increase in the number of commercial third-party payers that cover the use of Panorama in the average risk population, representing approximately 95% of commercial covered lives in the United States, as well as an increasing number of state Medicaid payers expanding coverage to average risk pregnancies. Many third-party payers do not currently reimburse for microdeletions screening in part because there is currently limited published data on the performance of microdeletions screening tests. A new current procedure terminology (“CPT”) code for microdeletions went into effect beginning January 1, 2017. We have experienced low average reimbursement rates thus far for microdeletions testing under this new code, and we expect that this new code will cause, at least in the near term, our microdeletions reimbursement to remain low, due to third-party payers declining to reimburse and through reduced reimbursement under the new code. This has had, and we expect it will continue to have, an adverse impact on our revenues. In addition, a new CPT code for expanded carrier screening went into effect beginning January 1, 2019, and has had, and may continue to have, an adverse effect on our reimbursement rates for our broader Horizon carrier screening panel for which we previously primarily received reimbursement on a per-condition basis, as those tests may be reimbursed as a combined single panel instead of as multiple individual tests. Because our revenues from Horizon continue to represent an increasing proportion of our overall revenues, a decline in our reimbursement rates for, and therefore our average selling price of, Horizon, could result in a decline in our overall revenue.

Our financial performance has also been impacted by the increase in in-network coverage of our tests by third-party payers, which we believe is crucial to our growth and long-term success. However, because the negotiated fees under our contracts with third-party payers are typically lower than the list price of our tests, as we enter into additional in-network contracts with insurance providers, our average reimbursement per test may decrease as compared to out-of-network contracts. While we expect the reduction in average reimbursement per test from in-network pricing to reduce our revenues and gross margins in the near term, in-network pricing is more predictable than out-of-network pricing, and we intend to continue to mitigate the impact by driving more business from our most profitable accounts.

Cost of Product Revenues

The components of our cost of product revenues are material and service costs, impairment charges associated with testing equipment, personnel costs, including stock-based compensation expense, equipment and infrastructure expenses associated with testing samples, electronic medical records, order and delivery systems, shipping charges to transport samples, costs incurred from third party test processing fees, and allocated overhead such as rent, information technology costs, equipment depreciation and utilities. Costs associated with Whole Exome Sequencing (“WES”) are also included, as well as labor costs, relating to our Signatera CLIA and Signatera research use only offerings. Costs associated with performing tests are recorded when the test is accessioned. We expect cost of product revenues in absolute dollars to increase as the number of tests we perform increases.

As we continue to achieve scale, we have increased our focus on more efficient use of labor, automation, and DNA sequencing. For example, we updated the molecular and bioinformatics process for Panorama to further reduce the sequencing reagents, test steps and associated labor costs required to obtain a test result, while increasing the accuracy of the test to allow it to run with lower fetal fraction input. These improvements also reduced the frequency of the need to require blood redraws from the patient.

Cost of Licensing and Other Revenues

The components of our cost of licensing and other revenues are material costs associated with test kits sold to Constellation clients, development and support services relating to our Strategic Partnership Agreements, and costs associated with specimens and WES.

We currently have 11 revenue generating licensing and service agreements with laboratories under our Constellation distribution model. We consider our cost of licensing and other revenues for the Constellation software

platform to be relatively low, and therefore we expect its associated gross margin is higher. We expect our cost of licensing will increase in relation to volume growth.

Critical Accounting Policies

Our management's discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations is based on our financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States. The preparation of these financial statements requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, as well as the reported revenue generated, and expenses incurred during the reporting periods. Our estimates are based on our historical experience and on various other factors that we believe are reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying value of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions. We consider our critical accounting policies and estimates to be revenue recognition, leases, fair value measurements, and stock-based compensation.

There have been no material changes to our other critical accounting policies and estimates as compared to the disclosures in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

We believe that the impact of accounting standards updates recently issued that are not yet effective will not have a material impact on our financial position or results of operations upon adoption.

