

Annual Report 2023

Towards a life saving vaccine



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MinervaX is a clinical-stage biotech company **focused on making a big global impact** by developing a state-of-the-art prophylactic **vaccine against GBS** (Group B Streptococcus)

GBS is a **common bacterial infection** which can have **devastating consequences** especially for **pregnant persons, newborns and older adults**

Drawing on **decades of expertise** in vaccine development and a deep scientific understanding of the biology of GBS, our highly skilled agile team is developing a **novel AlpN protein-based vaccine** with **broad protection against GBS**

Our lead candidate, **AlpN GBS**, is **advancing towards Phase III** development in **pregnant persons**, and is in Phase I development in older adults

From our Chairman



“ *The common bacterial infection Group B Streptococcus (GBS) represents a very serious health threat, in particular to pregnant persons and older people. There is currently no vaccine available to protect against GBS, and MinervaX is making rapid progress on its mission to provide a solution for this important unmet medical need. During 2023 the company delivered on its strategy – including encouraging preliminary results from two Phase II clinical trials with its lead vaccine product AlpN GBS, strengthening the company’s management and operational team by adding important new competences to the organization, and further bolstering the company’s financial foundation with a successful fund raise of EUR 54 million from existing and additional blue chip specialist investors. We look forward to a busy and eventful period as the company prepares for the initiation of a pivotal Phase III program with its AlpN GBS vaccine and further builds its pipeline.* ”

Dr. Gerd Zettlmeissl, Chairman
MinervaX

Letter from our CEO



2023 was a pivotal year for MinervaX, marked by significant progress towards advancing the development of our prophylactic vaccine, AlpN GBS, against Group B Streptococcus. Throughout the year we achieved key clinical milestones including encouraging preliminary results from two Phase II trials in pregnant persons, significant progress in our pivotal Phase III trial planning with the agreement from regulatory authorities on potential surrogate endpoints, as well as the successful manufacture and release of vaccine product for use in the trial. We continued to strengthen the competences of our team as we transition to a late-stage clinical development company, including the addition to our management team of a new Chief Medical Officer with extensive vaccine development expertise from GSK and CureVac. Furthermore, thanks to the ongoing support of our existing and two new high-profile investors, we secured additional investment of EUR 54 million to support our path forward to Phase III trials. All these initiatives support our mission to bring a prophylactic GBS vaccine to the most vulnerable people, globally.

Strong momentum as we move towards pivotal Phase III trials in pregnant persons

In 2023, we completed two Phase II clinical trials with our prophylactic vaccine against GBS, AlpN GBS, in a total of 470 pregnant persons across Denmark, the UK, Uganda, and South Africa. Preliminary data from the studies demonstrated that the vaccine has an acceptable safety profile, is highly immunogenic, gives rise to functionally active antibodies, including in the baby's cord blood, and shows encouraging efficacy trends.

We were also engaged in two large natural history studies aimed at further validating a correlate of protection (CoP) which may be used as a surrogate endpoint for Phase III trials. We received feedback from both the FDA and EMA that a surrogate endpoint strategy could be acceptable for Phase III development to obtain accelerated approval, and discussions are ongoing on the final details of CoP validation prior to starting Phase III.

Our GBS vaccine for use in pregnant persons was granted Fast Track Designation by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in January 2023. This followed the European Medicines Agency award of Priority Medicine (PRIME) status, granted in 2022.

We were also pleased to complete manufacturing of the vaccine drug product for Phase III development and have released +30,000 vials of GMP material, thus setting the foundation for advancing AlpN GBS into a pivotal Phase III program and establishing commercial manufacturing (via a CDMO).



[Learn more about the science behind our GBS vaccine on page 11](#)

Expanding GBS vaccine opportunity

While GBS is associated with infection in pregnant persons and newborns, it can also cause serious illness in non-pregnant people of all ages. Over the last 40 years, invasive GBS disease in adults has been increasing – with devastating consequences especially in older adults (>65 years of age) and adults with underlying chronic health conditions (diabetes mellitus, cancer, immune suppression, obesity) who are at particular risk of invasive GBS disease. There is currently no vaccine available. In 2023 we completed enrollment and dosing in a Phase I trial in both healthy older adults and the older adult population with co-morbidities. Preliminary blinded IgG

data from the first two doses shows that the vaccine is equally as immunogenic in the older population as it is in pregnant persons, indicating a path forward also for this indication.

Strengthening our team

In January 2023 we announced the appointment of Dr. Lidia Oostvogels as our new Chief Medical Officer. Lidia has an extensive track record in vaccine development with more than 25 years' experience in clinical development from CureVac, GSK and Boehringer Ingelheim. Her clinical achievements have led to the development of Shingrix, as well as being engaged in large late-stage flu and COVID-19 vaccine clinical development programs. Through her leadership, Lidia has already made an important impact this year with preparations for the Phase III AlpN maternal program.

We also further expanded our clinical development, research, manufacturing, and finance teams, adding key expertise that will enable us to advance our programs towards Phase III. We are proud to have a very diverse and extraordinarily engaged group of people with a strong team culture. We continuously seek the best minds and our people come from all over the globe.

Well-financed to advance GBS vaccine towards Phase III

In October we were pleased to announce the completion of a EUR 54 million financing, with participation from existing and new investors. With this, we are well placed to support the preparation of the Phase III clinical program for further development of our novel GBS vaccine during 2024. In conjunction with the financing, we also welcomed new investors, EQT and Orbimed, to our existing list of highly experienced investors and Board members.

A busy 2024 with multiple key milestones

We are excited to enter 2024 well positioned to advance AlpN GBS towards Phase III development. It will be a busy year, where we aim to secure approval for a path to licensure for our maternal GBS vaccine, advance the clinical development plan for our older adult program and execute on key operational milestones such as securing additional financing and establishing our commercial manufacturing.

Additionally, in 2024 we aim to define our sustainability strategy. We are committed to contributing to sustainable development by focusing on areas where we can make a notable impact, recognizing the important role every company, regardless of its size, plays in addressing current environmental and societal challenges.

As we look ahead to this next pivotal stage, I want to thank all the people that have enabled us to get as far as we are today. None of this would have been possible without the dedication of our talented team. We have achieved so much, and I thank them all for their hard work. I also want to thank our loyal shareholders, and our new shareholders, for their trust, support, and encouragement. Together, I believe we can make a huge impact, globally.

Dr. Per Fischer,
Chief Executive Officer

MinervaX At a Glance – 2023

Developing an innovative vaccine for

GBS

2

positive Phase II readouts

Advancing

maternal GBS vaccine towards Phase III

Expanding

GBS vaccine into older adult population

Strong

track record in vaccine development

42

people

15

nationalities represented

56%

women in senior roles

EU operations in

DK / SWE

Extensive IP portfolio; key patents beyond

2042

Backed by

top investors

Cash at end of 2023

EUR 81 mn

Note: The management review section is prepared in accordance with disclosure requirements for reporting class B enterprises with elected additional reporting topics for reporting class C enterprises under the Danish Financial Statements Act. Such elective topics include reporting elements from reporting of corporate social responsibility and reporting of research and development activities, which should not be seen as reporting statements.

Our Business

We are focused on making a big global impact by developing a state-of-the-art prophylactic vaccine against Group B Streptococcus (GBS) infection.

Invasive GBS disease can have devastating consequences for people of all ages, worldwide. GBS is usually associated with infection in pregnant persons and newborn babies, where it can lead to stillbirths, pre-term births and life-threatening infections such as sepsis and meningitis; however, invasive GBS disease in non-pregnant adults is becoming more prevalent, especially in elderly people and those with co-morbidities, and it can be fatal.

Our lead pipeline candidate, AlpN GBS, is a novel prophylactic vaccine targeting specific GBS alpha-like proteins which has the potential to confer broad protection. Preliminary data from our Phase II trials is encouraging and we are in the process of moving towards Phase III clinical trials.

About GBS

Group B Streptococcus (GBS; *Streptococcus agalactiae*) is a capsulated gram-positive bacterium which can lead to devastating outcomes in people of all ages, worldwide. It makes up part of the normal human microbiota in some 20% of people, but can be particularly pathogenic in pregnant persons, newborn babies and non-pregnant adults of older age or with certain underlying co-morbidities.

GBS colonizes the gastrointestinal mucosa and genital-urinary tract and colonization during pregnancy and shortly after birth may lead to adverse pregnancy outcomes and life-threatening infections in newborn babies. Colonization in older adults, or in people with co-morbidities, may lead to invasive GBS infections, which require hospitalization and intensive care, and may be fatal.

Maternal GBS

GBS colonization in pregnant persons may lead to adverse pregnancy outcomes, such as premature delivery or stillbirth, and it is the leading cause of life-threatening infections in newborn babies during the first 3 months of life.

At any given time, some ~20% of women are spontaneously colonized with GBS, and they run the risk of transmitting the bacteria to their child. If this occurs in the womb it can lead to adverse pregnancy outcomes such as premature delivery and stillbirth, as well as life-threatening infections in the newborn e.g. pneumonia, septicemia and meningitis, all of which carry a significant risk of severe morbidity, long-term disability or death. GBS may also be passed from mother to baby during birth. Together, these early transmission routes can lead to poor outcomes and serious life-threatening infections

in the first 6 days of life (known as early onset disease, or EOD).

GBS may also be passed to the newborn at any time during the first 3 months of life, by the mother or by another colonized person, triggering what is known as late onset disease (LOD).

Current preventative measures involve using antibiotics during childbirth, known as intrapartum antibiotic prophylaxis (IAP). The introduction of IAP over 20 years ago, has reduced the incidence of EOD occurring by some 80% in the US, however its efficacy is under threat from the emergence of antibiotic resistance and its use is often limited to higher and middle-income countries.

Furthermore, IAP has no impact on GBS-induced pregnancy loss, stillbirths or premature delivery caused by GBS colonization during pregnancy and it has failed to reduce the incidence of neonatal LOD. Emerging evidence also suggests that IAP impairs the development of the neonatal microbiome, which has consequences for infant development.

There is a great unmet medical need to provide a universal solution to protect babies in utero through to 3 months of age against GBS. An effective vaccine could offer such a solution.

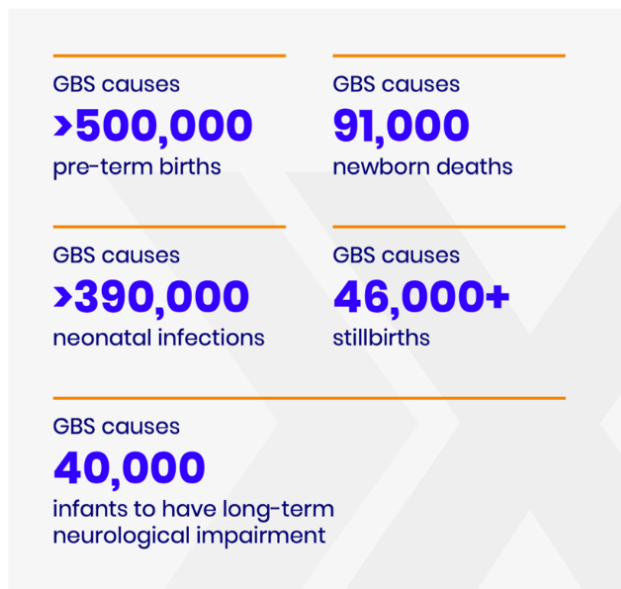
The World Health Organization and National Institute of Health in the U.S. have identified prevention of GBS in newborns as a major vaccine objective, but so far no approved vaccine exists.

A maternal vaccine is expected to generate protective antibodies against GBS, which may prevent adverse pregnancy outcomes in pregnant persons, whilst also crossing the placenta into the fetus, thereby passively

immunizing the baby and providing protection for the first months of life. Such a vaccine has the potential to have both a great medical and pharmaco-economic impact if administered universally to pregnant persons globally.

Prevention of GBS infections in newborns represents a large unmet medical need

GBS is responsible for a significant number of adverse pregnancy outcomes globally.



(Source: Data for 2020; adapted from WHO-LSHTM Joint Report, 2021¹)

It has been estimated that ~20% of pregnant persons worldwide are colonized at any one time with GBS, but regional variation in prevalence exists, with the top five countries by the numbers being India, China, Nigeria, United States of America and Indonesia.

Current antibiotic prophylaxis is no panacea

- Only available in high and some middle-income countries and not universally implemented or accessible
- Failed to fully eradicate EOD for a number of practical reasons, for example screening issues (lack of, or fear of), time-constraints during birth (IAP requires 4h i.v. administration)
- No impact on adverse pregnancy outcomes caused by GBS colonization during pregnancy
- No impact on LOD (7 – 90 days of age) where the burden of meningitis is highest
- May negatively impact the developing intestinal microbiota of the newborn
- Efficacy of IAP under threat from emerging antibiotic resistance in GBS

The development of an efficacious GBS vaccine for maternal immunization capable of inducing high levels of protective antibodies in pregnant persons may address

the shortfall in current intervention strategies and address current unmet medical needs.

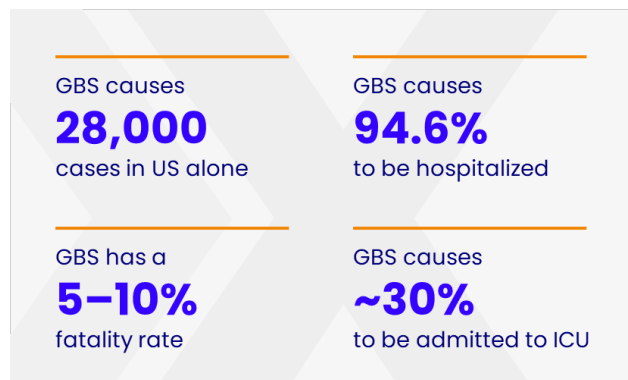
Our goal is to develop a vaccine that:

- Protects the pregnant person against adverse pregnancy outcomes caused by GBS such as pregnancy loss, stillbirths and preterm deliveries
- Passively immunizes the unborn fetus, protecting against GBS infections in utero
- Protects the newborn baby for up to 3 months after delivery, while at risk of GBS infections
- Alleviates the need for excessive use of antibiotics

GBS in non-pregnant adults

Invasive GBS disease in non-pregnant adults has been increasing over the last 40 years. It can lead to devastating consequences for the older adult population, especially those >65 years of age or with underlying chronic health conditions.

GBS disease in non-pregnant adults can cause secondary and primary bacteremia, septic arthritis, endocarditis, prosthetic joint infection, and necrotizing myositis and fasciitis. In fact, adults account for 90% of the estimated 1,660 annual deaths attributable to GBS infection². There is currently no vaccine available.



(Source: 2016 data, US, adapted from JAMA Internal Medicine, 2019³)

Expanding the development of our GBS vaccine for use in an older adult population, including people with increased risk for GBS due to underlying co-morbidities, such as obesity and diabetes, is a very important step for MinervaX in the battle against this pathogen.

The development of an efficacious GBS vaccine for non-pregnant adults has the potential to protect vulnerable populations from the devastating effects of GBS infection. This becomes more important as the population ages in many countries worldwide, and underlying co-morbidities, continue to be on the rise globally.

Our Approach – the science behind our vaccine

We are on a mission to address the pressing need for a novel prophylactic vaccine against Group B Streptococcus (GBS) by developing a state-of-the-art vaccine for pregnant persons and older adults. We believe our approach has the potential to deliver a vaccine with broad coverage and protection.

The feasibility of a maternal GBS vaccine was demonstrated over 40 years ago⁴, and since then several investigational and candidate capsular polysaccharide (CPS)-conjugate GBS vaccines have been assessed in clinical trials. Our approach is different.

Alp-family protein-based vaccine

MinervaX is developing a novel protein-only vaccine based on fusions of highly immunogenic and protective protein domains from selected surface proteins of GBS – the Alpha-like protein family (AlpN). Given the broad distribution of proteins contained in the vaccine on GBS strains globally, it is anticipated that MinervaX’s vaccine will confer protection against virtually all GBS isolates.

Essentially all GBS strains encode a highly conserved cell surface protein belonging to the alpha-like protein (Alp) family. Expression of the Alp proteins are independent of the polysaccharide capsule serotypes of GBS.

In total, there are six GBS Alp variants: Alpha C (AlpC), Rib, Alp1, Alp2, Alp3, and Alp4, of which Alp4 is extremely rare. The C-terminal domain of the Alp proteins contains a cell wall-anchoring motif and the N-terminal domain protrudes from GBS’ polysaccharide capsule^{5,6}. The N-terminal domain is functionally active, playing a role in adhesion to and entry across epithelial cell barriers. Antibodies against the N-terminal domains may block GBS bacteria getting into the body across epithelial cell barriers, as well as “tag” bacteria so they are identified and killed by patrolling immune cells (opsonophagocytosis). Their extracellular exposure, combined

with the exceptionally broad coverage of clinical isolates, makes Alp N-terminal domains (Alp-Ns) highly relevant as vaccine candidates.

