



# Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 June 2022

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## Introduction and Technology

**Bioventix creates, manufactures and supplies high affinity sheep monoclonal antibodies (SMAs) for use in diagnostic applications. Bioventix antibodies are preferred for use when they confer an improved test performance compared to other available antibodies.**

Most of our antibodies are used on blood-testing machines installed in hospitals and other laboratories around the world. Bioventix makes antibodies using our SMA technology for supply to diagnostic companies for subsequent manufacture into reagent packs used on blood-testing machines. These blood-testing machines are supplied by large multinational in vitro diagnostics (IVD) companies such as Roche Diagnostics, Siemens Healthineers, Abbott Diagnostics and Beckman Coulter. Antibody-based blood tests are used to help diagnose many different conditions including, amongst others, heart disease, thyroid function, fertility, infectious disease and cancer.

Over the past 18 years, we have created and supplied approximately 20 different SMAs that are used by IVD companies around the world. We currently sell a total of 15–20 grams of purified physical antibody per year, the vast majority of which is exported. In addition to revenues from physical antibody supplies, the sale by our customers of diagnostic products (based on our antibodies) to their downstream end-users attracts a modest percentage royalty payable to Bioventix.



# Chairman and Chief Executive's Statement

These downstream royalties currently account for approximately 70% of our annual revenue.

Bioventix adopts one of two commercial approaches when creating new antibodies. The first is own-risk antibody creation projects which gives Bioventix the complete freedom to commercialise the antibodies produced. The second is contract antibody creation projects in partnership with customers who supply materials, know-how and funding and creates antibodies that can only be commercialised with the partner company. In both cases, after initiation of a new project, it takes around a year for our scientists to create a panel of purified antibodies for evaluation by our customers.

The evaluation process at customers' laboratories generally requires the fabrication of prototype reagent packs which can be compared to other tests, for example the customer's existing commercial test or perhaps another "gold standard" method, on the assay machine platform being considered. The process of subsequent development thereafter by our customers can take many years before registration or approval from the relevant authority, for example the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or EU authorities, is obtained and products can be sold to the benefit of the customers, and of course Bioventix, through the agreed sales royalty. This does mean that there is a lead time of four to ten years between our own research work and the receipt by Bioventix of royalty revenue from product sales.

However, because of the resource required to gain such approvals, after having achieved approval for an accurate diagnostic test using a Bioventix antibody, there is a natural incentive for continued antibody use. This results in a barrier to entry for potential replacement antibodies which would require at least partial repetition of the approval process arising on a change from one antibody to another. This barrier to antibody replacement arises from a combination of factors driven by the clinical criticality of the test and the potential consequences of making such a change which include the time and cost to register any changes required to validate the performance of the replacement antibody.

Another consequence of the lengthy approval process is that the revenue for the current accounting period is derived from antibodies created many years ago. Indeed, revenue growth over the next few years from, for example the troponin antibodies, will come from research work already carried out many years ago. By the same dynamics, the current research work active at our laboratories now is more likely to influence sales in the period 2026 to 2036.



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# Antibodies and Blood Testing

Bioventix creates and manufactures sheep monoclonal antibodies (SMAs). Customers incorporate these antibodies in reagent packs for use on automated blood-testing machines. Superior antibodies can facilitate improved tests. Bioventix sells liquid “physical” SMAs and derives royalties from their downstream use.

## Blood testing

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01. Blood testing

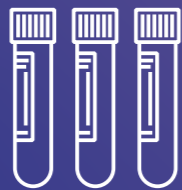


01. Antibody



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02. Vacutainer



02. Diagnostic reagent pack



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03. Automated blood-testing machine



03. Automated blood-testing machine



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# Antibodies and Business Dynamics

Projects can be internally driven or sponsored by customers. Bioventix takes about one year to create new antibodies. Even for established diagnostics, customers take two to four years to prototype tests, conduct field trials, submit regulatory data and obtain marketing approval. This imposes a gap between research and revenue growth but introduces a barrier that delivers continuity of longer-term recurring revenues.

## +1 year

01. Product idea



02. Sheep work



03. Antibody creation



04. Purified antibody

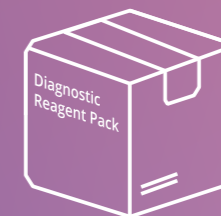


## 4–10 years

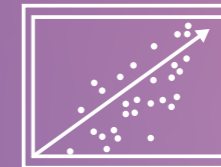
01. Antibody purified



02. Prototype reagent pack



03. Customer development work



04. Product registration



# 2021–2022 Financial Results

**We are pleased to report our results for the financial year ended 30 June 2022. Revenues for the year increased by 7% to £11.72 million (2020/21: £10.93 million). Profits before tax for the year increased by 14% to £9.28 million (2020/21: £8.12 million). Cash balances at the year end were lower at £6.1 million (30 June 2021: £6.5 million).**

Our most significant revenue stream continues to come from the vitamin D antibody called vitD3.5H10. This antibody is used by a number of small, medium and large diagnostic companies around the world for use in vitamin D deficiency testing. Sales of vitD3.5H10 increased by 13% to £5.4 million which we believe reflects an improved downstream market for vitamin D testing following a degree of recovery from coronavirus pandemic effects.

Sales of our other core historic antibodies are featured below with the respective percentage increase/decrease from 2020/21:

- T3 (tri-iodothyronine): £0.93 million (+25%);
- biotins and biotin blockers: £0.90 million (+67%);
- progesterone: £0.62 million (+14%);
- estradiol: £0.59 million (+34%);
- testosterone: £0.47 million (+7%);
- drug-testing antibodies: £0.38 million (-7%).

As expected, revenues from NT-proBNP terminated in August 2021 and resulted in a loss of £1.2 million of revenues. This loss has been balanced by the increase in revenues from the core antibodies together with increased troponin sales.

Total troponin antibody sales from Siemens Healthineers and another separate technology sub-licence almost doubled during the year to £1.23 million (2020/21: £0.68 million). This significant increase clearly demonstrates a gathering momentum of product roll-outs for the new high sensitivity troponin assays supported by SMAs and we believe that these revenues will continue to grow.

Our shipments of physical antibody to China continued to increase. Some sales are made directly but the majority are made through five appointed distributors. Regulatory approvals for domestic Chinese customers have considerable lead times but we are now seeing modest increases in royalty payments flowing from these customers. The prospects for further growth in China are good though we recognise that continued antibody technology development in China and elsewhere does constitute a longer-term threat. In addition, relative global geopolitical stability will be important for the continued trade in technology products such as our antibodies.

Our underlying revenues are dominated by foreign currencies such as US Dollars and Euros. When converting revenues to Sterling, our functional currency, in the absence of any appropriate hedging mechanisms, they will be influenced by movements in exchange rates. When Dollar and Euro monies are received, they are immediately converted into Sterling at the exchange rate applying on the date of arrival. We have no current plans to institute any hedging mechanisms to cover future periods and therefore any future changes in exchange rates, up or down, may impact our reported Sterling revenues accordingly. The majority of our physical antibody sales are priced in US Dollars. Our royalty revenues from our multinational customers typically arrive in either US Dollars or Euros depending on the location of the global finance centre of the customer. However, the underlying assay sales that support the royalties will comprise a basket of local currencies, dominated by Dollars, Euros and Asian currencies. Overall, we estimate that 50–60% of our total sales are directly or indirectly linked to US Dollars.

In the reporting period, US Dollar royalty revenues received in August relating to sales by our customers in the period January to June 2022 were converted at an exchange rate of approximately \$1.2 to £1 compared to an exchange rate of \$1.35–\$1.40 to £1 for the same period in the previous financial year.

This effect was additive to our Sterling revenues for the second half of the year and contributed to a forex benefit in the year; on a constant currency basis our turnover for 2021/22 would have been circa £11.3 million and the benefit therefore circa £0.4 million.

During the coronavirus pandemic, activity in the diagnostic pathways that exist at hospitals and clinics around the world declined. We believe that activity within healthcare pathways has recovered more recently in some territories and our sales have responded accordingly. We hope that this represents a return to normality, but predicting the dynamics of the pandemic has confounded experts over the last 30 months.



# Cash Flows and Dividends

As reported above, the performance of the business during the year generated cash balances at the year end of £6.1 million and royalties received during quarter 3 of 2022 have added to this balance. The Board has determined that it is appropriate to maintain the established dividend policy in the immediate future. For the current year, the Board is pleased to announce a second interim dividend of 74 pence per share which, when added to the first interim dividend of 52 pence per share makes a total of 126 pence per share for the current year.

Our current view continues to be that maintaining a cash balance of approximately £5 million is sufficient to facilitate operational and strategic agility, with respect to possible corporate or technological opportunities that might arise in the foreseeable future. We have therefore decided to distribute surplus cash that is in excess of anticipated needs and we are pleased to announce a special dividend of 26 pence per share.

Accordingly, dividends totalling 100 pence per share will be paid in November 2022. The shares will be marked ex-dividend on 3 November 2022 and the dividend will be paid on 18 November 2022 to shareholders on the register at close of business on 4 November 2022.



# Research and Future Developments

Over the next few years, the continued commercial development of the new troponin assays and their roll-out by our customers will have the most significant influence on Bioventix sales.

We have undertaken a range of new research projects in recent years and the table below summarises our current view of their potential value and probability of success:

Increasing potential value ↑	High	Secretoneurin (CardiNor) Amyloid (Pre-Diagnostics)	Tau (Alzheimer's, own-risk)	
	Medium			Biotin blockers <sup>(1)</sup>
	Low		Industrial biomonitoring (benzene, isocyanates)	Pyrene biomonitoring THC (sandwich) <sup>(1)</sup>
		Low	Medium	High
	Increasing probability of success →			

<sup>(1)</sup> Projects were successful and modest sales now contribute to total sales

Whilst antibodies in the future pipeline are at stages of testing and development that do not allow us to make any prediction about their potential value and influence on future revenues, there has still been encouraging progress.

Our partners at CardiNor (Oslo) have continued with their work to try and identify the possible utility of secretoneurin in heart failure patients and in particular those patients who might be candidates for implantable cardiac devices (ICDs). Data from recent patient sample studies show a link with heart disease read-outs. The next step for CardiNor will be to define the potential utility of secretoneurin diagnostics in cardiac health.

Pre-Diagnostics (also in Oslo) and their clinical collaborators have two amyloid beta assays based on Bioventix antibodies available for research use. The goal of the project is to identify fragments of amyloid beta in patient samples that would be helpful in Alzheimer's diagnostics. A new area of interest is the diagnosis of ARIA, a side-effect related to new anti-amyloid drugs.

Another biomarker that has shown potential in Alzheimer's diagnostics is the Tau protein in the form of total Tau and phosphorylated Tau. During the year we created more anti-Tau antibodies and this work will continue into 2023. Our academic collaborators at the University of Gothenburg have used our antibodies to create prototype assays and have generated encouraging data from patient blood samples. The levels of Tau detected using our antibodies are approximately 2 times higher in Alzheimer's samples compared to controls, a ratio of 2 times being similar to other research groups. Our scientific target ratio is slightly higher at 4-5 times. We are encouraged by this progress and plan to create more antibodies to support further work with our collaborators in Gothenburg during 2023. The recent success of the Eisai/Biogen lecanemab clinical trial is likely to increase the need for early diagnostics and we are very fortunate to be working with one of the world's leading labs focussed on Alzheimer's biomarkers and tests.

The biotin "blocker" antibodies and THC sandwich antibodies reviewed in our previous reports have now progressed at customers and modest sales are now being generated to add to our total revenues.

Our pyrene lateral flow system for industrial pollution biomonitoring completed a trial at a UK industrial site during quarter 4 of 2021. This went well and we plan to conduct additional site studies during 2023.

