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| **Prospectus Supplement No. 1**  **To Prospectus dated September 24, 2020** | **Filed Pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3)**  **Registration Statement No. 333-239958** |

**GEOVAX LABS, INC.**

**2,560,000**

**Units consisting of**

**Common Stock or**

**Pre-Funded Warrants to Purchase Common Stock**

**and**

**Warrants to Purchase Common Stock**

We are supplementing the prospectus dated September 24, 2020 covering the sale of 2,310,000 units consisting of one common share and one warrant to purchase one share of common stock and 250,000 units consisting of one pre-funded warrant to purchase one share of common stock and one warrant to purchase one share of common stock (“Units”), to add certain information as described below.

This prospectus supplement supplements information contained in the prospectus dated September 24, 2020 and should be read in conjunction therewith, including any previous supplements and amendments thereto, which are to be delivered with this prospectus supplement.

This prospectus supplement is not complete without, and may not be delivered or utilized except in connection with, the prospectus dated September 24, 2020, including any previous supplements and amendments thereto.

Investing in our common stock involves certain risks. See “Risk Factors” beginning on page 11 of the prospectus dated September 24, 2020 for a discussion of these risks.

**Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus supplement in truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.**

**QUARTERLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

We are supplementing the prospectus to add certain information contained in our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2020, which was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 5, 2020.

The date of this Prospectus Supplement is November 5, 2020.

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# Part I -- FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## Item 1 Financial Statements

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| GEOVAX LABS, INC. | | | | | | |
| CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS | | | | | | |
|  |  |  |  |  | | |
|  |  |  |  | September 30, |  | December 31, |
|  |  |  |  | 2020 |  | 2019 |
|  | | |  | (unaudited) |  |  |
| ASSETS | | |  |  |  |  |
| Current assets: | | |  |  |  |  |
|  | Cash and cash equivalents | |  | $ 11,580,594 |  | $ 283,341 |
|  | Grant funds and other receivables | |  | 141,154 |  | 68,603 |
|  | Prepaid expenses and other current assets | |  | 13,046 |  | 95,320 |
| Total current assets | | |  | 11,734,794 |  | 447,264 |
| Property and equipment, net (Note 5) | | |  | 10,093 |  | 10,606 |
| Deposits | | |  | 11,010 |  | 11,010 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total assets | | |  | $ 11,755,897 |  | $ 468,880 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS’ EQUITY (DEFICIENCY) | | |  |  |  |  |
| Current liabilities: | | |  |  |  |  |
|  | Accounts payable | |  | $ 161,478 |  | $ 152,653 |
|  | Accrued expenses (Note 6) | |  | 579,585 |  | 1,851,040 |
|  | Current portion of notes payable | |  | 182,584 |  | 12,500 |
| Total current liabilities | | |  | 923,647 |  | 2,016,193 |
| Note payable, net of current portion | | |  | 18,506 |  | 27,243 |
| Total liabilities | | |  | 942,153 |  | 2,043,436 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Commitments (Note 9) | | |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Stockholders’ equity (deficiency): | | |  |  |  |  |
|  | Preferred Stock, $.01 par value (Note 10): | |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Authorized shares – 10,000,000 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Issued and outstanding shares – 100 and 2,486 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | September 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019, respectively |  | 76,095 |  | 1,932,433 |
|  | Common stock, $.001 par value: | |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Authorized shares – 600,000,000 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Issued and outstanding shares – 3,559,473 and 14,992 at |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | September 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019, respectively |  | 3,559 |  | 15 |
|  | Additional paid-in capital | |  | 55,203,149 |  | 39,340,509 |
|  | Accumulated deficit | |  | (44,469,059) |  | (42,847,513) |
| Total stockholders’ equity (deficiency) | | |  | 10,813,744 |  | (1,574,556) |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total liabilities and stockholders’ equity (deficiency) | | |  | $ 11,755,897 |  | $ 468,880 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

**GEOVAX LABS, INC.**

**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS**

**(Unaudited)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  |  |  | Three Months Ended September 30, | | |  | Nine Months Ended September 30, | | |
|  |  |  |  | 2020 |  | 2019 |  | 2020 |  | 2019 |
| Grant and collaboration revenue | | | | $ 415,458 |  | $ 333,209 |  | $ 1,572,037 |  | $ 907,382 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Operating expenses: | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Research and development | | | 416,756 |  | 467,674 |  | 1,687,113 |  | 1,474,619 |
|  | General and administrative | | | 435,013 |  | 291,475 |  | 1,364,650 |  | 1,214,189 |
| Total operating expenses | | | | 851,769 |  | 759,149 |  | 3,051,763 |  | 2,688,808 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Loss from operations | | | | (436,311) |  | (425,940) |  | (1,479,726) |  | (1,781,426) |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other income (expense): | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Interest income | | | 90 |  | 2,560 |  | 902 |  | 4,665 |
|  | Interest expense | | | (134,427) |  | (1,054) |  | (142,722) |  | (3,275) |
| Total other income (expense) | | | | (134,337) |  | 1,506 |  | (141,820) |  | 1,390 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net loss | | | | $ (570,648) |  | $ (424,434) |  | $ (1,621,546) |  | $ (1,780,036) |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Basic and diluted: | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net loss per common share | | | | $ (0.73) |  | $ (1,282.28) |  | $ (2.85) |  | $ (14,016.03) |
| Weighted average shares outstanding | | | | 782,978 |  | 331 |  | 569,955 |  | 127 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

**GEOVAX LABS, INC.**

**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS’ EQUITY (DEFICIENCY)**

**(Unaudited)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Three-Month and Nine-Month Periods Ended September 30, 2020 | | | | | | |
|  |  | |  |  |  |  | Total | |
|  | Preferred Stock (Note 10) | | Common Stock | | Additional | Accumulated | Stockholders’ | |
|  | Shares | Amount | Shares | Amount | Paid-in Capital | Deficit | Equity (Deficiency) | |
| Balance at December 31, 2019 | 2,486 | $ 1,932,433 | 14,992 | $ 15 | $ 39,340,509 | $(42,847,513) | $ (1,574,556) | |
| Sale of convertible preferred stock for cash | 300 | 300,000 | - | - | - | - | 300,000 | |
| Conversion of preferred stock to common stock | (2,386) | (1,856,338) | 674,067 | 674 | 1,855,664 | - | - | |
| Common stock issued for services | - | - | 521 | 1 | 5,999 | - | 6,000 | |
| Net loss for the three months ended March 31, 2020 | - | - | - | - | - | (595,694) | (595,694) | |
| Balance at March 31, 2020 | 400 | 376,095 | 689,580 | 690 | 41,202,172 | (43,443,207) | (1,864,250) | |
| Common stock issued for services | - | - | 2,124 | 2 | 11,998 | - | 12,000 | |
| Warrants issued in bridge financing | - | - | - | - | 457,833 |  | 457,833 | |
| Net loss for the three months ended June 30, 2020 | - | - | - | - | - | (455,204) | (455,204) | |
| Balance at June 30, 2020 | 400 | 376,095 | 691,704 | 692 | 41,672,003 | (43,898,411) | (1,849,621) | |
| Conversion of preferred stock to common stock | (300) | (300,000) | 42,723 | 43 | 299,957 | - | - | |
| Warrants exercised for common stock | - | - | 36,902 | 37 | (37) | - | - | |
| Common stock issued upon debenture conversion | - | - | 177,626 | 177 | 569,340 | - | 569,517 | |
| Common stock issued upon cancellation  of accrued compensation | - | - | 300,001 | 300 | 1,499,700 | - | 1,500,000 | |
| Sale of common stock for cash | - | - | 2,310,000 | 2,310 | 11,156,186 | - | 11,158,496 | |
| Common stock issued for services | - | - | 517 | - | 6,000 | - | 6,000 | |
| Net loss for the three months ended |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | |
| September 30, 2020 | - | - | - | - | - | (570,648) | (570,648) | |
| Balance at September 30, 2020 | 100 | $ 76,095 | 3,559,473 | $ 3,559 | $ 55,203,149 | $ (44,469,059) | $ 10,813,744 | |