Results of Operations

Comparison of the three months ended March 31, 2023 and 2022

	Three Months Ended March 31,		Change	
	2023	2022	Amount	Percent
<i>(in thousands except percentage)</i>				
Revenues				
Product revenues	\$ 237,797	\$ 190,002	\$ 47,795	25.2 %
Licensing and other revenues	3,959	4,131	(172)	(4.2)
Total revenues	241,756	194,133	47,623	24.5
Cost and expenses				
Cost of product revenues	147,754	102,670	45,084	43.9
Cost of licensing and other revenues	370	545	(175)	(32.1)
Research and development	82,306	80,414	1,892	2.4
Selling, general and administrative	149,627	147,634	1,993	1.3
Total cost and expenses	380,057	331,263	48,794	14.7
Loss from operations	(138,301)	(137,130)	(1,171)	0.9
Interest expense	(3,061)	(2,087)	(974)	46.7
Interest and other income, net	4,585	801	3,784	472.4
Loss before income taxes	(136,777)	(138,416)	1,639	(1.2)
Income tax expense	(160)	(179)	19	(10.6)
Net loss	\$ (136,937)	\$ (138,595)	\$ 1,658	(1.2) %

Revenues

Total revenues are comprised of product revenues, which are primarily driven by sales of our Panorama and HCS tests, oncology testing, and licensing and other revenues, which primarily includes development licensing revenue and

licensing of our Constellation software. Total revenues increased by \$47.6 million, or 24.5%, when compared to the three months ended March 31, 2022.

We derive our revenues from tests based on units reported to customers—tests delivered with a result. All reported units are either accessioned in our laboratory or processed outside of our laboratory. As noted in the section titled “Overview” above, the number of tests that we process is a key metric as it tracks overall volume growth. During the three months ended March 31, 2023, total reported units were approximately 583,400, comprised of approximately 566,000 tests reported in our laboratory. Comparatively, during the three months ended March 31, 2022, total reported units were approximately 456,100, comprising of approximately 440,900 tests reported in our laboratory. During the three months ended March 31, 2023 and 2022, total oncology units processed were approximately 71,000 and 35,100, respectively.

Product Revenues

During the three months ended March 31, 2023, product revenues increased by \$47.8 million, or 25.2% compared to the three months ended March 31, 2022, as a result of the continued revenue growth from test volumes.

Licensing and Other Revenues

Licensing and other revenues decreased by \$0.2 million, or 4.2%, during the three months ended March 31, 2023 when compared to the three months ended March 31, 2022. The decrease was primarily due to a slight decrease in revenue from our collaborative agreements.

Cost of Product Revenues

During the three months ended March 31, 2023, cost of product revenues increased compared to the three months ended March 31, 2022 by approximately \$45.1 million, or 43.9%, due to a \$16.9 million increase in third-party fees, higher costs related to inventory consumption of \$11.1 million driven by an increase in accessioned tests and higher volume, a \$4.4 million increase in shipping related charges, and a \$12.7 million increase in labor, overhead, and other related costs driven by headcount growth and product support.

Cost of Licensing and Other Revenues

Cost of licensing and other revenues for the three months ended March 31, 2023, when compared to the three months ended March 31, 2022, decreased by \$0.2 million, or 32.1%, primarily due to a net decrease in costs to support our collaborative agreements.

Research and Development

Research and development expenses during the three months ended March 31, 2023, increased by \$1.9 million, or 2.4%, when compared to the three months ended March 31, 2022. The increase was attributable to an increase of \$10.5 million increase in salary and related compensation expenditures primarily due to headcount growth, which includes a \$5.4 million increase in stock-based compensation expense. This was offset by a \$5.6 million net decrease in clinical trial expenses, and a \$3.0 million decrease in consulting, travel, facilities, office and other costs.