We accept that the creation, manufacture and supply of final assay products is outside our normal focus of bulk antibody sales, but we believe that through our own efforts we can substantiate the viability of such products and generate demand, thereby stimulating the interest of future commercial partners.

The progress of the pyrene project has encouraged us to consider additional assays for benzene and isocyanates, also in the field of industrial health and safety. Benzene exposure is of relevance to the petroleum industry and isocyanates are hazardous chemicals used in the manufacture of polyurethane paints and plastics. This work will continue into 2023 and 2024.





## Future Strategy

**We have previously identified diagnostic biomarkers that we believe suit our antibody technology and have found academic collaborators who have seen merit in working with Bioventix. This pursuit will continue into the future to support the internal organic growth of our business.**

We will continue to rely on our core SMA antibody creation technology which consistently helps us to create superior antibodies for our research projects. We are also incorporating additional newer technologies where such technologies are helpful to us. We have successfully created "sandwich" assay formats for pyrene and THC/cannabis using a combination of primary SMA technology and a secondary synthetic "anti-complex" antibody created using the "antibody library" technology of a third party. The synergy of the two technologies provided unique solutions to pyrene and THC/cannabis and we will seek more such opportunities in the field of small molecule detection.

We are also using new production techniques to improve the yields of our manufacturing processes. We have had success in transferring some antibody production from sheep cells to more productive hamster cell systems. E.coli bacteria have also been used to good effect with certain antibody production systems. These technologies combine to increase yields and increase effective production capacity whilst also reducing unit costs.

## The Bioventix Team and Facility

**The composition of the Bioventix team of 12 full-time equivalents has remained stable over the year, facilitating excellent performance and know-how retention. The past 30 months has been a challenging period for everyone and we are very grateful to the team at Bioventix for their dedication over this period which has allowed us to adapt and modify our business to cope with the effects of the pandemic whilst still maintaining our progress.**

Supply chain issues relating to plastics and chemical reagents have persisted during the year but have been expertly managed by our procurement team.

Turmoil in the energy market has added another risk factor with some energy commentators predicting power outages during the winter of 2022/23. We plan to use our diesel generator and reserve fuel supplies to minimise any disruption caused to the lab by any such power outages.



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# Environmental, Social and Governance

**Our production processes consume quantities of reagents and plastics. A key goal for the company is to use our various technologies to reduce the quantities of materials we consume. The use of bioreactor technology has resulted in a significant reduction in plastics consumption and we have converted one antibody to this production format during the year.**

Genetic engineering techniques can also be used to enhance antibody productivity and we have successfully implemented techniques for one antibody during the year, resulting in a four-fold increase in yield.

The mass immunisation of sheep to make serum-based reagents for clinical assays has been commonplace since the 1970s. SMAs made in vitro can substitute for this large-scale use of animals and our T4 (thyroxine) antibody is reaching the market, thereby resulting in a reduction in animal usage.

Over the last 20 years, our SMAs have been used to improve the diagnostic processes at hospitals around the world. This has resulted in improved diagnostic tests for heart disease, thyroid function and fertility. Our goal over the next few years is to extend this success to dementia diagnostics.

Internally at Bioventix, we value our team and seek ways to help them as they develop their lives. We have supported new parents in their desire to return to work and we now have four employees who work part-time having returned to the laboratory after parental leave.

Regarding corporate governance, we continue to follow the guidelines of the Quoted Companies Alliance as described in our Governance Report on page 40. We are aware of the need to increase the diversity of our Board whilst maintaining skills and experience to underpin corporate culture and support business continuity which both bring benefits for all our stakeholders. In common with many businesses, we find that limited candidate availability has compromised our progress in this regard but our efforts will continue.



# Conclusion and Outlook

**We are pleased with our financial results for the year which we believe reflect both the growth in the use of our products and of course some relief from the global pandemic. In particular, the continued roll-out of the high sensitivity troponin assays and the royalties associated with them have combined to help replace revenues from NT-proBNP which ceased from August 2021. After stripping out the impact of these two significant changes the growth in our underlying business over the year is in the range 8–10% which we believe is sustainable for the immediate future as our sales mix continues to change.**

**Excellent technical progress has been made on our research projects and we anticipate that our pipeline of opportunities will create additional shareholder value in the period 2026 to 2036.**

Peter Harrison  
Chief Executive Officer

Date  
21 October 2022

Ian Nicholson  
Non-Executive Chairman

Date  
21 October 2022

# Strategic Report

## **Business Review**

Please refer to the full business review which is covered in the Chairman and Chief Executive's Statement on pages 1 to 15 and forms an integral part of the Strategic Report.

# Principal Risks and Uncertainties

## Investment in AIM securities

Investment in shares traded on AIM is perceived to involve a higher degree of risk than investment in a company whose shares are listed on the Official List. An investment in the Ordinary Shares may be difficult to realise. Prospective investors should be aware that the value of the Ordinary Shares may go down as well as up and that the market price of the Ordinary Shares may not reflect the underlying value of the Company. Investors may therefore realise less than, or lose all of, their investment.

## Volatility of share price

The trading price of the Ordinary Shares may be subject to wide fluctuations in response to a number of events and factors, such as variations in operating results, announcements of innovations or new services by the Company or its competitors, changes in financial estimates and recommendations by securities analysts, the share price performance of other companies that investors may deem comparable to the Company and news reports relating to trends in the Company's markets. These fluctuations may adversely affect the trading price of the Ordinary Shares, regardless of the Company's performance.

## Dependence on key employees

The Company's future success is substantially dependent on the continued services and performance of its senior management and other key personnel in the various areas of the Company's business. The loss of the services of certain key employees, or the inability to recruit personnel of the appropriate calibre, could have a significant adverse effect of the business of the Company.

## Technology

For SMAs that are in the research and development phase at Bioventix's customers, there is a risk of technical failure. This can occur as assays fail to perform with the desired precision. Failure can also arise when external "field trials" at hospitals using prototype assays identify patient samples that give erroneous results.

For projects at the early phase of Bioventix's pipeline and others that may feature in the medium to long term, there is a risk that new antibody technologies available to third party companies eclipse Bioventix's SMA technology and these new technologies produce superior antibodies. An example of such technologies includes monoclonal antibodies from rabbits.

The Company may come to face competition from other businesses that possess skills and technologies that are not known or available at present. Such competition could prevent the Company from achieving sales. Further, new competitors entering the market may develop products or technologies that make Bioventix's technology obsolete.

The Company may also face claims that its use of its technology infringes the intellectual property rights of others and may become involved in legal proceedings in connection with such claims. The Company may also generally face legal proceedings in the course of its business. The Company cannot preclude the possibility that litigation may be brought against it from time to time. Any such claims, legal proceedings and litigation may have a material adverse effect on the financial performance, the business of the Company or both. The Company's insurance may not cover all or any part of any claims which customers or third parties may bring against the Company or may not be sufficient to protect the Company against any liability that may be imposed on it.

## Regulatory environment

The medical diagnostics field in which the Company operates is highly regulated. Whilst the Company's antibodies are not themselves regulated, the tests in which they are used by the Company's customers must be approved by regulatory bodies such as the US Food and Drug Administration before they can be commercialised. Achieving and maintaining such approval by Bioventix's customers is therefore necessary to the continued success of the Company.

## Distribution risk

Bioventix's antibodies are derived from sheep and therefore might be regarded as a sheep-derived product. Any future restriction on the distribution, import, export and use of sheep products or sheep-derived products, that might be imposed by government or other authorities, for whatever reason, could materially affect Bioventix's business.

## Market risk

There has been a process of merger and acquisition within the blood-testing machine companies who are Bioventix's customers. Such activity can result in the rationalisation of individual machines. Therefore, machines that feature Bioventix antibodies could be replaced by machines that do not. Even in the absence of such mergers and acquisitions, machines can be developed within a company such that assays featuring Bioventix antibodies are withdrawn or replaced.

## Competition

Whilst the Company does not operate under granted patents, the directors believe that the Company has a significant set of know-how and skills that are unique. The Company may face competition from companies in business at present or not yet established that are or will be better funded, staffed or equipped than the Company. There is also a risk that the Company's principal target customers (blood-testing manufacturers) may choose to use alternative antibodies. Competition from any source could adversely affect the Company's ability to generate income.



# Financial Risk Management

## Foreign exchange risk

The majority of the Company's revenues are denominated in either US Dollars or Euros whilst the majority of its operating costs are in Sterling. The Company is therefore exposed to significant foreign currency risk due to fluctuations in exchange rates. This may result in gains or losses with respect to movements in exchange rates which may be material and may also cause fluctuations in reported financial information that are not necessarily related to the Company's operating performance or results.

## Taxation

Any change in the Company's tax status or in taxation legislation could affect the Company's ability to provide returns to shareholders. Statements in this document concerning the taxation of investors in Ordinary Shares are based on current UK tax law and practice which is subject to change. The taxation of an investment in the Company depends on the individual circumstances of investors.

## Credit risk

The main credit risk of the Company is attributable to its trade debtors. The amounts presented in the Balance Sheet are net of any bad debt provision.

## Interest rate risk

Due to the lack of borrowing within the Company the interest rate risk is deemed to be low, and there are no specific policies in place to review this.

## Price risk

The key income stream is that of royalties generated from the sales of blood-testing machine assays by the Company's customers. The rate of these royalties is set at the start of the royalty agreement, thus limiting the exposure to sales price risk.

The key costs to the Company are the salaries, wages and associated costs of its staff and this is a manageable cost price risk.

## Liquidity risk

The Company maintains a strong cash balance, and always looks to manage risks to ensure sufficient liquidity is available to meet foreseeable needs and that cash is invested safely and profitably. Short-term flexibility is achieved by the use of money markets to deposit excess cash which is not required in the short term. The directors prepare rolling cashflow forecasts.

## COVID-19

The global implications of the COVID-19 pandemic may affect the Company's revenue and profitability. COVID-19 has adversely affected some routine diagnostic pathways and the willingness of patients with concerning symptoms to present to healthcare professionals. Any delays in diagnosis and treatment that arise may defer revenue from both the supply of antibodies and the royalty revenue arising from their use in testing.

## Brexit

There continues to be some uncertainty surrounding the future trading relationship between the United Kingdom and member states within the European Union. In the event of further new regulations being adopted, these could add complexity and delays to the Company's operations. However there is no indication that any form of Brexit will affect regulations that are relevant to the Company's products or technology.

## Ability to pay future dividends

The Company's ability to pay dividends in the future is dependent upon the extent to which it has distributable reserves and cash available for this purpose. The Company can give no assurance to shareholders that it will or will not be able to pay dividends in the future.

# Financial Instruments

**The Company's principal financial instruments comprise bank balances, trade creditors and trade debtors. The main purpose of these instruments is to finance the Company's operations.**

Due to the nature of the financial instruments used by the Company there is exposure to exchange rate fluctuations, but no other significant price risk. The Company's approach to managing other risks applicable to the financial instruments concerned is shown below.

In respect of bank balances, the liquidity risks are managed conservatively by maintaining deposits of short to medium duration in high street banks, thereby reducing the risk of financial default.

Trade debtors are managed in respect of credit by maintaining a regular dialogue with customers, the majority of whom are multinational diagnostics companies.

Risks in relation to exchange rate fluctuations are discussed on page 20.



# Key Financials

2022

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£11.719

Million turnover

£9.278

Million profit before tax

147.32

Pence – Basic earnings per share

2021

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£10.931

Million turnover

£8.118

Million profit before tax

129.22

Pence – Basic earnings per share

# Financial Key Performance Indicators

## Financial key performance indicators

	2022 £	2021 £
Turnover	11,719,271	10,930,588
Profit before tax	9,278,025	8,118,230
Cash balances	6,126,650	6,494,985

Revenues for the year of £11.72m (2021: £10.93m) were 7.2% up on the previous year. Profits before tax have increased by 14.3% year on year.