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

**GEOVAX LABS, INC.**

**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS’ EQUITY (DEFICIENCY)**

**(Unaudited)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Three-Month and Nine-Month Periods Ended September 30, 2019 | | | | | | |
|  |  | |  |  |  |  | Total |
|  | Preferred Stock (Note 10) | | Common Stock | | Additional | Accumulated | Stockholders’ |
|  | Shares | Amount | Shares | Amount | Paid-in Capital | Deficit | Equity (Deficiency) |
| Balance at December 31, 2018 | 3,450 | $ 1,971,333 | 11 | $ - | $ 37,483,204 | $(40,476,884) | $ (1,022,347) |
| Sale of convertible preferred stock |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| for cash and cancellation of note payable | 500 | 404,250 | - | - | 85,750 | - | 490,000 |
| Conversion of preferred stock to common stock | (767) | (303,475) | 3 | - | 303,475 | - | - |
| Stock option expense | - | - | - | - | 26,652 | - | 26,652 |
| Net loss for the three months ended March 31, 2019 | - | - | - | - | - | (701,454) | (701,454) |
| Balance at March 31, 2019 | 3,183 | 2,072,108 | 14 | - | 37,899,081 | (41,178,338) | (1,207,149) |
| Sale of convertible preferred stock for cash | 500 | 438,700 | - | - | 61,300 | - | 500,000 |
| Conversion of preferred stock to common stock | (281) | (172,941) | 6 | - | 172,941 | - | - |
| Issuance of common stock for services | - | - | - | - | 6,000 | - | 6,000 |
| Stock option expense | - | - | - | - | 26,664 | - | 26,664 |
| Net loss for the three months ended June 30, 2019 | - | - | - | - | - | (654,148) | (654,148) |
| Balance at June 30, 2019 | 3,402 | 2,337,867 | 20 | - | 38,165,986 | (41,832,486) | (1,328,633) |
| Sale of convertible preferred stock for cash | 700 | 700,000 | - | - | - | - | 700,000 |
| Conversion of preferred stock to common stock | (1,048) | (716,044) | 2,369 | 3 | 716,041 | - | - |
| Issuance of common stock for services | - | - | 1 | - | 6,000 | - | 6,000 |
| Stock option expense | - | - | - | - | 26,348 | - | 26,348 |
| Net loss for the three months ended |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| September 30, 2019 | - | - | - | - | - | (424,434) | (424,434) |
| Balance at September 30, 2019 | 3,054 | $ 2,321,823 | 2,390 | $ 3 | $ 38,914,375 | $ (42,256,920) | $ (1,020,719) |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **GEOVAX LABS, INC.**  **CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  **(Unaudited)** | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
|  | | | | | | |  | Nine Months Ended September 30, | | |
|  | | | | | | |  | 2020 |  | 2019 |
| Cash flows from operating activities: | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
|  | Net loss | | | | | |  | $ (1,621,546) |  | $ (1,780,036) |
|  | Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
|  | used in operating activities: | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Depreciation and amortization | | | | |  | 2,983 |  | 5,693 |
|  |  | Stock-based compensation expense | | | | | | 24,000 |  | 290,744 |
|  |  | Changes in assets and liabilities: | | | | |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | | Grant funds and other receivables | | | | (72,551) |  | 18,329 |
|  |  |  | | Prepaid expenses and other current assets | | | | 82,274 |  | (83,637) |
|  |  |  | | Amortization of debt discount | | | | 124,185 |  | - |
|  |  |  | | Accounts payable and accrued expenses | | | | 252,036 |  | 431,170 |
|  |  |  | | Total adjustments | | |  | 412,927 |  | 662,299 |
|  | Net cash used in operating activities | | | | | |  | (1,208,619) |  | (1,117,737) |
|  |  |  | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cash flows from investing activities: | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
|  | Purchase of property and equipment | | | | | |  | (2,470) |  | (4,272) |
|  | Net cash used in investing activities | | | | | |  | (2,470) |  | (4,272) |
|  |  |  | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cash flows from financing activities: | | | | | | |  |  |  |  |
|  | Net proceeds from sale of preferred stock | | | | | |  | 300,000 |  | 1,440,000 |
|  | Net proceeds from issuance of note payable | | | | | |  | 170,200 |  | - |
|  | Net proceeds from bridge financing | | | | | |  | 888,500 |  | - |
|  | Net proceeds from sale of common stock and warrants | | | | | |  | 11,158,496 |  | - |
|  | Principal repayment of note payable | | | | | |  | (8,854) |  | (8,333) |
|  | Net cash provided by financing activities | | | | | |  | 12,508,342 |  | 1,431,667 |
|  |  |  | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net increase in cash and cash equivalents | | | | | | | | 11,297,253 |  | 309,658 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period | | | | | | | | 283,341 |  | 259,701 |
|  |  | |  | |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | | | | | | | | $ 11,580,594 |  | $ 569,359 |
|  |  | |  | |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Supplemental disclosure of non-cash financing activities:

During the nine months ended September 30, 2020:

* 716,790 shares of our common stock were issued upon conversion of convertible preferred stock
* 36,902 shares of common stock were issued for a cashless exercise of stock purchase warrants
* 300,001 shares of common stock and 300,001 Unit Warrants were issued in exchange for cancellation of $1,500,000 owed to current and former employees and directors
* 177,626 shares of common stock, 126,042 Pre-Funded Warrants and 303,668 Unit Warrants were issued upon conversion of $1,200,000 convertible debentures and $14,667 of related accrued interest

During the nine months ended September 30, 2019:

* 2,378 shares of our common stock were issued upon conversion of convertible preferred stock
* 250 shares of Series G Convertible Preferred Stock were issued in exchange for cancellation of $250,000 of term notes payable

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

**GEOVAX LABS, INC.**

**NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**September 30, 2020**

**(unaudited)**

1. Description of Business

GeoVax Labs, Inc. (“GeoVax” or the “Company”), is a clinical-stage biotechnology company developing immunotherapies and vaccines against infectious diseases and cancers using a novel vector vaccine platform (Modified Vaccinia Ankara (MVA) Virus-Like Particle, or “GV-MVA-VLPTM”). In this platform, MVA, a large virus capable of carrying several vaccine antigens, expresses proteins that assemble into highly effective VLP immunogens in the person being vaccinated. The MVA-VLP virus replicates to high titers in approved avian cells for manufacturing but cannot productively replicate in mammalian cells. Therefore, the MVA-VLP derived vaccines can elicit durable immune responses in the host similar to a live attenuated virus, while providing the safety characteristics of a replication-defective vector.