Selling, General and Administrative

Selling, general and administrative expenses increased by \$2.0 million, or 1.3%, during the three months ended March 31, 2023 compared to the three months ended March 31, 2022. The increase was attributable to an increase of \$1.6 million in salary and related compensation expenditures primarily due to headcount growth, which includes a \$0.7 million decrease in stock-based compensation expense. Additionally, there was a \$0.4 million net increase in consulting and legal, marketing, travel, facilities, office, and other costs.

Interest Expense

Interest expense increased by \$1.0 million in the three months ended March 31, 2023 compared to the same period in the prior year. The interest expense increased primarily as a result of the increase in interest rate compared to the same period in prior year and the \$30.0 million drawdown from November 2022 for the UBS Credit Line.

Interest and Other Income

Interest and other income for the three months ended March 31, 2023 increased \$3.8 million compared to the same period in the prior year, primarily due to greater cash and investment balances driving higher interest income.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

We have incurred net losses each year since our inception. For the three months ended March 31, 2023, we had a net loss of \$136.9 million, and we expect to continue to incur losses in future periods as we continue to devote a substantial portion of our resources to our research and development and commercialization efforts for our existing and new products. As of March 31, 2023, we had an accumulated deficit of \$2.1 billion. We had \$403.2 million in cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash, \$408.9 million in marketable securities, \$80.4 million of outstanding balance of the Credit Line including accrued interest, and \$287.5 million outstanding principal balance on the Convertible Notes.

While we have introduced multiple products that are generating revenues, these revenues have not been sufficient to fund all operations. Accordingly, we have funded the portion of operating costs that exceeds revenues through a combination of equity issuances and debt and other financings. We expect to develop and commercialize future products and continue to invest in the growth of our business and, consequently, we will need to generate additional revenues to achieve future profitability and may need to raise additional equity or incur additional debt. If we raise additional funds by issuing equity securities, our stockholders would experience dilution. Additional debt financing, if available, may involve covenants restricting our operations or our ability to incur additional debt. Any additional debt financing or additional equity that we raise may contain terms that are not favorable to us or our stockholders and requires significant debt service payments, which diverts resources from other activities. Additional financing may not be available at all, or in amounts or on terms acceptable to us. If we are unable to obtain additional financing, we may be required to delay the development and commercialization of our products and significantly scale back our business and operations.

In November 2022, we completed an underwritten equity offering and sold 13,144,500 shares of our common stock at a price of \$35 per share to the public. Before estimated offering expenses of \$0.5 million, we received proceeds of approximately \$433.2 million net of the underwriting discount. As cash flows from our operations are currently negative, our contractual obligations and other commitments are satisfied by the equity offering described above, our convertible note financing conducted in April 2020 described below, the Credit Line described below, and our product, licensing, and other sales. For our commitments, refer to the “Contractual Obligations and Other Commitments” section below.

Refer to additional disclosures associated with risks and our ability to generate and obtain adequate amounts of cash to meet capital requirements for both short-term and long-term obligations.

Based on our current business plan, we believe that our existing cash and marketable securities will be sufficient to meet our anticipated cash requirements for at least 12 months after May 9, 2023.

Credit Line Agreement

In September 2015, we entered into a Credit Line with UBS (“the Credit Line”) providing for a \$50.0 million revolving line of credit which could be drawn in increments at any time. The Credit Line was amended in July 2017 and bears interest at 30-day LIBOR plus 1.10%, and it is secured by a first priority lien and security interest in our money market and marketable securities held in our managed investment account with UBS. The interest rate was subsequently changed to the 30-day Secured Overnight Financing Rate (“SOFR”) average, plus 1.21%. The SOFR rate is variable. UBS has the right to demand full or partial payment of the Credit Line obligations and terminate it, in its discretion and without

cause, at any time. The Credit Line was subsequently increased from \$50.0 million to \$150.0 million. As of March 31, 2023, the total principal amount outstanding with accrued interest was \$80.4 million.