Cash balances at 30 June 2022 of £6.13m (2021: £6.49m) have decreased in the year.

The Company monitors various financial key performance indicators as part of its accounting and management reporting process.

The directors do not anticipate any material change in the nature of the Company's operations in the foreseeable future.

## Other key performance indicators

**The future growth of the Company relies on its research and development activities creating and being able to manufacture unique antibodies that are required by our customers. The directors review and discuss the strategy and performance of our research and development regularly throughout the year.**

The Company seeks to ensure that responsible business practice is fully integrated into the management of all its operations and into the culture of all parts of its business. It believes that the consistent adoption of responsible business practice is essential for operational excellence, which in turn is expected to ensure the delivery of its core objectives of sustained real growth in future profitability.

In a company of this size the directors consider that there are collectively numerous non-financial performance indicators but none individually are key.

## Directors' statement of compliance with duty to promote the success of the Company

The directors are clear on their duty under Section 172 of the Companies Act 2006 to act in the way which they consider, in good faith, would be most likely to promote the success of Bioventix plc ("the Company") for the benefit of its members as a whole and, in doing so, to have regard (amongst other matters) to:

- the likely consequences of any decision in the long term;
- the interests of the Company's employees;
- the need to foster the Company's business relationships with suppliers, customers and others;
- the impact of the Company's operations on the community and the environment;
- the desirability of the Company maintaining a reputation for high standards of business conduct; and
- the need to act fairly between members of the Company.

The directors are committed to effective and meaningful engagement with our key stakeholders. The directors seek to actively identify and positively engage with key stakeholders in open and constructive dialogues. We believe that such engagement is critical to the long-term success of the Company and, by canvassing and understanding the perspectives of our stakeholders and building good relationships, the Board is able to take their views into account in its discussions and decision-making.

The Board will continue to build its model for engagement with key stakeholders and will, in future reports, provide more detail of our progress, including how we engage and the impact of such engagement on the Company's strategy and principal decisions.

This report was approved by the Board and signed on its behalf.



**Peter Harrison**  
Director

**Date**  
**21 October 2022**

# Directors' Report

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2022.



# Directors' Responsibilities Statement

## The directors are responsible for preparing the Strategic Report, the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'. Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the profit or loss of the Company for that period.

## In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies for the Company's financial statements and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

## Principal Activity

The principal activity of the company during the year was that of the creation, development, manufacture and supply of antibodies.

## Business Review

The Company is required to produce a business review complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006. This can be found in the Chairman and Chief Executive's Statement on pages 1 to 15. In addition to this, information on the principal risks and uncertainties and key performance indicators can be found in the Strategic Report on pages 18 to 24.

## Research and Development

During the year research and development costs were incurred of £975,317 (2021: £1,201,236).

## Dividends

The profit for the year, after taxation, amounted to £7,674,151 (2021: £6,731,348).

A dividend of 100p per share was paid in November 2021. This equated to £5,209,333 (October 2020: £5,469,800).

The board have declared and paid an interim dividend of 52p per share in April 2022. This equated to £2,708,853 (April 2021: £2,240,013).

Following the end of the year, a dividend of 74p per share, together with a special dividend of 26p per share, has been declared.

## Substantial Shareholdings

Shareholdings in the Company of greater than 3%, excluding Directors' shareholdings which are disclosed on page 54, as advised at 20 October 2022, are as follows.

Holder	%
Sanford DeLand	20.0
Liontrust	11.2
Gresham House	8.9
Hargreaves Lansdown Stockbrokers	6.6
Danske Bank	3.2

## Directors

The directors who served during the year were:

Peter Harrison  
Ian Nicholson  
Nicholas McCooke  
Bruce Hiscock

## Directors' Third Party Indemnity Provisions

During the year the company had in place Directors and Officers Insurance.

## Disclosure of Information to Auditors

Each of the persons who are directors at the time when this Directors' Report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as the director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware, and
- the director has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a director in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditors are aware of that information.

## Auditors

The auditors, Kreston Reeves, will be proposed for reappointment in accordance with section 489 of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the board on 21 October 2022 and signed on its behalf.



Ian Nicholson  
Director

Date  
21 October 2022

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# Sustainability Report

**Our purpose at Bioventix is to create, manufacture and supply high affinity sheep monoclonal antibodies for use in diagnostic applications.**

Whilst Bioventix is a small organisation we still consider a commitment to sustainability a core component of our culture, along with responsibility to act with the highest standards in all of our business dealings and interactions with stakeholders.

We therefore always aim to

- respect, protect and keep safe members of staff, customers, collaborators, partners, stakeholders and shareholders;
- protect the environment; and
- enhance the reputation of Bioventix in the markets where our products are used and in the communities in which we are present.

The application of these guiding values helps us to ensure that we provide a safe and fulfilling work environment with a strong culture of ownership and belonging, create a business with whom other like-minded businesses and individuals will wish to collaborate and trade, make a positive contribution to the communities in which we work and build shareholder value.

This Sustainability Report is divided into the three key areas of Environmental, Social and Business Governance. This report is then followed by the Governance Report.

## Environmental

Although our products are used all around the world, Bioventix is a small organisation with laboratory and administration facilities in one location in the UK occupying circa 600 square metres. We employ 16 people, many on a part-time basis. Our environmental impact is therefore relatively small.

We do however recognise that making improvements in our work to further reduce our environmental impact are important and can have a cumulative effect. We aim to reduce our use of consumables to a minimum without compromising quality or safety.

During the year we have converted one of our processes to use bioreactors, thereby reducing our use of plastic flasks. We also promote the effective and efficient use of equipment, facilities, services and supplies and have implemented genetic engineering techniques to deliver a four-fold increase in the yield in the production of one of our antibodies. In addition we are using SMAs made in vitro, to replace the mass immunisation of sheep, for our T4 (thyroxine) antibody which is now reaching the market, resulting in a reduction in animal usage.

We adhere strictly to the specified maintenance schedules for laboratory and other equipment and have recently completed significant refurbishment of the facilities ensuring that replacement equipment, for example our cold storage, freezers and autoclave, and showers and toilet facilities, improve water usage and energy efficiency. We encourage all staff to reduce wastage, not to print unnecessarily, to optimise the use of lighting and heating and cooling units and switch off any electrical equipment when not in use.

Before the COVID-19 lockdowns, our CEO conducted a limited amount of business travel both in the UK and internationally. With the gradual relaxing of travel restrictions, we believe that it will be beneficial for some of this business travel to return; however, with the greater adoption of technology to facilitate virtual meetings there are now suitable alternatives allowing a reduction in the amount of travel compared to that previously undertaken.



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## Social

We maintain regular communication and dialogue with our stakeholders to better understand their needs and to factor these into our decision making and activities.

### Our People

Bioventix is a small organisation with 16 employees. We are solely based in the UK and apply fair employment practices and comply with all legislation and requirements regarding employment, pay, working hours and annual and statutory leave. We invest in healthy and safe workplaces and our employee policies, amongst others, include Equal Opportunities, Anti-harassment and Bullying, Health and Safety, GDPR, Flexible Working, and policies for Parental, Compassionate and Dependant Care Leave.

We also have established policies that provide guidance on ethical work practices; these include Anti-corruption and Bribery, Whistleblowing and the Company's Modern Slavery Act Statement.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the Company carried out full detailed risk assessments, monitored and where necessary adapted working practices to ensure compliance with UK Government requirements and restrictions and to ensure a safe and secure work environment. In addition, whenever necessary and appropriate, the Company has supported staff working from home. Whilst many of the more serious impacts of the pandemic have abated, the Company retains the flexibility to add, adapt or adopt working practices to reapply any necessary additional safety and security measures in our working environment should it be required.

Bioventix has a very flat management structure. Interaction between the Executive Directors and staff is a daily event and very much part of the culture of the Company. In addition, to ensure that all staff are aware of the Company's strategy and performance, all staff are notified when interim and full-year Annual Reports are published and the CEO conducts a briefing to which all staff are invited where full

information is provided and discussed in an open and inclusive environment.

Internally at Bioventix, we place great value on our team and wherever it is practicable we seek ways to help them as they develop their lives and their responsibilities increase. We are supportive of new parents in their desire to return to work and we now have four employees who work on a part-time basis having returned to Bioventix after parental leave.

### Our Shareholders

Bioventix communicates regularly with shareholders through the Annual Report and Accounts, Interim Statements, RNS announcements, our AGM and other investor meetings and presentations. All published information is available to all stakeholders on the Bioventix website ([www.Bioventix.com](http://www.Bioventix.com)).

### Customers, Research and Academic Partners

Our products are used by large multinational in vitro diagnostic companies across the world. Whilst Bioventix does not have any contact with patients whose conditions may be diagnosed using our products, we recognise the vital needs our customers meet and the impact our technology can have in improving outcomes for those patients.

Bioventix is a research-driven organisation which seeks to develop novel approaches in the diagnostics field. As such, the Company engages and collaborates on a number of projects with a variety of other companies and research institutions. The purpose of these relationships is to access relevant technologies and programmes to add value to the Company's research portfolio. However, often the exchange of knowledge and views, whilst building relationships that may be important in future, contributes to the wider research community, thereby potentially adding value to the solution of problems unrelated to our technology.

### The Wider Community

Bioventix, like all businesses, has responsibilities to the wider communities in which we operate.

We operate a Quality Management System based on the principles of ISO 9001:2015 (Quality Management System Requirements) and ISO 13485:2016 (Medical Devices – Quality Management Systems – Requirements for Regulatory Purposes). Our processes, procedures and operations are subject to regular internal audit by our Quality Management Team and to external audit by our customers who have the right to inspect our operations under the terms of our contracts with them.

Our research and our strategy seek to apply our antibody technology to appropriate problems facing our customers, partners and, potentially, the wider community.

Ageing populations and the growth in the number of patients suffering with dementia-related conditions are significant challenges facing developed societies. Our work with researchers in this field to develop antibodies for diagnostic tests for the earlier identification of such conditions is not only an activity closely related to the Company's historic product set but also allows us to contribute to addressing a growing problem.

The provision of pollution-free, safe environments is a core responsibility for governments and many organisations. Our work to develop simple tests with accessible and timely analysis and results has been expanded to cover other pollutants and industries, adding to the range of solutions addressed by our products.

Such projects and research are undertaken with commercial objectives, however we are acutely aware that our contribution to developing any solutions to these challenges will benefit the wider community and the environment that we serve.

## Governance

Bioventix is committed to conducting our business in an ethical and responsible manner and to complying with all applicable laws and regulations. We require all our employees and all third parties acting on our behalf to behave honestly and to operate with integrity.

We have a comprehensive suite of policies covering the conduct and ethics of all aspects of our business including anti-bribery, modern slavery, and safeguarding. Our employee induction process includes sessions on HR, health and safety, bribery, modern slavery, whistleblowing, and data protection to ensure all new employees understand our ways of working and our expectations of them. Our recruitment, development and review programmes safeguard our commitment to diversity and equality throughout our Company.

The detail of our commitment and approach to governance is explained in the Governance Report that follows.

# Governance Report

## The Board of Directors

The Board comprises, in addition to the Chairman and Independent Non-Executive Director, an Independent Non-Executive Director and two Executive Directors.



# Chairman's Introduction to the Governance Report

**As Chairman of Bioventix plc ("Bioventix" or "the Company") it is my responsibility to ensure that the Board is performing its role effectively and has the capacity, ability, structure and support to enable it to continue to do so. We believe that a sound and well understood governance structure is essential to maintain the integrity of the Company in all its actions, to enhance performance and to impact positively on our shareholders, staff, customers, suppliers and other stakeholders.**

Bioventix is a small organisation with fewer than twenty employees; however, we aim to continually update and improve our approach to corporate governance. Shareholders will therefore see further developments in this year's Annual Report in our Sustainability Report, on page 32, detailing our approach to the increasingly important responsibility for Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) common to all businesses.