Our current development programs are focused on preventive vaccines against novel coronavirus (COVID-19), Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), Zika Virus, hemorrhagic fever viruses (Ebola, Sudan, Marburg, Lassa), and malaria, as well as immunotherapies for HIV and solid tumor cancers.

Our corporate strategy is to advance, protect and exploit our differentiated vaccine immunotherapy platform leading to the successful development of preventive and therapeutic vaccines against infectious diseases and various cancers. With our design and development capabilities, we are progressing and validating an array of cancer and infectious disease immunotherapy and vaccine product candidates. Our goal is to advance products through to human clinical testing, and to seek partnership or licensing arrangements for achieving regulatory approval and commercialization. We also leverage third party resources through collaborations and partnerships for preclinical and clinical testing with multiple government, academic and corporate entities.

Certain of our vaccine development activities have been, and continue to be, financially supported by the U.S. Government. This support has been both in the form of research grants and contracts awarded directly to us, as well as indirect support for the conduct of preclinical animal studies and human clinical trials.

We operate in a highly regulated and competitive environment. The manufacturing and marketing of pharmaceutical products require approval from, and are subject to, ongoing oversight by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in the United States, by the European Medicines Agency (EMA) in the European Union, and by comparable agencies in other countries. Obtaining approval for a new pharmaceutical product is never certain, may take many years and often involves expenditure of substantial resources. Our goal is to build a profitable company by generating income from products we develop and commercialize, either alone or with one or more potential strategic partners.

GeoVax is incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware and our principal offices are located in the metropolitan Atlanta, Georgia area.

2. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements at September 30, 2020 and for the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2020 and 2019 are unaudited, but include all adjustments, consisting of normal recurring entries, which we believe to be necessary for a fair presentation of the dates and periods presented. Interim results are not necessarily indicative of results for a full year. The financial statements should be read in conjunction with our audited consolidated financial statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2019. We expect our operating results to fluctuate for the foreseeable future; therefore, period-to-period comparisons should not be relied upon as predictive of the results in future periods.

As described in Note 10, we enacted reverse stock splits of our common stock on April 30, 2019, January 21, 2020 and September 30, 2020. Unless otherwise noted, the accompanying financial statements, and all share and per share information contained herein, have been retroactively restated to reflect the reverse stock splits.

Our financial statements have been prepared assuming that we will continue as a going concern, which contemplates realization of assets and the satisfaction of liabilities in the normal course of business for the twelve-month period following the date the financial statements are issued. We are devoting substantially all of our present efforts to research and development of our vaccine and immunotherapy candidates.

For the last several years the audit reports to our consolidated financial statements have included a “going concern” qualification, arising from our limited assets, our history of operating losses, and our continuing need for capital to conduct our research and development activities. These conditions continued through the second quarter of 2020. However, as a result of our financing activities consummated during the third quarter of 2020 (see Note 10), management has concluded that as of September 30, 2020 there is no longer a substantial doubt over the Company’s ability to operate as a going concern for at least the next twelve-month period. We believe that our existing cash resources together with current government funding commitments, will be sufficient to continue our planned operations into early 2022.

We expect to incur future net losses as we continue to fund the development of our product candidates. To date, we have financed our operations primarily with proceeds from sales of equity and debt securities, government grants and clinical trial assistance, and corporate collaborations. Our transition to profitability will be dependent upon, among other things, the successful development and commercialization of our product candidates. We may never achieve profitability or positive cash flows, and unless and until we do, we will continue to need to raise additional funding. Management intends to fund future operations through additional private and/or public offerings of debt or equity securities. In addition, we may seek additional capital through arrangements with strategic partners or from other sources. There can be no assurance that we will be able to raise additional funds or achieve or sustain profitability or positive cash flows from operations.

3. Significant Accounting Policies and Recent Accounting Pronouncements

We disclosed in Note 2 to our consolidated financial statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2019 those accounting policies that we consider significant in determining our results of operations and financial position. There have been no material changes to, or in the application of, the accounting policies previously identified and described in the Form 10-K.

There have been no other recent accounting pronouncements or changes in accounting pronouncements during the nine months ended September 30, 2020, as compared to the recent accounting pronouncements described in our Annual Report on Form 10‑K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019, which we expect to have a material impact on our financial statements.

4. Basic and Diluted Loss Per Common Share

Basic and diluted loss per common share are computed based on the weighted average number of common shares outstanding. Common share equivalents consist of common shares issuable upon conversion of convertible preferred stock, and upon exercise of stock options and stock purchase warrants. All common share equivalents are excluded from the computation of diluted loss per share since the effect would be anti-dilutive. The weighted average number of common share equivalents which were excluded from the computation of diluted loss per share, totaled 204,553 and 78,754 shares for the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2020, respectively, as compared to 273 and 272 shares for the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2019, respectively. See Note 10 for more information concerning our outstanding common share equivalents at September 30, 2020 that could potentially dilute earnings per share in the future.

5. Property and Equipment

Property and equipment as shown on the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets is composed of the following as of September 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019:

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | September 30,  2020 | December 31,  2019 |
| Laboratory equipment | $ 537,047 | $ 534,577 |
| Leasehold improvements | 115,605 | 115,605 |
| Other furniture, fixtures & equipment | 11,736 | 11,736 |
| Total property and equipment | 664,388 | 661,918 |
| Accumulated depreciation and amortization | (654,295) | (651,312) |
| Property and equipment, net | $ 10,093 | $ 10,606 |

6. Accrued Expenses

Accrued expenses as shown on the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets are composed of the following as of September 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019:

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | September 30,  2020 | December 31,  2019 |
| Accrued payroll and director fees | $ 551,762 | $ 1,732,702 |
| Other accrued expenses | 27,823 | 118,338 |
| Total accrued expenses | $ 579,585 | $ 1,851,040 |

7. Notes Payable

*GRA Note –* On February 28, 2018, we entered into a Senior Note Purchase Agreement with Georgia Research Alliance, Inc. (GRA) pursuant to which we issued a five-year Senior Promissory Note (the “GRA Note”) to GRA in exchange for $50,000. The GRA Note bears an annual interest rate of 5%, payable monthly. Future principal repayments are expected to be $3,026 for the remainder of 2020, $12,487 in 2021, $13,126 in 2022, and $2,252 in 2023. Interest expense related to the GRA Note for the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2020 was $411 and $1,344, respectively, as compared to $547 and $1,753, respectively, for the same periods of 2019.

*CARES Act Paycheck Protection Program Loan –* On April 17, 2020, we received a $170,200 bank loan backed by the United States Small Business Administration pursuant to the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) provisions of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The loan bears an annual interest rate of one percent and is due April 17, 2022. Commencing November 17, 2020, monthly payments of $9,578.16 will be due. Amounts due may be prepaid without penalty. We accrued interest expense associated with the PPP Loan of $429 and $774 for the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2020, respectively. In October 2020, we applied to the lender to have the loan forgiven, based upon our submission of qualifying information regarding eligible expenses; as of the date of this report our application has not been processed.

