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Just over ten years ago, Avidity was founded on the bold vision to profoundly improve people's lives by delivering a new class of RNA therapeutics. Since then, we have made incredible strides as the first-ever company to successfully demonstrate the targeted delivery of RNA to muscle. Just this year, we have achieved numerous key milestones – most importantly, delivering consistent and reproducible data across our three clinical programs and setting the stage to deliver del-zota, del-desiran and del-brax to people waiting for treatment. This progress has been possible because of the incredible partnership we have with our patient communities.

Today, we reached another important milestone. Avidity has entered into a definitive merger agreement to be acquired by Novartis, under which Novartis will acquire our programs and pipeline in neuroscience and gain access to our differentiated RNA-targeting delivery platform. The agreement encompasses our three late-stage clinical development programs: del-zota, del-desiran and del-brax. The press release we issued announcing this news can be found [here](#).

We understand that patients are waiting. Here's what you need to know:

- **We are working closely with Novartis to ensure that our studies continue to run smoothly and we are committed to supporting a seamless transition of these programs to Novartis.** We are confident that under Novartis' ownership and with the benefit of its greater resources and global scale, these programs will be well-positioned for global regulatory approvals and market entry worldwide.
- **Novartis is well-positioned to continue advancing del-zota, del-desiran and del-brax to commercialization.** As one of the world's leading global healthcare companies, Novartis brings deep experience in innovation and delivering treatments to people living with serious, unmet medical needs.
- **While this is a significant milestone for Avidity, today is just day one. We expect the transactions to close in the first half of 2026,** until then Avidity will continue to operate as a separate and independent company.

In addition, Avidity's early-stage precision cardiology programs and collaborations will be separated into SpinCo, which is expected to be a publicly traded company. SpinCo will be led by Kathleen Gallagher, currently Avidity's chief program officer, as chief executive officer. Sarah Boyce, currently Avidity's chief executive officer, will serve as chair of the board. We are energized by the opportunity ahead to continue building on our groundbreaking AOC platform with the potential to address high unmet need in cardiovascular diseases.

We are so grateful for the trust you have put in us as we've worked to develop these crucial programs. Again, we truly could not have achieved this without your time, dedication, and support. Working with you is an honor and privilege.

Sincerely,

The Avidity Team

Additional information and Where to Find It

In connection with the spin-off and the merger (the “Transactions”), Novartis, Avidity and SpinCo intend to file relevant documents with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”), including a preliminary and definitive proxy statement to be filed by Avidity. The definitive proxy statement and proxy card will be delivered to the stockholders of Avidity in advance of the special meeting relating to the Transactions. This document is not a substitute for the proxy statement or any other document that may be filed by Avidity with the SEC. AVIDITY’S STOCKHOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ THE DEFINITIVE PROXY STATEMENT IN ITS ENTIRETY WHEN IT BECOMES AVAILABLE AND ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS FILED BY EACH OF NOVARTIS AND AVIDITY WITH THE SEC IN CONNECTION WITH THE TRANSACTIONS OR INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE THEREIN BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED TRANSACTIONS AND THE PARTIES TO THE PROPOSED TRANSACTIONS. Investors and security holders will be able to obtain a free copy of the proxy statement and such other documents containing important information about Novartis and Avidity, once such documents are filed with the SEC, through the website maintained by the SEC at www.sec.gov. Novartis and Avidity make available free of charge at the Novartis website at www.novartis.com/investors/financial-data/sec-filings and Avidity’s website at investors.aviditybiosciences.com/sec-filings, respectively, copies of documents they file with, or furnish to, the SEC. The contents of the websites referenced above will not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into the proxy statement.

Participants in the Solicitation

This communication does not constitute a solicitation of a proxy. Novartis, Avidity and their respective directors, executive officers and certain employees may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from the stockholders of Avidity in connection with the Transactions. Information regarding the special interests of these directors and executive officers in the Transactions will be included in the definitive proxy statement referred to above. Security holders may also obtain information regarding the names, affiliations and interests of the Novartis directors and executive officers in the Novartis Annual Report on Form 20-F for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024, which was filed with the SEC on January 31, 2025. Security holders may obtain information regarding the names, affiliations and interests of Avidity’s directors and executive officers in Avidity’s definitive proxy statement on Schedule 14A, which was filed with the SEC on April 29, 2025. To the extent the holdings of Avidity’s securities by Avidity’s directors and executive officers have changed since the amounts set forth in Avidity’s definitive proxy statement for its 2025 annual meeting of stockholders, such changes have been reflected in the following Statements of Change in Ownership on Form 4 filed with the SEC: by Eric Mosbrooker, dated October 7, 2025, September 5, 2025 and August 8, 2025; by Steven Hughes, dated October 24, 2025, September 23, 2025, September 17, 2025, August 22, 2025, August 15, 2025 and August 8, 2025; by Teresa McCarthy, dated October 15, 2025, September 17, 2025 and August 15, 2025; by Michael Flanagan, dated September 12, 2025 and June 12, 2025; by Troy Wilson, dated September 9, 2025, August 8, 2025 and June 12, 2025; by Sarah Boyce, dated September 5, 2025 and August 29, 2025; by Kathleen Gallagher, dated September 2, 2025, June 18, 2025, June 4, 2025 and May 2, 2025; by Michael MacLean, dated August 15, 2025; by Arthur Levin, dated August 8, 2025 and June 12, 2025; by John Moriarty, dated August 5, 2025; by Noreen Henig, dated June 12, 2025; by Carsten Boess, dated June 12, 2025; by Edward Kaye, dated June 12, 2025; by Simona Skerjanec, dated June 12, 2025; by Tamar Thompson, dated June 12, 2025; and by Jean Kim, dated June 12, 2025. These documents (when available) may be obtained free of charge from the SEC’s website at www.sec.gov, the Novartis website at www.novartis.com/investors/financial-data/sec-filings and Avidity’s website at

investors.aviditybiosciences.com/sec-filings. The contents of the websites referenced above are not deemed to be incorporated by reference into the proxy statement.

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Transactions or otherwise; the uncertainties inherent in research and development, including clinical trial results and additional analysis of existing clinical data; regulatory actions or delays or government regulation generally; and the risks and factors referred to in Novartis AG's most recent Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2024, Avidity's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2024 and Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2025 and June 30, 2025, and any subsequent filings made by either party with the SEC, available on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov, Avidity is providing the information in this communication as of this date and does not undertake any obligation to update any forward-looking statements contained in this communication as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except to the extent required by law.