The Company's shares are traded on the Alternative Investment Market ("AIM") on the London Stock Exchange and as such the Company is subject to the ongoing requirements of the AIM rules for companies. The Board has adopted the QCA Corporate Governance Code ("the Code") which continues to be the most appropriate benchmark for the Company in measuring our application of good governance principles. These 10 principles provide us with a clear basis for assessing our performance as a Board and as a company.

In the sections that follow we set out our governance structures along with an overview of how Bioventix applies the Principles of the Code and reports from the Board Committees. Compliance with the Code and corporate governance requirements generally are reviewed on an ongoing basis by the Board and form part of the annual Board Performance Review process.



## Ian Nicholson

Chairman and Independent  
Non-Executive Director

Ian was appointed as Non-Executive Chairman of Bioventix in November 2004. Ian is also an Operating Partner at Advent Life Sciences LLP and a Trustee of LifeArc, a leading UK medical charity. From 2013 to 2021 Ian was Chief Executive Officer of F2G Ltd, an antifungal drug development company and from 2004 to 2012 Ian was Chief Executive of Chroma Therapeutics Limited, a drug discovery and development company. He previously held the position of Senior Vice President, Business Development at Celltech Group plc, then the UK's largest biotechnology company. He has extensive experience in licensing, mergers and acquisitions, and market development in the UK, Europe and the US. Ian is Chairman of the Audit Committee and is a member of the Remuneration Committee.



## Nicholas McCooke

Independent  
Non-Executive Director

Nick was appointed as Non-Executive Director of Bioventix in 2014 when the Company first listed on AIM. Nick has worked in the biotech industry for over 30 years and is now an independent consultant providing operational, strategic and commercial advice and hands-on support to biotech companies. He has led several successful companies. He was the founding CEO of Solexa, the Cambridge University spin-out where he built the team that invented and developed Next Generation DNA sequencing. Subsequently he was CEO of Belgian company Pronota, which translated novel protein biomarkers into diagnostics, and where he gained much knowledge and expertise in the diagnostic development and market access process. Most recently he was CEO of DNA sequencing technology company Longas Pty Ltd. He has an MBA from the London Business School. Nick is Chairman of the Remuneration Committee and Nomination Committee and is a member of the Audit Committee.



## Peter Harrison

Chief Executive Officer

Peter has worked in the field of antibody technology since 1986 and has extensive experience of the development and commercialisation of antibody technologies. He graduated in Natural Sciences from Clare College Cambridge in 1980 and joined the graduate training scheme at Shell Chemicals UK Ltd. In 1986 he joined Celltech Ltd to manage their contract antibody production business and in 1991 he joined KS Biomedix Ltd and helped to establish sheep monoclonal antibody technology at their Farnham research laboratory. Following the acquisition of KS Biomedix Limited by Xenova plc in 2003, he led a management buy-out that resulted in the formation of Bioventix and he has led the subsequent commercial development of the Company.



## Bruce Hiscock

Chief Financial Officer

Bruce was appointed to the Board in 2020. He is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland (ICAS) and was previously CEO and CFO of everyLIFE Technologies, a technology business delivering digital care planning solutions to social care providers. Prior to this he was the Managing Director of MITIE Security Systems, the CEO of Protec plc, an AIM-listed security and technology services business, and held several CFO roles at both fast-growing listed and private companies over a 30-year career.

# The Board of Directors

The Independent Non-Executive Directors, Ian Nicholson and Nick McCooke, are both considered as independent by the Board and are both participants in the Company's Share Option Plan. The Board recognises that since independence can be easily compromised, Non-Executive Directors should not normally participate in performance-related remuneration schemes or have a significant interest in a company share option scheme. The QCA Code acknowledges that where performance-related remuneration is under consideration, it should be proportionate, shareholders must be consulted and their support must be obtained. Prior to the issue of share option awards, in 2017 and in 2020, the Board consulted with all material shareholders and there were no dissenting views. Furthermore, the Board believes that the participation, by the Non-Executive Directors, in the Company's share option scheme has not and does not impair their ability to act as independent Non-Executive Directors.

# Corporate Governance statement and compliance with the principles of the QCA Code

**The Company's shares are traded on the Alternative Investment Market ("AIM") on the London Stock Exchange and as such Bioventix is subject to the ongoing requirements of the AIM rules for Companies. As stated in the Chairman's introduction, the Board has adopted the QCA Code, and the following table summarises how the 10 principles of the QCA Code are applied by the Board. The Board has undertaken an annual review of the corporate governance framework that Bioventix operates and considers it to be effective and proportional to the size, risks, complexity and operations of Bioventix and reflective of the Company's culture and values.**

## **1. Establish a strategy and business model which promotes long-term value for shareholders**

The Company's strategy and business model is described in the Company's Annual Report. The Company generates long-term value for shareholders and achieves sustainable shareholder returns by delivering its strategy through the implementation of its business model. Key requirements of both are:

- i. The Company's understanding of and supply to the global markets for diagnostic antibodies;
- ii. The Company's research activities and the identification of suitable opportunities within those markets for the Company to target allied to the subsequent development and manufacture of applicable and commercially viable products;
- iii. The employment and subsequent training and development of expert individuals; and
- iv. The development of business and research relationships with customers, academics, partners and suppliers.

The Annual Report contains details of a number of risks and uncertainties that may represent challenges to the execution of the Company's strategy and business model, and how such risks and uncertainties are managed by the Company.

## **2. Seek to understand and meet shareholder needs and expectations**

The Company recognises the importance and the benefit of engaging with its shareholders.

Bioventix has an established programme of engaging openly with shareholders and communicates on an ongoing basis on via its website, on publication of its full-year and half-year results and at the AGM.

Trading updates and other announcements are made on RNS.

The Board also engages with shareholders to understand their needs and expectations primarily through meetings with Executive Directors

when presenting financial results but as required at other times (this applies in the main to institutional investors or those with significant shareholdings) including at the AGM to which, subject to any restrictions implemented in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, all shareholders are welcome and encouraged to ask questions of the Board. Formal feedback from shareholder meetings is provided by the Company's broker and discussion of this feedback is a standard item on the Board's agenda.

The Non-Executive Directors may be contacted by shareholders who wish to raise matters and also attend many of the investor meetings at both the full-year and half-year results.

The Company's website contains information on the Bioventix business, corporate information and specific disclosures required under AIM rules and the QCA Code.

## **3. Take into account stakeholder and social responsibilities and their implications for long-term success**

The Board recognises that it is responsible not only to the Company's shareholders and employees but also to a wider group of stakeholders including customers, suppliers, research partners and the communities in which Bioventix operates. Whilst Bioventix does not have any contact with patients whose conditions are diagnosed using tests incorporating its products, the Company aims, through its technology, to improve outcomes for those patients.

Sound ethical values and behaviours are crucial foundations for the Company; for the successful achievement of corporate objectives; and for meeting the needs of a sophisticated client base.

Bioventix aims to follow best practice by:

- Treating all stakeholders fairly;
- Communicating openly and honestly in all shareholder and stakeholder information;
- Providing safe, secure and healthy working conditions for all employees;
- Promoting equality, judging neither by race, nationality, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, disability or political opinion and treating everyone with respect; and
- Observing and complying with the laws and regulations in each country in which it conducts business; and
- Promoting Bioventix's success for the benefit of all stakeholders; shareholders, employees, partners, customers, suppliers and the local community.



The Company opposes modern slavery in all its forms and will try to prevent it by any means that it can. It is expected that anyone who has any suspicions of modern slavery within the business or the supply chain will raise their concerns without delay. In light of the Modern Slavery Act 2015, the Board carries out annual reviews of internal measures to ensure the Company is doing what it can to prevent slavery and human trafficking.

#### 4. Embed effective risk management, considering both opportunities and threats, throughout the organisation

The Board is responsible for the Company's system of internal controls and for reviewing its effectiveness. The system is designed to manage, rather than eliminate, the risk of failure to achieve the execution of the Company's strategic objectives and business model.

The principal elements of the Company's internal control system include:

- Close management of the day-to-day activities of the Company by the Executive Directors;
- Defined lines of responsibility and delegated authorities;
- The preparation of revenue, cost and capital forecasts which are reviewed regularly during the year; regular monitoring of management information and financial data; reporting to and monitoring by the Board including comparison with financial forecasts;
- Implementation and use of standard, approved accounting software to account for and report financial transactions and to analyse and report Company performance;
- Audit Committee review of audit plans, published financial information and reports from the Company's external Auditor;
- Quality management systems, maintained in house and audited where required by customers.

Each year on behalf of the Board, the Audit Committee reviews the effectiveness of these systems. This is achieved primarily by a comprehensive review of risks which cover both financial and non-financial issues potentially affecting the Company and from discussions with the external auditor. Details of these risks, and their management, are contained in the Company's Annual Report.

The Board is not aware, to the best of its knowledge, of any significant failings or weaknesses in the system of internal control. On the recommendation of the Audit Committee, the Board has determined that the Company does not require an internal audit function due to the small size of the administrative function and the high level of executive director involvement in the day-to-day management of the business and the review and authorisation of activity, commitments and transactions.

Where the management of operational risk requires outside advice, this is sought from expert parties, and the Company has put measures in place to protect itself against supply failures including insurance and contingent stock.

#### 5. Maintain the board as a well-functioning, balanced team led by the chair

The purpose of the Board is to ensure that the business is managed for the long-term benefit of all shareholders, whilst at the same time having regard for employees, customers, suppliers and our impact on the environment and the communities in which Bioventix operates. The full Board is responsible and accountable to the shareholders for the management and success of Bioventix and to provide effective controls to assess and manage risks in the Company.

There is a formal schedule of matters specifically reserved for the Board that includes matters relating to strategy and management; structure and capital; financial reporting and controls; internal controls; contracts; communications; board membership and other appointments; delegation of authorities and corporate governance.

The Company has two Non-Executive Directors, each considered to be independent by the Board. Ian Nicholson, who was appointed as Non-Executive Chairman of the Company in 2007, is considered by the Board to remain independent of the management and free to exercise independence of judgement. The other Non-Executive Director, Nick McCooke, was appointed in 2014.

The Board meets on a minimum of four occasions spread across each year timed to align with the Company's financial reporting and trading calendars. This frequency is considered appropriate to the size and complexity of the Company and additional meetings are held as required.

The Board is supported by an Audit Committee, a Remuneration Committee and a Nominations Committee, each with delegated duties and responsibilities. The Board and its Committees receive appropriate and timely information prior to each meeting. A formal agenda is produced for each meeting and Board Committee papers are distributed several days before meetings take place. Any director can challenge proposals with decisions being taken after discussion. Any director can ask for a concern to be noted in the minutes of the meeting which are circulated to all directors. Specific actions arising from meetings are agreed by the Board or relevant committee and then followed up by management.

All relevant directors attended all Board and Board Committee meetings during the year with no absences. All directors spend such time as is necessary to effectively carry out their roles and directors have access to all and any advice or services needed to enable them to carry out their roles and duties.

## **6. Ensure that between them the directors have the necessary up-to-date experience, skills and capabilities**

The Nomination Committee is responsible for identifying and assessing the suitability of candidates to fill any vacancies on the Board, as well as assessing the appropriateness of the size and composition of the Board as Bioventix grows and develops.