**8. Convertible Debentures**

On June 26 2020, we entered into a Securities Purchase Agreement with two institutional investors, pursuant to which we received gross proceeds of $1,050,000 in exchange for the issuance of: (i) 5% Original Issue Discount Senior Secured Convertible Debentures (the “Convertible Debentures”) in the aggregate principal amount of $1,200,000; and (ii) five-year warrants (the “June 2020 Warrants”) to purchase an aggregate of 120,000 shares of our common stock at an exercise price of $10.00 per share. Net proceeds after deducting the original issue discount, finder’s fee and other debt issuance costs was $888,500. As a result of the public offering of our securities described in Note 10, on September 29, 2020 the exercise price of the June 2020 Warrants was reduced to $5.00. The Convertible Debentures had an original maturity of twelve months, bore interest at a rate of 5% per annum, and were secured by substantially all of the Company’s assets until such time as they were paid or converted in full.

The Convertible Debentures were mandatorily convertible upon our consummation of a public offering of common stock with gross proceeds of $6,000,000 or more, and which resulted in the listing of our common stock on a national securities exchange (a “Qualified Offering”). The conversion price upon the occurrence of a Qualified Offering was equal to the lower of (i) $10.00 per share or (ii) 80% of the offering price. The conversion provisions of the Convertible Debentures were subject to a “conversion blocker” such that each of the purchasers could not convert the Convertible Debentures to the extent that the conversion would result in the purchaser and its affiliates holding more than 4.99% of our outstanding common stock.

On September 29, 2020, upon our consummation of the public offering discussed in Note 10, the $1,200,000 maturity value of the Convertible Debentures and $14,667 of accrued interest were automatically converted at $4.00, the Qualified Offering discounted price, resulting in the issuance of 303,667 conversion units. Of the 303,668 conversion units: (a) 177,626 consist of one share of common stock and a warrant to purchase one share of common stock (a “Conversion Warrant”), and (b) 126,042 consist of one pre-funded warrant to purchase one share of common stock (a “Pre-Funded Warrant”) and a Conversion Warrant. The Pre-Funded Warrants provide the holder the right to purchase one share of Common Stock at an exercise price of $0.01 per share, are immediately exercisable and will not expire until exercised in full. The Unit Warrants provide the holder the right to purchase one share of common stock, are immediately exercisable at an exercise price of $5.00 per share and expire five years after the issuance date.

Upon the issuance of the Convertible Debentures, we recorded a debt discount of $769,334, including the $150,000 original issue discount, $457,834 of fair value allocated to the warrants (recorded as Additional Paid-in Capital), and $161,500 of direct transaction costs incurred.  The debt discount was amortized to interest expense over the 12-month term of the Debentures using the effective interest rate method, up to the date of conversion. As a result of the mandatory conversion of the Convertible Debentures on September 29, 2020, the remaining unamortized debt discount ($645,150) was recorded as Additional Paid-in Capital in the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets. Interest expense associated with the Convertible Debentures was $133,148 and 138,851 for the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2020, respectively, including of $119,139 and $124,184, respectively, of debt discount amortization.

9. Commitments

*Lease Agreement --* We lease approximately 8,400 square feet of office and laboratory space pursuant to an operating lease which expires on December 31, 2022. Rent expense for the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2020 was $41,539 and $124,617, respectively, as compared to $40,316 and $120,949, respectively, for the same periods of 2019. Future minimum lease payments total $41,539 in 2020, $171,213 in 2021 and $176,356 in 2022, although the lease may be terminated at any time by either party with ninety days’ written notice.

*Other Commitments –* In the normal course of business, we enter into various firm purchase commitments related to production and testing of our vaccine, conduct of research studies, and other activities. As of September 30, 2020, there was approximately $290,500 of unrecorded outstanding purchase commitments to our vendors and subcontractors, $228,000 of which we expect will be due in 2020 and $62,500 in 2021. We expect this entire amount to be reimbursable to us pursuant to existing government grants.

10. Stockholders’ Equity

*Convertible Preferred Stock*

We are authorized to issue up to 10,000,000 shares of our Preferred Stock, $.01 par value, which may be issued in one or more series. The table below presents our issued and outstanding series of preferred stock as of September 30, 2020 and December 31, 2019. Each series of our outstanding preferred stock has a stated value of $1,000 per share. Further information concerning each series of preferred stock, and the changes in each series during the nine months ended September 30, 2020 are discussed below the table.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | September 30, 2020 | |  | December 31, 2019 | |
|  |  |  | Carrying |  |  | Carrying |
|  |  | Shares | Value |  | Shares | Value |
|  | Series B Convertible Preferred Stock | 100 | $ 76,095 |  | 100 | $ 76,095 |
|  | Series H Convertible Preferred Stock | - | - |  | 1,686 | 1,156,338 |
|  | Series I Convertible Preferred Stock | - | - |  | 700 | 700,000 |
|  | Total | 100 | $ 76,095 |  | 2,486 | $ 1,932,433 |

As of September 30, 2020, there were 100 shares of Series B Convertible Preferred Stock outstanding, convertible into a negligible number of shares of common stock. There were no transactions involving our Series B Preferred Stock during the nine months ended September 30, 2020.

During the first quarter of 2020, 1,686 shares of our Series H Convertible Preferred Stock were converted into 469,696 shares of our common stock. As of September 30, 2020, there were no shares of Series H Preferred Stock outstanding.

During the first quarter of 2020, 700 shares of our Series I Convertible Preferred Stock were converted into 204,371 shares of our common stock. As of September 30, 2020, there were no shares of Series I Preferred Stock outstanding.

On January 24, 2020, we entered into a Securities Purchase Agreement with the purchasers identified therein providing for the issuance and sale to the purchasers of an aggregate of 300 shares of our Series J Convertible Preferred Stock (“Series J Preferred Stock”) for gross proceeds of $300,000. Our Series J Preferred Stock has rights and privileges as set forth in the pertinent Certificate of Designation of Preferences, Rights and Limitations, including a liquidation preference equal to the stated value per share. The Series J Preferred Stock has no voting rights and is not entitled to a dividend. During July 2020, 300 shares of Series J Preferred Stock were converted into 42,723 shares of our common stock. As of September 30, 2020, there were no shares of Series J Preferred Stock outstanding.

*Common Stock*

*Reverse Stock Splits –* On April 30, 2019, we enacted a 1-for-500 reverse stock split of our common stock, on January 21, 2020, we effected a 1-for-2000 reverse split of our common stock and on September 25, 2020, we effected a 1-for-20 reverse split of our common stock.

*Conversions of Preferred Stock* – As discussed under “Preferred Stock” above, during the nine months ended September 30, 2020, we issued 716,790 shares of our common stock pursuant to conversions of our Series H, Series I, and Series J Preferred Stock.

*Public Offering –* On September 24, 2020, we entered into an Underwriting Agreement (the “Underwriting Agreement”) with Maxim Group LLC, as representative of the underwriters (the “Representative”), for an underwritten public offering (the “Offering”) of an aggregate of 2,560,000 units of our equity securities (the “Units”). The Offering closed on September 29, 2020, with gross proceeds to us of approximately $12.8 million; net proceeds after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and other offering expenses were approximately $11.2 million.