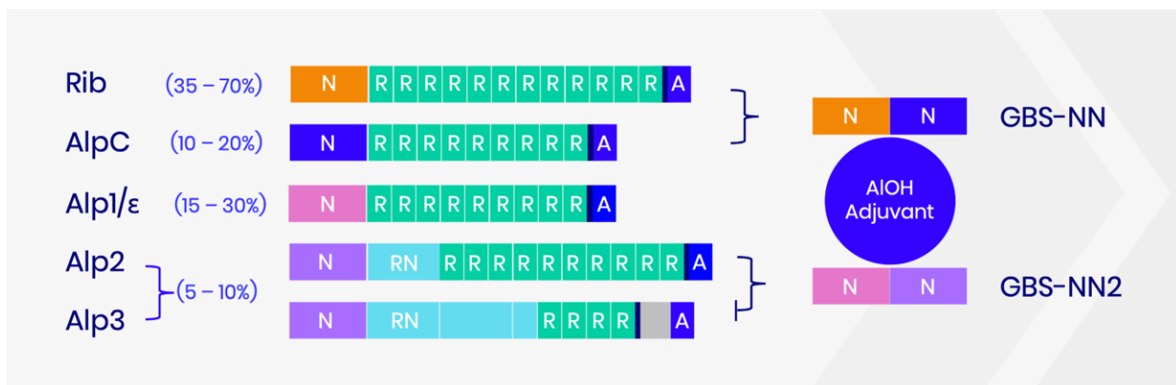
Our lead vaccine candidate, AlpN GBS, consists of two fusion proteins each containing two Alp N-terminal domains: GBS-NN (containing the N-terminal domains of the Rib and Alpha C proteins – RibN and AlpCN) & GBS-NN2 (containing the N-terminal domains of the Alpha 1 and Alpha 2/3 proteins – Alp1N and Alp2/3N) which are the most prevalent Alp serotypes and cover >99% of clinical GBS isolates.

High levels of naturally occurring AlpN antibodies develop as a consequence of GBS colonization. These have been shown to correlate with decreased risk of invasive neonatal GBS disease^{6,7}. Furthermore, natural history studies reveal lower levels of AlpN antibodies in infants with disease compared to controls.

Our AlpN GBS vaccine has successfully completed five Phase I and II clinical trials and is now advancing towards Phase III clinical development.

[Learn more about AlpN GBS development in the pipeline section on page 12](#)

Our GBS vaccine consists of two fusion proteins targeting AlpN proteins

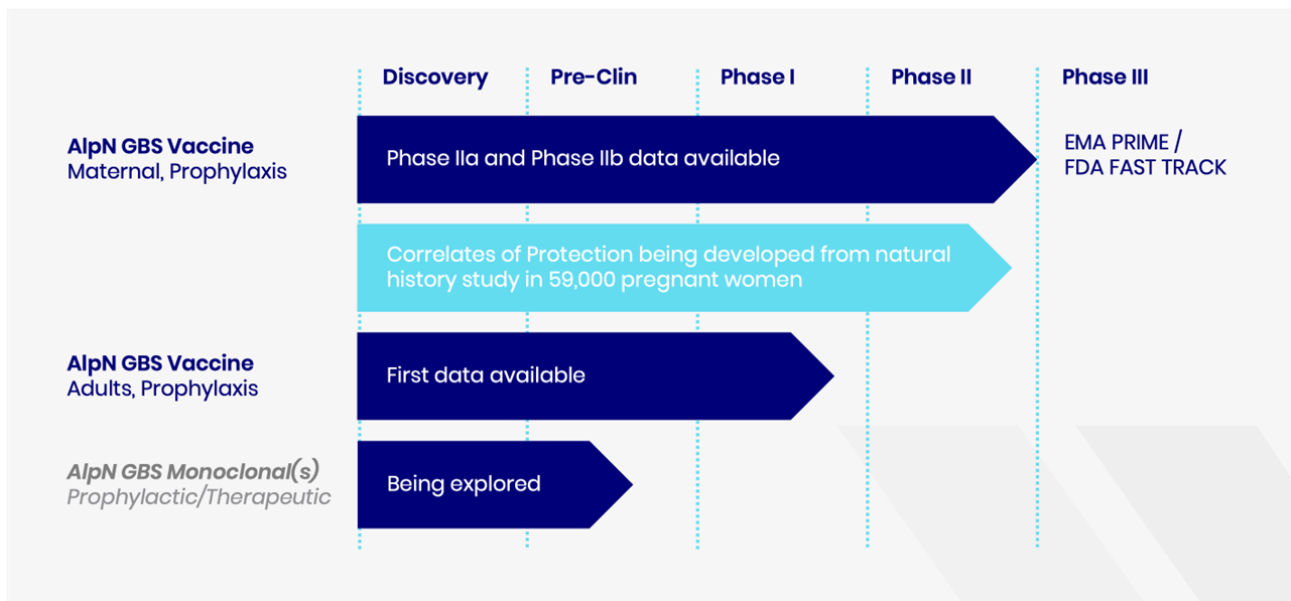


Our Pipeline & Progress

We are developing a novel protein-only vaccine based on fusions of highly immunogenic and protective protein domains from selected surface proteins of GBS – the Alpha-like protein family (AlpN). Given the broad distribution of proteins contained in the vaccine on GBS strains globally, it is expected that MinervaX's vaccine will confer protection against virtually all GBS isolates worldwide.

Additionally, we have identified a number of novel AlpN GBS monoclonal antibodies with high killing ability that could have the potential to prevent or treat GBS infection. These are in early development and the business case is currently being explored.

Key programs



AlpN GBS Vaccine

AlpN GBS is a combination of two fusion protein vaccine components developed by MinervaX: GBS-NN, which comprises AlpCN and RibN proteins and GBS-NN2, which is comprised of AlpIN and Alp2/3-N proteins, formulated with AIOH adjuvant.

The company has conducted five clinical trials (three Phase I trials and two Phase II trials) with its GBS-NN and GBS-NN2 vaccine components, individually or combined, in >600 non-pregnant/pregnant persons across Europe and Africa.

MinervaX is currently preparing to advance its AlpN GBS vaccine into Phase III clinical development for maternal prophylaxis. A Phase I trial is also ongoing with AlpN GBS vaccine in older adults.

EMA PRIME and FDA Fast Track status (maternal)

MinervaX's GBS vaccine has been granted Fast Track designation by the US Food and Drug Administration for

maternal prophylaxis. The Fast Track process is designed to facilitate the development of investigational treatments that demonstrate the potential to address unmet medical needs in serious or life-threatening conditions. Programs with Fast Track designation can benefit from early and frequent communication with the FDA throughout the entire drug development and review process and marketing application.

The European Medicines Agency has awarded MinervaX's GBS vaccine Priority Medicine (PRIME) status, an initiative that optimizes development and evaluation of medicines targeting an unmet medical need.

AlpN GBS vaccine data so far GBS-NN component alone

The GBS-NN vaccine component has demonstrated efficacy in pre-clinical models⁸ of lethal GBS infections including passive immunization models, active immunization and neonatal protection models. An initial Phase I trial (MVX13211) of the GBS-NN component alone in

240 healthy adult volunteers demonstrated that the vaccine had a safety profile at par with other AIOH adjuvanted protein-based vaccines, with no safety concerns being raised. The vaccine induced high levels of long-lasting functionally active antibodies, capable of both blocking the invasion of epithelial cells with GBS (a key step for establishment of invasive GBS infection) and killing GBS once entering the body via opsonophagocytosis^{5,9}.

AlpN GBS (GBS-NN & GBS-NN2 combination)

A subsequent Phase I trial (MVX0002) in 60 healthy adult women demonstrated equal safety of the GBS-NN & GBS-NN2 combination (AlpN). This trial also documented high levels of antibodies against all 4 N-terminal domains, and that 100% of vaccinated subjects reached the predicted correlates of protection derived from case-control studies of naturally occurring antibodies in infants contracting invasive GBS disease and relevant controls. High opsonophagocytic titres were also obtained in all vaccinated individuals against GBS isolates expressing all vaccine antigens, confirming the close to 100% coverage against clinical GBS isolates¹⁰.

A Phase I study (MVX0003) in 27 healthy adult women to assess a booster dose of the GBS-NN & GBS-NN2 combination demonstrated that a single dose of AlpN administered to subjects receiving two doses of AlpN 3 years earlier, resulted in even tighter and higher immune responses than seen 3 years earlier.

Preliminary data from Phase II trials in pregnant persons are encouraging

In 2023, the company completed two Phase II clinical trials with AlpN GBS in 470 pregnant women across Denmark, the UK, Uganda, and South Africa (MVX0005 and MVX0004). The studies demonstrated that the vaccine has an acceptable safety profile, is highly immunogenic, gives rise to functionally active antibodies in baby cord blood, and has high predicted efficacy for both one- and two-dose schedules. The vaccine was equally immunogenic in HIV-negative and HIV-positive women. Antibodies were effectively transferred across the placenta, leading to vaccine-induced IgG levels in infants above the preliminary correlates of protection thresholds. Vaccination also led to a large increase in the ability of infant blood to kill GBS bacteria.

Summary of clinical trials with our vaccine components

Vaccine component	Phase	Details	Publication
GBS-NN only	I	260 healthy non-pregnant adult women; single and two-dose regimens; w / wo AIOH	Fischer, P., et al., (2021) Vaccine 39, 4489-4499
GBS-NN/GBS-NN2 Bridge	I	60 healthy non-pregnant adult women; two-dose regimens with AIOH	Gonzalez-Miro et al., (2023) iScience 26, 106261
GBS-NN/GBS-NN2 Booster	I	27 healthy non-pregnant women (from bridge study)	Publication in Preparation
GBS-NN/GBS-NN2	IIa	205 pregnant adult women (HIV neg/HIV pos); 2 doses, placebo-controlled	Publication in Preparation
GBS-NN/GBS-NN2	IIb	269 pregnant adult women; single and two-dose regimens; placebo controlled	Publication in Preparation

Next steps

Advancing AlpN GBS towards Phase III in maternal indication

Prior to commencing a Phase III program, MinervaX is working towards validating correlates of protection (CoP), which may be used as surrogate endpoints of efficacy in Phase III trials. A Phase III program based on such surrogate endpoints could allow accelerated licensure based on clinical data from a smaller trial, as

opposed to a very large, complex and costly program with full efficacy trial based on clinical disease endpoints.

Naturally occurring antibodies against the vaccine antigens are present in most individuals, originating from colonization with the bacteria already from an early age. The naturally occurring antibodies accumulate in the fetus due to placental transfer from mother to child. These naturally occurring antibodies have been found to

correlate with protection against invasive GBS disease in infants⁷, and preliminary correlates of protection have been developed⁶. The correlates indicate that antibodies against the vaccine antigens are protective, and the protective thresholds provide guidance in terms of the levels of vaccine-induced antibodies needed to confer protection in the offspring of the vaccinated individuals.

In order to validate correlates of protection that may be approved as surrogate efficacy endpoints by the regulatory agencies, the Company has participated in two large natural history studies enrolling a total of +60,000 pregnant persons to collect samples from babies suffering from invasive GBS disease and relevant controls.

The FDA and EMA have so far confirmed that correlates of protection could be an acceptable endpoint in our Phase III trial to derive surrogate efficacy and discussions are ongoing on the details of CoP definitions.

AlpN GBS in non-pregnant adults

The older adult population (>65 years of age) and adults with underlying chronic health conditions (diabetes mellitus, cancer, immune suppression, obesity) are at particular risk of invasive GBS disease. There is currently no vaccine available.

MinervaX has expanded the development of its novel GBS vaccine to include non-pregnant adults, addressing the global burden and urgent need for a vaccine to prevent and reduce deaths associated with GBS across the population.

The company commenced enrolment in a Phase I clinical trial in older adults in April 2023 and all participants have received all doses.

The Phase I trial is investigating the vaccine's safety and immunogenicity in both healthy older adults and older adults with underlying medical conditions, i.e., diabetes and/or obesity, in an age range of 55 to 75. Two dose levels are being investigated: a lower dose level of 50 μ g of AlpN fusion protein, which is also used in MinervaX's clinical trials in pregnant persons, as well as a higher dose level of 125 μ g of AlpN fusion protein. In addition, all older adult participants will receive three doses of the vaccine. The administration of one more injection than in the Phase II clinical vaccine trial in pregnant persons, as well as the investigation of a higher dose level, takes into account that older adults – especially those with comorbidities – tend to exhibit weaker immune responses.

Towards Sustainable Practices

We strongly believe that every company, regardless of its scale, shares in the responsibility of addressing present environmental and social sustainability challenges. **We recognize the importance of any effort to positively contribute to such challenges. While we may not yet have the reach of larger corporations, we are committed to setting a path to make meaningful strides towards a sustainable and responsible future through efforts in areas most relevant to our core business area.**

As a vaccine developer, we aim to ensure healthy lives and promote well-being. Our target patient population consists of pregnant persons, newborns, and older adults. We are conducting our clinical trials worldwide in order to ultimately serve populations worldwide and especially those populations in areas that are most in need. We are committed to making commercially reasonable efforts to make our vaccines available based on the economic sensitivity of low-income patients. These targets motivate our efforts and keep us focused on our main objective.

Social

During 2023, we focused our social sustainability efforts on areas relevant to our employees, promoting diversity and overall well-being. Our company manual addresses relevant topics encouraging appropriate behavior, respect for others, and openness to promote a stimulating work environment and create an inclusive and resilient team across Denmark and Sweden.

Our efforts to promote diversity and inclusivity in our work environment have resulted in a team of 42 employees from 15 different nationalities. To accommodate our international team, MinervaX has adopted English as its official company language.

To keep our finger on the pulse of the organization, we engage an external party to conduct anonymous employee satisfaction surveys, the latest of which had a response rate of approximately 94%. The collective responses indicate a high general satisfaction rate, specifically in the areas of company culture, work content, including influence over one's own work, and confidence in the management team.

As required by Swedish law, we conduct a pay equity analysis by gender. We engaged an external party to conduct the analysis, which concluded that there is equal pay for men and women in the Swedish organization,

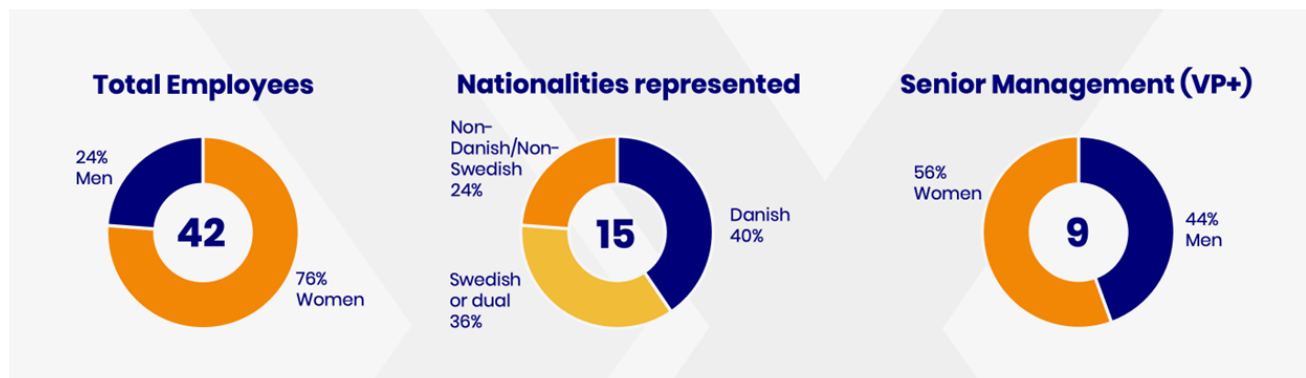
both for the same work performed and for work performed of equal value. In addition, we participate in an annual Nordic survey on salary increases to understand and adapt as needed to evolving trends during the team's annual salary reviews.

The competence and motivation of our team is key to our success, and we therefore invest in the well-being and development of our employees and our management team. We encourage employees to participate in conferences and continuing education to stay motivated and current on topics relevant to their areas of focus.

Environmental

We have identified a number of environmental indicators that we are working on measuring and tracking to determine our carbon footprint.

We have a travel policy that encourages employees to choose virtual meetings instead of travelling to other locations for meetings, where it makes sense. As quality assurance requires physical visits to clinical sites, virtual meetings are not possible; however, investor meetings are mainly conducted virtually.



Responsible Business Conduct

In today's global landscape, the call for responsible business conduct has never been more pronounced. As environmental concerns and societal expectations increase, it is important for businesses to prioritize ethical, sustainable, and socially responsible practices. In our everyday business activities, we are committed to complying with relevant laws, guidelines, and standards in an already heavily regulated industry. By embracing responsible business conduct, we aim to not only meet regulatory standards, but also to cultivate trust, promote inclusivity, and drive positive impact.

Good Governance

We recognize the importance of strong governance in driving long-term value creation and fostering trust among our stakeholders. As we grow as a company, we have started to develop and implement key governance initiatives.

We have a formal organization chart in place outlining the management and reporting structure of the company, as well as written job descriptions for all employees outlining responsibilities and decision-making authority. We also have a company manual to provide a structured set of policies and guidelines for the organization, encouraging a corporate culture grounded in responsibility and openness. Our company manual includes guidelines related to diversity and inclusion, appropriate behavior, data protection, travel, anti-corruption and anti-bribery, whistleblowing, and supplier management.

As we recognize that supply chain management is a critical part of conducting business responsibly, we have started to screen our vendors in the requalification process in order to assess both their general performance and their sustainability efforts in areas such as ethical considerations in clinical trials, animal welfare, and waste management. Since we currently do not have the resources to conduct detailed assessments in the selection of significant vendors, we leverage the efforts of larger pharmaceutical companies that have selected the vendor and weigh that consideration in our final decision.

Risk Management

2024 is a critical year for MinervaX and we are dependent on achieving a number of key objectives to advance the availability of a GBS vaccine for pregnant persons and older adults in need.