Convertible Notes

In April 2020, we issued \$287.5 million aggregate principal amount of Convertible Notes in a private placement offering to qualified institutional buyers pursuant to Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

The Convertible Notes are senior, unsecured obligations of the Company and bear interest at a rate of 2.25% per year, payable in cash semi-annually in arrears in May and November of each year, beginning in November 2020. The Convertible Notes mature in May 2027, unless earlier converted, repurchased or redeemed in accordance with their terms. Upon conversion, the Convertible Notes are convertible into cash, shares of our common stock or a combination of cash and shares of our common stock, at our election.

We received net proceeds from the Convertible Notes of \$278.3 million, after deducting the initial purchasers' discounts and debt issuance costs. We used approximately \$79.2 million of the net proceeds from the Convertible Notes offering to repay our obligations under our 2017 Term Loan with OrbiMed.

Cash Flows

The following table summarizes our condensed consolidated cash flows for the periods indicated:

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31,	
	2023	2022
<i>(in thousands)</i>		
Cash used in operating activities	\$ (80,890)	\$ (137,277)
Cash provided by investing activities	15,652	207,033
Cash provided by financing activities	2,301	4,156
Net change in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	(62,937)	73,912
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash, beginning of period	466,091	84,614
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash, end of period	\$ 403,154	\$ 158,526

Cash Used in Operating Activities

Cash used in operating activities during the three months ended March 31, 2023 was \$80.9 million. The net loss of \$136.9 million includes \$53.7 million in non-cash charges resulting from \$5.1 million of depreciation and amortization, \$2.7 million in-process research and development, \$0.8 million premium amortization and discount accretion on investment securities, \$40.7 million of stock-based compensation expense, \$3.8 million of non-cash lease expense, \$0.3 million for amortization of debt discount and issuance cost, and \$0.3 million for foreign exchange adjustment. Operating assets had cash outflows of \$5.4 million resulting from a \$2.4 million increase in accounts receivable, a \$5.3 million increase in inventory, offset by a \$2.3 million decrease in prepaid expenses and other assets. Operating liabilities resulted in cash inflows of \$7.7 million resulting from a \$15.0 million increase in accrued compensation, a \$7.3 million increase in deferred revenue and a \$5.8 million increase in accounts payable offset by a \$18.2 million decrease in other accrued liabilities and a \$2.2 million decrease in lease liabilities.

Cash used in operating activities during the three months ended March 31, 2022 was \$137.3 million. The net loss of \$138.6 million includes \$43.4 million in non-cash charges resulting from \$3.0 million of depreciation and amortization, \$1.8 million premium amortization and discount accretion on investment securities, \$35.1 million of stock-based compensation expense, \$3.3 million of non-cash lease expense, \$0.3 million for amortization of debt discount and issuance cost, \$0.1 million for amortization of other assets offset by \$0.3 million in foreign exchange adjustment. Operating assets had cash outflows of \$50.3 million resulting from a \$45.9 million increase in accounts receivable, a \$6.3 million increase in prepaid expenses and other assets offset by a \$1.9 million decrease in inventory. Operating liabilities resulted in cash

inflows of \$8.3 million resulting from a \$21.3 million increase in other accrued liabilities, and a \$5.7 million increase in deferred revenue offset by a \$7.5 million decrease in accounts payable, \$8.5 million decrease in accrued compensation, and a \$2.7 million decrease in lease liabilities.

Cash Provided by Investing Activities

Cash provided by investing activities for the three months ended March 31, 2023 totaled \$15.7 million, which was comprised of \$27.3 million from proceeds of investments maturities, offset by a \$11.6 million in acquisitions of property and equipment.

Cash provided by investing activities for the three months ended March 31, 2022 totaled \$207.0 million, which was comprised of \$166.9 million from proceeds from sale of investments, \$81.0 million from proceeds of investments maturities, offset by \$25.0 million in purchasing of new investments, and \$15.8 million in acquisitions of property and equipment.

Cash Provided by Financing Activities

Cash provided by financing activities for the three months ended March 31, 2023, totaled \$2.3 million which was comprised of proceeds from the exercise of stock options.