Of the 2,560,000 Units sold in the Offering: (a) 2,310,000 Units consist of one share of our common stock, and a Warrant to purchase one share of common stock (each, a “Unit Warrant”); and (b) 250,000 Units consisting of a Pre-Funded Warrant to purchase one share of common stock and a Unit Warrant. The Pre-Funded Warrants provide the holder the right to purchase one share of common stock at an exercise price of $0.01 per share, are immediately exercisable and will not expire until exercised in full. The Unit Warrants provide the holder the right to purchase one share of common stock, are immediately exercisable at an exercise price of $5.00 per share and expire five years after the issuance date. The public offering price was $5.00 per Unit ($4.99 for each Unit including a Pre-Funded Warrant). We granted the Representative a 45-day option to purchase up to 384,000 Units to cover over-allotments, if any.

Pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement, we issued to the Representative, as a portion of the underwriting compensation, warrants to purchase up to a total of 128,000 shares of common stock (the “Representative Warrants”). The Representative Warrants have an exercise price of $5.50 per share, are initially exercisable 180 days after the effective date of the Offering and have a term of three years from their initial exercise date.

*Conversion of Deferred Compensation to Equity –* During 2016 and 2017, to help conserve the Company’s cash resources, each of our executive officers and non-employee directors agreed to defer receipt of all or a portion (at varying levels) of their respective cash compensation. On September 29, 2020, upon our consummation of the Offering, $1,500,000 of the accumulated deferrals were converted at the $5.00 offering price, resulting in the issuance of 300,001 units substantially similar to the units sold in the public offering, with each unit consisting of one share of our common stock and one warrant substantially similar to a Unit Warrant (a “Management Warrant”).

*Conversion of Convertible Debentures to Equity* – As discussed in Note 8, upon our consummation of the Offering, we issued an aggregate of 177,625 shares of our common stock, 126,042 Pre-Funded Warrants and 303,667 Conversion Warrants upon the mandatory conversion of $1,214,667 of Convertible Debentures and accrued interest.

*Other Common Stock Transactions –* During the nine months ended September 30, 2020, we issued an aggregate of 3,162 shares of our common stock pursuant to a consulting agreement. See “Stock-Based Compensation Expense” below.

*Stock Options*

As a result of the reverse stock splits of our common stock all of our outstanding stock options were automatically adjusted such that all of such stock options as of the beginning of 2020 were eliminated. On June 19, 2020, our Board of Directors approved the GeoVax Labs, Inc. 2020 Stock Incentive Plan (the “2020 Plan”) to replace our prior stock option plan and reserved up to 250,000 shares of our common stock for issuance pursuant to the 2020 Plan. No equity awards were made from the 2020 Plan during the nine months ended September 30, 2020.

*Stock Purchase Warrants*

*Series G Warrants* – In August 2020, the holders of the Series G Warrants agreed to their cancellation and there were no Series G Warrants outstanding as of September 30, 2020.

*Series H Warrants* – During July 2020, all outstanding Series H Warrants were exercised using the “cashless” exercise feature of the warrants, resulting in the issuance of 7,147 shares of our common stock. There were no Series H Warrants outstanding as of September 30, 2020.

*Series I Warrants* – During July 2020, Series I Warrants were exercised using the “cashless” exercise feature of the warrants, resulting in the issuance of 29,755 shares of our common stock. As of September 30, 2020, there were 62,626 Series I Warrants outstanding, with an exercise price of $5.00 per share, reflective of anti-dilution adjustments resulting from the Offering.

*June 2020 Warrants* – As discussed in Note 8, on June 26, 2020, in connection with the issuance of the Convertible Debentures, we issued warrants to purchase 120,000 shares of common stock, with a five-year term and an exercise price of $10.00. As a result of the Offering, on September 29, 2020 the exercise price was reduced to $5.00.

*Warrants Issued Upon Conversion of Convertible Debentures* – As discussed in Note 8, on September 29, 2020, upon the conversion of the Convertible Debentures into our equity securities, we issued 126,042 Pre-Funded Warrants and 303,668 Conversion Warrants to purchase our common stock.

*Warrants Issued Upon Conversion of Deferred Compensation* – As discussed above under “*Common Stock – Conversion of Deferred Compensation to Equity*”, on September 29, 2020, upon the conversion of amounts owed to current and former executive officers and directors, we issued Management Warrants to purchase 300,001 shares of common stock.

*Warrants Issued in Connection with Public Offering* – As discussed above under “*Common Stock – Public Offering*”, on September 29, 2020, in connection with the Offering, we issued Unit Warrants to purchase 2,560,000 shares of common stock; Pre-Funded Warrants to purchase 250,000 shares of common stock; and Representative Warrants to purchase 128,000 shares of common stock.

*Summary of Warrants Outstanding* – The following table presents summary information about our warrants outstanding as of September 30, 2020:

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Warrant Description | Number  of Shares | Exercise  Price | Expiration |
| Series I Warrants | 62,626 | $ 5.00 | Oct-Dec 2024 |
| June 2020 Warrants | 120,000 | 5.00 | Jun 2025 |
| Pre-Funded Warrants | 376,042 | 0.01 | Perpetual |
| Unit, Conversion and Management Warrants | 3,163,669 | 5.00 | Sep 2025 |
| Representative Warrants | 128,000 | 5.50 | Mar 2024 |
| Total Warrants Outstanding at September 30, 2020 | 3,850,337 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| Weighted-Average Exercise Price | $ 4.53 |  |  |
| Weighted-Average Remaining Life (excluding Pre-Funded Warrants) | 4.9 yrs |  |  |

*Stock-Based Compensation Expense*

There was no stock-based compensation expense related to our stock option plan recognized in the consolidated statement of operations for the three-month or nine-month periods ended September 30, 2020 and there was no unrecognized compensation expense related to stock options as of September 30, 2020. During the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2020 we recorded stock-based compensation expense of $6,000 and $24,000, respectively, associated with common stock issued for a consulting agreement.

11. Income Taxes

Because of our historically significant net operating losses, we have not paid income taxes since inception. We maintain deferred tax assets that reflect the net tax effects of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for income tax purposes. These deferred tax assets are comprised primarily of net operating loss carryforwards and research and development credits. The net deferred tax asset has been fully offset by a valuation allowance because of the uncertainty of our future profitability and our ability to utilize the deferred tax assets. Utilization of operating losses and credits will be subject to substantial annual limitations due to ownership change provisions of Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code. The annual limitation will result in the expiration of net operating losses and credits before utilization.

12. Grant and Collaboration Revenue

We receive payments from government entities under our grants from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) and from the U.S. Department of Defense in support of our vaccine research and development efforts. We record revenue associated with government grants as the reimbursable costs are incurred. During the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2020, we recorded $231,330 and $1,186,844, respectively, of revenues associated with these grants and contracts, as compared to $214,765 and $754,022, respectively, for the comparable periods of 2019. As of September 30, 2020, there was an aggregate of $417,121 in approved grant funds available for use through September 2021.

During the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2020, we recorded $184,127 and $385,193, respectively, of revenues associated with research collaboration agreements with third parties, as compared to $118,444 and $153,360, respectively, for the comparable periods of 2019.

**13. Subsequent Events**

During October 2020, holders of our Pre-Funded Warrants exercised 250,000 of such warrants, resulting in the issuance of 250,000 shares of our common stock for an aggregate exercise price of $2,500.