Key Objective 1: To successfully conduct and complete our clinical trials with a clear path to regulatory approval

Designing and conducting clinical trials is complex, costly, and time-consuming and the results are unpredictable. There is a risk that no matter how well-designed a clinical trial has been, the results will not demonstrate sufficient evidence of safety and efficacy to ensure that regulatory approvals are granted.

Before commencing a Phase III clinical trial, we need to validate a Correlate of Protection (CoP) to use as a surrogate endpoint. The FDA and EMA have so far confirmed that this could be an acceptable endpoint and discussions are ongoing on the details of CoP definitions. In addition, we are conducting a Phase I trial in older adults, with results due 2024.

So far, the results from the maternal GBS clinical trials have demonstrated that the vaccine has an acceptable safety profile, is highly immunogenic, and shows promising signs of efficacy. Preliminary blinded data in older adults suggest that the vaccine also has an acceptable safety profile in this population and is equally immunogenic in the older population as it is in pregnant persons.

We are in close dialogue with the FDA, EMA, and our clinical trial partners to ensure that ongoing and future clinical trials are planned and executed effectively.

Key Objective 2: To secure additional funding

We have incurred financial losses to date and since we have no commercial drug product on the market, we are heavily reliant on funding from investors to achieve our development activities.

In October 2023, we completed a EUR 54 million financing round and are well-placed to support the preparations towards the progression of our GBS vaccine towards registration; however, if we do not secure additional financing, we will be unable to initiate the Phase III clinical trial in maternal GBS, nor will we be able to continue the establishment of commercial manufacturing. We are in continued dialogue with our current and potential new investors, for their support on our journey to prevent GBS.

Key Objective 3: To retain and attract a qualified team

The success of our company depends on our ability to retain and attract qualified employees. We will continue to aim at attracting individuals with diverse backgrounds because we believe that having a diverse team brings innovation and creativity, as individuals offer different perspectives, experiences, and backgrounds to problem-solving. By promoting diversity and inclusion at MinervaX, individuals with diverse backgrounds are more likely to feel respected, included, and valued. This fosters a positive work environment where individuals are motivated to contribute their best work.

We will continue to focus on the well-being of our employees and to strengthen our culture of openness in order to encourage a high retention rate. During 2024, we are expanding our organization to strengthen our teams to manage our Phase III clinical trial, the roll-out of our commercial manufacturing, and our support functions including quality control. As we scale up the organization, we are expanding our recruitment efforts to ensure the right strategies are in place to continue growing our diverse employee team.

Key Objective 4: To roll out our commercial manufacturing

Rolling out a commercial manufacturing function involves putting in place various activities to produce at scale in anticipation of obtaining marketing authorizations. We have conducted a risk assessment focusing on the roll-out of our commercial manufacturing and have identified related key risks, for which we have put in place mitigating activities. These activities involve scaling up the organization to support the Phase III clinical trial and working closely with our manufacturer in order to complete the key enabling activities to successfully obtain the marketing authorizations.

Key Objective 5: To define our sustainability strategy and identify areas where we can make a notable impact

During 2024, we are working on defining our sustainability strategy and formalizing our efforts to contribute to the environmental and societal challenges we are all facing today. While we have put in place a foundation, with the efforts we have initiated in the past couple of years, a targeted sustainability strategy that focuses on areas where we can make a notable impact and sets a path for our progressive contribution is not only beneficial for our long-term business viability, but also for all stakeholders.

 [Learn more about our Board of Directors on pages 19 – 20](#)

Board Oversight

MinervaX's Board of Directors plays a central role in overseeing the strategic direction and overall management of the company.

Our Board is comprised of experienced professionals dedicated to providing effective leadership and guidance to management and ensuring that the interests of all stakeholders are represented.

The members of the Board of Directors elected by the general meeting are elected for a term of one year. Members of the Board of Directors may be re-elected.

Meetings

The Board of Directors typically convenes a minimum of four regular meetings each year, which include a strategy review session, in addition to ad-hoc meetings which are held as needed. Extraordinary board meetings are called by the Chairman when deemed necessary or upon request from a member of the Board of Directors, a member of the Executive Management, or the Company's auditor.

Board Committees

The Audit Committee

The Audit Committee oversees MinervaX's operations and performance, including ESG matters. The committee adheres to its Charter, which is reviewed annually. Its responsibilities encompass internal controls, risk management systems concerning financial reporting, and assessing the necessity of an internal audit.

In 2023, the discussion encompassed various topics such as internal controls, compliance, finance, going concern status, risk management, cybersecurity, insurance policies, year-end matters, and ESG reporting.

The Audit Committee shall consist of no less than three members. The members shall be appointed by and among the members of the Board of Directors.

The Remuneration Committee

The Remuneration Committee provides recommendations on the remuneration policy and performance objectives for incentive programs run by the company. These policies and guidelines outline the various components of compensation.

In 2023, the Remuneration Committee addressed specific topics such as long-term incentive programs for employees, management, and the Board of Directors.

The Remuneration Committee shall consist of no less than three members. The members shall be appointed by and among the members of the Board of Directors.

Management and Board of Directors

Executive Management

MinervaX's executive management team is comprised of seasoned industry leaders with significant expertise in vaccine clinical development and a shared commitment to our vision of making a global impact through the development of new vaccines for the prevention of life-threatening infections.

Per Fischer, D.Phil, Chief Executive Officer

Per has more than 25 years' experience in the biotech and pharmaceutical industry within product development and business development. He has founded and run several biotech companies, worked as a biotech consultant and been an entrepreneur in residence with Novo Holdings. His primary therapeutic areas of interest have been immunology, vaccines, haemostasis and oncology. Per holds a D.Phil. from the University of Oxford and has 6 years of laboratory experience within immunology and infectious diseases prior to starting his industrial career.

Lidia Oostvogels, M.D, CMO

Lidia has more than 25 years' R&D experience in the industry, with focus on clinical development, both in pharmaceutical companies and in biotech. She spent more than 20 years of her industry career in development of prophylactic vaccines and has led several large phase 3 clinical programs. She holds a Medical Degree from the University of Ghent (Belgium) and is specialized in Pharmaceutical Medicine.

Anders Vadsholt, Interim CFO

Anders has more than 25 years' experience in corporate finance, venture capital, and the biotech industry. Prior to joining Minervax as a consultant, he served as CEO and CFO of Orphazyme A/S, leading its public listing on NASDAQ Copenhagen and NASDAQ New York. Previously, Anders was at Topotarget A/S, BankInvest Biomedical Venture, and Carnegie Investment Bank. He holds an MSc in Corporate Law and Economics from Copenhagen Business School and an MBA from Melbourne University.

Bengt Johansson Lindbom, Ph.D, CSO

Bengt holds a PhD in Immunotechnology from Lund University. He has 20 years of experience heading research groups at Lund University and Denmark Technical University (DTU) within the research areas of immunology, vaccinology, and infectious disease. He has been the main supervisor for several completed PhD and postdoctoral projects. In parallel to his current assignment as the CSO of MinervaX, Bengt is an Associate Professor at the Faculty of Medicine, Lund University.

Bjørn Kantsø – Ph.D, CTO, Head of CMC

Bjorn has more than 15 years' experience within the field of bacterial vaccines. He joined MinervaX in 2021, and currently serves as Chief Technology Officer and Head of Chemistry Manufacturing and Controls (CMC). Prior to MinervaX, Bjorn was at Lundbeck, where he helped build the Biopharmaceutical Division. Prior to Lundbeck, Bjorn was head of a QC department at the CMO AGC Biologics (former CMC Biologics) and prior to that, he served as laboratory leader and assay development scientist at Statens Serum Institut. He received an M.Sc in Biotechnology from the Technical University of Denmark and a Ph.D from the University of Copenhagen.

Board of Directors

MinervaX's Board of Directors plays a central role in overseeing the overall management and strategic direction of the company. Our Board is comprised of experienced professionals dedicated to providing effective leadership and guidance to management and ensuring that the interests of shareholders and stakeholders are represented.

Gerd Zettlmeissl, Chairman - Gerd has more than 30 years of R&D and General Management leadership experience in the biopharmaceutical industry, including most recently as former CEO of Austria-based vaccine company Intercell (now Valneva). Prior to that, he was Managing Director of Chiron-Behring (Germany) and held senior management roles in biopharmaceutical R&D and Technical Operations at Chiron (USA) and Behringwerke (Germany). Since 2012 he has served on the Board of Directors of several non-profit organizations and biotech companies, including Chairman of GlycoVaxyn (Switzerland) which was sold to GSK, and Chairman of Themis (Austria) which was sold to MSD. Gerd Zettlmeissl holds a doctoral degree in biochemistry from the University of Regensburg and did a post-doctoral fellowship at the Institut Pasteur Paris in virology.

Current positions: Chairman of the Board at Medigene AG.

Emmanuelle Coutanceau - Emmanuelle is Partner in the Seed Investment team at Novo Holdings, the investment arm dedicated to building and investing in innovative startup companies in the Nordic region founded on solid science, with the ultimate goal of developing products that can transform patient treatment. She has more than 16 years of experience as a venture investor. Prior to joining Novo Seeds, Emmanuelle was most recently a Partner at Auriga Partners, where she led seed stage investments for Auriga IV Bioseeds, a seed fund dedicated to projects related to infectiology and microbiology. Before that, she was part of Omnes Capital (formerly Cr dit Agricole Private Equity), where she was in charge of the Seed Stage Investment Program and actively invested in Belgium and The Netherlands. Emmanuelle has a PhD in Microbiology from the Universite Paris Cite and an MSM, Medical management from ESCP Business School.

Current positions: Serves on the Board of Directors of Draupnir, Corwave, Heparegenix, and BiOrigin.

Sten Verland - Sten is a founding partner at Sunstone Capital A/S. He has more than 30 years of experience as an international executive, entrepreneur, and venture investor in biotech companies and pre-clinical and clinical CROs. Sten holds an M.Sc. in Biology and a Ph.D. in Immunology from the University of Copenhagen.

Current positions: Chairman of the Board at Neumirna, Member of the Board of Stipe Therapeutics

Jonas Brambeck - Jonas is senior investment director at Industrifonden and has more than 20 years of experience within venture capital with a focus on life science companies and has board experience from close to fifty companies, including listed companies. Prior to joining Industrifonden, Jonas held international sales, marketing, managerial, and R&D positions in the healthcare industry. He has a Ph.D. in organic chemistry from the Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm.

Current positions: Member of the Board of Directors of Gesynta Pharma, and Oxthera.

Karl N gler - Karl joined Wellington Partners in January 2020 as Managing Partner. He has more than 20 years of experience and a strong track record of investments in early and later stage life science companies. Previously, he was a Partner at Gimv, a publicly listed private equity and venture capital investment firm, where he had been responsible for life science investments within Gimv's Health & Care team. He began his professional career at Atlas Venture, and later joined Ventech, a Paris-based venture capital firm. Karl earned his Ph.D. in Molecular Neurobiology from Max-Delbr ck-Center for Molecular Medicine, Berlin.

Current positions: Member of the Board of Directors of ImCheck Therapeutics, and Confo Therapeutics.

Kabeer Aziz - Kabeer is a Partner at Adjuvant Capital, a life sciences investment fund designed to accelerate the development of new technologies for the world's most pressing public health challenges. Prior to Adjuvant, Kabeer was with the Global Health Investment Fund (GHIF), Metalmark Capital and Greenhill & Co., focusing on the biopharma sector. He graduated with honors from the Stern School of Business at New York University.

Current positions: Member of the Boards of Directors of AN2 Therapeutics, Quantoom Biosciences, Frontier Nutrition, Pulmocide, and LimmaTech Biologics; vice president and secretary of Adjuvant Global Health Technology Fund.

Christopher Gagliardi – Christopher is a Principal at Sanofi Ventures. Prior to joining Sanofi Ventures, he was a management consultant at L.E.K. Consulting, where his work focused on corporate strategy, due diligence, commercial launch planning, and asset valuation across the pharmaceutical, biotech, R&D, and API manufacturing sectors. Prior to a postdoctoral fellowship at Harvard University, Chris earned a Ph.D. in Chemistry from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and graduated with honors from Roger Williams University.

Current positions: Member of the Board of Directors of I2O Therapeutics and Sudo Bio, and a Board Observer at Matchpoint, NextPoint, Avilar.

Veronica Gambillara Fonck – Veronica has been a Partner at Pureos Bioventures since 2022. Prior to joining Pureos, she co-founded and was CEO of LimmaTech Biologics and GlycoEra AG. Veronica started her career in the MedTech field, focused on clinical R&D and international regulatory. In 2009, she moved to the vaccine company GlycoVaxyn where she held roles in clinical, regulatory and business development, and was one of the core members responsible for building GlycoVaxyn's success and acquisition by GSK in 2015. Veronica holds a degree in engineering and a PhD in life sciences in the field of cardiovascular disease.

Current positions: Member of Board of Directors of Memo Therapeutics.

Bitá Sehat – Bitá is a Senior Director focusing on Ventures at Trill Impact. She has more than 15 years of professional experience from both life science R&D and venture capital. Prior to joining Trill Impact, Bitá was an Investment Director at Industrifonden and before that she was Head of Business Development and Strategic Partnerships for Battat Inc., a consumer goods company. She has also held roles in consulting at Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec, the Canadian investment fund

and Foster Rosenblatt Consulting, a forecasting and valuation firm in the pharmaceutical area. Bitá Sehat holds a Master of Science in Biomedicine and a Ph.D. in molecular oncology, both from Karolinska Institute. Her scientific experience also includes two post-doctoral fellowships at Karolinska Institute and McGill University, within the area of signal transduction in cancer. Bitá also holds an MBA degree in Strategy and Business Valuation from Concordia University John Molson School of Business.

Current positions: n/a

Vincent Brichard – Vincent is a Venture Partner within the EQT Life Sciences team. Vincent worked for LSP from 2016 until 2022, when LSP joined forces with EQT and was renamed EQT Life Sciences. Previously, Vincent was Senior Vice-President and member of the Executive Committee at GSK Biologicals. Vincent holds an M.D., is specialized in oncology, has a Ph.D. from the Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research, has been a researcher with the FNRS/NFWO and holds an exec MBA from the Harvard Business School. Based on his experience, translated by more than 90 primary research publications and reviews, he supports companies, organizations, institutions, and individuals in the fields of immuno-oncology, auto-immunity and vaccines.

Current positions: n/a

Tal Zaks – Tal is a Partner with OrbiMed. Tal was recently the Chief Medical Officer at Moderna, where he led the development of the company's COVID-19 vaccine and other key programs. Previously, Tal held senior leadership positions in drug development at major pharmaceutical companies, including Sanofi and GlaxoSmithKline. Tal received his M.D. and Ph.D. from the Ben Gurion University and conducted post-doctoral research at the U.S. National Institutes of Health.

Current positions: Executive chairman of Exsilio.

Investors / Shareholder information

MinervaX was incorporated in 2010 and, since its founding, has raised gross proceeds of EUR 133 million from its high-profile investor syndicate, plus an additional EUR 58 million in grants and loan facilities from the EU (EIB, FP7, EDCTP, Innovation Foundation Denmark).

Series A History

MinervaX received its first seed financing (Series A-1) from 2010 to 2012. Series A share capital was further increased in 2014 to 2016 (Series A-2) and in 2016 (Series A-3). Series A investors included Novo Holdings REPAIR Impact Fund, Sunstone Life Science Ventures, and LF Investment.

Series B History

Series B share capital increases were conducted in 2020, 2022 and 2023.

In December 2020, the company raised equity financing of EUR 47.4 million. The round included new investors Sanofi Ventures, Wellington Partners, Adjuvant Capital, and Industrifonden, along with participation from existing investors.

In December 2022, the company raised equity financing of EUR 22 million EUR, which was co-led by new investors Trill Impact Ventures and Pureos Bioventures, as well as participation from existing investors. In addition to the equity financing, the European Investment Bank provided a EUR 50 million loan facility to MinervaX.

In October 2023, the company raised equity financing, of EUR 54 million, including investment from new investors EQT Life Sciences and OrbiMed and participation from existing investors.

For more information on our share capital, please refer to Note 4.2 in our Financial Statements on page 47.

International investor base comprising top-tier healthcare specialists



Key Investors

Novo Holdings A/S is responsible for managing the Novo Nordisk Foundation, one of the largest charitable foundations in the world. Novo Holdings A/S provides seed and venture capital to development-stage companies, takes significant ownership positions in companies within life science and biotechnology, and manages a broad portfolio of financial assets. *Board representative: Emmanuelle Coutanceau.*

Sunstone Capital is an independent venture capital investor and one of the largest European venture capital investors with a focus on developing and expanding early-stage Life Science and Technology companies. Within life science, Sunstone Capital has invested in more than 45 companies in the areas of pharmaceuticals, medtech, and diagnostics, and has completed several successful exits and IPOs. *Board representative: Sten Verland.*

LF Investment is the investment arm of The Lauritzen Foundation, which is parent company of the shipping companies J. Lauritzen and DFDS. LF Investment has holdings in companies in the oil analysis, measuring equipment, software, biotechnology, and real estate sectors.