The directors of the Company are:

- Ian Nicholson, Non-Executive Chairman
- Peter Harrison, Chief Executive Officer
- Bruce Hiscock, Chief Financial Officer
- Nicholas McCooke, Non-Executive Director

The skills and experience of the Board are set out in their biographical details included above and are considered by the Board as representing an appropriate range of capabilities needed to deliver the strategy of the Company for the benefit of its shareholders over the medium to long term. The experience and knowledge of each of the directors gives them the ability to constructively challenge strategy and to scrutinise performance. All directors are able to take independent professional advice in the furtherance of their duties, if necessary. In addition, the Board is assisted by Ian Farrelly, the Company Secretary, whose services are retained through a contract with Cargil Management Services Limited, a professional company secretarial services provider. The directors have direct access to the advice and services of the Company Secretary and of course the Chief Financial Officer if required.

At each Annual General Meeting (“AGM”) one third of the directors are subject to re-appointment by rotation under the Company’s Articles of Association, as are directors who have been appointed during the year. However, in line with best governance practice, all directors, being eligible, will be seeking re-appointment by shareholders at the Company’s forthcoming AGM.

## **7. Evaluate board performance based on clear and relevant objectives, seeking continuous improvement**

The Board is mindful that it needs continually to monitor and identify ways in which it might improve performance and that the assessment of board performance through adoption of a formal process is a useful tool for enhancing board effectiveness.

The collective performance of the Board is reflected in the overall success of the business. Evaluation of the performance of the Board, its Committees and individual members is made annually utilising a formal board evaluation process led by the Chairman, assisted by the Company Secretary.

A Board Performance Review was held during the year by the Board; it was determined that the Board, its Committees and individual directors were working well and certain enhancements were agreed in relation to the operation of the Board.

Alongside this annual formal evaluation the Chairman routinely assesses the performance of the Board and its members and discusses any issues with the relevant directors.

Succession planning is recognised as a material topic for the Company and is the responsibility of the Nomination Committee that makes recommendations to the Board concerning Board appointments.

## **8. Promote a corporate culture that is based on ethical values and behaviours**

The Board recognises that its decisions will inform the corporate culture of the Company and this in turn will affect the performance of the business. The Board is also conscious that the tone and culture that it sets will greatly impact all aspects of the Company and the way employees behave and operate. The importance of sound ethical values and behaviours is crucial to the ability of the Company to successfully achieve its corporate objectives whilst, in particular, meeting the exacting demands of a sophisticated customer base. The Company’s culture and ethical approach to business is reflected in the way the Company has been able to develop long-term and fruitful relationships with its clients and in the longevity of the employment of many members of staff.

The Company seeks to ensure that responsible business practice is fully integrated into the management of all its operations and into the culture of all parts of its business. It believes that the consistent adoption of responsible business practice is essential for operational excellence, which in turn is expected to ensure the delivery of its core objectives of sustained real growth in future profitability.

## 9. Maintain governance structures and processes that are fit for purpose and support good decision making by the board

The Company maintains appropriate governance structures and processes according to its size and complexity.

There is a clear division of responsibility between the Non-Executive Chairman and the Chief Executive. The Chairman is responsible for running the business of the Board and for ensuring appropriate strategic focus and direction. The Chief Executive is responsible for proposing the strategic focus to the Board, implementing it once it has been approved and overseeing the management of the Company.

The role of the Independent Non-Executive Directors includes questioning and challenging the Executive Directors and assisting where possible in developing strategic proposals, reviewing and commenting on the integrity of the Company's financial reporting systems and the information they provide; recommending appropriate standards of corporate governance; reviewing internal control systems; ensuring that risk management systems are robust and reviewing corporate performance and ensuring that such performance is reported consistently, accurately and promptly to shareholders. The roles of the Board and its Committees are described in section 5 above.

Compliance with the Code and corporate governance requirements generally are reviewed on an ongoing basis by the Board and within the annual Board Performance Review process.

## 10. Communicate how the company is governed and is performing by maintaining a dialogue with shareholders and other relevant stakeholders

Bioventix recognises that meaningful engagement with its shareholders is integral to the continued success of the Company. Throughout the year the Company actively engages and maintains a healthy dialogue with institutional and significant shareholders through meetings, presentations and roadshows. Smaller private investors are encouraged to attend the AGM, when permitted, at which the Company's activities are considered and there is an opportunity for shareholders to meet, discuss the Company's business and governance and for questions to be answered. General information is available on the Company's website and the Board believes that the Annual Report and the Interim Report published at the half-year play an important part in presenting all shareholders with a timely assessment of the Company's position and prospects. All RNS press releases are published on the Company's website.

## Board Committees

**The Board** is supported by three committees; an Audit Committee, a Remuneration Committee and a Nomination Committee, each with delegated duties and responsibilities. Each committee is comprised of the two Non-Executive Directors, one of whom is the Chairman of that committee, and has access to all information, resources and advice, at the Company's cost, that the committee Chairman deems necessary to discharge its duties.

**The Audit Committee**, with Ian Nicholson as Chairman, determines and examines any matters relating to the financial affairs of the Company including the terms of engagement of the Company's auditors and, in consultation with the auditors, the scope of the audit. In addition, it considers the financial performance, position and prospects of the Company and ensures they are properly monitored and reported on. The Audit Committee can request attendance at committee meetings by, amongst others, the Chief Executive and the Chief Financial Officer. The formal terms of reference for the Audit Committee are published on the Company's website.

**The Remuneration Committee**, with Nick McCooke as Chairman, reviews the performance of the Executive Directors and sets their remuneration, determines the payment of bonuses to the Executive Directors and considers the Company's bonus and option schemes. The Remuneration Committee can request attendance at committee meetings by, amongst others, the Chief Executive and the Chief Financial Officer. The formal terms of reference for the Remuneration Committee are published on the Company's website.

**The Nomination Committee**, with Nick McCooke as Chairman, reviews the structure, size and composition (including the skills, knowledge, experience and diversity) of the Board and makes recommendations to the Board with regard to any changes; gives consideration to succession planning for directors and other senior executives and evaluates the balance of skills, knowledge, experience and diversity on the Board. The formal terms of reference for the Nomination Committee are published on the Company's website.

# Audit Committee

## This report has been produced by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board.

The Audit Committee is responsible for ensuring that Bioventix plc operates and maintains a strong control environment. It provides effective governance over the Company's financial reporting, including oversight and review of the systems of internal control and risk management and the performance of the external audit functions.

The Committee's formal terms of reference, which are reviewed and approved annually, set out the duties delegated to the Committee by the Board and are published on the Company's website. The Audit Committee has determined that an Internal Audit function is not an appropriate mechanism for Bioventix plc due to the Company's small size, the level of complexity of its operations and the close day-to-day involvement of the Executive Directors.

The Audit Committee is comprised of the two Independent Non-Executive Directors, with the Executive Directors only attending by invitation; the Committee invites the external auditor to attend certain meetings. The Committee is authorised by the Board, wherever and whenever necessary, to obtain external professional advice at the Company's expense in order to perform its duties which are to:

- make recommendations to the Board on the appointment of the external auditor and the amount of its remuneration;
- discuss and agree the scope of the audit, review the auditor's management letter and the Company's response;
- review half-year and annual financial statements and formal announcements relating to financial performance;
- review the adequacy and effectiveness of the Company's internal financial controls, and internal control and risk management systems;

- consider compliance with relevant laws and regulations; and
- review the Committee's terms of reference and recommend any proposed changes to the Board for approval.

During the year, the Committee met twice to consider standard business relating to the review of half-year and annual financial statements. The Committee also met on a further four occasions to consider the appointment of new external auditors and related auditor tender process, following the resignation of James Cowper Kreston as the Company's external auditor; they have confirmed that there are no circumstances connected with their resignation that they consider should be brought to the attention of members or creditors of the Company.

Further details of the matters considered or put into effect at the Committee meetings were as follows:

- acceptance of the external auditor's full-year report for the year ended 2021;
- acceptance of James Cowper Kreston resignation as the Company's external auditor;
- definition and approval of the Company's criteria and process for selection and appointment of new external auditors Kreston Reeves which were as follows:
  - Audit firms within the top 25 firms in the UK that are active and experienced in the market for auditing stock exchange listed companies that, because of the value of their market capitalisation, are defined as Other Public Interest Entities (OPIE);
  - Experience of working with smaller growing businesses working in the Life Sciences and Biotech sector;
  - A fit with Bioventix, its culture, ethos and aims;
  - An audit approach bringing efficiencies or adding value; and
  - Fee estimate.

- Selection process: Initial meetings and discussions with five firms were held by the Company to ascertain the ability of those firms to provide a statutory audit on the Company's 30 June 2022 year-end results and the Bioventix plc Annual Report and Accounts for that year within the expected timeframe. The firms were selected according to the above criteria. Three firms were then asked to provide written proposals and invited to present their proposals at a meeting with the Audit Committee at which the CEO and CFO were also present by invitation. Following these meetings Kreston Reeves were appointed as the Company's external auditor.
- review the suitability of the Company's accounting policies and practices;
- review of the half-year and full-year financial results, including the assessment of going concern and that the going concern basis is the appropriate basis for the preparation of the Company's accounts;
- review and approval of the external auditor's plan for 2022; and
- review and approval of the external auditor's fees for 2022.

Since the year end the Audit Committee has met to consider the integrity of the Company's financial reporting and provided advice to the Board that the 2022 Annual Report and Accounts, taken as a whole, is fair, balanced and understandable and provides the Company's shareholders with the necessary information to assess the Company's position, performance, business model and strategy.

The objective of this report is to explain the work of the Audit Committee and how it contributes to the maintenance of governance standards at Bioventix plc. The activities of the Committee are kept under review in line with regulatory and market developments and current thinking on best practice. The Board welcomes communication from shareholders; should any have suggestions regarding the scope and activity of the Audit Committee they should address them to the Chairman of the Audit Committee at Bioventix plc.



**Ian Nicholson**  
Chairman of the  
Audit Committee

**Date**  
**21 October 2022**

# Remuneration Report

## This report has been prepared by the Remuneration Committee and approved by the Board.

The Remuneration Committee, with Nick McCooke as Chairman, reviews the performance of the Executive Directors and sets their remuneration, determines the payment of bonuses to the Executive Directors and considers the Company's bonus and option schemes. The Remuneration Committee can request attendance at committee meetings by, amongst others, the Chief Executive and the Chief Financial Officer. The formal terms of reference for the Remuneration Committee are published on the Company's website.

In assessing appropriate remuneration arrangements, the Remuneration Committee takes into account relevant employment market conditions with the overall objective of ensuring maximum stakeholder benefit and links a key part of the Chief Executive's remuneration to the Company's financial and operational performance.

### Remuneration policy

The Committee aims to ensure that total remuneration is set at an appropriate level for the Company and its operations.

The objectives and core principles of the remuneration policy are to ensure:

- remuneration levels support the Company strategy;
- an appropriate link between performance and reward;
- linking of long-term incentives to shareholder returns; and
- good teamwork by enabling all employees to share in the success of the business.

There are four elements that together can make up the remuneration packages for the Executive Directors:

- basic annual salary or fees;
- benefits in kind;
- discretionary annual bonus; and
- a long-term incentive plan.

### Basic salary

The basic salary of each of the Executive Directors is normally determined by the Committee towards the end of each financial year with any changes taking effect from 1 July. Basic salary is reviewed and adjustments made taking into account individual performance, market factors and sector conditions.

### Benefits in kind and cash equivalents

Benefits provided to the Chief Executive during the year comprised pension contributions.

### Discretionary bonuses

A cash bonus award for performance during Financial Year 2020/21 was made to the Chief Executive and most staff in November 2021; bonuses in respect of performance in 2021/22 are forecast to be made in November 2022. Bonus criteria for the Chief Executive are based on performance criteria that are designed to align with shareholder interests and comprise factors relating to shareholder return, earnings per share and performance against agreed long-term corporate and operational milestones.

### Share Option Plan

The company operated two share option schemes in the year; an Approved EMI Share Option Scheme and an Unapproved Share Option Scheme.