## Item 2 Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

In addition to historical information, the information included in this Form 10-Q contains forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements involve numerous risks and uncertainties, including but not limited to the risk factors set forth under the heading “Risk Factors” in Item 1A, and should not be relied upon as predictions of future events. Certain such forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as ‘‘believes,’’ ‘‘expects,’’ ‘‘may,’’ ‘‘will,’’ ‘‘should,’’ ‘‘seeks,’’ ‘‘approximately,” ‘‘intends,’’ ‘‘plans,’’ ‘‘pro forma,’’ ‘‘estimates,’’ or ‘‘anticipates’’ or other variations thereof or comparable terminology, or by discussions of strategy, plans, or intentions. Such forward-looking statements are necessarily dependent on assumptions, data, or methods that may be incorrect or imprecise and may be incapable of being realized. The following factors, among others, could cause actual results and future events to differ materially from those set forth or contemplated in the forward-looking statements:

* whether we can raise additional capital as and when we need it;
* whether we are successful in developing our products;
* whether we are able to obtain regulatory approvals in the United States and other countries for sale of our products;
* whether we can compete successfully with others in our market; and
* whether we are adversely affected in our efforts to raise cash by the volatility and disruption of local and national economic, credit and capital markets and the economy in general.

Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking statements, which reflect our management’s analysis only. We assume no obligation to update forward-looking statements.

**Overview**

GeoVax is a clinical-stage biotechnology company developing immunotherapies and vaccines against infectious diseases and cancers using a novel vector vaccine platform (Modified Vaccinia Ankara (MVA) Virus-Like Particle, or “GV-MVA-VLPTM”). In this platform, MVA, a large virus capable of carrying several vaccine antigens, expresses proteins that assemble into highly effective VLP immunogens in the person being vaccinated. The MVA-VLP virus replicates to high titers in approved avian cells for manufacturing but cannot productively replicate in mammalian cells. Therefore, the MVA-VLP derived vaccines can elicit durable immune responses in the host similar to a live attenuated virus, while providing the safety characteristics of a replication-defective vector.

Our current development programs are focused on preventive vaccines against novel coronavirus (COVID-19), Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), Zika Virus, hemorrhagic fever viruses (Ebola, Sudan, Marburg, Lassa), and malaria, as well as immunotherapies for HIV and solid tumor cancers.

Our corporate strategy is to advance, protect and exploit our differentiated vaccine immunotherapy platform leading to the successful development of preventive and therapeutic vaccines against infectious diseases and various cancers. With our design and development capabilities, we are progressing and validating an array of cancer and infectious disease immunotherapy and vaccine product candidates. Our goal is to advance products through to human clinical testing, and to seek partnership or licensing arrangements for achieving regulatory approval and commercialization. We also leverage third party resources through collaborations and partnerships for preclinical and clinical testing with multiple government, academic and corporate entities.

We have not generated any revenues from the sale of any such products, and we do not expect to generate any such revenues for at least the next several years. Our product candidates will require significant additional research and development efforts, including extensive preclinical and clinical testing. All product candidates that we advance to clinical testing will require regulatory approval prior to commercial use and will require significant costs for commercialization. We may not be successful in our research and development efforts, and we may never generate sufficient product revenue to be profitable.

**Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates**

This discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations is based on our consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. The preparation of these financial statements requires management to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses and related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. On an ongoing basis, management evaluates its estimates and adjusts the estimates as necessary. We base our estimates on historical experience and on various other assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ materially from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions.

For a description of critical accounting policies that affect our significant judgments and estimates used in the preparation of our financial statements, refer to Item 7 in Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and Note 2 to our Consolidated Financial Statements contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2019. There have been no significant changes to our critical accounting policies from those disclosed in our 2019 Annual Report.

**Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

Information regarding recent accounting pronouncements is contained in Note 3 to the condensed consolidated financial statements included in this Quarterly Report.

**Liquidity and Capital Resources**

Our principal uses of cash are to finance our research and development activities. Since inception, we have funded these activities primarily from government grants and clinical trial assistance, and from sales of our equity securities. At September 30, 2020, we had cash and cash equivalents of $11,580,594 and total assets of $11,755,897, as compared to $283,341 and $468,880, respectively, at December 31, 2019. At September 30, 2020, we had positive working capital of $10,811,147, compared to a working capital deficit of $1,568,929 at December 31, 2019.

Net cash used in operating activities was $1,208,619 and $1,117,737 for the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively. Generally, the variances between periods are due to fluctuations in our net losses, offset by non-cash charges such as depreciation and stock-based compensation expense, and by net changes in our assets and liabilities. Our net losses generally fluctuate based on expenditures for our research activities, partially offset by government grant revenues. As of September 30, 2020, there was $417,121 in approved grant funds available for use through September 2021. Of these amounts, we expect that approximately $290,500 will be used by us to reimburse third parties who will provide services covered by our grants. See “Results of Operations – Grant and Collaboration Revenues” below for additional details concerning our government grants.

NIAID has funded the costs of conducting all of our human clinical trials (Phase 1 and Phase 2a) to date for our preventive HIV vaccines, with GeoVax incurring certain costs associated with manufacturing the clinical vaccine supplies and other study support. We expect that NIAID will also fund the cost of the planned Phase 1 trial (HVTN 132) to further evaluate the safety and immunogenicity of adding “protein boost” components to our vaccine, GOVX-B11. We expect HVTN 132 to commence patient enrollment in early 2021. Additionally, we are party to a collaboration with American Gene Technologies International, Inc. (AGT) whereby AGT intends to conduct a Phase 1 human clinical trial with our combined technologies, with the ultimate goal of developing a functional cure for HIV infection. We expect that AGT will begin the Phase 1 trial during 2020, with the addition of our vaccine into the trial in early 2021. A similar effort is underway with a consortium led by researchers at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), using our vaccine as part of a combinational therapy to induce remission in HIV-positive individuals; this program entered clinical trials during August 2020. Each of these programs could experience delays as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Net cash used in investing activities was $2,470 and $4,272 for the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively. Our investing activities have consisted predominantly of capital expenditures.

Net cash provided by financing activities was $12,508,342 and $1,431,667 for the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively. Net cash provided by financing activities during the 2020 period relates to (i) the sale in January 2020 of shares of our Series J convertible preferred stock for net proceeds of $300,000, (ii) $170,200 of PPP loan proceeds received in April 2020 (see discussion below), (iii) $888,500 of net proceeds received in June 2020 from our issuance of Convertible Debentures (see discussion below), (iv) net proceeds of approximately $11.2 million received in September 2020 from the public offering of our equity securities (see discussion below), and (v) $8,854 in principal repayments toward the GRA Note. Net cash provided by financing activities during the 2019 period relates to the sale of shares of our Series G and Series I convertible preferred stock for aggregate net proceeds of $1,440,000 and $8,333 in principal repayments toward the GRA Note.

*PPP Loan* – On April 17, 2020, we received a $170,200 bank loan backed by the United States Small Business Administration pursuant to the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) provisions of the CARES Act. The loan bears an annual interest rate of one percent and is due April 17, 2022. Commencing November 17, 2020, monthly payments of $9,578.16 will be due. Amounts due may be prepaid without penalty. In October 2020, we applied to the lender to have the full principal amount forgiven based upon our providing qualifying information regarding eligible expenses; as of the date of this report our application has not been processed.