Cash provided by financing activities for the three months ended March 31, 2022, totaled \$4.2 million of proceeds from the exercise of stock options.

Contractual Obligations and Other Commitments

We have entered into arrangements that contractually obligate us to make payments that will affect our liquidity and cash flows in future periods. Such arrangements include those related to our lease commitments, Credit Line (as defined below), Convertible Notes, commercial supply agreements and other agreements.

Credit Line

The short-term debt obligations consist of the \$80.4 million principal amount drawn from the UBS Credit Line (the “Credit Line”) and applicable interest. The Credit Line was amended in July 2017 and bears interest at 30-day LIBOR plus 1.10%, and it is secured by a first priority lien and security interest in our money market and marketable securities held in our managed investment account with UBS. The interest rate was subsequently changed to the 30-day Secured Overnight Financing Rate (“SOFR”) average, plus 1.21%. The SOFR rate is variable. UBS has the right to demand full or partial payment of the Credit Line obligations and terminate it, in its discretion and without cause, at any time. Please refer to Note 10, *Debt*, for further details.

Convertible Notes

The long-term debt obligations consist of the \$287.5 million principal amount from a private placement offering to qualified institutional buyers and applicable interest. The Convertible Notes are senior, unsecured obligations of the Company and bear interest at a rate of 2.25% per year, payable in cash semi-annually in arrears in May and November of each year, beginning in November 2020. The Convertible Notes mature in May 2027, unless earlier converted, repurchased or redeemed in accordance with their terms. Upon conversion, the Convertible Notes are convertible into cash, shares of our common stock or a combination of cash and shares of our common stock, at our election. Please refer to Note 10, *Debt*, for further details.

Inventory purchase and other contractual obligations

We enter into contracts in the normal course of business with various third parties for clinical trials, preclinical research studies, testing, manufacturing, and other services for operational purposes. Payments due upon cancellation generally consist only of payments for services provided or expenses incurred, including non-cancellable obligations of our service providers, up to the date of cancellation. These payments have not been included separately within these contractual and other obligations disclosures. Please refer to Note 8, *Commitments and Contingencies* in the Notes to Unaudited Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for further details.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

We do not have any off-balance sheet arrangements during the periods presented.

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

Interest Rate Risk

We are exposed to market risks in the ordinary course of our business. These risks primarily relate to interest rates. Our Credit Line has an interest rate of 30-day LIBOR plus 1.10%. The interest rate was subsequently changed to the 30-day Secured Overnight Financing Rate (“SOFR”) average, plus 1.21%. The SOFR rate is variable. An incremental change in the borrowing rate of 100 basis points would increase our annual interest expense by \$0.8 million based on our \$80.4 million gross debt outstanding on our Credit Line, including principal and accrued interest as of March 31, 2023. The interest rate for our Convertible Notes is fixed at 2.25% and not exposed market risk related to interest rates. Our investment portfolio is exposed to market risk from changes in interest rates. This risk is mitigated as we have maintained a relatively short average maturity for our investment portfolio. An incremental change in the investment yield of 100 basis points would increase our annual interest income by approximately \$4.1 million annually in relation to amounts we would expect to earn, based on our short-term investments as of March 31, 2023.

Foreign Currency Exchange Rate Fluctuations

Our operations are currently conducted primarily in the United States. As we expand internationally, our results of operations and cash flows may become subject to fluctuations due to changes in foreign currency exchange rates. In periods when the U.S. dollar declines in value as compared to the foreign currencies in which we incur expenses, our foreign currency-based expenses will increase when translated into U.S. dollars. In addition, future fluctuations in the value of the U.S. dollar may affect the price at which we sell our tests outside the United States. To date, our foreign currency risk has been minimal, and we have not historically hedged our foreign currency risk; however, we may consider doing so in the future.