Under the terms of the Company's 2013 EMI Share Option Scheme, the Approved Scheme, directors and employees are eligible for awards. Performance conditions do not apply to the awards and upon any change of control, all options vest in full. All options lapse upon the tenth anniversary of grant.

The terms of Unapproved Share Option Scheme mirror those of the EMI Share Option Scheme. It is however a non-tax advantaged scheme and facilitates the award of share options to those key staff and directors who are ineligible for the award of share options under the EMI Share Option Scheme.

### Non-Executive Directors' fees

The Non-Executive Directors receive a fee for carrying out their duties and responsibilities. The level of such fees is set and reviewed annually by the Board, excluding the Non-Executive Directors. The Non-Executive Directors do not currently receive additional fees for acting as members of the Board's various committees.

### Directors' remuneration

Director	Position	Salary £	Bonus £	Pension £	2021 £	2020 £
Peter Harrison	Chief Executive Officer	184,439	52,872	12,578	249,889	270,814
Nicholas McCooke	Non-Executive Director	27,315	-	-	27,315	26,780
Ian Nicholson	Non-Executive Director	34,670	-	-	34,670	33,990
Bruce Hiscock	Chief Financial Officer	81,004	-	-	81,004	61,660
<b>Total</b>		<b>327,428</b>	<b>52,872</b>	<b>12,578</b>	<b>392,878</b>	<b>393,244</b>

The Chief Executive's bonus above is determined by the Remuneration Committee according to performance criteria designed to be consistent with companies of a similar profile and relating to EPS and share price parameters, together with a smaller R&D element.

In light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the ensuing uncertainty, remuneration remained unchanged for 2021/22. The Remuneration Committee plans to conduct a comprehensive review of remuneration in November 2022.

### Service Contracts

The Executive Directors are subject to service contracts with a notice period of six and three months respectively for the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer. Payments on termination for Executive Directors, other than on the grounds of incapacity or circumstances justifying summary termination, are restricted to the value of any unexpired notice period and the cost of providing other contractual benefits during the unexpired notice period.

The Non-Executive Directors are appointed for a fixed period of three years and may be terminated by either party giving to the other not less than three months' notice.

### Directors' interests in the share capital of Bioventix plc

#### Ordinary shares of 5p each

Director	Ordinary shares of 5p each	
	30 June 2022	30 June 2021
Peter Harrison	416,676	416,676
Ian Nicholson	15,500	15,500
Nicholas McCooke	-	-
Bruce Hiscock	424	-

#### Options over Ordinary shares of 5p each

Director	Date of grant	Total Options held 30/06/2022	Exercise price per share	Exercise period
Peter Harrison	06/01/2017	5,204	£13.50	06/01/2020 - 06/01/2027
Peter Harrison	14/02/2020	9,071	£38.55	14/02/2023 - 14/02/2030
Ian Nicholson	17/01/2020*	3,238	£13.50	06/01/2020 - 06/01/2027
Ian Nicholson	14/02/2020	1,712	£38.55	14/02/2023 - 14/02/2030
Nicholas McCooke	17/01/2020*	2,752	£13.50	06/01/2020 - 06/01/2027
Nicholas McCooke	14/02/2020	1,349	£38.55	14/02/2023 - 14/02/2030

\* Following legal advice Options granted to two directors under the Company's EMI Share Option Scheme on 6/1/2017 were surrendered and regranted with replacement non-EMI Share Options granted under the Company's Unapproved Share Option Scheme on 17/1/2020; the key terms and conditions relating to price, vesting and option periods for the regranted options remained unchanged from those originally granted which were surrendered. However, the replacement non-EMI options will not benefit from the tax-advantaged status of EMI Options.

The total charge to reflect the cost of those share options in issue during the year was £244,871 (2021: £275,629); of this charge the following amounts related to the directors:

Peter Harrison – £34,092 (2021: £32,823)

Nicholas McCooke – £30,149 (2021: £30,149)

Ian Nicholson – £35,978 (2021: £35,978)

### Shareholder feedback

The objective of this report is to communicate the remuneration of the directors and how this is linked to performance. In this regard the Board is committed to maintaining an open transparent dialogue with shareholders and is always interested to hear their views on remuneration matters.



**Nicholas McCooke**  
Chairman of the  
Remuneration Committee

Date  
21 October 2022



# Nomination Committee Report

## This report has been prepared by the Nomination Committee and approved by the Board.

The Nomination Committee, with Nick McCooke as Chairman. It is comprised of the two Independent Non-Executive Directors with the Executive Directors co-opted as required. The committee reviews the structure, size and composition (including the skills, knowledge, experience and diversity) of the Board and makes recommendations to the Board with regard to any changes.

The main responsibilities of the Committee are as follows;

- Regularly reviewing the structure, size and composition of the Board, including assessing the skills, knowledge, experience and diversity of the Board;
- Giving full consideration to succession planning for directors and other senior executives and employees;
- Keeping under review the leadership needs of the organisation;
- Being responsible for identifying and nominating for the approval of the Board, candidates to fill Board vacancies as and when they arise;
- Reviewing the results of the Board performance evaluation process that relate to the composition of the Board;
- Formulating plans for succession for both Executive and Non-Executive Directors;
- Nominating membership of the Audit and Remuneration Committees; and
- Any matters relating to the continuation in office of any director at any time including the appointment or removal of any director to Executive or other office.

The Nomination Committee is responsible for the Board's policy on inclusivity and diversity. Bioventix plc is a small, niche business and has a very limited number of employees and directors. Unlike large organisations it can therefore be difficult to realistically set and then meet meaningful targets for diversity. The Board recognises the benefits of diversity in its broadest sense and the value it brings to the business and this can be seen at Bioventix plc in the age range of our employees, our 50/50 gender split and the number of returning parents in our team. A diversity of skills, background knowledge, international and industry experience, race and gender, amongst many other qualities, will always be taken into consideration when seeking to appoint new directors to the Board.

The Committee met twice during the year to consider the composition of the Board and, in particular, to review the requirement to appoint further Non-Executive Directors as the business grows. Future appointments will be made based on required expertise to match the needs of the business whilst bearing in mind the need to introduce diversity into the Board composition.



**Nicholas McCooke**  
Chairman of the  
Remuneration Committee

**Date**  
21 October 2022



# Auditors' Report



# Independent Auditors' Report to the Members of Bioventix Plc

## Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Bioventix PLC (the 'company') for the year ended 30 June 2022, which comprises the Statement of comprehensive income, the Statement of financial position, the Statement of changes in equity, the Statement of cash flows, an analysis of net debt, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation of the financial statements is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 30 June 2022 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

## Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

## Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

In relation to the entity's reporting on how they have applied the UK Corporate Governance Code, we have nothing material to add or draw attention to in relation to the directors' statement in the financial statements about whether the directors considered it appropriate to adopt the going concern basis of accounting.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

## An overview of the scope of our audit

We tailored the scope of our audit to ensure that we performed sufficient work to be able to give an opinion on the financial statements as a whole, considering the company's structure, accounting processes and controls, and the industry in which they operate.

Our scoping considerations for the audit were based both on financial information and risk, and we obtained the level of assurance required in line with a full statutory audit.

## Key audit matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current period and include the most significant assessed risks of material misstatement (whether or not due to fraud) we identified, including those which had the greatest effect on: the overall audit strategy, the allocation of resources in the audit; and directing the efforts of the engagement team. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters. This is not a complete list of all risks identified by our audit.

## Revenue recognition

### Significance and nature of key risk

The company had two main sources of revenue during the year, being the sales of antibodies and the receipt of royalty income.

We have focused on these income streams due to the potential for material misstatement of revenue whether caused by fraud or error.

### How our audit addressed the key risk

We substantively tested the material income streams by agreeing a sample of sales transactions to source documentation and confirmed that they were accurately recorded.

By testing a sample of transactions shortly before and after the year-end date, we ascertained that sales were correctly recorded within the financial period to which they relate.

We assessed the systems and controls in place around the revenue cycle, implemented by the company themselves, to ensure that these are functioning as designed.

## Key observations communicated to the Risk and Audit Committee

We have no concerns over the material accuracy of revenue recognised in the financial statements.

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## Valuation of investments

### Significance and nature of key risk

Investments are held in un-listed companies whose valuation is not publicly available. There is a risk that the investments are not held at the correct valuation, leading to a potential requirement to either impair or uplift the value where necessary.

### How our audit addressed the key risk

We confirmed that the company owns the investments held and obtained management's assessment of the valuation method historically applied. We reviewed this for reasonableness and whether its use was considered appropriate to continue going forward. We considered possible indicators of impairment and uplift relating to the unlisted entities.

### Key observations communicated to the Risk and Audit Committee

We have no concerns over the material accuracy of investment values recognised in the financial statements.

## Management override

### Significance and nature of key risk

Intrinsically there is always a risk of material misstatement due to fraud because of possible management override.

### How our audit addressed the key risk

We assessed significant accounting estimates and considered whether these were accurately calculated, and whether their conclusions were reasonable. Journal entries were reviewed using data analytics in order to assess for any potential fraudulent postings within the year.

### Key observations communicated to the Risk and Audit Committee

We found no indications of management override due to fraud or otherwise within the financial statements.

## Our application of materiality

	Company financial statements
<b>Materiality</b>	£458,000
<b>Basis for determining materiality</b>	5% of profit before tax
<b>Rationale for benchmark applied</b>	The company's principal activity is that of the supply of antibodies and is quoted on AIM. To this end the business and its stakeholders are focused on trading and generating profits. Therefore, a benchmark for materiality of PBT is considered to be the most appropriate.
<b>Performance materiality</b>	£321,000
<b>Basis for determining performance materiality</b>	70% of materiality
<b>Rationale for performance materiality applied</b>	On the basis of our risk assessments, together with our assessment of the company's overall control environment, our judgement was that performance materiality was 70% of our planning materiality. In assessing the appropriate level, we consider risk exposure, our experience of the company and an assessment of the likelihood of misstatement.
<b>Triviality threshold</b>	£22,900
<b>Basis for determining triviality threshold</b>	5% of materiality

We reported all audit differences found in excess of our triviality threshold of £22,900 to the directors and the management board.

As part of designing our audit, we determined materiality and assessed the risks of material misstatement in the financial statements. In particular, we looked at where the directors made subjective judgements, for example in respect of significant accounting estimates that involved making assumptions and considering future events that are inherently uncertain. As in all of our audits we also addressed the risk of management override of internal controls, including evaluating whether there was evidence of bias by the directors that represented a risk of material misstatement due to fraud.

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## Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and our Auditors' Report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements, or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

## Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, the part of the directors' remuneration report to be audited has been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Strategic Report and the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the parent company financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Strategic Report and the Directors' Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

## Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Strategic Report or the Directors' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the parent company financial statements and the part of the directors' remuneration report to be audited are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

## Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement on page 28, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine 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, the directors are responsible for assessing the 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 unless the directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

## Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditors' 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 (UK) 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 these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below.

## Capability of the audit in detecting irregularities, including fraud

Based on our understanding of the company and industry, and through discussion with the directors and other management (as required by auditing standards), we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to health and safety, anti-bribery and employment law. We considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements such as the Companies Act 2006 and taxation. We communicated identified laws and regulations throughout our team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit. We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls), and

determined that the principal risks were related to posting inappropriate journal entries to increase revenue or reduce expenditure, management bias in accounting estimates and judgemental areas of the financial statements such as the valuation of investments and accrued revenue. Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- Detailed discussions were held with management to identify any known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations; and
- Identifying and assessing the design effectiveness of controls that management has in place to prevent and detect fraud; and
- Challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in its significant accounting estimates; and
- Performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships, including related party transactions, that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud; and
- Confirmation of related parties with management, and review of transactions throughout the period to identify any previously undisclosed transactions with related parties outside the normal course of business; and
- Performing analytical procedures with automated data analytics tools to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships, including related party transactions, that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud; and
- Reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance and reviewing correspondence with relevant tax and regulatory authorities; and
- Review of significant and unusual transactions and evaluation of the underlying financial rationale supporting the transactions; and
- Identifying and testing journal entries, in particular any manual entries made at the year end for financial statement preparation.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance

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with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), 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 of the effectiveness of the company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the director.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the director's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the 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 Auditors' 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 Auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the company to cease to continue as a going concern.