*Conversion of Deferred Compensation to Equity –* During 2016 and 2017, to help conserve the Company’s cash resources, each of our executive officers and non-employee directors agreed to defer receipt of all or a portion (at varying levels) of their respective cash compensation; the deferrals continued during 2018, 2019 and 2020. As of August 31, 2020, the aggregate accumulated deferrals were approximately $2,025,198. On September 29, 2020, upon our consummation of the public offering discussed below, $1,500,000 of the accumulated deferrals were converted at the $5.00 offering price, resulting in the issuance of 300,001 units substantially similar to the units sold in the public offering. The remaining $525,198 of deferred compensation owed as of August 31, 2020 will be paid in cash. Subsequent to the public offering all deferred compensation arrangements have been discontinued.

*Issuance of Convertible Debentures and Subsequent Conversion to Equity* – On June 26 2020, we entered into a Securities Purchase Agreement with two institutional investors, pursuant to which we received gross proceeds of $1,050,000 in exchange for the issuance of:(i) 5% Original Issue Discount Senior Secured Convertible Debentures in the aggregate principal amount of $1,200,000; and (ii) warrants to purchase an aggregate of 120,000 shares of our common stock The Convertible Debentures had an original maturity of twelve months, bore interest at a rate of 5% per annum, and were secured by substantially all of the Company’s assets until such time as they were paid or converted in full.

On September 29, 2020, upon our consummation of the public offering discussed below, pursuant to the terms of the Convertible Debentures, the $1,200,000 maturity value and $14,667 of accrued interest were automatically converted at $4.00, resulting in the issuance of 303,667 conversion units. Of the 303,667 conversion units: (a) 177,625 consist of one share of common stock and a warrant to purchase one share of common stock (a “Conversion Warrant”), and (b) 126,042 consist of one pre-funded warrant to purchase one share of common stock (a “Pre-Funded Warrant”) and a Conversion Warrant. The Pre-Funded Warrants provide the holder the right to purchase one share of Common Stock at an exercise price of $0.01 per share, are immediately exercisable and will not expire until exercised in full. The Conversion Warrants provide the holder the right to purchase one share of common stock, are immediately exercisable at an exercise price of $5.00 per share and expire five years after the issuance date.

*Public Offering –* On September 24, 2020, we entered into an Underwriting Agreement (the “Underwriting Agreement”) with Maxim Group LLC, as representative of the underwriters (the “Representative”), for an underwritten public offering (the “Offering”) of an aggregate of 2,560,000 units of our equity securities (the “Units”). The Offering closed on September 29, 2020, with gross proceeds to us of approximately $12.8 million; net proceeds after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and other offering expenses were approximately $11.2 million.

Of the 2,560,000 Units sold in the Offering: (a) 2,310,000 Units consist of one share of our common stock, and a warrant to purchase one share of common stock (each, a “Unit Warrant”); and (b) 250,000 Units consist of a Pre-Funded Warrant to purchase one share of common stock and a Unit Warrant. The Pre-Funded Warrants provide the holder the right to purchase one share of common stock at an exercise price of $0.01 per share, are immediately exercisable and will not expire until exercised in full. The Unit Warrants provide the holder the right to purchase one share of common stock, are immediately exercisable at an exercise price of $5.00 per share and expire five years after the issuance date. The public offering price was $5.00 per Unit ($4.99 for each Unit including a Pre-Funded Warrant). We granted the Representative a 45-day option to purchase up to 384,000 Units to cover over-allotments, if any. Pursuant to the Underwriting Agreement, we issued to the Representative, as a portion of the underwriting compensation, warrants to purchase up to a total of 128,000 shares of common stock (the “Representative Warrants”). The Representative Warrants have an exercise price of $5.50 per share, are initially exercisable 180 days after the effective date of the Offering and have a term of three years from their initial exercise date.

We intend to use the net proceeds from the Offering to advance our product candidates, including research and technical development, manufacturing, clinical studies, capital expenditures, and working capital. Our primary use of proceeds with respect to advancing our product candidates will be to focus on our COVID-19 and immuno-oncology programs. Certain of our vaccine programs are currently advancing under funding and/or collaboration agreements with government agencies and others; these include our HIV, Lassa Fever, and malaria vaccine programs. We may also use the net proceeds from the Offering to acquire and invest in complementary products, technologies or businesses; however, we currently have no agreements or commitments to complete any such transaction. These plans may change to the extent that other funding is secured for these programs from government agencies and others.

As of September 30, 2020, we had an accumulated deficit of $44.5 million. We expect to incur future net losses as we continue to fund the development of our product candidates. To date, we have financed our operations primarily with proceeds from multiple sales of equity and debt securities, government grants and clinical trial assistance, and corporate collaborations. We believe that our existing cash resources together with current government funding commitments, will be sufficient to continue our planned operations into early 2022. We will require additional funds to continue our planned operations beyond that date. Our transition to profitability will be dependent upon, among other things, the successful development and commercialization of our product candidates. We may never achieve profitability or positive cash flows, and unless and until we do, we will continue to need to raise additional funding. We intend to fund future operations through additional private and/or public offerings of debt or equity securities. In addition, we may seek additional capital through arrangements with strategic partners or from other sources. There can be no assurance that we will be able to raise additional funds or achieve or sustain profitability or positive cash flows from operations.

*Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements*

We have no off-balance sheet arrangements that are likely or reasonably likely to have a material effect on our financial condition or results of operations.

**Results of Operations**

Net Loss

We recorded a net loss of $570,648 for the three-month period ended September 30, 2020, as compared to $424,434 for the three-month period ended September 30, 2019. For the nine-month period ended September 30, 2020, we recorded a net loss of $1,621,546, as compared to $1,780,036 for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2019. Our net losses will typically fluctuate due to the timing of activities and related costs associated with our vaccine research and development activities and our general and administrative costs, as described in more detail below.

Grant and Collaboration Revenues

During the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2020, we recorded grant and collaboration revenues of $415,458 and $1,572,037, respectively, as compared to $333,209 and $907,382, respectively, during the comparable periods of 2019.

Grant Revenues – Our grant revenues relate to grants and contracts from agencies of the U.S. Government in support of our vaccine development activities. We record revenues associated with these grants as the related costs and expenses are incurred. The difference in our grant revenues from period to period is dependent upon our expenditures for activities supported by the grants and fluctuates based on the timing of the expenditures. Additional detail concerning our grant revenues and the remaining funds available for use as of September 30, 2020 is presented in the table below.

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Grant Revenues Recorded During the Periods: | | | | Unused Funds |
|  | Three Months Ended Sep 30, | | Nine Months Ended Sep 30, | | Available at |
|  | 2020 | 2019 | 2020 | 2019 | Sep 30, 2020 |
| Lassa Fever – U.S. Army Grant | $ 231,330 | $ 150,015 | $ 1,186,844 | $ 444,519 | $ 417,121 |
| Lassa Fever – NIH SBIR Grant | - | 64,750 | - | 147,042 | - |
| Zika – NIH SBIR Grant | - | - | - | 162,461 | - |
| Total | $ 231,330 | $ 214,765 | $ 1,186,844 | $ 754,022 | $ 417,121 |

Collaboration Revenues – In addition to the grant revenues above, during the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2020 we recorded revenues associated with research collaborations with third parties of $184,128 and $385,193, respectively, as compared to $118,445 and $153,360, respectively, during the comparable periods of 2019. These amounts primarily represent amounts paid to us by the other parties for materials and other costs associated with joint studies.