Wellington Partners is a leading European venture capital firm investing in early- and growth-stage life science companies in biotechnology, therapeutics, medtech, diagnostics and digital health. Wellington Partners has invested in 46 life science companies and has been actively supporting world class private companies translating true innovation into successful businesses with exceptional growth. *Board representative: Karl Nägler.*

Sanofi Ventures is the corporate venture arm of Sanofi. Sanofi Ventures invests in early-stage biotech and digital health companies with innovative ideas and transformative new products and technologies of strategic interest to Sanofi including vaccines, oncology, immunology, rare diseases, potential cures in other core areas, and digital health solutions. *Board representative: Christopher Gagliardi.*

Adjuvant Capital is a New York- and San Francisco-based life sciences investment fund built to accelerate the development of new technologies for the world's most pressing public health challenges with backing from prominent healthcare investors such as Novartis, Merck, International Finance Corporation, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Adjuvant invests in companies

developing promising new vaccines, therapeutics, and diagnostics targeting high-burden infectious diseases, maternal and child health, and antimicrobial resistance, with a commitment to make these accessible to those who need them most in low- and middle-income countries. *Board representative: Kabeer Aziz.*

Industrifonden is a Nordic venture capital investor based in Stockholm that invests in early-stage growth companies. Its areas of expertise include Life Sciences, Deep Tech, and Transformative Tech. In the life science space, Industrifonden focuses on biotech, healthtech, and medtech. *Board representative: Jonas Brambeck.*

Trill Impact is a pioneering Impact House with a team of more than 35 experienced professionals based in the Nordics and Germany. Trill Impact aims to become a force for positive change and realize its vision of delivering real returns and lasting impact for the benefit of investors, businesses, and society at large. *Board representative: Bitu Sehat.*

Pureos Bioventures is a venture capital fund advised by Swiss-based Pureos Partners that invests exclusively in private innovative drug development companies, with a particular emphasis on the next generation of biological drugs and drug formats. The fund's portfolio companies are built on scientific excellence to develop therapies across a broad indication spectrum, including oncology, immunology, ophthalmology, rare diseases, and neuroscience. *Board representative: Veronica Gambillara Fonck.*

EQT Life Sciences was formed in 2022 following the integration of LSP, a leading European life sciences and healthcare venture capital firm, into the EQT platform. With a dedicated team of highly experienced investment professionals, with backgrounds in medicine, science, business, and finance, EQT Life Sciences backs the smartest inventors who have ideas that could truly make a difference for patients. *Board representative: Vincent Brichard.*

OrbiMed is a specialist healthcare investment firm that invests globally across the healthcare industry through a range of private equity funds, public equity funds, and royalty/credit funds. OrbiMed's team of over 100 professionals is based in New York City, San Francisco, Shanghai, Hong Kong, Mumbai, Herzliya, London, and other key global markets. *Board representative: Tal Zaks.*

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Statement by Executive Management and Board of Directors

The Board of Directors and the Executive Management have today considered and approved the Annual Report of MinervaX ApS for the financial year 1 January 2023 – 31 December 2023.

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the IFRS Accounting Standards as adopted by the EU and further requirements set out in the Danish Financial Statements Act. The parent company financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Danish Financial Statements Act.

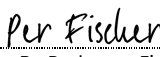
In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements and the Parent company financial statements give a true and fair view of the Group's and the Parent company's assets, liabilities and financial position at 31 December 2023 and of the results of the Group's and the Parent company's operations and the cash flows for the Group for the financial year 1 January 2023 – 31 December 2023.

Further, in our opinion, the management's review includes a fair review of developments in the group's and the Parent company's activities and finances, results for the year and the group's and the Parent company's financial position in general, as well as a description of the most significant risks and uncertainties to which the Group and the Parent company are exposed.

We recommend that the annual report be approved at the annual general meeting.

Frederiksberg, 8 May 2024

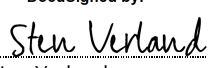
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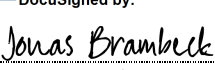
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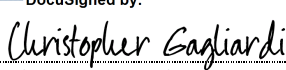
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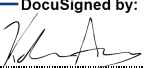
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Independent Auditor's Report

To the shareholders of MinervaX ApS

Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements and the Parent Company financial statements of MinervaX ApS for the financial year 1 January – 31 December 2023, which comprise statements of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, financial position, changes in equity, cash flows and notes, including material accounting policy information for the Group, and income statement, balance sheet, statement of changes in equity and notes, including material accounting policy information for the Parent Company. The consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards as adopted by the EU and additional requirements of the Danish Financial Statements Act, and the Parent Company financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Danish Financial Statements Act.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Group at 31 December 2023 and of the results of the Group's operations and cash flows for the financial year 1 January – 31 December 2023 in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards as adopted by the EU and additional requirements of the Danish Financial Statements Act.

Further, in our opinion, the Parent Company financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Parent Company at 31 December 2023 and of the results of the Parent Company's operations for the financial year 1 January – 31 December 2023 in accordance with the Danish Financial Statements Act.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs) and additional requirements applicable in Denmark. Our responsibilities under those standards and requirements are further described in the "Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements and the parent company financial statements" (hereinafter collectively referred to as "the financial statements") section of our report. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Independence

We are independent of the Group in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code) and the additional ethical requirements applicable in Denmark, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code.

Statement on the Management's review

Management is responsible for the Management's review.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the Management's review, and we do not express any assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the Management's review and, in doing so, consider whether the Management's review is materially inconsistent with the financial statements, or our knowledge obtained during the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

Moreover, it is our responsibility to consider whether the Management's review provides the information required under the Danish Financial Statements Act.

Based on our procedures, we conclude that the Management's review is in accordance with the financial statements and has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Danish Financial Statements Act. We did not identify any material misstatement of the Management's review.

Management's responsibilities for the financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of consolidated financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards as adopted by the EU and additional requirements of the Danish Financial Statements Act and for the preparation of Parent Company financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with the Danish Financial Statements Act.

Moreover, Management is responsible for such internal control as Management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, Management is responsible for assessing the Group's and the Parent Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements unless Management either intends to liquidate the Group or the Parent Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs and additional requirements applicable in Denmark will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

As part of an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs and additional requirements applicable in Denmark, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Group's and the Parent Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by Management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of Management's use of the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Group's and the Parent Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group and the Parent Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and contents of the financial statements, including the note disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that gives a true and fair view.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Copenhagen, 8 May 2024
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Management's Financial Review

Company details

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CVR no.	32673287
Established	14 January 2010
Registered office	Frederiksberg, Denmark
Financial year	1 January – 31 December
Website	www.minervax.com
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Financial Results – Primary activities

INCOME STATEMENT

The net loss for the financial year that ended on December 31, 2023, was EUR 27.1 million. This is an increase from the net loss of EUR 16.1 million for the same period in 2022. The primary reason for the increased net loss is the ongoing investment in research and development activities, as well as product manufacturing for the planned pivotal trial for the maternal indication.

Research and Development Expenses

Research and development expenses for the year ended December 31, 2023, were EUR 26.1 million, up from EUR 15.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2022. The increase of EUR 10.3 million was primarily due to costs associated with clinical trials and increased production costs. Moreover, employee costs increased due to the hiring of 25 full-time research and development employees during 2023.

General and Administrative Expenses

General and administrative expenses for the year ended December 31, 2023, amounted to EUR 2 million, which is higher than the EUR 0.9 million recorded for the year ended December 31, 2022. The increase of EUR 1.1 million was mainly due to the rise in the number of employees and external costs such as audit, legal, finance, communication, and other external assistance engaged to support our organization's growth.

Net Financial Items

For the year ended December 31, 2023, the net financial income was EUR 1.2 million, which is a significant increase compared to the previous year, which was EUR 0.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2022. This increase of EUR 1.1 million was mainly due to the bank interest income. On the other hand, net financial expenses for the year ended December 31, 2023, were EUR 0.8 million, an increase of EUR 0.5 million compared to the previous year, which was EUR 0.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2022. The increase in expenses is primarily due to the interest expenses incurred for the EIB loan.

Income Tax Benefit

The income tax benefits for the years ending December 31, 2022, and 2023 amounted to EUR 0.7 million. These benefits include a tax credit for research and development costs, as per the applicable tax rate under the Danish Corporate Income Tax Act. Our corporate income tax rate in Denmark stood at 22%.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Cash: As of December 31, 2023, MinervaX had EUR 80.6 million in cash, an increase from EUR 41.4 million as of December 31, 2022. This increase was mainly due to the net proceeds from the financing in October 2023 and the initial tranche of the EIB loan.

Equity: As of December 31, 2023, total equity was EUR 67.6 million, an increase from EUR 40.4 million as of December 31st, 2022. This increase can be attributed to a rise in cash due to financing in October 2023 and the net loss incurred during the year.

CASH FLOWS

Cash flow from/(used in) operating activities:

The amount of cash utilized in operating activities for the period ending on December 31, 2023, was EUR 27.5 million, which is higher than the EUR 13.6 million spent in the previous year ending on December 31, 2022. This increase in cash usage was mainly due to the ongoing clinical development activities.

Cash flow from/(used in) investing activities:

Compared to the previous year, the company invested EUR 1 million, up from EUR 0.2 million, mainly due to expanding our laboratory in Lund, Sweden.

Cash flow from/(used in) financing activities:

During the period ending on December 31, 2023, the amount of cash received from financing activities was EUR 65 million, which represents a significant increase from the previous year's amount of EUR 42 million for the period ending December 31, 2022. The increase of EUR 23 million can be attributed to the net proceeds from our financing in October 2023, as well as the drawdown of the first tranche of the EIB loan. These funds will be utilized for various business activities, including clinical development investments, capital expenditures, and other expenses as needed.

ACCOUNTING FOR PRIOR PERIOD MATERIAL MISSTATEMENTS

In 2023, the Company identified material misstatement ascertaining to prior financial years that have been corrected as material misstatements by restating comparatives and opening equity figures in the current year financial statements. The corrected misstatements relate to: A – Accrual based accounting applied to CRO/CMC-contracts. B – Financial costs, C – Holiday pay obligation, D – Acquired patents and E – Other receivables.

In consequence of the restatements, opening shareholder's equity at 1 January 2022 has increased by DKK 5,656 thousand. Loss for the year 2022, before and after tax, has increased by DKK 9,294 thousand. In aggregate, shareholder's equity at 1 January 2023 has decreased by DKK 3,638 thousand. Total assets and liabilities at 1 January 2023 have increased by DKK 3,526 thousand and DKK 7,164 thousand, respectively.

Consolidated statements of profit or loss and other comprehensive income

For years ending 31 December

Statement of profit or loss

Note	EUR'000	2023	2022
2.1	Research and development expenses	(26,101)	(15,776)
2.2	General and administrative expenses	(2,012)	(897)
	Other operating income	7	74
	Operating loss	(28,106)	(16,599)
4.8	Financial income	1,120	56
4.8	Financial expenses	(829)	(277)
	Net loss before tax	(27,815)	(16,820)
6.1	Income taxes	738	740
	Net loss of the year	(27,077)	(16,080)
	Attributable to:		
	Shareholders of MinervaX ApS	(27,077)	(16,080)

Statement of other comprehensive income

Note	EUR'000	2023	2022
	Net loss	(27,077)	(16,080)
	<i>Items to be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods, net of tax:</i>		
	Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations	(85)	30
	Total comprehensive income	(27,162)	(16,050)
	Attributable to shareholders of MinervaX ApS	(27,162)	(16,050)

Consolidated statements of financial position

As of December 31,

Balance sheet

Note	EUR'000	31 Dec. 2023	31 Dec. 2022	1 Jan. 2022
ASSETS				
Non-current assets				
3.1	Property, plant and equipment	1,345	552	540
3.2	Right-of-use assets	326	304	435
	Deposits	298	152	164
	Total non-current assets	1,969	1,008	1,139
Current assets				
3.3	Prepayments	537	592	930
3.3	Other receivables	693	392	247
6.1	Tax receivables	738	740	740
	Deposits	16	-	-
	Cash and cash equivalents	80,572	41,410	13,185
	Total current assets	82,556	43,134	15,102
	TOTAL ASSETS	84,525	44,142	16,241
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES				
4.2	Share capital	3,364	2,235	1,102
	Other reserves	64,239	38,164	12,604
	Total equity	67,603	40,399	13,706
Non-current liabilities				
4.5	Lease liabilities	97	72	232
4.3, 4.4	Borrowings	11,371	609	507
2.4	Cash settled warrant obligation	130	73	1
3.4	Other payables	96	275	415
	Total non-current liabilities	11,694	1,029	1,155
Current liabilities				
4.3	Warrants and put options	804	-	-
4.5	Lease liabilities	185	196	203
	Trade payables	2,901	2,057	661
4.3, 4.4	Borrowings	501	21	21
3.4	Other payables	837	440	495
	Total current liabilities	5,228	2,714	1,380
	Total liabilities	16,922	3,743	2,535
	TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	84,525	44,142	16,241

Consolidated statement of changes in equity

Statement of changes in equity

		Attributable to the equity holders of MinervaX ApS				
		Other reserves				
Note	EUR'000	Share capital	Share premium	Foreign currency translation reserve	Retained earnings	Total
	Equity at January 1, 2022	1,102	240	(2)	12,366	13,706
	Net loss for the year	-	-	-	(16,080)	(16,080)
	Other comprehensive income	-	-	30	-	30
	Cash capital increase	1,133	41,201	-	-	42,334
	Costs related to capital increase	-	-	-	(153)	(153)
2.4	Share-based compensation	-	-	-	562	562
	Equity at December 31, 2022	2,235	41,441	28	(3,305)	40,399
	Net loss for the year	-	-	-	(27,077)	(27,077)
	Other comprehensive income	-	-	(85)	-	(85)
	Cash capital increase	1,134	52,938	-	-	54,072
	Foreign currency translation	(5)	(91)	-	96	-
	Costs related to capital increase	-	-	-	(161)	(161)
2.4	Share-based compensation	-	-	-	455	455
	Equity at December 31, 2023	3,364	94,288	(57)	(29,992)	67,603

Consolidated statement of cash flows

For the years ended December 31,

Cash flow statement

Note	EUR'000	2023	2022
	Net loss before tax	(27,815)	(16,820)
3.6	Adjustments for non-cash items	693	1,165
3.5	Changes in net working capital	956	1,496
	Changes in deposits	(161)	11
	Interest received	1,146	41
	Interest paid	(74)	(214)
6.1	Income tax received	740	740
	Cash flows from/(used in) operating activities	(24,515)	(13,581)
3.1	Investments in property, plant and equipment	(1,024)	(185)
	Cash flows from/(used in) investing activities	(1,024)	(185)
	Capital increase	54,072	42,334
	Costs related to capital increase	(161)	(153)
4.9	Proceeds from borrowings	11,346	-
4.9	Payment of principal portion of lease liabilities	(239)	(237)
	Cash flows from/(used in) financing activities	65,018	41,944
	Changes in cash and cash equivalents in the year	39,479	28,178
	Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	41,410	13,185
	Exchange rate adjustments of cash and cash equivalents	(317)	47
	Cash and cash equivalents, year-end	80,572	41,410

Notes to Consolidated statements 1 January – 31 December

1. Basis for preparation

Corporate information

These consolidated financial statements include MinervaX ApS (parent company or the “Parent”) and its fully owned subsidiary, MinervaX AB, referenced herein as “MinervaX”, “the company” or the “Group”.

MinervaX is a privately-owned biotech Group focused on development of a vaccine against Group B Streptococcus (GBS).

The Parent is a limited liability company incorporated and domiciled in Denmark with its registered office located at Nordre Fasanvej 215, 2000 Frederiksberg, Denmark.

The consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023 with comparative figures for the year ended December 31, 2022 were authorized of issuance with a resolution of the Board of Directors on March 21, 2024.

Basis of preparation

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with IFRS® Accounting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) and as adopted by the EU (IFRS) and additional Danish disclosure requirements for the financial statements of reporting class B enterprises, cf. the Danish Executive Order on Adoption of IFRSs (“IFRS-bekendtgørelsen”) issued in accordance with the Danish Financial Statements Act (“DFSA”).

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis using historical cost. All financial assets and liabilities are measured at amortized cost unless otherwise stated.

Standards and interpretations not yet in force

At the date of publication of the consolidated financial statements, several new and amended standards and interpretations have not yet entered into force or have not yet been adopted by the EU. Therefore, they are not incorporated in the consolidated financial statements. None of the new or amended standards and interpretations are expected to have a material impact on the consolidated financial statements.

1.1. Accounting policies

This section summarizes Group accounting policies and accounting estimates. Additionally, this section provides information about the overall basis of preparation that MinervaX considers useful and relevant for understanding the consolidated financial statements. MinervaX’ accounting policies are described in each of the individual notes to the financial statements or in section 1.1.

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Section 6 – Taxation

Applying materiality

The Company’s consolidated financial statements are based on the concept of materiality focusing on information that is considered material and relevant. The consolidated financial statements are a result of processing large numbers of transactions and aggregating those into classes according to their nature or function. The aggregated transactions are presented in classes of similar items in the financial statements. Line items not individually material are aggregated with other items of similar nature in the consolidated financial statements or in the notes.

The disclosure requirements are substantial when reporting according to IFRS as adopted by the EU and the Danish Financial Statement Act. Management provides specific disclosures required unless the information is considered immaterial to the financial decision-making of the users of these consolidated financial statements and otherwise not warranted or not applicable.

Fair value measurement

The fair value of an asset or a liability is measured using the assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability, assuming that market participants act in their economic best interest. MinervaX uses valuation techniques that are appropriate in the circumstances and for which sufficient data are available to measure fair value, maximizing the use of relevant observable inputs and minimizing the use of unobservable inputs.