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

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.

## Use of our report

This report is made solely to the company's members in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

*Kreston Reeves LLP*

Anne Dwyer BSc (Hons) FCA (Senior statutory auditor)  
for and on behalf of

## Kreston Reeves LLP

Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors  
London

## Date

21 October 2022



# Statement of comprehensive income for the year ended 30 June 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Turnover	4	11,719,271	10,930,588
Cost of sales		(710,446)	(817,448)
<b>Gross profit</b>		<b>11,008,825</b>	<b>10,113,140</b>
Administrative expenses		(1,605,446)	(1,506,741)
Difference on foreign exchange		92,856	(294,046)
Research and development tax credit		22,160	32,878
Share option charge		(244,871)	(257,629)
<b>Operating profit</b>	5	<b>9,273,524</b>	<b>8,087,602</b>
Interest receivable and similar income	8	4,804	30,628
Interest payable and expenses	9	(303)	-
<b>Profit before tax</b>		<b>9,278,025</b>	<b>8,118,230</b>
Tax on profit	10	(1,603,874)	(1,386,882)
<b>Profit for the financial year</b>		<b>7,674,151</b>	<b>6,731,348</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income for the year</b>			
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>		<b>7,674,151</b>	<b>6,731,348</b>
<b>Earnings per share:</b>		<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Basic (pence per share)		147.32	129.22
Diluted (pence per share)		145.90	127.94

The notes on pages 74 to 89 form part of these financial statements.

# Statement of financial position as at 30 June 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	12	694,370	843,720
Investments	13	610,039	610,039
		<b>1,304,409</b>	<b>1,453,759</b>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Stocks	14	461,815	332,459
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	15	5,224,717	4,625,967
Cash at bank and in hand	16	6,126,650	6,494,985
		<b>11,813,182</b>	<b>11,453,411</b>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	(1,252,165)	(1,008,772)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<b>10,561,017</b>	<b>10,444,639</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<b>11,865,426</b>	<b>11,898,398</b>
<b>Provisions for liabilities</b>			
Deferred tax	18	(44,276)	(78,084)
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>11,821,150</b>	<b>11,820,314</b>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Called up share capital	19	260,467	260,467
Share premium account	20	1,332,471	1,332,471
Capital redemption reserve	20	1,231	1,231
Profit and loss account	20	10,226,981	10,226,145
		<b>11,821,150</b>	<b>11,820,314</b>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf.

Peter Harrison  
Director



Date  
21 October 2022

The notes on pages 74 to 89 form part of these financial statements.

# Statement of changes in Equity for the year ended 30 June 2022

	Called up share capital £	Share premium account £	Capital redemption reserve £	Profit and loss account £	Total equity £
At 1 July 2021	260,467	1,332,471	1,231	10,226,145	11,820,314
<b>Comprehensive income for the year</b>					
Profit for the year	-	-	-	7,674,151	7,674,151
<b>Other comprehensive income for the year</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>				7,674,151	7,674,151
Dividends: Equity capital	-	-	-	(7,918,186)	(7,918,186)
Transfer to/from profit and loss account	-	-	-	244,871	244,871
<b>Total transactions with owners</b>	-	-	-	(7,673,315)	(7,673,315)
<b>At 30 June 2022</b>	<b>260,467</b>	<b>1,332,471</b>	<b>1,231</b>	<b>10,226,981</b>	<b>11,821,150</b>

## Statement of changes in Equity for the year ended 30 June 2021

	Called up share capital £	Share premium account £	Capital redemption reserve £	Profit and loss account £	Total equity £
At 1 July 2020	260,392	1,312,323	1,231	10,946,981	12,520,927
<b>Comprehensive income for the year</b>					
Profit for the year	-	-	-	6,731,348	6,731,348
<b>Other comprehensive income for the year</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>				6,731,348	6,731,348
Dividends: Equity capital	-	-	-	(7,709,813)	(7,709,813)
Shares issued during the year	75	20,148	-	-	20,223
Transfer to/from profit and loss account	-	-	-	257,629	257,629
<b>Total transactions with owners</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>20,148</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(7,452,184)</b>	<b>(7,431,961)</b>
<b>At 30 June 2021</b>	<b>260,467</b>	<b>1,332,471</b>	<b>1,231</b>	<b>10,226,145</b>	<b>11,820,314</b>

The notes on pages 74 to 89 form part of these financial statements.

# Statement of cash flows for the year ended 30 June 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Profit for the financial year	7,674,151	6,731,348
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Depreciation of tangible assets	143,392	135,103
Loss/(Profit) on disposal of tangible assets	17,714	(500)
Interest paid	303	-
Interest received	(4,804)	(30,628)
Taxation charge	1,603,874	1,386,882
(Increase) in stocks	(129,356)	(87,036)
(Increase) in debtors	(598,752)	(976,596)
Increase in creditors	76,347	59,514
Corporation tax (paid)	(1,470,634)	(1,138,410)
Share option charge	244,871	257,629
<b>Net cash generated from operating activities</b>	<b>7,557,106</b>	<b>6,337,306</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(11,756)	(260,327)
Sale of tangible fixed assets	-	500
Interest received	4,804	30,628
<b>Net cash from investing activities</b>	<b>(6,952)</b>	<b>(229,199)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
Issue of ordinary shares	-	20,223
Dividends paid	(7,918,186)	(7,709,813)
Interest paid	(303)	-
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>	<b>(7,918,489)</b>	<b>(7,689,590)</b>
<b>Net (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>(368,335)</b>	<b>(1,581,483)</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	6,494,985	8,076,468
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of year</b>	<b>6,126,650</b>	<b>6,494,985</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of year comprise:</b>		
Cash at bank and in hand	6,126,650	6,494,985
	<b>6,126,650</b>	<b>6,494,985</b>

The notes on pages 74 to 89 form part of these financial statements.

# Analysis of net debt for the year ended 30 June 2022

	At 1 July 2021 £	Cash flows £	At 30 June 2022 £
Cash at bank and in hand	6,494,985	(368,335)	6,126,650
	<b>6,494,985</b>	<b>(368,335)</b>	<b>6,126,650</b>

The notes on pages 74 to 89 form part of these financial statements.



# Notes to the Financial Statements



# Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2022

## 1. General information

Bioventix PLC (04923945) is a public limited company registered in England and Wales. The Registered Office is 27–28 Eastcastle Street, London W1W 8DH.

## 2. Accounting policies

### 2.1. Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention unless otherwise specified within these accounting policies and in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland and the Companies Act 2006.

The preparation of financial statements in compliance with FRS 102 requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise judgement in applying the Company's accounting policies (see note 3).

The following principal accounting policies have been applied.

### 2.2. Revenue

Turnover is recognised for product supplied or services rendered to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Company and the turnover can be reliably measured. Turnover is measured as the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, excluding discounts, rebates, value added tax and other sales taxes. The following criteria determine when turnover will be recognised:

#### Direct sales

Direct sales are generally recognised at the date of dispatch unless contractual terms with customers state that risk and title pass on delivery of goods, in which case revenue is recognised on delivery.

#### R&D income

Subcontracted R&D income is recognised based upon the stage of completion at the year end.

### Licence revenue and royalties

Annual licence revenue is recognised, in full, based upon the date of invoice. Royalties are accrued over the period to which they relate and revenue is recognised based upon returns and notifications received from customers. In the event that subsequent adjustments to royalties are identified they are recognised in the period in which they are identified.

### 2.3. Foreign currency translation

#### Functional and presentation currency

The Company's functional and presentational currency is GBP.

#### Transactions and balances

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the spot exchange rates at the dates of the transactions.

At each period end foreign currency monetary items are translated using the closing rate. Non-monetary items measured at historical cost are translated using the exchange rate at the date of the transaction and non-monetary items measured at fair value are measured using the exchange rate when fair value was determined.

### 2.4. Interest income

Interest income is recognised in profit or loss using the effective interest method.

### 2.5. Finance costs

Finance costs are charged to profit or loss over the term of the debt using the effective interest method so that the amount charged is at a constant rate on the carrying amount. Issue costs are initially recognised as a reduction in the proceeds of the associated capital instrument.

## 2.6. Pensions

### Defined contribution pension plan

The Company operates a defined contribution plan for its employees. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the Company pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. Once the contributions have been paid the Company has no further payment obligations.

The contributions are recognised as an expense in profit or loss when they fall due. Amounts not paid are shown in accruals as a liability in the Statement of financial position. The assets of the plan are held separately from the Company in independently administered funds.

### 2.7. Current and deferred taxation

Current and deferred tax are recognised as an expense or income in the Statement of comprehensive income, except when they relate to items credited or debited directly to equity, in which case the tax is also recognised directly in equity. The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date in the countries where the Company operates and generates income.

Deferred tax balances are recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed by the reporting date, except that:

- The recognition of deferred tax assets is limited to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits; and
- Any deferred tax balances are reversed if and when all conditions for retaining associated tax allowances have been met.

Deferred tax balances are not recognised in respect of permanent differences except in respect of business combinations, when deferred tax is recognised on the differences between the fair values

of assets acquired and the future tax deductions available for them and the differences between the fair values of liabilities acquired and the amount that will be assessed for tax. Deferred tax is determined using tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date.

### 2.8. Research and development

Research and development expenditure is written off in the year in which it is incurred.

### 2.9. Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets under the cost model are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management.

Land is not depreciated. Depreciation on other assets is charged so as to allocate the cost of assets less their residual value over their estimated useful life.

Freehold property – 2% straight line

Plant & equipment – 25% straight line

Motor vehicles – 25% straight line

Fixtures & Fittings – 25% straight line

Equipment – 25% straight line

### 2.10. Valuation of investments

Investments in unlisted Company shares, whose market value can be reliably determined, are remeasured to market value at each reporting date. Gains and losses on remeasurement are recognised in the Statement of comprehensive income for the period. Where market value cannot be reliably determined, such investments are stated at historic cost less impairment.

## 2. Accounting policies (continued)

### 2.11. Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value, being the estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

At each balance sheet date, stocks are assessed for impairment. If stock is impaired, the carrying amount is reduced to its selling price less costs to complete and sell. The impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

### 2.12. Debtors

Short-term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment. Loans receivable are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment.

### 2.13. Cash and cash equivalents

Cash is represented by cash in hand and deposits with financial institutions repayable without penalty on notice of not more than 24 hours. Cash equivalents are highly liquid investments that mature in no more than 12 months from the date of acquisition and that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with insignificant risk of change in value.

In the Statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents are shown net of bank overdrafts that are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the Company's cash management.

### 2.14. Creditors

Short-term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other financial liabilities, including bank loans, are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

### 2.15. Provisions for liabilities

Provisions are made where an event has taken place that gives the Company a legal or constructive obligation that probably requires settlement by a transfer of economic benefit, and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

Provisions are charged as an expense to profit or loss in the year that the Company becomes aware of the obligation, and are measured at the best estimate at the reporting date of the expenditure required to settle the obligation, taking into account relevant risks and uncertainties.

When payments are eventually made, they are charged to the provision carried in the Statement of financial position.

### 2.16. Financial instruments

The Company only enters into basic financial instrument transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities like trade and other debtors and creditors, loans from banks and other third parties, loans to related parties and investments in ordinary shares.

### 2.17. Dividends

Equity dividends are recognised when they become legally payable. Interim equity dividends are recognised when paid. Final equity dividends are recognised when approved by the shareholders at an annual general meeting.