Inflation Risk

As of the date of filing of this Quarterly Report, we do not believe that inflation has had a material effect on our business, financial condition, or results of operations. If the Company’s costs were to become subject to significant inflationary pressures, the Company may not be able to fully offset such higher costs through increases in revenue as increases in core inflation rates may also negatively affect demand for our product offerings. The Company’s inability or failure to do so could harm the Company’s business, financial condition, and results of operations.

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Our management, with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer, evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as of March 31, 2023. The term “disclosure controls and procedures,” as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Exchange Act, means controls and other procedures of a company that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by a company in the reports that it files or submits

under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported, within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms. Disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by a company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to our management, including its principal executive and principal financial officers, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Based on the evaluation of our disclosure controls and procedures as of March 31, 2023, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that, as of such date, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective at the reasonable assurance level.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There have been no additional changes in our internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act) during the period ended March 31, 2023, that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

Inherent Limitations on Effectiveness of Controls

Our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, do not expect that our disclosure controls or our internal control over financial reporting will prevent all errors and all fraud. A control system, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system are met. Further, the design of a control system must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints, and the benefits of controls must be considered relative to their costs. Because of the inherent limitations in all control systems, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, have been detected. These inherent limitations include the realities that judgments in decision-making can be faulty, and that breakdowns can occur because of a simple error or mistake. Additionally, controls can be circumvented by the individual acts of some persons, by collusion of two or more people or by management override of the controls. The design of any system of controls is also based in part upon certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events, and there can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions; over time, controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or the degree of compliance with policies or procedures may deteriorate. Because of the inherent limitations in a cost-effective control system, misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected.

PART II – OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

From time to time, we are involved in legal proceedings. The results of such legal proceedings and claims cannot be predicted with certainty, and regardless of the outcome, legal proceedings could have an adverse impact on us because of defense and settlement costs, diversion of resources and other factors.

For information regarding certain current legal proceedings, see “Note 8—Commitments and Contingencies—Legal Proceedings” in the Notes to Unaudited Interim Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements, which is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

Investing in our common stock involves a high degree of risk. In addition to the information set forth in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, including the section titled “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” and our consolidated financial statements and related notes, you should consider carefully the factors discussed in Part I, Item 1A, “Risk Factors” in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 1, 2023. The occurrence of any of the risks and uncertainties described in such Annual Report could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects. In that event, the price of our common stock could decline and you could lose part or all of your investment. Furthermore, such risks are not the only ones we face; additional risks and uncertainties not currently known or that we currently deem to be immaterial may also materially adversely affect our business, financial condition or results of operations.

ITEM 2 UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

(a) *Recent Sales of Unregistered Securities*

None.

(b) *Use of Proceeds*

Not applicable.

(c) *Purchases of Equity Securities by the Issuer and Affiliated Purchasers*

None.

ITEM 3 DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES

None.

ITEM 4 MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES

Not applicable.

ITEM 5 OTHER INFORMATION

None.

ITEM 6 EXHIBITS

INDEX TO EXHIBITS

Exhibit No.	Description	Incorporated by Reference				
		Form	File No.	Exhibit	Filing Date	Filed Herewith
10.1	Amended Compensation Program for Non-Employee Directors.					X

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31.1	Certification of Principal Executive Officer required by Rule 13a-14(a) or Rule 15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.					X
31.2	Certification of Principal Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) or Rule 15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.					X
32.1†	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.					X
32.2†	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.					X
101.INS	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.					X
101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document.					X
101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document.					X
101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document.					X
101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document.					X
101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document.					X
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File - The cover page interactive data file does not appear in the Interactive Data File because its XBRL tags are embedded within the Inline XBRL document.					X

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† The certifications attached as Exhibits 32.1 and 32.2 that accompany this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q are not deemed filed with the SEC and are not to be incorporated by reference into any filing of Natera, 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 this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, regardless of any general incorporation language contained in any filing.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

NATERA, INC.