For financial instruments that are measured in the balance sheet at fair value is categorized after the fair value hierarchy which is described below:

- Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities
- Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (that is, as prices) or indirectly (that is, derived from prices)
- Level 3: Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (that is, unobservable inputs).

Foreign currency

The Group's consolidated financial statements are presented in euros, which is also the parent company's functional currency. For each entity, the Group determines the functional currency and items included in the financial statements of each entity are measured using that functional currency.

Transactions and balances

Transactions in foreign currencies are initially recorded by the Group's entities at their respective functional currency spot rates at the date the transaction first qualifies for recognition.

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the functional currency spot rates of exchange at the reporting date. Differences arising on settlement are recognized in profit or loss under "Financial income" and "Financial expenses".

Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rates at the dates of the initial transactions.

Group companies

On consolidation, the assets and liabilities of foreign operations are translated from functional currency into presentation currency at the rate of exchange prevailing at the reporting date, and their statements of profit or loss are translated at exchange rates prevailing at the transactions' dates. The exchange differences arising translation for consolidation are recognized in Other Comprehensive Income (OCI). On disposal of a foreign operation, the component of OCI relating to that particular foreign operation is reclassified to profit or loss.

Cash flow statement

The cash flow statement is presented in accordance with the indirect method, with a starting basis of net loss before tax. Cash flows for the year are presented as cash flows from operating, investing and financing activities and include the changes in net cash flows for the year along with cash and cash equivalents at the beginning and end of the reporting period. Cash flows in foreign currency are translated to the Group's presentation currency of EUR at the average exchange rate for the respective year.

Cash flows from/(used in) operating activities

Cash flows from operating activities comprise the profit or loss for the year, adjusted for non-cash items such as share-based payment expenses, depreciations, and changes in the working capital, leasehold deposits, financial expenses paid, financial interest received, and amounts paid and received regarding income taxes.

Cash flows from/(used in) investing activities

Cash flows from investing activities comprise payments related to additions of property, plant and equipment.

Cash flows from/(used in) financing activities

Cash flows from financing activities comprise cash flows from proceeds from issuance of new shares and related costs, proceeds from obtaining debt instruments and lease installments.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are cashless overdrafts, which consist of uncommitted bank facilities that often fluctuate from positive to overdrawn. Any short-term bank facilities that are consistently overdrawn are considered cash flow from financing activities.

1.2 Significant accounting estimates and judgments

The use of reasonable estimates and judgements is an essential part of the preparation of the financial statements. Given the uncertainties inherent in the Group's funding activities, Management must make certain key accounting estimates and judgements and define assumptions which form the basis of recognition, measurement and presentation of the Company's assets and liabilities.

The key accounting estimates identified are those that have a significant risk of resulting in a material adjustment to the measurement of assets and liabilities in the following reporting period. Management bases its estimates on historical experience and various other assumptions that are held to be reasonable under the circumstances. The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. If necessary, changes are recognized in the period in which the estimate is revised. Management considers the key accounting estimates to be reasonable and appropriate based on currently available information.

Management regards the accounting estimates listed below as the key accounting estimates used in preparing the financial statements. No key judgement was applied.

Climate change

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, management has considered the impact of climate change, particularly in the context of the Group's sustainability targets. MinervaX targets minimizing and mitigating the climate impact by continuously evaluating and implementing initiatives that can reduce any environmental impact from the Group's operations. These considerations did not have a material impact on management's judgements and estimates, consistent with the assessment that climate change is not expected to significantly impact the Group's future cash flows, the carrying amount of non-current assets, or going concern assessment.

Notes including management's estimates

Section 2 – Operating activities

2.1.4 Research and development expenses

2.4 Share-based compensation

Section 4 – Capital structure and financial matters

4.3 European Investment Bank Loan

Refer to above notes for description of management's estimates.

1.3 First time adoption of IFRS

The consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023, with comparative and opening balance figures, are the first set of consolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with the IFRS Accounting Standards as adopted by the European Union and additional requirements in the Danish Financial Statements Act.

Under previous applied Danish GAAP, the Company did not prepare or present consolidated financial statements for previous periods.

In connection with the preparation of the first set of IFRS financial statements, the following exemptions have been applied:

- IFRS 2: Share-based payment: The company has chosen not to apply IFRS 2 fully retrospectively to equity-settled share-based payment transactions that have already vested at the date of transition to IFRS Accounting Standards
- IFRS 16: Leases: The company has chosen to measure its lease liabilities at the present value of the remaining lease payments, discounted using the Company's incremental borrowing rate at the date of transition to IFRS Accounting Standards. The corresponding right-of-use assets have been measured at an amount equal to the lease liabilities.

1.4 Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements comprise the financial statements of the Parent and its subsidiary as at 31 December 2023. Control is achieved when the Group is exposed, or has rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the investee and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the investee. Specifically, the Group controls an investee if, and only if, the Group has:

- Power over the investee (i.e., existing rights that give it the current ability to direct the relevant activities of the investee)
- Exposure, or rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the investee
- The ability to use its power over the investee to affect its returns

1.5 Financing and going concern assumptions

MinervaX is a clinical stage biopharmaceutical company and currently does not generate revenue from product sales. Hence, until such time where the Company becomes able to generate positive cash-flows from its operations, additional funding is expected to be necessary to fund future research and development activities. Therefore, the Company plans to raise additional funds through either public financing, debt financing, collaboration agreements, strategic alliances and licensing arrangements, or a combination of such.

Management's going concern assessment includes evaluation of the Company's operational cash-flow requirements for the forthcoming 12 months from the balance sheet date such as its cash position, planned research and development activities and financing opportunities.

Management expects that the Company's cash and cash equivalents at 31 December 2023 is sufficient to fund the Company's research and development activities as planned and capital requirements for at least 12 months from the 31 December 2023 balance sheet date.

On this basis, the consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a going concern assumption.

1.6 Subsequent events

No events that could significantly affect the financial statements have occurred after the reporting period closing date.

1.6.1 Accounting policies

If after the balance sheet date, but prior to the date of the Board of Director's approval of the financial statements, the Group obtains information about conditions that existed at the balance sheet date, the Group assesses if the information affects the amounts recognized in the financial statements.

The Group will adjust the amounts recognized in its financial statements to reflect any adjusting events obtained after the balance sheet date and update the disclosures that relate to those conditions in light of the new information.

For non-adjusting events after the balance sheet date, the Group will not change the amounts recognized in its financial statements but will disclose the nature of the non-adjusting event and an estimate of its financial effect, or a statement that such an estimate cannot be made, if applicable.

2. Operating activities

2.1 Research and development expenses

Note	EUR'000	2023	2022
2.3	Employee benefit expenses, excluding share-based compensation	3,807	1,940
2.4	Equity-settled share-based compensation expenses	258	327
2.4	Cash-settled share-based compensation expenses	55	74
	External expenses	21,516	13,129
3.1, 3.2	Depreciation	465	306
	Total research and development expenses	26,101	15,776

The increase was primarily due to costs associated with clinical trials and increased production costs. Moreover, employee costs increased due to the hiring of 25 full-time research and development employees during 2023.

The Group's research and development expenses consist mainly of employee benefits and external expenses related to clinical and pre-clinical research and development activities and consumables as well as expenses related to intellectual property rights and manufacturing.

Substantial portions of the Company's clinical studies are performed by third-party laboratories, medical centers, contract research organizations and other vendors, or collectively "CROs". These CROs generally bill monthly or quarterly for services performed. For studies, the Company accrues expenses based upon estimated completion of work. Also, the Company uses third-party vendors for manufacturing of medicine ("CMCs").

2.1.1 Accounting policies

Research and development expenses

Research and development expenses include wages and salaries, share-based compensation, external research and development expenses, expenses relating to obtaining and maintaining patents and premises, other expenses, including IT and depreciation, relating to research and development, enhancements, and maintenance of the Group's technology platforms.

The research activities are comprised of activities performed before filing an investigational new drug (IND) or equivalent and necessary pre-clinical activities for such product candidates. All research expenses are recognized in the period in which they are incurred.

The development activities are comprised of the activities performed following the filing of an IND or equivalent clinical-enabling activities for such product candidates, including but not limited to, research and clinical research activities. In line with industry practice, internal and subcontracted development costs are expensed as they are incurred. Due to significant regulatory uncertainties and other uncertainties inherent in the development of new products, development expenses do not qualify for capitalization as intangible assets until marketing approval by a regulatory authority is obtained or considered highly probable.

Significant accounting estimate

CRO and CMC expenses should be recognized in the period that the services are received to the extent that those financial effects are recognizable and measurable. As a result, Management has made reasonable efforts to estimate accruals at each reporting period for clinical and production activities received during the period, including services rendered by CROs and CMCs.

The accounting for clinical trials is an estimation process and depend on the timeliness and accuracy of the data provided by the CROs and CMCs. The company evaluates the estimates to determine if adjustments are necessary or appropriate based on internal and external

information. When payments are made in advance of related activities performed by the CROs and CMCs, they are included in prepayments to CROs and CMCs, and expensed when activities are performed.

2.2 General and administrative expenses

Note	EUR'000	2023	2022
2.3	Employee benefit expenses, excluding share-based compensation	520	470
2.3/2.4	Equity-settled share-based compensation expenses	197	235
	External expenses	1,288	186
3.1, 3.2	Depreciation	7	6
	Total general and administrative expenses	2,012	897

The increase was mainly due to the rise in the number of employees and external costs such as audit, legal, finance, communication, and other external assistance engaged to support our organization's growth.

The Group's general and administrative expenses consist mainly of employee benefits and external expenses related to legal advisors, financial consultants, auditors and other administrative services.

2.2.1 Accounting policies

General and administrative expenses relate to the recurring management and administration of MinervaX. This includes wages and salaries including share-based compensation, benefits, and other headcount costs. In addition, depreciation and impairment of property and equipment, to the extent such expenses are related to administrative functions are also included. General and administrative expenses are recognized in the income statement in the period to which they relate.

2.3 Employee benefit expenses

Note	EUR'000	2023	2022
	Wages and salaries	3,735	2,180
2.4	Equity-settled share-based compensation expenses	455	562
2.4	Cash-settled share-based compensation expenses	55	74
	Other social security and staff expenses	378	86
	Pensions (defined contribution plans)	214	143
	Total	4,837	3,046
2.1	Research and development expenses	4,120	2,341
2.2	General and administrative expenses	717	705
	Total	4,837	3,046
	Average number of full-time employees	32	17
	Total employees at end of period	42	18

2.3.1 Accounting policies

Employee benefits are primarily made up of wages and salaries, share-based compensation expense and other social security expenses. The cost of these benefit is recognized as an expense in the year in which services are rendered by employees.

Refer to note 5.1 for remuneration of the Board of Directors and Executive Management.

2.4 Share – based compensation

The Group has granted warrants to the Board of Directors, Executive Management and employees under various share-based incentive programs. Section 2.4.1 covers the equity settled programs and section 2.4.2 covers the cash settled program.

The fair value of the warrants at grant date is recognized as an expense in the statement of profit or loss over the vesting period for equity-settled warrants. Such compensation expenses represent calculated values of warrants granted and do not represent actual cash expenditures. A corresponding amount is recognized in shareholders' equity.

Share-based compensation expenses (both cash- and equity settled) are included in the statement of profit or loss as follow:

Note	EUR'000	2023	2022
2.1	Research and development expenses	313	401
2.2	General and administrative expenses	197	235
Total share-based compensation expenses included in the statement of profit or loss		510	636

2.4.1 Equity – settled warrant programs

The Group has entered into two equity – settled share-based payment arrangements through the granting of warrants to employees, consultants (who provide services similar to employees), members of Executive Management and the Board of Directors. The warrants are generally subject to a specified service period and are exercisable upon an exit event (e.g. IPO or trade sale), which triggers an immediate vesting, or at any time determined by the Board of Directors.

First program

These warrants have been granted during 2013-2016 at an exercise price between EUR 3.75 – 5.37 per A-share. A vested warrant gives access to subscribe for one A-share of a nominal value of EUR 0.13. The exercise period expired 31 Dec 2022. No warrants were exercised under this program.

As at 31 Dec 2023, 31 Dec 2022 and 1 Jan 2022, a total of 0, 11,580 and 96,228 warrants were outstanding, respectively. As at 31 Dec 2022, the warrants outstanding were to employees. As at 1 Jan 2022 73,068 warrants were granted to management and 23,160 were granted to employees. Since the first program was fully vested (the vesting period ended in Oct 2019) and all modifications were made prior 1 Jan 2022 and the second program had a more favorable exercise price, the first program has not impacted the consolidated financial statement for 2023 or 2022. Hence, the disclosures below only relate to the second program.

Second program

The warrants have been granted during 2021-2023 at an exercise price of EUR 0.13 per common share. A vested warrant gives access to subscribe for one common share of a nominal value of EUR 0.13. For long-time engaged warrant holders (e.g. the CEO), 25% of the warrants vest on grant date and with 2% per month of affiliation. For the rest, 25% of the warrants vest after one year of affiliation and subsequently with 2% during affiliation. Certain warrants can only be exercised in connection with an exit event (non-market vesting condition).

The fair values of the warrants on the grant dates have been derived based on the following quantity-weighted assumptions:

EUR	2023 grants	2022 Grants	2021 Grants
Expected time to maturity	2.43 years	2.24 years	3.35 years
Risk-free interest rate	2.74 %	2.10 %	-0.50%
Volatility %	92.50 %	92.50 %	92.50 %
Expected dividend	0	0	0
Value of common- share warrant	2.53	1.96	2.18

The following schedule specifies the warrants (outstanding) granted by year as at 31 December, 2023:

EUR	Grant date fair value (EUR)	Number of outstanding warrants	Exercise price	Remaining contractual life to maturity (years)
Grant date				
24 Aug 2021	2.18	983,461	0.13	2.0 – 2.58
6 Oct 2022	1.96	199,543	0.13	2.92 – 3.92
1 Jan 2023	2.11	97,420	0.13	4.0
1 Feb 2023	2.07	28,506	0.13	4.08
1 Mar 2023	2.03	4,751	0.13	4.16
26 Sep 2023	1.96	46,502	0.13	4.71 – 4.75
14 Dec 2023	2.61	1,003,034	0.13	4.96
		2,363,217		

The following schedule specifies the warrants (outstanding) granted by year as at 31 December, 2022:

EUR	Grant date fair value (EUR)	Number of outstanding warrants	Exercise price	Remaining contractual life to maturity (years)
Grant date				
24 Aug 2021	2.18	983,461	0.13	3.0 – 3.58
6 Oct 2022	1.96	199,543	0.13	3.92 – 4.92
	-	1,183,004		

The following schedule specifies the warrants (outstanding) granted by year as at 1 January, 2022:

EUR	Grant date fair value (EUR)	Number of outstanding warrants	Exercise price	Remaining contractual life to maturity (years)
Grant date				
24 Aug 2021	2.18	983,461	0.13	4.0 – 4.58
		983,461		

The following schedule specifies the outstanding warrants:

	Number of warrants held by BoD	Number of warrants held by Executive Mgmt.	Number of warrants held by employees and consultants	Total outstanding warrants	Weighted average exercise price	Weighted average remaining contractual life
Outstanding at January 1, 2022*	142,531	427,592	413,338	983,461	0.13	4.13
Granted	-	-	199,543	199,543		4.99
Outstanding at December 31, 2022*	142,531	427,592	612,881	1,183,004	0.13	3.40
Granted	155,000	468,165	557,048	1,180,213		5.0
Outstanding at December 31, 2023**	297,531	895,757	1,169,929	2,363,217	0.13	3.62

* Warrants are only exercisable given an exit event.

The warrants expire between December 31, 2025, and December 31, 2027.

2.4.2 Warrant program cash – settled

The Group has entered into one cash – settled share-based payment arrangement through the granting of cash-settled warrants to employees in the Swedish subsidiary. The cash-settled warrants are generally subject to a specified service period and are exercisable upon an exit event.

Cash-settled warrants were granted in 2021-2023 on identical terms like the second equity – settled program described above except for the settlement directly in cash. The Group has recorded a liability amounting to EUR 130 thousand at 31 December 2023, EUR 73 thousand at 31 December 2022 and EUR 2 thousand at 1 January 2022. The fair value of the warrants is determined by using the black-scholes model with assumptions described below.

EUR	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2022	1 Jan 2022
Expected time to maturity	2.50	2.00	3.00
Risk free interest rate	2.40 %	2.80 %	-0.50 %
Volatility	92.50 %	92.50 %	92.50 %
Value of common – share warrant	2.58	2.11	2.04

The following schedule specifies the cash-settled warrants outstanding as at 31 December, 2023:

EUR	Grant date fair value (EUR)	Number of outstanding warrants	Exercise price	Remaining contractual life to maturity (years)
Grant date				
17 Dec 2021	2.06	121,152	0.13	2.00 – 2.83
7 Sep 2022	1.99	28,506	0.13	3.00 – 3.50
5 Nov 2023	1.86	35,745	0.13	4.00 – 4.83
	-	185,403	-	-

The following schedule specifies the warrants outstanding as at 31 December, 2022:

EUR	Grant date fair value (EUR)	Number of outstanding warrants	Exercise price	Remaining contractual life to maturity (years)
Grant date				
17 Dec 2021	2.06	121,152	0.13	3.00 – 3.83
7 Sep 2022	1.99	28,506	0.13	4.00 – 4.50
	-	149,658	0.13	-

The following schedule specifies the warrants (outstanding) granted by year as at 1 January, 2022:

EUR	Grant date fair value (EUR)	Number of outstanding warrants	Exercise price	Remaining contractual life to maturity (years)
Grant date				
17 Dec 2021	2.06	121,152	0.13	4.00 – 4.83
	-	121,152	-	-

The following schedule specifies the outstanding warrants:

	Number of warrants held by employees	Total outstanding warrants	Weighted average exercise price	Weighted average remaining contractual life
Outstanding at January 1, 2022*	121,152	121,152	0.13	4.19
Granted	28,506	28,506		4.57
Outstanding at December 31, 2022*	149,658	149,658	0.13	3.39
Granted	35,745	35,745		4.26
Outstanding at December 31, 2023*	185,403	185,403	0.13	2.72

* Warrants are only exercisable given an exit event.