### 2.18. Employee benefits-share-based compensation

The Company operates an equity-settled, share-based compensation plan. The fair value of the employee services received in exchange for the grant of the options is recognised as an expense over the vesting period. The total amount to be expensed over the vesting period is determined by reference to the fair value of the options granted. At each balance sheet date, the Company will revise its estimates of

the number of options are expected to be exercisable. It will recognise the impact of the revision of original estimates, if any, in the profit and loss account, with a corresponding adjustment to equity. The proceeds received net of any directly attributable transaction costs are credited to share capital (nominal value) and share premium when the options are exercised.

## 3. Judgements in applying accounting policies and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the Company's accounting policies (as described in note 2), management is required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions. These estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis.

### Carrying value of Unlisted investments

The Company holds two unlisted investments in companies carrying out research in identifying biomarkers for diagnosing health conditions. The directors have reviewed the progress of this research over the last year. In common with much scientific research there is uncertainty, both in relation to the science and to the commercial outcome, and no information to be able to reliably calculate a fair value for these investments. The carrying value of these investments will continue to be historic cost.

## 4. Turnover

An analysis of turnover by class of business is as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
Product revenue and R&D income	3,592,556	3,620,416
Royalty and licence fee income	8,126,715	7,310,172
	<b>11,719,271</b>	<b>10,930,588</b>
United Kingdom	787,046	824,518
European Union	1,327,360	1,246,024
Rest of the world	9,604,865	8,860,046
	<b>11,719,271</b>	<b>10,930,588</b>

<b>5. Operating profit</b>		
The operating profit is stated after charging:		
	<b>2022</b>	<i>2021</i>
	<b>£</b>	<i>£</i>
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<b>143,392</b>	<i>135,104</i>
Fees payable to the Company's auditor and its associates for the audit of the Company's annual financial statements	<b>22,000</b>	<i>12,500</i>
Exchange differences	<b>(92,856)</b>	<i>294,046</i>
Research and development costs	<b>975,317</b>	<i>1,201,236</i>
<b>6. Employees</b>		
Staff costs, including directors' remuneration, were as follows:		
	<b>2022</b>	<i>2021</i>
	<b>£</b>	<i>£</i>
Wages and salaries	<b>876,375</b>	<i>908,322</i>
Social security costs	<b>105,337</b>	<i>103,316</i>
Share option charge	<b>244,871</b>	<i>257,629</i>
Cost of defined contribution scheme	<b>34,563</b>	<i>33,088</i>
	<b>1,261,146</b>	<i>1,302,355</i>
The average monthly number of employees, including the directors, during the year was as follows:		
	<b>2022</b>	<i>2020</i>
	<b>No.</b>	<i>No.</i>
Management and administration	<b>5</b>	<i>5</i>
Scientific	<b>11</b>	<i>12</i>
	<b>16</b>	<i>17</i>

<b>7. Directors' remuneration</b>		
	<b>2022</b>	<i>2021</i>
	<b>£</b>	<i>£</i>
Directors' emoluments	<b>368,996</b>	<i>379,632</i>
Company contributions to defined contribution pension schemes	<b>12,578</b>	<i>10,229</i>
	<b>381,574</b>	<i>389,861</i>
During the year retirement benefits were accruing to 1 director (2021: 1) in respect of defined contribution pension schemes.		
<b>8. Interest receivable</b>		
	<b>2022</b>	<i>2021</i>
	<b>£</b>	<i>£</i>
Other interest receivable	<b>4,804</b>	<i>30,628</i>
<b>9. Interest payable and similar expenses</b>		
	<b>2022</b>	<i>2021</i>
	<b>£</b>	<i>£</i>
Other interest payable	<b>303</b>	<i>-</i>

**10. Taxation**

	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Corporation tax</b>		
Current tax on profits for the year	1,637,682	1,359,036
<b>Total current tax</b>	<b>1,637,682</b>	<b>1,359,036</b>
<b>Deferred tax</b>		
Origination and reversal of timing differences	(33,808)	27,846
<b>Total deferred tax</b>	<b>(33,808)</b>	<b>27,846</b>
<b>Taxation on profit on ordinary activities</b>	<b>1,603,874</b>	<b>1,386,882</b>

**Factors affecting tax charge for the year**

The tax assessed for the year is lower than (2021: lower than) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2021: 19%). The differences are explained below:

	2022 £	2021 £
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	9,278,025	8,118,230
Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2021: 19%)	1,762,825	1,542,464
<b>Effects of:</b>		
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes, other than goodwill amortisation and impairment	83	42
Capital allowances for year in excess of depreciation	27,048	(6,398)
Research and development tax credit	(198,799)	(226,022)
Share-based payments	46,525	48,950
Other differences leading to an increase in the tax charge	(33,808)	27,846
<b>Total tax charge for the year</b>	<b>1,603,874</b>	<b>1,386,882</b>

**Factors that may affect future tax charges**

The rate of corporation tax in the UK is set to be increased from the current rate of 19% to 25% with effect from 1 April 2023. This change will increase the tax charge in future years such that, had the change been in place in the current year, it would have increased by £517,163 from £1,603,874 to £2,121,037.

**11. Dividends**

	2022 £	2021 £
Dividends paid	7,918,186	7,709,813
	<b>7,918,186</b>	<b>7,709,813</b>



**12. Tangible fixed assets**

	Freehold property £	Plant & machinery £	Motor vehicles £	Fixtures & fittings £	Office equipment £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>						
At 1 July 2021	475,000	621,831	13,090	414,979	31,016	1,555,916
Additions	-	4,660	-	-	7,096	11,756
Disposals	-	(154,384)	-	(7,864)	(1,502)	(163,750)
At 30 June 2022	475,000	472,107	13,090	407,115	36,610	1,403,922
<b>Depreciation</b>						
At 1 July 2021	142,500	393,763	1,636	153,433	20,864	712,196
Charge for the year on owned assets	7,125	70,811	3,273	58,685	3,498	143,392
Disposals	-	(138,510)	-	(6,661)	(865)	(146,036)
At 30 June 2022	149,625	326,064	4,909	205,457	23,497	709,552
<b>Net book value</b>						
At 30 June 2022	325,375	146,043	8,181	201,658	13,113	694,370
At 30 June 2021	332,500	228,068	11,454	261,546	10,152	843,720

Included within land and buildings is freehold land at cost of £118,750 which is not depreciated.  
(2021: £118,750).

**13. Fixed asset investments**

	Unlisted investments
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 July 2021	610,039
At 30 June 2022	610,039

**14. Stocks**

	2022 £	2021 £
Finished goods and goods for resale	461,815	332,459

**15. Debtors**

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade debtors	754,039	638,077
Other debtors	10,402	8,244
Prepayments and accrued income	4,460,276	3,979,646
	<b>5,224,717</b>	<b>4,625,967</b>

**16. Cash and cash equivalents**

	2022 £	2021 £
Cash at bank and in hand	6,126,650	6,494,985

<b>17. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>		
	2022 £	2021 £
Trade creditors	157,280	150,854
Corporation tax	709,098	542,050
Other taxation and social security	22,666	37,275
Accruals and deferred income	363,121	278,593
	<b>1,252,165</b>	<b>1,008,772</b>

<b>18. Deferred taxation</b>		
	2022 £	2021 £
At beginning of year	(78,084)	(50,238)
Charged to profit or loss	33,808	(27,846)
<b>At end of year</b>	<b>(44,276)</b>	<b>(78,084)</b>

The provision for deferred taxation is made up as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
Accelerated capital allowances	(44,276)	(78,084)
	<b>(44,276)</b>	<b>(78,084)</b>

<b>19. Share capital</b>		
	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Allotted, called up and fully paid</b>		
5,209,333 (2021: 5,209,333) Ordinary shares of £0.05 each	<b>260,467</b>	260,467

The holders of ordinary shares are entitled to receive dividends as declared and are entitled to one vote per share at meetings of the Company. All ordinary shares rank equally with regard to the Company's residual assets.

## 20. Reserves

### Share premium account

The share premium reserve contains the premium arising on issues of equity shares, net of issue expenses.

### Capital redemption reserve

The capital redemption arose on the buy-back of shares by the Company.

### Profit and loss account

The profit and loss reserve represents cumulative profits or losses, net of dividends paid and other adjustments.

## 21. Share-based payments

During the year the company operated two share option schemes: an Approved EMI Share Option Scheme and an Unapproved Share Option Scheme to incentivise employees.

The Company has applied the requirements of FRS 102 Section 26 Share-based Payment to all the options granted under both schemes. The terms for granting share options under both schemes are the same and provide for an option price equal to the market value of the Company's shares on the date of the grant and for the Approved EMI Share Option Scheme this price is subsequently agreed with HMRC Shares and Assets Valuation Division.

The contractual life of an option under both schemes is 10 years from the date of grant. Options granted become exercisable on the third anniversary of the date of grant. Exercise of an option is normally subject to continued employment, but there are also considerations for good leavers. All share-based remuneration is settled in equity shares.

**21. Share-based payments (continued)**

	<b>Weighted average exercise price (pence) 2022</b>	<b>Number 2022</b>	<i>Weighted average exercise price (pence) 2021</i>	<i>Number 2021</i>
Outstanding at the beginning of the year	<b>2928.00</b>	<b>52,204</b>	<i>2942.00</i>	<i>57,103</i>
Granted during the year	-	-	-	-
Forfeited during the year	<b>3855.00</b>	<b>(1,706)</b>	<i>3855.00</i>	<i>(3,401)</i>
Exercised during the year	-	-	<i>1350.00</i>	<i>(1,498)</i>
<b>Outstanding at the end of the year</b>	<b>2896.00</b>	<b>50,498</b>	<i>2928.00</i>	<i>52,204</i>
			<b>2022</b>	<i>2021</i>
Option pricing model used			<b>Black Scholes</b>	<i>Black Scholes</i>
Issue price			<b>£13.50-£38.55</b>	<i>£13.50-£38.55</i>
Exercise price (pence)			<b>£13.50-£38.55</b>	<i>£13.50-£38.55</i>
Option life			<b>10 years</b>	<i>10 years</i>
Expected volatility			<b>25.15%</b>	<i>25.15%</i>
Fair value at measurement date			<b>£4.66-£26.91</b>	<i>£4.66-£26.91</i>
Risk-free interest rate			<b>0.18%</b>	<i>0.18%</i>

The expected volatility is based upon the historical volatility over the period since the Company's shares were listed on AIM.

The expense recognised for share-based payments during the year ended 30 June 2022 was £244,871 (2021: £257,629).

The number of staff and officers holding share options at 30 June 2022 was 13 (2021: 14). The share options have been issued to underpin staff service conditions.

**22. Earnings per share**

The weighted average number of shares in issue for the basic earnings per share calculation is 5,209,333 (2021: 5,209,308) and for the diluted earnings per share, assuming the exercise of all share options is 5,259,831 (2021: 5,261,512).

The calculation of the basic earnings per share is based on the profit for the period of £7,674,151 (2021: £6,731,348) divided by the weighted average number of shares in issue of 5,209,333 (2021: 5,209,308); the basic earnings per share is 147.32p (2021: 129.22p). The diluted earnings per share, assuming the exercise of all of the share options, is based on 5,259,831 (2021: 5,261,512) shares and is 145.90p (2021: 127.94p).

**23. Pension commitments**

The Company operates a defined contributions pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Company in an independently administered fund. The pension charge represents contributions payable by the Company to the fund and amounted to £34,563 (2021: £33,088). No contributions were owing at the year end (2021: £nil).

**24. Related party transactions**

During the year a dividend of £633,348 (2021: £616,680) was paid to a director and his wife.

**25. Controlling party**

During the year there has not been an individual controlling party.



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