We continue to seek additional support for our product development programs via grants and collaborative arrangements with governmental funding agencies and other third parties, but there is no assurance that we will be successful in these efforts and we therefore do not predict what impact such funding, if received, may have on our operations.

Research and Development Expenses

Our research and development expenses were $416,756 and $1,687,113 for the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2020 as compared to $467,674 and $1,474,619 for the comparable periods of 2019. Research and development expense for the three-month and nine-month periods of 2020 included no stock-based compensation expense, as compared to $11,006 and $33,647, respectively, for the comparable periods of 2019 (see discussion under “Stock-Based Compensation Expense” below).

Our research and development expenses can fluctuate considerably on a period-to-period basis, depending on the timing of expenditures related to our government grants and other research projects, and other factors. Research and development expenses increased by $212,494, or 14%, from the nine-month period of 2019 to 2020 primarily due to the timing and amount of expenditures related to our government grants. Our research and development costs do not include costs incurred by the HIV Vaccine Trials Network (HVTN) or other collaborators in conducting clinical trials of our HIV vaccines; those costs are funded by the collaborators, or through their respective funding sources (such as NIAID’s funding of HVTN). We expect that our research and developments expenses will increase in the future as we expand our scientific staff and incur additional costs in support of our product development activities, particularly related to our COVID-19 vaccine and cancer immunotherapy programs, following completion of the Offering.

We do not disclose our research and development expenses by project, since our employees’ time is spread across multiple programs and our laboratory facility is used for multiple vaccine candidates. We track the direct cost of research and development expenses related to government grant revenue by the percentage of assigned employees’ time spent on each grant and other direct costs associated with each grant. Indirect costs associated with grants are not tracked separately but are applied based on a contracted overhead rate negotiated with the NIH. Therefore, the recorded revenues associated with government grants approximate the costs incurred.

We do not provide forward-looking estimates of costs and time to complete our research programs due to the many uncertainties associated with vaccine development. Due to these uncertainties, our future expenditures are likely to be highly volatile in future periods depending on the outcomes of the trials and studies. As we obtain data from pre-clinical studies and clinical trials, we may elect to discontinue or delay vaccine development programs to focus our resources on more promising vaccine candidates. Completion of preclinical studies and human clinical trials may take several years or more, but the length of time can vary substantially depending upon several factors. The duration and the cost of future clinical trials may vary significantly over the life of the project because of differences arising during development of the human clinical trial protocols, including the number of patients that ultimately participate in the clinical trial; the duration of patient follow-up that seems appropriate in view of the results; the number of clinical sites included in the clinical trials; and the length of time required to enroll suitable patient subjects.

General and Administrative Expenses

Our general and administrative expenses were $435,013 and $1,364,650 for the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2020, as compared to $291,475 and $1,214,189 during the comparable periods of 2019. General and administrative costs include officers’ salaries, legal and accounting costs, patent costs, and other general corporate expenses. General and administrative expense for the three-month and nine-month periods of 2020 included stock-based compensation expense of $6,000 and $24,000, respectively; as compared to $21,342 and $257,097, respectively, for the comparable periods of 2019 (see discussion under “Stock-Based Compensation Expense” below). Excluding stock-based compensation expense, general and administrative expenses were $429,013 and $1,340,650 during the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2020, respectively, as compared to $270,133and $957,092, respectively during the comparable periods of 2019, representing an increase of $383,558, or 40%, from the nine-month period of 2019 to the comparable period of 2020. The overall increase in general and administrative expense from 2019 to 2020 is primarily attributable to higher legal and other costs associated with our capital restructuring, stockholders meetings and other corporate activities, as well as higher legal costs associated with our patent prosecution and negotiation of license agreements with the NIH. We expect that our general and administrative costs will increase in the future in support of expanded research and development activities and other general corporate activities.

Stock-Based Compensation Expense

The table below shows the components of stock-based compensation expense for the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2020 and 2019. In general, stock-based compensation expense is allocated to research and development expense or general and administrative expense according to the classification of cash compensation paid to the employee, consultant or director to whom the stock compensation was granted.

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|  | Three Months Ended Sep 30, | | Nine Months Ended Sep 30, | |
|  | 2020 | 2019 | 2020 | 2019 |
| Stock option expense | $ - | $ 26,348 | $ - | $ 79,664 |
| Stock issued for services | 6,000 | 6,000 | 24,000 | 211,080 |
| Total stock-based compensation expense | $ 6,000 | $ 32,348 | $ 24,000 | $ 290,744 |

The reverse stock splits enacted in April 2019 and in January 2020 automatically adjusted our outstanding stock options such that the number of such options as of January 1, 2020 was negligible. No new stock options were granted during the nine-month period ended September 30, 2020. We therefore recorded no stock-based compensation expense related to our stock option plan for the three-month or nine-month periods ended September 30, 2020. We expect to make additional grants under our 2020 Stock Incentive Plan and will therefore incur related compensation expenses.

During the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2020 we recorded stock-based compensation expense of $6,000 and $24,000, respectively, associated with common stock issued for a consulting agreement, as compared to $6,000 and $211,080, respectively, during the same periods of 2019, associated with common stock issued for consulting and financial advisory services.

Other Income (Expense)

Interest income for the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2020 was $90 and $902, respectively, as compared to $2,560 and $4,665, respectively, for comparable periods of 2019. The variances between periods are primarily attributable to cash available for investment and interest rate fluctuations.

Interest expense for the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2020 was $134,427 and $142,722, respectively, as compared to $1,054 and $3,275, respectively, for comparable periods of 2019. Interest expense for the 2020 periods relates to the Convertible Debentures, GRA Note, PPP Loan, and financing costs associated with insurance premiums. For the nine-month period ended September 30, 2020, interest expense included $14,667 of accrued interest payable and $124,184 of amortized debt discount related to the Convertible Debentures. Subsequent to the full conversion of the Convertible Debentures into our equity securities on September 29, 2020, there will be no more interest expenses associated with the Convertible Debentures, and we expect other interest expense will be minimal.

## Item 3 Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

Not applicable.

## Item 4 Controls and Procedures

Evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures

Disclosure controls and procedures are controls and other procedures that are designed to ensure that the information required to be disclosed in reports filed or submitted under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (Exchange Act), is (1) recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC’s rules and forms and (2) accumulated and communicated to management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Principal Financial and Accounting Officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Our management has carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of our Principal Executive Officer and our Principal Financial and Accounting Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures pursuant to Exchange Act Rules 13a-15 and 15d-15 as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on that evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that, as of the end of the period covered by this report, our disclosure controls and procedures are effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission’s rules and forms.

Changes in internal control over financial reporting

Although we have modified certain of our internal control procedures as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, there were no significant changes in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the three months ended September 30, 2020 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

*Limitations on Controls*

Management does not expect that our disclosure controls and procedures or our internal control over financial reporting will prevent or detect all error and fraud. Any control system, no matter how well designed and operated, is based upon certain assumptions and can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that its objectives will be met. Further, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that misstatements due to error or fraud will not occur or that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, within the Company have been detected.