2.4.3 Accounting policies

Equity-settled transactions

The cost of equity-settled transactions is determined by the fair value at the date when the grant is made using a valuation model which is described below.

The cost is recognized as an employee benefits expense, together with a corresponding increase in equity, over the period in which the service is fulfilled (the vesting period). The cumulative expense recognized for equity-settled transactions at each reporting date until the vesting date reflects the extent to which the vesting period has expired and the Group's best estimate of the number of equity instruments that will ultimately vest. The expense or credit in the statement of profit or loss for a period represents the movement in cumulative expense recognized as at the beginning and end of that period.

When the terms of an equity-settled award are modified, the minimum expense recognized is the grant date fair value of the unmodified award, provided the original vesting terms of the award are met. An additional expense, measured as at the date of modification, is recognized for any modification that increases the total fair value of the share-based payment transaction.

Cash-settled transactions

A liability is recognized for the fair value of cash-settled transactions. The fair value is measured initially and at each reporting date up to and including the settlement date, with changes in fair value recognized as an employee benefits expense. The fair value is determined as described below. The approach used to account for vesting conditions when measuring equity-settled transactions also applies to cash-settled transactions.

Please see section 1.3 regarding the IFRS 1 exemptions applied.

2.4.4 Significant accounting estimates and assumptions

Estimating the fair values for the equity- and cash-settled warrants requires careful consideration of appropriate valuation models.

The valuation of the warrants has been carried out using an Option Pricing Model (OPM). The OPM is a model often used to allocate the equity value in the capital structures of privately held companies. OPM is effective in valuing option-like payoffs in the presence of different economic privileges for various equity classes. It utilizes the Black-Scholes model, treating the warrants as a call option on the total equity value of the company, considering the total equity value, liquidation preference, and financial claims of the company's equity to estimate the value of the outstanding warrants.

Share price

Taking into account the seniority of preferred stock in MinervaX's capital structure, warrants converted into common shares only retain value at exit if proceeds exceed the total liquidation amount. Consequently, these warrants can be regarded as a call option on MinervaX's equity value, with a strike price equal to the sum of 1) the liquidation preference and 2) the subscription amount resulting from exercising the warrants divided by the warrant holders' relative common share ownership upon conversion less the subscription amount. The total equity value used in valuing the warrants is determined by the implied valuation from the company's latest capital increase before the respective grants unless the next capital increase occurs within 4 months of the valuation date. In such cases, the implied value from that upcoming capital increase is applied. The market value of equity is then back solved to ensure that the estimated value of one share issued in the latest capital increase equals the actual issue price of that share.

When assessing the expected future volatility in a company's share price, the starting point is often the historical volatility. As MinervaX is not listed, the historical volatility of listed companies with similar businesses and risk profiles is analyzed instead.

The initial step in evaluating a company's share price's anticipated future volatility typically involves examining historical volatility. Since MinervaX is not publicly traded, historical volatility from listed companies within the same industry and risk profile are reviewed as alternatives.

Volatility

The volatility assessment is derived from analyzing the share price fluctuations of a peer group comprising Valneva SE, Dynavax Technologies Corporation, HilleVax Inc., Vaxcyte Inc., VBI Vaccines Inc., Cocrystal Pharma Inc., Diamyd Medical AB, and Novavax Inc. The analysis is based on the volatility of weekly share price returns over a 3-year period ending December 2023. Given that some companies in the peer group are post-revenue and were established prior to MinervaX, we anticipate that MinervaX's volatility will exceed the median volatility of the peer group. Hence, we have utilized the upper quartile volatility of the peer group, which stands at 92.5%. Taking into account the minimal alterations in MinervaX's risk characteristics in recent years and comparing them to the peer group's volatility during the same timeframe, we have applied this consistent volatility in the valuation of warrants as of the conclusion of 2021, 2022, and 2023, as well as on different grant dates.

Number of warrants expected to vest

Certain equity-settled warrants and cash-settled warrants vest in connection with an exit event.

Timing of exit event as a key factor for determining vesting period.

While accounting for certain warrants, the vesting period over which the expenses are recognized depends on the timing of the exit event, as the instruments are only vested in the event of an exit event. Numerous factors, including investor objectives, industry trends, and company achievements, can impact the timing of an exit event related to the different warrant programs, such as a company sale, merger, or initial public offering (IPO).

Industry dynamics play a significant role in determining the timing of a company sale, as shifts in market conditions, competitive landscapes, and regulatory frameworks can influence the company's appeal to potential buyers. Achieving key company research and development milestones, such as successful clinical trials, is crucial for positioning the company favorably for sale.

In the case of an exit event in the form of an IPO, factors such as industry trends, company milestones, market conditions, capital market dynamics, investor interest, and organizational readiness all contribute to determining the optimal timing.

An IPO represents a strategic financing opportunity and is part of the company's long-term strategic consideration.

Considering the above factors and applying significant judgment, management has assessed that an exit event for determining the vesting period of certain warrant programs could likely occur in 2026.

3. Operating assets and liabilities

3.1 Property, plant and equipment

EUR'000	Leasehold improvements	Other equipment	Total
2023			
Cost at January 1	161	560	721
Additions during the year	381	643	1,024
Exchange rate adjustment	14	25	39
Cost at December 31	556	1,228	1,784
Depreciation at January 1	16	153	169
Depreciation for the year	90	169	259
Exchange rate adjustment	4	7	11
Depreciation at December 31	110	329	439
Carrying amount at December 31	446	899	1,345
2022			
Cost at January 1	59	532	591
Additions during the year	111	74	185
Exchange rate adjustment	(9)	(46)	(55)
Cost at December 31	161	560	721
Depreciation at January 1	5	46	51
Depreciation for the year	12	116	128
Exchange rate adjustment	(1)	(9)	(10)
Depreciation at December 31	16	153	169
Carrying amount at December 31	145	407	552
Carrying amount at 1 Jan	54	486	540

3.1.1 Depreciation included in the statement of profit or loss

Note	EUR'000	2023	2022
2.1	Research and development expenses	258	128
2.2	General and administrative expenses	1	-
Depreciation included in the statement of profit or loss		259	128

3.1.2 Accounting policies

Property, plant and equipment include leasehold improvements and other equipment. Property, plant and equipment are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any impairment losses. The cost includes the cost of acquisition and expenses directly related to the acquisition until such time when the asset is ready for use.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis over the expected useful lives of the assets, which are as follows:

Assets	Useful life	Residual value
Leasehold improvements	3-5 years	Zero
Other equipment	3-5 years	Zero

The useful lives and residual values are reviewed and adjusted if appropriate at the end of each reporting period.

3.2 Right-of-use assets

EUR'000	<u>Offices</u>	<u>Laboratory</u>	<u>Total</u>
2023			
Cost at January 1	81	400	481
Additions during the year	-	236	236
Exchange rate adjustment	-	10	10
Cost at December 31	81	646	727
Depreciation at January 1	40	137	177
Depreciation for the year	41	176	217
Exchange rate adjustment	-	7	7
Depreciation at December 31	81	320	401
Carrying amount at December 31	-	326	326
2022			
Cost at January 1	81	354	435
Additions during the year	-	77	77
Exchange rate adjustment	-	(31)	(31)
Cost at December 31	81	400	481
Depreciation at January 1	-	-	-
Depreciation for the year	40	143	183
Exchange rate adjustment	-	(6)	(6)
Depreciation at December 31	40	137	177
Carrying amount at December 31	41	263	304
Carrying amount at 1 Jan	81	354	435

The maturity analysis of lease liabilities is disclosed in note 4.5.

3.2.1 Depreciation and interest expense included in the statement of profit or loss

Note	EUR'000	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
2.1, 2.2	Depreciation expense of right-of-use assets	217	183
4.8	Interest expense on lease liabilities	16	16
	Total amounts recognized in profit or loss	233	199

The company had total cash outflows for leases during 2023 of EUR 239 thousand (2022: EUR 237 thousand). Lease terms are negotiated on an individual basis and contain a wide range of different terms and conditions.

3.2.2 Depreciation included in the statement of profit or loss

Note	EUR'000	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
2.1	Research and development expenses	211	177
2.2	General and administrative expenses	6	6
	Depreciation included in the statement of profit or loss	217	183

3.2.3 Accounting policies

The company recognizes right-of-use assets at the commencement date of the lease (i.e., the date the underlying asset is available for use). Right-of-use assets are measured at cost, less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses, and adjusted for any remeasurement of lease liabilities. The cost of right-of-use assets includes the amount of lease liabilities recognized, initial direct costs incurred, and lease payments made at or before the commencement date less any lease incentives received. Right-of-use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the lease term and the estimated useful lives of the assets, as follows:

Right-of-use asset	Useful life
Offices	3 years
Laboratory	3 years

The right-of-use assets are also subject to impairment assessments.

Impairment of non-current assets

If circumstances or changes in the Group's operations indicate that the carrying amount of non-current assets in a cash-generating unit may not be recoverable, management reviews the asset for impairment at least annually. The basis for the review is the recoverable amount of the assets, determined as the greater of the fair value less cost to sell or its value in use. Value in use is calculated as the net present value of future cash inflow generated from the asset. If the carrying amount of an asset is greater than the recoverable amount, the asset is written down to the recoverable amount. An impairment loss is recognized in the statement of profit or loss when the impairment is identified.

3.3 Receivables

EUR'000	Dec 31, 2023	Dec 31, 2022	Jan 1, 2022
VAT receivables	620	323	111
Prepayments	537	592	930
Grants	73	69	135
Total current receivables at December 31	1,230	984	1,177

3.3.1 Accounting policies

Other receivables, VAT receivables and grants are measured at amortized cost less impairment. Prepayments include expenditures related to future financial periods and are measured at nominal value.

3.4 Other payables

EUR'000	Dec 31, 2023	Dec 31, 2022	Jan 1, 2022
Employee cost liabilities	516	288	320
Other liabilities	143	12	74
Government Grant	274	415	516
Total other payables at December 31	933	715	910

3.4.1 Accounting policies

Employee cost liabilities are provision for holiday allowance, provision for salaries and other employee related provisions. R&D liabilities consist of CRO, CMC and vendor accruals. Government grants are described in section 4.4. Other payables are initially measured at fair value adjusted for transaction costs. Subsequently, other liabilities are measured at amortized cost which generally corresponds to nominal value.

3.5 Changes in net working capital

Note	EUR'000	2023	2022
3.3	Change in other receivables	(301)	(145)
3.4	Changes in other payables excl. government grant	358	(94)
3.3	Changes in prepayments	55	339
	Changes in trade payables	844	1,396
	Change in net working capital	956	1,496

Working capital is defined as current assets less current liabilities and measures the net liquid assets the Group has available for the business.

3.6 Adjustments for non-cash items

Note	EUR'000	2023	2022
	Reversals of non-cash items in the statement of profit or loss		
3.1, 3.2	Depreciation	472	311
4.8	Interest income	(1,260)	(56)
4.8	Interest expenses	969	277
2.4	Share-based compensation expenses, equity settled	455	562
2.4	Share-based compensation expenses, cash settled	57	71
	Total adjustments for non-cash items	693	1,165

For the purpose of presenting the cash flow statement, non-cash items with effect on the statement of profit or loss or balance sheet must be reversed to identify the actual cash flow effect from the operating activities. The adjustments are specified in the table above.

4. Capital structure and financial matters

4.1 Capital management

The Board of Directors monitors the share and capital structure to ensure that MinervaX' capital resources support the strategic goals. MinervaX' goal is to maintain a solid capital base to maintain confidence from investors, creditors and employees and a continuous advancement of the research and development pipeline and business in general.

Since its inception, MinervaX has financed its operations through capital increases, government grants and external debt.

Management is continually seeking additional funding to fund future research and development activities. The Company plans to raise additional funds through public financing, debt financing, collaboration agreements, strategic alliances, and licensing arrangements, or a combination of such.

As of December 31, 2023, the Group had cash and cash equivalents of EUR 80,572 thousand (31 December 2022: EUR 41,410 thousand, 1 January 2022: EUR 13,185 thousand). The current cash and cash equivalents are immediately liquid.

As of December 31, 2023, the Group had financial non-derivative debt (EIFO and EIB) of EUR 11,884 thousand (31 December 2022: EUR 630 thousand, 1 January 2022: EUR 528 thousand). See note 4.3 and 4.4 for additional information.

4.2 Share capital

	Number of shares	Share capital (EUR'000)
Common (founder) shares	125,000	17
A1 Shares	106,822	14
A2 Shares	1,237,409	166
A3 Shares	446,427	60
B Shares	23,156,850	3,107
Share capital at December 31, 2023	25,072,508	3,364
Share capital at December 31, 2022	16,623,740	2,235
Share capital at January 1, 2022	8,196,502	1,102

The nominal value of the shares is EUR 0.13 as at 31 December 2023, 2022 and 1 January 2022.

		Common shares	Class A shares	Class B shares
2010	Founder shares	125,000		
2010/2012	Series A-1		106,822	
December 31, 2012		125,000	106,822	-
2014/2016	Series A-2		1,237,409	
2016	Series A-3		446,427	
December 31, 2016		125,000	1,790,658	-
2020	Series B			6,280,844
December 31, 2020		125,000	1,790,658	6,280,844
2022	Series B			8,427,237
December 31, 2022		125,000	1,790,658	14,708,081
2023	Series B			8,448,768
December 31, 2023		125,000	1,790,658	23,156,849

The share capital of the company is divided into 3 classes, a common class, an A class and B class. The common class of shares is ordinary shares. The A (divided into A-1, A-2, and A-3) and B shares all receive preference in all distributions for all amounts up to the amount paid in upon subscription plus an 8% compounded interest per year, with B class having the most senior preference and thereafter A-3, A-2 and A-1 class respectively. The A-3 shares will on top of the compounded interest receive part of the proceeds equal to 2.0 times their investment before the A-2 shares receive proceeds. Once A and B class distributions have been satisfied, any remaining distributions will be distributed on a pro-rata among all issued shares in the company.

Any A and B class share may at the request of its holder at any time be converted into common class shares (conversion ratio 1:1).

The share capital was increased by 8,427,237 Class B shares in 2022 for TDKK 315.366.340 in cash. In connection with the capital increases in 2022, the Company incurred expenses totaling TDKK 1.117.

The share capital was increased by 8,448,768 Class B shares during 2023 for TDKK 401.759.982 in cash. In connection with the capital increase, the Company incurred expenses totaling TDKK 1.052.

The board of directors are authorized to issue a total of 4,478,783 warrants (Dec 31, 2022: 1,609,137 warrants, Jan 1, 2021: 1,425,307 warrants) under the authorizations with a right to subscribe up to nominally DKK 4,478,783 Common Shares (Dec 31, 2022: 1,609,137 Common shares, Jan 1, 2021: 1,425,307 Common shares).

The Company has never declared or paid any cash dividends on its ordinary shares and does not anticipate doing so in the foreseeable future. The Company intends to use all available financial resources for purposes of the Company's current and future business.

4.3 European Investment Bank Loan

Finance contract with the European Investment Bank

In December 2022, MinervaX entered into a finance contract with the European Investment Bank ensuring a loan facility of EUR 50.0 million at an 8 % fixed interest rate. Under the finance contract, the loan shall be disbursed in up to three tranches and the repayment date is no later than the sixth anniversary of the relevant disbursement date. The loan agreement is subject to a number of financial and non-financial terms including a restriction which says that the amount of the loan shall not, in any case, exceed 50% of the project costs of the development of the GBC vaccine.

In July 2023, MinervaX called the first of the three tranches under the finance contract. The first tranche totalled EUR 11.5 million. As at 31 December 2023, the carrying amount of the loan at amortized cost and the embedded derivative at fair value was EUR 11.1 million and EUR 0.8 million, respectively.

Consideration for the loan in the form of warrants

As consideration for the loan (besides the 8% interest), MinervaX has granted 931,096 warrants to the European Investment Bank that vest relative to the drawdown on the loan in three tranches. Upon drawdown of the first tranche in July 2023, 307,263 warrants vested of which 307,263 warrants were outstanding on 31 December 2023. Each warrant entitles the European Investment Bank to subscribe for 1 B-share of nominal DKK 1 against payment of exercise price of DKK 1. Vested warrants can be exercised in part of or in full at any time at the discretion of the European Investment Bank.