Date: May 9, 2023

By: / s / Steve Chapman
Name: **Steve Chapman**
Title: **Chief Executive Officer, President, and Director
(Principal Executive Officer)**

By: / s / Michael Brophy
Name: **Michael Brophy**
Title: **Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)**

NATERA, INC.
COMPENSATION PROGRAM FOR NON-EMPLOYEE DIRECTORS

AMENDED EFFECTIVE AS OF MARCH 16, 2023

A. Cash Compensation: Annual cash retainers each paid quarterly, in arrears.

1. Retainer for each non-employee member of the Board:	\$45,000*
2. Additional retainer for Lead Independent Director:	\$35,000
3. Additional retainer for Chair of Audit Committee:	\$20,000
4. Additional retainer for Chair of Compensation Committee:	\$15,000
5. Additional retainer for Chair of Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee:	\$10,000
6. Additional retainer for non-Chair members of Audit Committee:	\$10,000
7. Additional retainer for non-Chair members of Compensation Committee:	\$7,500
8. Additional retainer for non-Chair member of Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee:	\$5,000
9. Additional retainer for non-member observers of Audit Committee:	\$7,500

* Effective as of the Company's 2023 annual stockholder's meeting, the retainer for each non-employee member of the Board shall increase to \$50,000.

B. Equity Compensation

- Initial equity grants.** The Compensation Committee will grant to each non-employee director who first becomes a member of the Board of Directors on or after the IPO date an "initial equity award" valued at \$375,000; effective as of the Company's 2023 annual stockholder's meeting, the value of such initial equity award shall be \$425,000. The grant will be made on or as soon as reasonably practicable after the date of his or her election. The exercise price per share of stock options will be equal to the fair market value per share of the Company's Common Stock on the date of grant. Subject to the director's continuous service on the Board, the initial equity award will vest and become exercisable with respect to 1/3rd of the shares at the end of each year following the director's appointment to the Board, so that it will be fully vested and exercisable after 3 years of continuous service. The initial equity award will become fully vested and exercisable in the event that the Company is subject to a change in control.

2. **Annual equity grants.** In each year, the Compensation Committee will grant to each non-employee director who continues serving on the Board after the annual meeting of the Company's stockholders an "annual equity award" valued at \$250,000; effective as of the Company's 2023 annual stockholder's meeting, the value of such initial equity award shall be \$275,000. The grant will be made on or as soon as reasonably practicable after the date of the annual meeting (the "Grant Year Annual Meeting"). The exercise price per share of stock options will be equal to the fair market value per share of the Company's Common Stock on the date of grant. Subject to the director's continuous service on the Board, the annual equity award will vest and become exercisable in full on the date that is 12 months following the date of the Grant Year Annual Meeting. The annual equity award will become fully vested and exercisable in the event that the Company is subject to a change in control. The foregoing notwithstanding, a new director who has received the initial equity award under Paragraph 1 above will not in the same calendar year receive an annual equity award under this Paragraph 2.
3. **Stock Plan.** Except as otherwise set forth above, the initial and annual equity awards will be granted under and subject to the general terms and conditions of a stockholder-approved equity incentive plan of the Company and a form of stock option agreement thereunder.
4. **Election of Award Type.** Each non-employee director may elect, in writing, to receive his or her initial or annual equity award (i) 100% of the total dollar value in the form of restricted stock units covering shares of the Company's Common Stock, (ii) 100% of the total dollar value in the form of stock options to purchase shares of the Company's Common Stock, or (ii) 50% of the total dollar value in the form of stock options and 50% of the total dollar value in the form of restricted stock units. If no election is made, the equity award will be made in the form of 50% in stock options and 50% in restricted stock units. The number of shares underlying restricted stock units will be computed based on the average closing price per share of the Company's Common Stock in the 30 days prior to the date of grant, rounded down for any partial share. The number of shares underlying stock options will be calculated based on the Black-Scholes value of the Company's stock on the date of grant, as a percentage of the closing price per share of the Company's Common Stock ("Black-Scholes Percentage") on the date of grant, applied to the average closing price per share of the Company's Common Stock for the 30 days prior to the date of grant, and rounded down for any partial share.

