

Category

Best Startup

General Information

Company Name *

Nona Biosciences

Turnover and/or Funding

In 2022, we recorded a revenue of USD9.7 million, primarily driven by a strategic platform licensing agreement with Moderna for our HCAB Harbour Mice® technology and a molecule license fee from Yingen Biotechnology Co., Ltd. Those deals validated the commercial potential of our antibody discovery platforms and accelerated our business expansion.

In 2023, our revenue increased to USD63.3 million, representing a 566% annual increase. This high-speed growth was mainly anchored by USD51.0 million license-out deal to Seagen (now Pfizer), alongside accelerating contributions from the newly established technology service business.

In 2024, our revenue reached USD36.8 million, mainly including upfront payment from licensing to AstraZeneca. Besides, the platform-based research revenue was USD8.3 million, representing a year-over-year increase of 159% and reflecting remarkable growth in recurring service income.

This performance demonstrates our ability to generate sustained revenue through technology innovation, technology license and technology service. Besides, we have created strategic cooperation with many clients including large multi-national corporations.

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Sub-Category *

Biotechnology

Background

Corporate history (creation, key milestones, main funding,...)Information on Condition / Disease and need for solution / product (prevalence, existing treatments / solutions) (please be as specific as possible in your description; limit 500 words)

Nona Biosciences was founded in 2022 as a wholly owned subsidiary of Harbour BioMed. Nona empowers global therapeutic innovation leveraging industrial leading technology platforms to provide one-stop solutions of integrated antibody discovery and development for biotech and pharmaceutical companies from Idea to IND (I to I).

We are building the builders (small biotech entrepreneurs and large pharmaceutical clients) of biological therapeutics and enable others, including large multi-national corporations and small biotech companies to successfully develop innovative biological therapeutics, including bispecific antibodies and Multispecific antibodies, chimeric antigen receptor T cells (CART), antibody drug conjugates (ADC), Radionuclide Drug Conjugates (RDC), and mRNA-LNP Therapeutics.

We leverage our proprietary and patent protected Harbour Mice®, including H2L2 Harbour Mice® and HCAb Harbour Mice®, to achieve such goals and objectives with quality and speed. Both H2L2 and HCAb Harbour Mice® are fully human immunoglobulin transgenic mouse platforms that produce fully human antibodies for therapeutic purpose. Heavy-chain only antibodies (HCAb) from HCAb Harbour Mice® are much smaller than conventional antibodies that are uniquely suited for complex modalities of bispecific antibodies and Multispecific antibodies, CART, ADC, RDC, mRNA-LNP, and Blood Brain-Barrier (BBB) penetration for central neuroscience (CNS) therapeutics.

Our technology platforms could be applied in all sorts of therapeutics areas with unmet medical needs and in needs of novel and innovative therapeutic approaches, including traditional oncology, immunology, immuno-oncology, CNS diseases (Alzheimer's Disease, Parkinson's Disease, Huntington's Disease, Frontal Temporal Dementia, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, etc), endocrinology, metabolic diseases, and rare genetic diseases, etc.

Over the past several years, we have successfully developed multiple biological therapeutics leveraging our technology platforms and licensed these assets either to multinational corporations such as AbbVie, AstraZeneca, and Pfizer for further clinical development or small biotech companies and venture capitalists to launch startup companies like Winward Bio.

We continue to expand our technology innovation, technology license and technology service to enable MNCs and BioTechs to develop more innovative and next generation of biological therapeutics.

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History of the development of the solution/product (Intellectual Property, preclinical and clinical datas, development collaborations) *

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Harbour Mice Technology platforms are proprietary and patent protected globally.

In 2019, we developed Anti-CTLA4 HCAb Porustobart (HBM4003) from HCAb Harbour Mice entered into Phase 1 clinical trials. Currently, it is in Phase 2 clinical trials.

In 2020, we developed Anti-SARS-CoV-2 monoclonal antibody clone 47D11 from H2L2 Harbour Mice® and licensed the global rights to AbbVie as ABBV-47D11. AbbVie completed Phase 1 clinical trial.

In 2022, we developed HBM7022 (CLDN18.2 x CD3 Bispecific Antibody) from HCAb Harbour Mice® and licensed the global rights to AstraZeneca as AZD5683, currently in global Phase 1 and 2 clinical trials.

In 2023, we developed HBM9033 (MSLN-ADC) from H2L2 Harbour Mice® and licensed the global rights to Seagen/Pfizer as PF-08052666 (SGN-MesoC2), currently in global Phase 1 clinical trials.

In 2023, we developed HBM7008 (B7H4 x 4-1BB Bispecific Antibody) from both H2L2 Harbour Mice® and HCAb Harbour Mice® and licensed the US rights to Cullinan Oncology as CLN-418. Cullinan completed Phase 1 clinical trial.

In 2024, we developed another monoclonal antibody with unique features and out licensed the global rights to AstraZeneca for further development for oncology indications.

In 2025, we developed HBM9013 (Anti-CRH Monoclonal Antibody) for rare genetic disease congenital adrenal hyperplasia (CAH) and polycystic ovarian syndrome (PCOS) and licensed to a well-known and publicly traded biotech company for further clinical development.

In 2025, the parent company Harbour BioMed Entered into Global Strategic Collaboration with AstraZeneca to Discover and Develop Next-Generation Therapeutic Antibodies.

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Why this drug or device is innovative, the broad implications for future research, and/or how it will improve the human condition *

Our competitive advantages are three folds: technology platforms, talented and highly experienced scientists in drug discovery and development, and flexible business models.

Technology Platforms

Our proprietary Harbour Mice®, including both H2L2 Harbour Mice® and HCAb Harbour Mice®, provide unrivaled access to fully human antibodies without ever needing to be humanized. Our fully human heavy chain only antibodies (HCAb) from HCAb Harbour Mice® are especially suited for innovative therapeutics of Multispecific antibodies, CART, ADC, RDC, mRNA-LNP, and Blood Brain-Barrier (BBB) penetration for central neuroscience (CNS) therapeutics.

In addition, we continue to innovate more proprietary technology, such as A Direct CAR-Function-Based Library Screening Platform and Cleavable Linker Payload uCLiP® for ADC, etc.

Our aspiration and mantra are Technology Innovation, Technology License, and Technology Services.

Talent and Experience

Our discovery scientists are highly experienced in the biologics discovery and development. We would never be content with just identifying antibodies. We always strive for identifying antibodies that could actually be developed into true therapeutics with desirable biophysical characteristics. We provide our recommendations and listen to our clients to address the needs of each individual projects.

Business Models

We provide flexible business models uniquely fit the needs of large multi-national corporations and small biotech companies, including technology licensing and technology services, with flexible terms of upfronts, milestones, and royalties. Our goal is to enable others to succeed in identifying and advancing innovative therapeutics to clinical trials.

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