Put option related to repurchase of vested warrants held by the European Investment Bank

The loan agreement further includes an embedded derivative in the form of a put option, pursuant to which the European Investment Bank may require MinervaX to purchase all or part of the vested warrants (i.e., a net settlement in cash) held by the European Investment Bank at an option price equivalent to the fair value of the warrants at the time of exercise. According to management, the fair value of the option was zero as of 31 December 2023.

Fair value measurements and sensitivity of EIB warrants that are in scope of IFRS 9

Reconciliation of fair value measurements under the Level 3 hierarchy:

	Warrants (EUR'000)
Carrying amount at January 1, 2023	0
Warrants awarded	656
Fair value adjustment through profit or loss (unrealised loss)	148
Carrying amount at December 31, 2023	804

On 31 December 2023, all other things being equal, a 1%, 5% or 10% increase (a decrease would have the opposite effect) in the market value of equity in the OPM-model, would result in fair value of the warrants of approximately EUR 817 thousand, EUR 862 thousand and EUR 924 thousand, respectively.

4.3.1 Accounting policies*EIB Loan (non-derivative loan component only)*

The loan is initially recognised at fair value minus directly attributable transaction costs and subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method, with the unwinding of the discount recorded as finance expense over the life of the loan. The effective interest rate is determined based the loan amount paid out, fair value of vested warrants, transaction costs and future payments. Since the identified embedded derivatives have fair values of zero there have been no impact from the applied split accounting. See below regarding the treatment of the EIB warrants.

EIB Warrants and put option

The warrants are considered part of the overall return to EIB on the financing arrangement and are thus accounted for in accordance with IFRS 9. The fair value of the vested warrants (307,263) measured at initial recognition is accounted for as transaction costs (included in the effective interest rate of the non-derivative loan component) as it is directly linked to the drawdown on each tranche of the loan. In addition, EIB is entitled to elect a net cash settlement of its warrants at any time (put option). The fair value of the option has been determined to be zero.

Consequently, a liability related to the warrants only is initially and subsequently measured at fair value with fair value movements presented in either finance expense or finance income.

4.3.2 Significant accounting estimates

The warrants are measured at fair value by use of the Black Scholes model applying the same model and methodology as described in section 2.4.4. However, in connection with the fair valuation of the EIB warrants the most significant estimate is related to the company's share price, which the warrants are directly correlated to. See section 2.4.4 for a description of the share price valuation assumption.

4.4 Loan obtained from EIFO (previously Vaekstfonden) including a government grant component

In 2013, the Company obtained a loan from the Export and Investment Fund of Denmark (EIFO) (former called "Vaekstfonden"). The loan amount was initially EUR 464 thousand and carries a fixed rate at 8%. The maturity date is 1 January 2026 and quarterly repayments are made.

Since EIFO is state-owned it has been assessed that a government grant element exists because the interest rate is below the prevailing market rates. Hence, as at 31 December 2023 a debt component of EUR 768 thousand (31 December 2022: EUR 629 thousand, 1 January 2022: EUR 528 thousand) was recognized as a financial liability while a government grant element was recognized under 'Other payables' amounting to EUR 274 thousand as at 31 December 2023 (31 December 2022: EUR 415 thousand, 1 January 2022: EUR 516 thousand).

4.4.1 Accounting policies

The loan described above has been granted from the Danish government below the prevailing market interest rate.

At initial recognition of the loan, split accounting was applied. I.e. the loan was split into a loan and equity component. The latter was recognized in equity and not subsequently recycled to profit or loss. The loan component was measured at fair value minus directly attributable transaction costs with subsequent measurement at amortized cost. In 2020, the loan was extended, and the interest changed from 12% to 8%. This resulted in derecognition of the original liability and immediately recognition of a new. In this connection, a government grant component was identified which was calculated as the difference between the fair value of the new liability and the loan amount outstanding. The government grant is presented within 'Other payables' and is off set in the interest expense from the loan component until maturity.

4.5 Lease liabilities

Set out below are the carrying amounts of lease liabilities and the movements during the period:

EUR'000	Offices	Laboratory	Total
Carrying amount at January 1, 2022	81	354	435
Additions	-	77	77
Accretion of interest	3	14	17
Payments	(46)	(191)	(237)
Exchange rate adjustment	-	(24)	(24)
Carrying amount at December 31, 2022	38	230	268
Carrying amount at January 1, 2023	38	230	268
Additions	-	58	58
Modifications	-	176	176
Accretion of interest	1	16	17
Payments	(39)	(200)	(239)
Exchange rate adjustment	-	2	2
Carrying amount at December 31, 2023	-	282	282
EUR'000	2023	2022	2021
Non-current	97	72	232
Current	185	196	203

4.5.1 Accounting policies

At the commencement date of the lease, the company recognizes lease liabilities measured at the present value of lease payments to be made over the lease term. The lease payments include fixed payments less variable lease payments that depend on an index or a rate. Variable lease payments that do not depend on an index or a rate are recognized as expenses in the period in which the event or condition that triggers the payment occurs.

In calculating the present value of lease payments, the company uses its incremental borrowing rate at the lease commencement date because the interest rate implicit in the lease is not readily determinable. After the commencement date, the amount of lease liabilities is increased to reflect the accretion of interest and reduced for the lease payments made. In addition, the carrying amount of lease liabilities is remeasured if there is a modification, a change in the lease term, a change in the lease payments (e.g., changes to future payments resulting from a change in an index or rate used to determine such lease payments) or a change in the assessment of an option to purchase the underlying asset.

Please see section 1.3 regarding the IFRS 1 exemptions applied.

4.6 Financial risks

The Group is exposed to multiple financial risks due to its operations. The financial risks primarily include currency and liquidity risks.

4.6.1 Financial risk management

The overall framework to manage financial risks is reflected in the Group's financial risk management policies. The policies include identification, limits, measurement and how to address risks regarding credit, foreign currency, liquidity and interest rates.

The policies are updated annually and approved by executive management.

It is the Group's policy not to speculate in financial risks. Hence, the financial risk management strategy aims at managing and reducing risks due to the Group's operations, investments and finance activities.

Only significant risks are described below. Each section gives a short description of the financial risk, the related business activity, risk management and impact during the year.

4.6.2 Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market variables such as interest and currency rates. Financial instruments affected by market risk include loan assets and liabilities, deposits and equity instruments (EIB warrants).

4.6.3 Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk of shortage of funds. According to the polices, Management ensures the ability to fulfil the Group's short-term and long-term payment obligations. The Group aims to ensure that it is able to timely obtain the financing from both related and external counterparties.

The maturity analysis of financial liabilities as at December 31, based on undiscounted contractual payments:

EUR'000	<1 year	1-5 years	>5 years	Total
December 31, 2023				
EIB loan	-	-	18,276	18,276
EIFO-loan	501	627	-	1,128
Leasing liabilities	210	107	-	317
Trade payables	1,992	-	-	1,992
Other payables excl. Government grant	1,579	-	-	1,579
Warrants and put option related to EIB loan	791	-	-	791
Total financial liabilities	5,074	734	18,276	24,083
December 31, 2022				
EIFO-loan	61	1,128	-	1,190
Leasing liabilities	205	73	-	278
Trade payables	1,087	-	-	1,087
Other payables excl. Government grant	1,270	-	-	1,270
Total financial liabilities	2,623	1,201	-	3,825
January 1, 2022				
EIFO-loan	82	1,190	-	1,272
Leasing liabilities	219	240	-	459
Trade payables	579	-	-	579
Other payables excl. Government grant	477	-	-	477
Total financial liabilities	1,357	1,430	-	2,787

4.6.4 Foreign exchange risk

Foreign currency risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of an exposure will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates. The Group's exposure to the risk of changes in foreign exchange rates relates primarily to the Group's R&D activities in non-EUR denominated countries. However, the Group's largest FX exposure is against DKK which is pegged to the EUR. Also, the Group is exposed towards USD and SEK. A reasonable possible change in USD and SEK rates would only have an immaterial impact (i.e. below EUR 0.4 million) on consolidated profit or loss and equity in 2023 and 2022.

The sensitivity analysis has been prepared based on foreign currency positions held 31 December 2023 and 2022. Also, the sensitivity calculations are based Management's assessment of reasonable possible changes in USD and SEK.

4.6.5 Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that a counterparty will not meet its obligations towards the Group, leading to a financial loss. The Group is only to a limited extent exposed to credit risk since the largest exposure is related to cash held at large financial institutions with high creditworthiness.

The maximum exposure to credit risk at the end of the reporting period equals the carrying amounts.

4.6.6 Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. Since the Group primarily is exposed to fixed rate loans, the interest rate exposure is limited and no sensitivity is disclosed.

4.6.7 Accounting policies

Classification of Categories of Financial Assets and Liabilities

MinervaX classifies its financial assets and liabilities held into the following measurement categories:

- those to be measured subsequently at fair value through profit or loss and
- those to be measured at amortized cost.

The classification depends on the business model for managing the financial assets and the contractual terms of the cash flows. For assets and liabilities measured at fair value, gains and losses will be recorded in profit or loss.

Further details about the accounting policy for each of the categories are outlined in the respective notes.

Categories of financial assets and liabilities

EUR'000	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2022	1 Jan 2022
Financial assets			
Deposits	298	152	164
Prepayments	537	592	930
Other receivables	693	392	247
Cash and cash equivalents	80,572	41,410	13,185
Financial assets measured at amortized cost	82,100	42,546	14,526
EUR'000	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2022	1 Jan 2022
Financial liabilities			
Warrants and put options	804	-	-
Financial liabilities measured at fair value	804	-	-
Borrowings	11,872	630	528
Lease liabilities	282	268	435
Trade payables	2,901	2,057	661
Other payables	933	715	910
Financial liabilities measured at amortized cost	15,988	3,670	2,534

The share-based payment liability is within the scope of IFRS 2 and is therefore not considered a financial liability.

4.7 Fair Value Measurement

Set out below is a comparison, by class, of the carrying amounts and fair values of the Group's financial instruments, other than those with carrying amounts that are reasonable approximations of fair values:

EUR'000	31 Dec 2023		31 Dec 2022		1 Jan 2022	
	Carrying amount	Fair value	Carrying amount	Fair value	Carrying amount	Fair value
Financial liabilities						
Borrowings	11,872	12,231	630	1,022	528	1,030
Total	11,872	12,231	630	1,022	528	1,030

Borrowings consist of the loans obtained from EIFO and EIB. A part of the deviation between carrying amounts and fair values is due to the fact that the fair value calculations include the entire loan contract with EIFO (see disclosure 4.4) which has been split into a loan and government grant component for presentation purpose. The carrying amounts in the table above only include the liability component. The government grant component has been presented within 'Other payables' and amounts to EUR 274 thousand as at 31 Dec 2023 (31 Dec 2022: EUR 415 thousand, 1 Jan 2022: EUR 516 thousand).

Otherwise, management has assessed that the fair values of cash and short-term deposits, other receivables, trade and other payables approximate their carrying amounts largely due to these instruments' short-term maturities. The warrants to EIB have been recognized and measured at fair value.

The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair values:

The market value of the EIB loan is determined by discounting the future cash flows (interest payments and principal repayments) with a market interest rate. The market interest rate is based on the effective interest rate implied in the EIB loan as per the date of the drawdown of the first tranche, derived by back solving for the interest rate that satisfies the condition that the present value of the future cash flows must be equal to the market value of the loan component (i.e. excl. value of warrants granted to EIB). This derived interest rate is separated into a risk-free rate component, a credit spread component, and a residual (reflecting differences between the actual market interest rate and benchmarks), and the Interest rate is subsequently adjusted for changes in the risk-free rate and credit spread to reflect a market interest rate as of the end of Minerva' financial year.

4.8 Financial income and expenses

EUR'000	2023	2022
Financial income		
Interest income, bank	1,074	56
Interest income, other	46	-
Total financial income	1,120	56

EUR'000	2023	2022
Financial expenses		
Interest expenses, bank	7	51
Interest expenses, leasing liabilities	16	16
Foreign exchange losses	161	126
Interest expenses, other	-	2
Interest EIFO incl. offset government grant	82	82
Interest, EIB Loan	415	-
FV adjustment of warrants to EIB (note 4.3)	148	-
Total financial expenses	829	277

4.8.1 Accounting policies

Financial items include interest income and expenses, gains and losses on foreign currency transactions and surcharges as well as changes in fair value of the warrants to EIB.

4.9 Changes in liabilities arising from financing activities

	January 1, 2023	Cash flows	Non-cash changes		December 31, 2023
			Other, incl. split accounting	New leases	
EIB loan liability	-	11,346	(241)	-	11,105
EIFO loan liability	629	-	138	-	767
Lease liabilities	268	(239)	19	234	282
Total liabilities from financing activities	897	11,107	(84)	234	12,154

	January 1, 2022	Cash flows	Non-cash changes		December 31, 2022
			Other, incl. split accounting	New leases	
EIFO loan	528	-	101	-	629
Lease liabilities	435	(237)	(7)	77	268
Total liabilities from financing activities	963	(237)	94	77	897

5. Corporate governance

This section covers financial matters related to the system by which the Group is directed and controlled.

5.1 Remuneration to key management personnel

Executive management

EUR'000	2023	2022
Short-term employee benefits (wages, salaries and social security costs)	480	422
Share-based compensation	138	232
Total	618	654

Executive Management comprised one member in 2022 and 2023.

Total remuneration for members of Executive Management registered with the Danish Business Authority amounts to EUR 618 thousand (EUR 654 thousand in 2022). All members of the Board of Directors are registered with the Danish Business Authority.

Board of Directors

EUR'000	2023	2022
Short-term employee benefits (wages, salaries and social security costs)	50	50
Share-based compensation	47	76
Total	97	126

Board of Directors comprised eleven members in 2023 and nine members in 2022. All members of the Board of Directors are registered with the Danish Business Authority.

Total remuneration for members of Board of Directors registered with the Danish Business Authority amounts to EUR 97 thousand (EUR 126 thousand in 2022).

Share-based compensation

In 2023, the total net share-based compensation expenses regarding remuneration to the Executive Management and Board of Directors amounted to EUR 245 thousand compared with EUR 162 thousand in 2022. For further comments on the development in share-based compensation expense, refer to note 2.4 Share-based compensation.

5.2 Related party transactions

MinervaX has no related parties with controlling interest.

MinervaX other related parties comprise the Company's Board of Directors and Executive Management. There were no material related party transactions during 2022 and 2023, other than the remuneration and other transactions to the Board of Directors and Executive Management described in note 5.1.

5.3 Group information

Name	Principal activities	Country of incorporation	% Equity interest	
			2023	2022
<i>MinervaX ApS (Parent)</i>	Develop a vaccine against	<i>Denmark</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<i>MinervaX AB</i>	Group B streptococcus	<i>Sweden</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>100</i>

Multiple private investors own the parent. No owner has ultimate control.

6. Taxation

EUR'000	2023	2022
Reconciliation of effective tax rate to Danish statutory tax rate		
Net result before tax	(27,815)	(16,820)
Corporate income tax rate (average for the group)	22%	22%
Computed corporate income tax (benefit)	6,120	3,700

Tax effect of:

Permanent differences	(286)	(729)
Temporary differences	(20)	8
Other adjustments	607	(209)
Change in deferred tax asset not recognized	(5,683)	(2,030)
Total income tax benefit / (expense) for the period	738	740

Deferred tax in the statement of financial position	Dec 31, 2023	Dec 31, 2022	Jan 1, 2022
Tax of loss carry forward (after reclaimed tax credit)	9,560	3,885	1,856
Other temporary differences	-	1	-
Deferred tax asset not recognized	9,560	3,886	1,856
Deferred tax asset not recognized	(9,560)	(3,886)	(1,856)
Carrying amount on included on balance sheet	-	-	-

6.1 Accounting policies

Income tax

The income tax for the period comprises current and deferred tax, including prior-year adjustments and changes in provisions for uncertain tax positions. Tax is recognized in the statement of profit or loss, except to the extent that it relates to items recognized in equity or in other comprehensive income.

Current tax payables and receivables are recognized in the balance sheet as a receivable in the event of prepayments and amounts due.

Deferred taxes

Deferred tax is measured according to the liability method on all temporary differences between the carrying amount and the tax base of assets and liabilities. Where the tax value can be determined according to alternative tax rules, deferred tax is measured on the basis of the planned use of the asset or the settlement of the obligation.

Deferred tax assets are measured at the value at which they are expected to be utilized, either through elimination against tax on future earnings or through a set-off against deferred tax liabilities. Deferred tax assets are set of within the same legal tax entity and jurisdiction.

Corporation tax receivable relates to the company's use of the tax credit scheme ("skattekreditordningen") in according to section 8X of the Danish Tax Assessment Act ("ligningsloven").

Tax receivables

Current tax assets for the current and prior periods shall be measured at the amount expected to be recovered from the taxation authorities, using the tax rates and tax laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period.

6.1 Management's judgements

The Group is subject to corporate taxes in Denmark and Sweden and is required to accrue for income taxes, deferred income tax assets and liabilities, and provisions for uncertain tax positions.

The Group recognizes deferred income tax assets if it is probable that sufficient taxable income will be available in the future against which the temporary differences and unused tax losses can be utilized. Management has considered future taxable income in assessing whether

deferred income tax assets should be recognized and has concluded that the deferred income tax assets do not meet the criteria for being recognized as assets in the balance sheet.

7. Contingent liabilities and contractual obligations

Litigations and Investigations

The Group is not involved in any pending litigations, claims and investigations that individually and in the aggregate that is expected to have a material impact on the financial position, operating profit or cash flow.