Once an election is made, such election will continue in effect for equity compensation (other than pursuant to Section C hereof) related to services performed during all future calendar years unless and until a new election form modifying the election is submitted to the Company. Such new election must be made no later than December 31 of the calendar year preceding the year in which such annual equity award is to be granted, and will become effective on January 1 of such following calendar year.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a non-employee director upon first joining the Board of Directors may, within thirty (30) days after such director joins the Board of Directors, make the election described in this section, with such election to be effective for his or her initial equity award and subsequent annual equity awards granted unless and until a modification is submitted in accordance with this section.

C. Election to Receive Annual Cash Compensation in the Form of Equity

For each calendar year, each non-employee director may elect, in writing, to receive all or a portion of his or her annual cash retainer(s) in the form of (i) fully vested options to purchase shares of the Company's Common Stock (a "Retainer Option") or (ii) fully vested RSUs covering shares of the Company's Common Stock (a "Retainer RSU"; the Retainer Option or the Retainer RSU, "Retainer Equity"). If elected, all such Retainer Equity will be granted under and subject to the general terms and conditions of a stockholder-approved equity incentive plan of the Company and a form of stock option agreement or restricted stock unit agreement, as applicable, thereunder. Such fully vested Retainer Equity will be granted by the Compensation Committee on a quarterly basis, in arrears, with such grants subject to the director's continuous service to the Company on the date of grant.

Each Retainer Equity award will have an aggregate grant date fair value equal to the cash amount that would otherwise be paid for the applicable quarter, with the number of shares subject to a (i) Retainer Option computed based on the Black-Scholes Percentage on the date of grant, applied to the average closing price per share of the Company's Common Stock for the 30 days prior to the date of grant, and (ii) Retainer RSU computed based on the average price per share of the Company's Common Stock for the 30 days prior to the date of grant, in each case rounded down for any partial share. Each such Retainer Option shall have a term of 10 years (subject to earlier expiration upon the termination of the director's service) and shall have an exercise price equal to the closing price per share of the Company's Common Stock on the grant date.

Any election to receive Retainer Equity in lieu of annual cash retainer(s) must be made by the non-employee director no later than December 31 of the calendar year preceding the year for which such cash retainer(s) would otherwise be earned, and such election will be irrevocable for such following calendar year. Notwithstanding the foregoing, (i) a non-employee director upon first joining the Board of Directors may, within thirty (30) days after such director joins the Board of Directors, make the election described in this section, with such election to be effective for services performed after the date the election is made.

D. Expenses

The reasonable expenses incurred by directors in connection with attendance at Board or committee meetings will be reimbursed upon submission of appropriate substantiation.

**CERTIFICATION OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER
PURSUANT TO
SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, Steve Chapman, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2023 of Natera, 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 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 9, 2023

By: /s/ Steve Chapman
Name: **Steve Chapman**
Title: **Chief Executive Officer and President
(Principal Executive Officer)**

**CERTIFICATION OF PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL AND ACCOUNTING OFFICER
PURSUANT TO
SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, Michael Brophy, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2023 of Natera, 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 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 9, 2023

By: / s / Michael Brophy
Name: **Michael Brophy**
Title: **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**

I, Steve Chapman, Chief Executive Officer and President of Natera, Inc. (the “Company”), certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that to my knowledge:

(1) The quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the Company for the quarter ended March 31, 2023 (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 results of operations of the Company.

Date: May 9, 2023

By: /s/ Steve Chapman

Name: **Steve Chapman**

Title: **Chief Executive Officer and President
(Principal Executive Officer)**

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, Michael Brophy, Chief Financial Officer of Natera, Inc. (the “Company”), certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that to my knowledge:

(1) The quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the Company for the quarter ended March 31, 2023 (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 results of operations of the Company.

Date: May 9, 2023

By: / s / Michael Brophy
Name: **Michael Brophy**
Title: **Chief Financial Officer**
(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)