The contractual obligations are similarly individually and, in the aggregate, not material to the future financial position, operating profit or cash flow.

Parent Company Financial Statements

Parent Company Income statement 1 January – 31 December

Note	DKK'000	2023	2022 (restated)
	Research and development expenses	(194,559)	(115,391)
	General and administrative expenses	(13,367)	(4,839)
	Other operating income	478	797
	Operating loss	(207,448)	(119,433)
	Impairment on investments in subsidiaries	-	(2,328)
2	Financial income	9,094	638
2	Financial expenses	(6,044)	(1,664)
	Net loss before tax	(204,398)	(122,787)
	Income taxes	5,500	5,500
	Net loss of the year	(198,898)	(117,287)
	Recommended appropriation of loss		
	Retained earnings	(198,898)	(117,287)

Parent Company Balance sheet 31 December

Note	DKK'000	31 Dec. 2023	31 Dec. 2022 (restated)
	ASSETS		
	Non-current assets		
3	Property, plant and equipment	142	70
4	Deposits	1,330	134
5	Investments in subsidiaries	2,691	2,691
	Total non-current assets	4,163	2,895
	Current assets		
	Prepayments	2,093	3,769
	Receivables from subsidiaries	8,822	1,916
	Tax receivables	5,500	5,500
	Other receivables	4,364	2,488
	Cash and cash equivalents	598,600	307,928
	Total current assets	619,379	307,928
	TOTAL ASSETS	623,542	324,496
	EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
	Share capital	25,073	16,624
	Share premium	703,034	308,493
	Retained earnings	(224,151)	(24,065)
	Total equity	503,956	301,052
	Non-current liabilities		
6	Borrowings	84,744	4,527
	Other payables	716	2,042
	Total non-current liabilities	85,460	6,569
	Current liabilities		
7	Warrants and put options	5,992	-
	Trade payables	13,969	7,370
6	Borrowings	3,731	153
	Other payables	10,434	9,352
	Total current liabilities	34,126	16,875
	Total liabilities	119,586	23,444
	TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	623,542	324,496

Statement of changes in equity

DKK'000	Share capital	Share premium	Retained earnings	Total
Equity at January 1, 2022 as originally reported	8,197	1,784	88,683	98,663
Correction of material misstatements	-	-	5,656	5,656
Restated equity at January 1, 2022	8,197	1,784	94,339	104,320
Net loss for the year	-	-	(117,287)	(117,287)
Cash capital increase	8,427	306,709	-	315,136
Costs related to capital increase	-	-	(1,117)	(1,117)
Equity at December 31, 2022 (prior 2022 corrections)	16,624	308,493	(24,065)	301,052
Equity at December 31, 2022 as originally reported	16,624	308,493	(20,427)	304,690
Correction of material misstatements (January 1, 2022)	-	-	5,656	-
Correction of material misstatements (2022)	-	-	(9,294)	(9,294)
Restated equity at December 31, 2022	16,624	308,493	(24,065)	301,052
Net loss for the year	-	-	(198,898)	(198,898)
Cash capital increase	8,449	394,541	-	402,990
Costs related to capital increase	-	-	(1,188)	(1,188)
Equity at December 31, 2023	25,073	703,034	(224,151)	503,956

Notes to Parent Company Financial Statements

1. Staff costs

DKK'000	2023	2022 (restated)
Wages and salaries	19,139	9,547
Pensions (defined contribution plans)	1,599	1,063
Other social security expenses	89	71
Other staff costs	380	8
	21,207	10,689
Average number of full time employees	13	7

2. Financial income and expenses

DKK'000	2023	2022 (restated)
Financial income		
Interest income from subsidiaries	558	330
Interest income, bank	8,191	308
Interest income, other	345	-
Total financial income	9,094	638
Financial expenses		
Interest expenses, bank	51	378
Foreign exchange losses	1,176	677
Interest expenses, other	10	-
Interest EIFO	1,651	1,363
Government grant component, EIFO	(1,042)	(754)
Interest, EIB Loan	3,092	-
Warrant remeasurement	1,106	-
Total financial expenses	6,044	1,664

3. Property, plant and equipment

DKK'000	Leasehold improvements	Other equipment	Total
2023			
Cost at January 1	63	57	120
Additions during the year	69	39	108
Cost at December 31	132	96	228
Depreciation at January 1	16	34	50
Depreciation for the year	23	13	36
Depreciation at December 31	39	47	86
Carrying amount at December 31	93	49	142

4. Deposits

DKK'000	2023
Cost at January 1	134
Additions during the year	1,196
Cost at December 31	1,330
Carrying amount at December 31	1,330

5. Investments in subsidiaries

DKK'000	2023	2022
Cost at January 1	5,018	18
Additions during the year	-	5,000
Cost at December 31	5,018	5,018
Revaluations at January 1	(2,327)	-
Revaluations during the year	-	(2,327)
Revaluations at December 31	(2,327)	(2,327)
Carrying amount at December 31	2,691	2,691

In 2022, a relief of receivable occurred, resulting in a reduction of the receivable with corresponding increase in investments in subsidiaries followed by a subsequent impairment.

6. Long term debt

DKK'000	Debt at 1 January	Debt at 31 December	Instalment next year	Debt outstanding after 5 years
Borrowings	4,680	88,475	3,367	82,753
	4,680	88,475	3,367	82,753

For further information of the company's debt, please see disclosure 4.2 and 4.3 in the consolidated financial statements.

7. Warrants and put options

For further information on the fair value measurements under Level 3 hierarchy, please see disclosure 4.3 in the consolidated financial statements.

8. Contingencies

The company has entered into lease agreements and rental contracts. The obligation is due within 5 years including in total of DKK'000 16,818 (hereof DKK'000 3,525 within 1 year).

The company has tax losses carried forward in total of DKK'000 70,881, of which none is recognized as deferred tax assets. There is uncertainty related to future forecast and when the tax asset will be fully utilized.

Accounting policies

The annual report of MinervaX ApS for 2023 has been prepared in accordance with the Danish Financial Statements Act applying to enterprises of reporting class B with elected additional reporting requirements for reporting class C enterprises.

Change in presentation

The transition to preparing consolidated financial statements under IFRS has resulted in changes to the presentation format of the income statement in the annual financial statements of the parent company. To ensure a true and fair view and comparability with the consolidated financial statements as well as peer-groups, it has been decided to present a functional income statement. The change does not impact recognition and measurement but adjustments to comparative figures have been made.

Accounting for prior period material misstatements

In 2023, the Company identified material misstatement ascertaining to prior financial years that have been corrected as material misstatements by restating comparatives and opening equity figures in the current year financial statements. The corrected misstatements relate to: A – Accrual based accounting applied to CRO/CMC-contracts. B – Financial costs, C – Holiday pay obligation, D – Acquired patents and E – Other receivables.

In consequence of the restatements, opening shareholder's equity at 1 January 2022 has increased by DKK 5,656 thousand. Loss for the year 2022, before and after tax, has increased by DKK 9,294 thousand. In aggregate, shareholder's equity at 1 January 2023 has decreased by DKK 3,638 thousand. Total assets and liabilities at 1 January 2023 have increased by DKK 3,526 thousand and DKK 7,164 thousand, respectively.

Below, the impact of each of the identified misstatements is summarized:

Restatement A – Accrual based accounting applied to CRO/CMC-contracts

In prior years, the Company did not apply accrual based accounting to its Contract Research Organisation (CRO) and Contract Manufacturing Organisation (CMO/CMC) contracts, which constitutes a deviation from the principle of accrual basis of accounting of the Danish Financial Statements Act.

Restatement B – Financial costs overstated

In prior years, the Company did not identify and account for separately, a government grant embedded in the loan payable obtained from Vækstfonden. As a consequence, government grant payables at 31 December 2022 has not been presented net of loans to credit institutions. Further, it was identified that net financial expenses related to borrowings was overstated.

Restatement C – Holiday pay obligation recognized under other payables

In prior years, the Company did not recognize the Holiday Pay Obligation, which constitutes a deviation from the principle of accrual basis of accounting of the Danish Financial Statements Act.

Restatement D – Acquired patents derecognized from property, plant and equipment

In prior years, the Company capitalized acquired patents as intangible assets in the balance sheet. Management has determined that the intangible assets did not meet the capitalization requirements of the Danish Financial Statements Act.

Restatement E – Other receivables

In prior years, the Company has overstated its government grant receivable related to St. George University, as the receivable was booked based on communication not yet final, which Management subsequently considered to be a mistake.

Basis of recognition and measurement

Income is recognized in the income statement as earned, including value adjustments of financial assets and liabilities. All expenses, including amortization, depreciation and impairment losses, are also recognized in the income statement.

Assets are recognized in the balance sheet when it is probable that future economic benefits will flow to the company and the value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Liabilities are recognized in the balance sheet when it is probable that future economic benefits will flow from the company and the value of the liability can be measured reliably.

On initial recognition, assets and liabilities are measured at cost. On subsequent recognition, assets and liabilities are measured as described below for each individual accounting item.

Certain financial assets and liabilities are measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method. Amortized cost is calculated as the historic cost less any installments and plus/less the accumulated amortization of the difference between the cost and the nominal amount.

On recognition and measurement, allowance is made for predictable losses and risks which occur before the annual report is presented and which confirm or invalidate matters existing at the balance sheet date.

Foreign currency translation

Transactions denominated in currencies other than the functional currency are considered transactions in foreign currency.

On initial recognition, transactions denominated in foreign currencies are translated to the functional currency at the exchange rates at the transaction date. Foreign exchange rate adjustments arising between the transaction date and the date of payment are recognized in the statement of profit or loss in financial income or financial expenses.

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rates at the reporting date. The difference between the exchange rates at the reporting date and at the date of the transaction or the exchange rate in the latest Financial Statements is recognized in the statement of profit or loss in financial income or financial expenses.

Income statement

Research and development expenses

Research and development expenses include wages and salaries, external research and development expenses, expenses relating to obtaining and maintaining patents and premises, other expenses, including IT and depreciation, relating to research and development, enhancements and maintenance of the Group's technology platforms.

The research activities are comprised of activities performed before filing an investigational new drug (IND) or equivalent and necessary pre-clinical activities for such product candidates. All research expenses are recognized in the period in which they are incurred.

The development activities are comprised of the activities performed following the filing of an IND or equivalent clinical-enabling activities for such product candidates, including but not limited to, research and clinical research activities. In line with industry practice, internal and subcontracted development costs are expensed as they are incurred. Due to significant regulatory uncertainties and other uncertainties inherent in the development of new products, development expenses do not qualify for capitalization as intangible assets until marketing approval by a regulatory authority is obtained or considered highly probable.

General and administrative expenses

General and administrative expenses relate to the recurring management and administration of MinervaX. This includes wages and salaries, benefits and other headcount costs. In addition, depreciation and impairment of property and equipment, to the extent such expenses are related to administrative functions are also included. General and administrative expenses are recognized in the income statement in the period to which they relate.

Other operating income

Other operating income comprises items of a secondary nature relative to the company's activities, including gains on the sale of intangible assets and items of property, plant and equipment.

Financial income and expenses

Financial items include interest income and expenses, gains and losses on foreign currency transactions and surcharges as well as changes in fair value of the warrants to EIB.

Income taxes

Tax for the year, which comprises the current tax charge for the year and changes in the deferred tax charge, is recognized in the income statement as regards the portion that relates to the profit/loss for the year and directly in equity as regards the portion that relates to entries directly in equity.

Balance sheet

Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment include leasehold improvements and other equipment. Property, plant and equipment are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any impairment losses. The cost includes the cost of acquisition and expenses directly related to the acquisition until such time when the asset is ready for use.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis over the expected useful lives of the assets, which are as follows:

Assets	Useful life	Residual value
Leasehold improvements	3-5 years	Zero
Other equipment	3-5 years	Zero

The useful lives and residual values are reviewed and adjusted if appropriate at the end of each reporting period.

Deposits

Deposits are measured at amortized cost and represent lease deposits etc.

Investments in subsidiaries

Investment in subsidiaries is measured at cost. If cost exceeds the recoverable amount, a write-down is made to this lower value. Relief of debt from subsidiaries is recognized as an increase or decrease in receivables from subsidiaries.

Leases

The company has chosen IAS 17 as interpretation for classification and recognition of leases. At their initial recognition in the statement of financial position, leases concerning property, plant, and equipment where the company holds all essential risks and advantages associated with the proprietary right (finance lease) are measured either at fair value or at the present value of the future lease payments, whichever value is lower. When calculating the present value, the discount rate used is the internal rate of return of the lease or, alternatively, the borrowing rate of the enterprise. Hereafter, assets held under a finance lease are treated in the same way as other similar property, plant, and equipment.

The capitalized residual lease commitment is recognized in the statement of financial position as a liability other than provisions, and the interest part of the lease is recognized in the income statement for the term of the contract.

Leases are regarded as operating leases. Payments in connection with operating leases and other lease agreements are recognized in the income statement for the term of the contract. The company's total liabilities concerning operating leases and lease agreements are recognized under contingencies etc.

Impairment loss relating to non-current assets

The carrying amounts of property, plant and equipment, as well as equity investments in subsidiaries, are subject to annual analysis to determine whether indicators of impairment beyond those expressed by amortization and depreciation are present. If indications of impairment are present, impairment tests are carried out for each individual asset or group of assets, respectively. Write-down for impairment is done to the recoverable amount if this value is lower than the carrying amount.

Prepayments

Prepayments include expenditures related to future financial periods and are measured at nominal value.

Receivables from subsidiaries and other receivables

Receivables from subsidiaries and other receivables are measured at amortized cost less impairment.

Tax receivables and deferred tax

Current tax assets for the current and prior periods shall be measured at the amount expected to be recovered from the taxation authorities, using the tax rates and tax laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the end of the reporting period.

Deferred tax is measured according to the liability method on all temporary differences between the carrying amount and the tax base of assets and liabilities. Where the tax value can be determined according to alternative tax rules, deferred tax is measured on the basis of the planned use of the asset or the settlement of the obligation.

Deferred tax assets are measured at the value at which they are expected to be utilized, either through elimination against tax on future earnings or through a set-off against deferred tax liabilities. Deferred tax assets are set of within the same legal tax entity and jurisdiction.

Corporation tax receivable relates to the company's use of the tax credit scheme ("skattekreditordningen") in according to section 8X of the Danish Tax Assessment Act ("ligningsloven").

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank.

EquityShare premium

Share premium consists of positive differences between the nominal value of share capital and amount paid by shareholders for issued shares. Share premium is a distributable reserve.

Transaction costs related to capital increase

Qualifying transaction costs incurred in connection with the issuance of shares are deducted from equity.

Warrants and put options including loan obtained from EIB*EIB Loan (non-derivative loan component only)*

The loan is initially recognised at cost minus directly attributable transaction costs and subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method, with the unwinding of the discount recorded as finance expense over the life of the loan. The effective interest rate is determined based on the loan amount paid out, fair value of vested warrants, transaction costs and future payments. Since the identified embedded derivatives have fair values of zero there have been no impact from the applied split accounting. See below regarding the treatment of the EIB warrants.

EIB Warrants and put option

The warrants are considered part of the overall return to EIB on the financing arrangement and are thus accounted for in accordance with IFRS 9. The fair value of the vested warrants (307,263) measured at initial recognition is accounted for as transaction costs (included in the effective interest rate of the non-derivative loan component) as it is directly linked to the drawdown on each tranche of the loan. In addition, EIB is entitled to elect a net cash settlement of its warrants at any time (put option). The fair value of the option has been determined to be zero.

Consequently, a liability related to the warrants only is initially and subsequently measured at fair value with fair value movements presented in either finance expense or finance income.

Loan obtained from EIFO (previously Vaekstfonden) including a government grant component

The EIFO loan has been granted from the Danish government below the prevailing market interest rate.

At initial recognition of the loan, split accounting was applied. I.e. the loan was split into a loan and equity component. The latter was recognized in equity and not subsequently recycled to profit or loss. The loan component was measured at fair value minus directly attributable transaction costs with subsequent measurement at amortized cost.

In 2020, the loan was extended, and the interest changed from 12% to 8%. This resulted in derecognition of the original liability and immediately recognition of a new. In this connection, a government grant component was identified which was calculated as the difference between the fair value of the new liability and the loan amount outstanding. The government grant is presented within 'Other payables' and is off-set in the interest expense from the loan component until maturity.

Other payables

Employee cost liabilities are provision for holiday allowance, provision for salaries and other employee related provisions. R&D liabilities consist of CRO and vendor accruals. Government grants are described in section "Borrowings". Other payables are initially measured at fair value adjusted for transaction costs. Subsequently, other liabilities are measured at amortized cost which generally corresponds to nominal value.

Trade payables

Trade payables are measured at amortized cost which usually corresponds to the nominal value.

Fair value measurement

The fair value of an asset or a liability is measured using the assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability, assuming that market participants act in their economic best interest. MinervaX uses valuation techniques that are appropriate in the circumstances and for which sufficient data are available to measure fair value, maximizing the use of relevant observable inputs and minimizing the use of unobservable inputs.

For financial instruments that are measured in the balance sheet at fair value is categorized after the fair value hierarchy which is described below:

- Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities
- Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (that is, as prices) or indirectly (that is, derived from prices)
- Level 3: Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (that is, unobservable inputs).

If it is not possible to determine a reliable fair value according to the above levels, the asset or liability is measured at cost price.

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